



NEW OFFICE

We are excited to announce that we have moved into a new office space located in the downtown Kodiak area! This space includes the Tribal Library, activity area, staff offices, event space, kitchen, Leisnoi’s office and room to grow. Currently there are some repairs happening including remodel of the entryway stairs and installation of an elevator lift. Jointly with Leisnoi the Tribe will host a Grand Opening in March 7th, 4-6pm. Keep a look out for updates on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/woodyisland/>

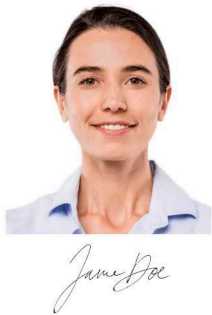
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TRIBAL ID CARDS

Tangirnaq Native Village Enrollment ID Card



Jane Doe
 1234 Rainbow R
 Two Rivers, AK 99716
 Enrollment No. DOE2222-22
 Date of Birth: 01/01/2000
 Sex: Female
 ISS: 12/27/2024
 EXP: 01/01/2034

Tribal ID Cards are now available to all Enrolled Citizens 18 years or older. These cards are often considered a valid form of government-issued ID however they are not accepted as one everywhere so make sure to have an additional form of Identification. Similar to Enrollment Cards the IDs prove that you are an Enrolled Citizen of the Tangirnaq Native Village. If you wish to receive a Tribal ID card you can visit <https://www.woodyisland.com/services/tribal-id-cards/> or scan the QR code, read the requirements and fill out the Photo ID Submission. If your photo doesn’t meet the requirements we will contact and assist you.

The ID above is an example and is not a real person



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cama'i Tribal Citizens,

Happy new year! For many, the holidays are the happiest time of year; but for others, it's a time of stress, and anxiety. I hope you were able to find some joy in being with friends, family or spending time reflecting on your blessings. For our family it was low key and we enjoyed celebrating a birthday and had a nice Christmas dinner together. The weather this winter on the island has been seasonally warm and we've experienced record rainfall!



So much has occurred since our last newsletter in July 2024! Both the Woody Island Tribal Council and staff have been busy implementing some of the strategies identified at the Council's August annual strategic planning session. We are working diligently on building the Tribes capacity, since liquidating everything almost twelve years ago, and having KANA administer our programs. Notably, moving into a new office space jointly with Leisnoi!

Additionally, we were able to utilize some of the Tribes Covid-19 Economic Relief funding to support the purchase of a Tribal vehicle, work truck, landing craft, storage units containers, and two ATV's that will enable us to better complete fieldwork such as the Woody Island Grave project, trail improvements, and support the construction of a tribal cultural and gathering building out towards Mayflower Beach.

We're excited to showcase our new office space on March 7 during our Grand Opening and to share all of the Tribes accomplishments for the year and the goals for the coming year at our June 7 Annual Meeting and Elections. More information to follow on the annual meeting and election in the coming weeks.

CORE VALUES

- Adaptability
- Spiritual connection to place
- Unity and respect
- Strength through consensus
- Our Heritage, Our Families, Our Future

Gwen Sargison

PURPOSE

The core purpose of Tangirnaq Native village (aka Woody Island) is to enhance the lives of our Tribal Citizens by providing programs and services while preserving and promoting our cultural and Traditions



SCHOLARSHIPS



The Career Development Grant

Assists enrolled citizens that have chosen to further their education/training through short-term, non-degree seeking programs such as licensing and certification training, seminars, workshops, or other career advancing programs. Applicants may be awarded up to \$1,000 per year based on availability of funds.

The Vocational Scholarship

Is for enrolled citizens whom have chosen to further their education through a non-degree seeking accredited vocational, technical program or training. Applicants may be awarded up to \$5,000 based on availability of funding.

The Youth Scholarship Grant

This brand new opportunity, administered by the Tribe, is for Tribal Citizens that are under the age 18 who wish to attend athletic, scholastic, cultural, events, camps, programs, and leadership trainings that will help the applicant reach their goals. This does not cover tuition at private schools or college level classes as well as laptops, iPads, or cell phones.

TO APPLY

Koniag Education foundation (KEF) administers the both the Tribes **Career Development Grant** and **Vocational Scholarships**. To apply for these scholarships, visit:

<https://koniageducation.org/find-scholarships/>

Our **Youth Scholarship** will be open for application submissions in late January on the Tribes website at:

<https://www.woodyisland.com/services/scholarships/>



If you have any questions about these opportunities you can call Lillie at (907) 290-8818.

The Tangirnaq Native Village Tribal Council for years have been interested in identifying the existing cemetery sites and graves within the Woody Island Historic District..

In early 2024, the Council approved a contract with Northern Land Use Research Alaska, LLC (NLURA) to lead the project along with along with volunteer Tribal Historian Chris Wooley, and the Alutiiq Museum.

NLURA used Ground Penetrating Radar to identify and map the grave sites and just recently we received the preliminary results and findings. The team will work to define next steps and we plan on sharing information at our upcoming annual meeting in June.

Quyanaa to the staff and volunteers that assisted the Tribe with the Cama'i Boxes this summer, we were able to send out over four hundred boxes to all the Tribal Citizens!

We appreciate everyone who was able to attend the Cama'i workshops that coincided with the Cama'i Boxes, hosted by the Pacific Northwest Alutiiq Culture Camp. It was great to see people making connections, and talking to family members and finding new family they didn't previously know they had!

We hope that you all enjoyed your Cama'i box. In the coming year we are planning more workshops. If you have an idea for a cultural activity please let us know by giving calling, sending an email or letter, or contacting us on social media.

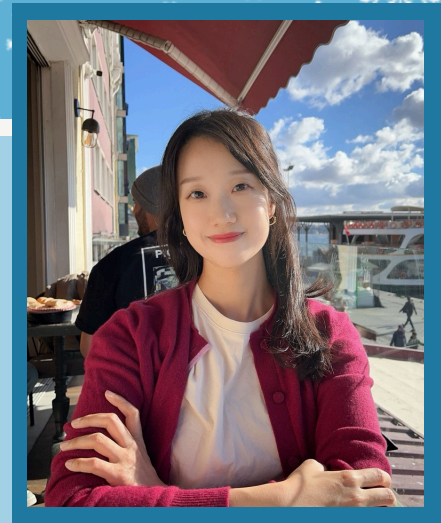


SOJUNG'S DISSERTATION



Cama'i, Tangirarmiut!

My name is Sojung Ha, and I'm a graduate student at UAF working on a project close to my heart—gathering and preserving the stories of Tangirnaq and Tangirarmiut. With your help, I hope to honor our community's memories and history, ensuring they are kept alive for future generations.



Recently, I had the privilege of sitting down with Elder Rosabel Baldwin. Her stories brought Woody Island to life in a way that history books never could. She spoke about the disruptions caused by Western schooling and how it affected children and families:

"For many, it wasn't a good thing because it was confusing. It caused a lot of the children to lose direction. When they were taken away from family—their family tradition, their family schedule—they wore different clothes, everything and even the haircuts. They made us wear these little Dutch boy bobs; I just hated it. I think into adulthood, a lot of them didn't know exactly where they were. It was a kind of twilight zone. If I didn't have my family, I would have been that way."

Her words stayed with me. They highlight the resilience and strength of Tangirarmiut people, even in the face of such challenges. Despite these struggles, Elder Baldwin shared her pride in the efforts being made today to revive the culture and language:

"I am so proud of the people that are interested and working to bring this all back. We were so badly treated. I am very happy to see the stigma of being Native is being lifted. I just hope and pray that those who are making the effort today stay strong and try to enlist more to keep going."

These stories aren't just history—they are a reminder of the importance of sharing experiences and keeping traditions alive. That's why I would like to invite all of you to join us in this journey.

SOJUNG'S DISSERTATION CONTINUED

Do you have memories of Woody Island, stories about your family's traditions, or questions about Tangirnaq history? If you're younger and don't know much about history, you can still share your experiences growing up, your connection to Tangirarmiut, or even your hopes for the future of our culture. Every story matters, no matter how big or small.

I am conducting interviews via Zoom and email. You can email me at sha7@alaska.edu to set up a Zoom meeting, share your stories in writing, or ask questions. You can also connect with all of us through the Tangirarmiut Facebook group at [Cama'i, Tangirarmiut!](#)

Whether it's a memory, a tradition, or just your thoughts about being Tangirarmiut today, your voice is an important part of this project.

Together, we can preserve the heart and soul of Tangirarmiut for future generations. Quyanasinaq for your time, and I hope to hear from you soon!

NEW TRIBAL CITIZENS



Welcome newly enrolled Tribal Citizens of 2024!

Caitlin B.	Ruth C.	Kaiko L.	Katharyn P.	Sofia U.
Carley B.	Brenda F.	Carter M.	Keelin R.	Stella U.
Cynthia B.	Creed H.	Hermione M.	Maxwell R.	Alexis W.
Janelle B.	Elek H.	Jaquan M.	Bradley S.	Cole W.
Lily B.	Jondrea H.	Jaymason M.	Jahan S.	Sparrow Z.
Nancy B.	Joseph H.	Kya M.	John S.	
Alicia C.	Serenity H.	Leutian M.	Khalil S.	
Calvin C.	Abraham K.	Marvel M.	Kitsune S.	
Cristy C.	Gabe K.	Peyton M.	Leilani S.	
Hannah C.	Sommar K.	Seanna M.	Richard S.	
Luke C.	Wayne K.	Tuarik M.	Faith T.	
Philip C.	Ashlynn L.	Wyndell M.	Scarlett U.	

AUGCA'AQ

For centuries Alutiiq communities have enjoyed gaming as a recreational activity. People would gather together in each other's homes to play, test their skills, and make bets. In addition to providing hours of fun, these games helped practice hunting skills, hand-eye coordination and more.

Augca'aq is a marine mammal hunting game that in some areas is still played to this day. To play teams would kneel on the floor as if sitting in a kayak and throw darts at a wooden porpoise dangling from a string. The goal is to score twelve points, which are awarded based on the location of each strike



Augca'aq game pieces.

Source: <https://alutiiqmuseum.org/collection/index.php/Detail/word/187>

RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS



Christmas tree from Woody island Archives

In Kodiak many Alutiiq families celebrate both American Christmas and Russian Christmas

Russian Christmas follows the Julian calendar that tracks the Orthodox year, making the holiday fall on January 7th each year. Alutiiq families celebrate for three nights as carolers travel through houses carrying a "starring", a brightly decorated twirling star that symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem. As carolers visit each house they are offered snacks and warm drinks in return for their songs, including a rendition of "Many Years", a hymn for blessings and long life. On the fourth night adults participate in "masking", a tradition mixed with Alutiiq and European folklore where participants masquerade from house to house dancing and singing while hiding their identity with masks or pillowcases and disguising their voice.

Source: <https://alutiiqmuseum.org/collection/index.php/Detail/word/154>



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Missing Tribal Citizen Contact Info

The following people citizens have outdated contact information. If you know anyone on this list please have the contact the office at (907) 290-8826 or info@woodyisland.com to update their information.

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