



Six Alaska Teens Recognized as Heroes for Work in their Local Communities

Alaska Communications and Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska Announce 2022 Summer of Heroes Honorees

From showing the positive outcomes of inclusion to preserving cultural traditions for future generations, or simply lending a hand to those in need, youth today are proving that an individual's actions can have a tremendous impact on those around them.

Through the Summer of Heroes Program, [Alaska Communications](#) is proud to celebrate six teens for their outstanding community service across Alaska. Five youth heroes at large and one youth hero from the company's employee program each will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for their efforts. Additionally, as part of the program, the broadband provider will donate \$15,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska to further support youth development in the state.

"A community is made by the people within it. The most vibrant and successful communities are filled with members who give back. What we're seeing in this year's youth heroes are individuals who are actively working to make their communities better," said Bill Bishop, president and CEO, Alaska Communications. "We are honored to live in a state where youth are stepping up to improve the lives of those around them."

Congratulations to the following 2022 youth heroes:

- **Anna Boltz**, 15, Anchorage
- **Salome Hanauer**, 16, Salcha
- **Kenny Iyatunguk**, 17, Shishmaref
- **Tyler Neumann**, 18, Fairbanks
- **Wes Stutzman**, 16, Thorne Bay
- **Mia Wiederspohn**, 15, Wrangell

[Read the inspiring stories](#) of this year's youth heroes.

Now in its 12th year, Summer of Heroes is a partnership program between Alaska Communications and [Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska](#) to support youth development programs and honor young Alaskans who are making positive contributions in their communities. Since its inception, 74 youth have received scholarships and been recognized for their work in 25



communities across Alaska. Additionally, \$180,000 has been donated to Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska to support the Club’s programs and expand the organization’s capacity to positively impact the lives of young people in Alaska.

“There are so many ways young people enrich the lives of those around them. Their care, kindness and time eases the burden that others may face. These youth are making a difference in their communities and are truly deserving of the ‘hero’ designation.” said Jennifer Patronas, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska.

Learn more about Alaska Communications’ work in the community through the Summer of Heroes program at www.alaskacommunciations.com/summerofheroes.

About Alaska Communications

Alaska Communications, an affiliate of ATN International, Inc. (NASDAQ: ATNI), is the leading provider of advanced broadband and managed IT services for businesses and consumers in Alaska. The company operates a highly reliable, advanced statewide data network with the latest technology and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous U.S. For more information, visit www.AlaskaCommunications.com.

About Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska

Boys & Girls Clubs – Alaska has 23 sites statewide, which offer programs before and after school and during school breaks for youth and teens, 6-18 years old, as well as athletics and licensed childcare programs. Mission is fulfilled through guidance-oriented character development activities conducted in safe, warm and fun environments by trained, professional staff. Key programs emphasize academic success, good character & citizenship, healthy lifestyles, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation. Learn more about programs and activities offered by Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska at www.bgcalaska.org or 907-248-5437.

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