Cultural Connection 2021
An Online Guide
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This is Dena’ina elena. Anchorage is Dena’ina homeland. Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement recognizing the Indigenous people of a place. It is a public gesture of appreciation for the past and present Indigenous stewardship of the lands that we now occupy. Land Acknowledgment opens a space with gratefulness and respect for the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspective of Indigenous peoples. It is an actionable statement that marks our collective movement towards decolonization and equity. Click here to learn more about land acknowledgment!
Highlights

• The Top 10 Things You Should Know About ANCSA
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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

- The Top 10 Things You Should Know About ANCSA
- ANCSA Changed My Life by Anthony Drabek
- The People and the Land: AFN’s Land Claims Foundation – A History in Narration and Pictures with A. J. McClanahan and Willie Hensley
- Article: Prudhoe Bay Oil Discovery Expedited ANCSA
- The Annotated ANCSA: How ANCSA Came About
- Why Russia Gave up Alaska, America’s Gateway to the Arctic
- Alaska Native Executive Leadership (ANELP) Speaker Videos
- 2018 ANCSA Presentation by Greg Razo
- About ANCSA by the ANCSA Regional Association
- ANCSA, An Act of Self-Determination: Harnessing Business Endeavors to Achieve Alaska Native Goals by Carl Marrs
Cook Inlet Region History

- The Dena’ina Way of Living Video
- Dena’ina Multimedia Library by the Anchorage Museum
- CIRIosity Podcast: Our Land, Our Legacy
- My Father’s Legacy: The Lion on the Mountain by Margie Brown
  - Native Rights Started in a Freezer by Roy Huhndorf
  - Getting an Education Took a Lot of Grit as told by Sophie Prosser
  - The CIRI Story – The First 15 Years
CIRI’s Lands & Culture

- CIRI’s Land Story
- Cook Inlet Villages and Lands
- Cultures of CIRI Video
- The CIRI Foundation Publications
  - CIRI’s Shareholder and Descendant Owned Businesses
  - CIRI’s Alaska Native Artist Directory
  - Cultures of CIRI Website
  - CIRI Shareholder and Descendant Spotlights
Alaska Native History and Cultural Resources

- Google Arts and Culture/Anchorage Museum Online Exhibit: Brian Adams Photography
- Virtual Tour of The Alaska Gallery at the Anchorage Museum
- Arctic Studies Center at the Anchorage Museum
- Alaska Native Heritage Center’s Latest Online Programming on Facebook
- Alaska Native Artist Interviews by the Anchorage Museum
- Alaska Native #brushchallenge
- Short Film: Who We Are
- Alaska Native Women in History
  - Short Film: Ada Blackjack Rising
  - Yup’ik Storyteller John Active
  - Culture Story by Alyssa London
- Sharing Our World: Animals of the Native Northwest Coast
- Decolonizing Beauty: Anchorage Museum with Alice Glenn
Universal Alaska Native Values

Show Respect to Others - Each Person Has a Special Gift
Share what you have - Giving Makes You Richer
Know Who You Are - You Are a Reflection on Your Family
Accept What Life Brings - You Cannot Control Many Things
Have Patience - Some Things Cannot Be Rushed
Live Carefully - What You Do Will Come Back to You
Take Care of Others - You Cannot Live without Them
Honor Your Elders - They Show You the Way in Life
Pray for Guidance - Many Things Are Not Known
See Connections - All Things Are Related

Mission Driven    Excellence    Honor    Respect    Unity
Podcasts, Stories, Music and More

- Coffee and Quaq Podcast
  - KNBA
- Rising Indigenous Voices Radio (RIVR)
- Indigefi with Alexis Sallee (CIRI Descendant)
- Definition of Resilience Stories on Indigefi
- Inupiaq Drum and Dance: A Cultural Renaissance
- Dena’ina Life Short Stories from the Anchorage Museum
Books to Read

- Fighter in Velvet Gloves
- List of Books by Alaska Native Authors
- Alaska and Arctic Collection on Alaska Digital Library
- Recommended Books for Traditional Plant Medicine (from SCF)
- Little Whale
  - They Say They Have Ears Through The Ground: Animal Essays from Southwest Alaska
  - Alaska Native Medical Center: A History 1953-1983
  - Zin: A Novel by Ruth Ann Oskolkoff (CIRI Shareholder)
- UAF Indigenous Book Club
- Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids
- The CIRI Foundation Publications

Note: You can obtain a temporary Anchorage Public Library card to download eBooks for free: click here
Recipes & More

- Recipe Submissions to Raven’s Circle Newsletter
- Alaska Native Recipes Group on Facebook
- ASRC Cooking Show
- Sourdough Starter
- Putting up Fish on the Kenai (order book from TCF)
- Traditional Dena’ina Foods
- Akutaq Recipes – Traditional and Modern
Activity Guides

- Salmon Skin Tanning Facebook Live Class
- Kuspuk Making – Guided Sewing Instructions
- Kuspuk Making – Getting Started Instructions
- Coloring Pages to Download:
  - Inkstitcher
  - Kivliq
- Learn about Alaska Native languages
- Chert: Alaska Native Languages App
- Learn Dena’ina with Aaron Leggett and the Anchorage Museum
- Wormwood and Yarrow Salve Making by SCF Traditional Healing Clinic
- 101 Free ways to celebrate Alaska Native heritage
For Our Youth

- Play Never Alone
- Ixsixán, Ax kwáan (I Love You My People)
- Molly of Denali
- Dena’ina ABC Book by the Anchorage Museum
- Learn about Native Youth Olympics
- ANHC DIY Crafts on Facebook
- CITC’s School Yard and Fab Lab Online
- Salmon Sisters free coloring pages for youth during social distancing
- 15 Beautiful Indigenous Comic Books and Video Games for Kids
- Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids
Artists to check out (Instagram)

- Brittany Brower aka Kivliq (Jewelry, Painting, Coloring Books, etc.)
- Lisa Apangalook aka ken_yew_not (Ivory and Baleen Jewelry)
- Trickster (Art/Jewelry/Clothing)
- Bering Sea Designs (Fur/Jewelry)
- Mariah Quincy (Beading)
- Beadwork by JJ (Beaded Collar Necklaces)
- Newfangled North (Beading)
- K’estuwe Pieces (Moose Hide, Bone, Antler Jewelry)
- Made by Raven (Fur Jewelry, Purses, etc.)
- Jaymie Campbell aka White Otter Design Co. (Beading/Jewelry)
- Sarah Whalen-Lunn, aka Inkstitcher (Digital Arts/Traditional Tattoos)
- Tania Larsson (Fine Jewelry)
- Chloe Keller (Sewing)
- Ravens Beaded Creations (Beading/Earrings)
- Sun and Sea Encasings (Ivory/Jewelry)
- Nusmata (Silver/Copper Jewelry)
- Danielle Larsen (Painting/Jewelry)