



# HOONAH COMMUNITY IMPACT



Approximately **391 Shareholders** currently live in Hoonah



**115** Shareholders with **descendant stock**



**91** Shareholders with **Elder stock**

## Teaming up with Damen-Bell Holter to Inspire Our Youth



Former professional basketball player and Hydaburg local, Damen Bell-Holter, is teaming up with Sealaska to strengthen and expand our community engagement work with youth and young adults. Damen is now Sealaska's new Director of

Community and Youth Programming. The program will focus on helping young people in Southeast Alaska communities gain leadership and career-planning skills.

Sealaska constantly looks for the next generation of leaders in our communities and companies. Uplifting our youth and young shareholders is one way to ensure a strong future for Sealaska.

Damen is Haida, Eagle and part of the Kaachaa Dii clan. His Haida name is Nang Gaahlaang Stangs, which means "big enough to hold two souls."

Follow Sealaska on Facebook and Twitter to see Damen's most recent events.



**Sealaska salutes veterans from Hoonah.**

*Gunatchéesh, Háw'aa, 'Doyckshn*  
for your service.

## Local Impacts

**From 2008-2018, approximately \$2,459,931 has been paid to Hoonah shareholders in the form of distributions.**

### Annual Meetings Hosted

Hoonah has held a Sealaska Annual Meeting in 2013.

### Log Donations to the Community

1 Sitka Spruce to the Hoonah Indian Association for a traditional Tlingit canoe, 304 Sitka Spruce for Mt. Bethers Church and 3 Red Cedar to Hoonah City Schools

### Sealaska Director Emeritus

Marlene Johnson 1972 - 1995





## Providing Greater Education Opportunity

**Sealaska's scholarship program is getting a \$10 million boost – the first increase to the Scholarship Endowment Fund since its inception. The board of directors approved the increase in March 2018.**

Sealaska began its scholarship program in 1981. Sealaska recognizes the cost of education has been growing exponentially, and we want our scholarship program to keep pace. To date, Sealaska has awarded approximately 11,000 scholarships totaling \$16.4 million. Helping to fund shareholder education doesn't stop with college. College is just one path people take toward a career. Vocational and trade schools, job training, certificates and endorsements are all options Sealaska is considering funding.

Sealaska's original investment in the Scholarship Endowment totaled \$2.5 million. Due in part to inflation proofing, the additional funds bring the total to \$15.7 million. Scholarships are paid from the earnings from the fund along with timber revenue.

Our communities and businesses need leaders trained with the necessary education, skills and experience. Scholarships are just one way to help our people realize their full potential and pursue new opportunities.

## Hoonah Scholarships 2018

Sealaska congratulates the scholarship recipients of the 2018-2019 school year. We are proud to help support you. The Sealaska scholarship application opens in early January every year at **[MySealaska.com/opportunities](http://MySealaska.com/opportunities)**.

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