GRANT AVIATION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018 – Photo Contest Winners!

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Submit your photos for the best of Alaska Summer 2018! All photos received before September 1st will be considered for one of four (4) $25 Gift Certificates in the following categories, People, Places, Nature and Culture.

We are excited to showcase these amazing photos from across our great State!

Here’s how to enter! September 1st is the next entry deadline! Upload your Alaskan photo(s) on Grant Aviation’s Facebook page with the location and year the photo was taken and the hash tag #FlyGrant. Tag five (5) People you think you would like to enter the contest as well. "Like" our Facebook page to qualify. License: By entering this contest, you are authorizing Grant Aviation the right to reproduce, distribute, display, and create works of the photo(s)

This month we received 159 photo submissions. Your participation is appreciated! Of course, the more photos we have the harder it is to make only one (1) selection. The Fall Newsletter will be feature four (4) winners, one from each of the following categories. 1) People, (2) Places, (3), Nature, and (4) Culture. Each will receive a $25.00 gift card from Amazon. Good Luck!
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO ROB KELLEY

June 2018

As we move past a rather difficult winter for flying due to the volatile weather patterns, we are excited to see the warmer weather and clearer skies. Our business includes moving passengers, mail and freight throughout western and south-western Alaska. The passengers we transport are obvious customers, but we must also remember that the recipients of the mail and freight are also the end-user customers for the mail we transport as well as the goods we move as freight.

Our customer’s satisfaction is the life-blood of our organization. We must always strive to exceed their expectations, even when there are constraints beyond our control. We do this by always being courteous, understanding and accommodating. We always want our customers to believe we have done everything possible to make their travel plans (1) safe and (2) friendly with the highest level of customer care as possible. We want our customers to be life-long customers. We would like to personally challenge each and every one of the Grant employees to invigorate their primary focus on the extra steps they can take to make Grant the preferred airline by our customers by providing extraordinary customer care.

We are working hard to improve our customer base as well as our capacity.

We have recently been awarded contracts to provide extensive charter services to the LYSD for the new school year starting in July. We look forward to working with the LYSD to transport the students and staff to the various activities. We have also had discussions with the YKHC regarding transportation for medical purposes for the residents of western Alaska. Based on these discussions, we anticipate a significant increase in medical transportation passengers we transport. Please keep in mind that the medical transportation passenger can express their preference on which carrier they are booked and we should encourage our customers to choose Grant.

We are adding 3 additional Airvans and at least 1 additional Caravan this summer. We are in discussions to add additional planes, but those discussions are not far enough along to project the outcome yet. We will keep you posted on the progression of these discussions.

We have been asked to participate in the development of the economic strategy plans for the Y-K delta and we look forward to providing our insight to this important endeavor.

We are on the verge of implementing our initial test of linking King Salmon and Dillingham with Anchorage via radio and cameras. This is the first step in creating a central command center that will allow a team in Anchorage to oversee the loading and dispatching of planes through our network of bases and allow Grant to continue to enhance our safety and efficiency. This central command will also allow us, when fully implemented, to be in constant radio contact with our pilots while they are flying.

We have recently discussed the importance of functioning as a Team. No matter how good an individual is at what they do, they will always perform at an inferior level than that of a functioning team. We see this often in what we refer to as hangar rash. Most hangar rash is the result of an individual attempting to perform a task that should have been performed by a team. Please remember that we put our best foot forward when we do it as a team – please collaborate so we can perform at our highest level. You should also remember there is no “I” in Team and your will also notice there is no “I” in these comments (excepting this last sentence).

Thank you for all you do for Grant Aviation.
SAFETY CORNER by Julia Eichler

Recently, Grant Aviation took a significant step in fostering a renewed commitment to organizational safety with the documentation of a Mission Statement and complementary Safety Policy.

In doing so, the management team has publicized their assurance to support, promote, and provide the necessary resources for safety management across all operational areas.

In return, the team requests - and more so expects that each employee will internalize these values and commitments. The entire Grant Aviation team should express active participation by demonstrating ownership of safety during their daily activities; and by reporting to management any observation or event that may have an impact on safety within the operation.

Following is the Grant Aviation Mission Statement. The Safety Policy will be distributed to each station very soon. Both of these documents will be included in the upcoming revision to the GOM.

MISSION STATEMENT

The foundation for the continued success of Grant Aviation is something called “System Safety’. The concept is simple – documented policies and processes are developed to build safety management into everything that we do in our operation and for our customers. Training is developed and provided to ensure these policies and processes become second nature. Once in place, these policies, processes, and training are continually evaluated and reviewed for opportunities to further improve safety. System Safety concepts underlie each of the Grant Aviation company values. Our values bring safety into every aspect of our work environment and in service to our customers.

Grant Aviation is committed to these values:

- Customer First: Without our customers, our organization does not exist. Customer First is providing a safe, efficient, and fun flying experience. Your actions will demonstrate that you place safety first.

- Genuine: Genuine caring for the health and wellbeing of our coworkers and customers requires that we maintain a safe work environment for ourselves. It is everyone’s responsibility to maintain equipment and facilities in top operating condition. Report all discrepancies and correct safety issues as you see them.

- Integrity: Integrity requires that no one let any unsafe operation proceed. Safety is up to you.

- Operational Excellence: Operational Excellence can only be achieved within a safe operation. An on-time operation with on-the-job injuries is not excellence. An on-time operation with aircraft and equipment damage is not excellence. Excellence requires purposeful safety mindedness.

- Innovation: Be innovative in embedding safety into your operational area. Help develop new techniques and processes to enhance safety, our corporate image, and our customers’ flying experience.

- Enthusiasm: Be enthusiastic about the company, about safety, and let it show when interacting with coworkers and customers alike.

It is our goal that no one will let any operation proceed unless they are certain that it can be carried out in a safe manner. Over the years, management’s steadfast commitment to employees regarding safety has remained unchanged. No penalty or disciplinary action will be imposed on any employee who stops an operation and brings what he or she views as a genuine safety concern to the attention of management or of a fellow employee. Everyone is expected to participate and enhance safety as part of our renewed commitment to our coworkers and our customers.

In respect to this Mission Statement and Safety Policy, I’d like to encourage anyone who observes a potentially unsafe condition or experiences a safety related event to submit a report using the Google Docs reporting form. This can be accomplished by using the following link.

https://goo.gl/forms/75aLncPlC46n85vD3

Juli Eichler is the Director of Safety for Grant Aviation, 907-727-1512 and email, jmeichler@flygrant.com
GRANT CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE RELOCATES TO KULIS AIR PARK

It took an army to relocate Grant Aviation from their former Lake Aire Complex location to the New Kulis Air Park. Now located off Raspberry Road, east of South Airpark, Grant is better situated for expansion efforts in operations and maintenance of our fleet of aircraft. Grant Headquarters is in the former Air National Guard headquarters building. An adjoining walkway leading down to hangar #43 is home for Grant Maintenance.

Grant had occupied the Lake Aire Complex hangar for 18 years.

Left: Woody Richardson explains to Superman Movers just how it is supposed to be done. Cory Clark, VP of Stations maneuvered the fork lift during the giant exodus.

Above: Superman Movers did an excellent job moving and lifting office furnishings as well as the heavy maintenance machinery and aircraft parts to the new Kulis location.
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT AT ALASKA PARK

We do the parking for you! Alaska Air Park is offering employees of Grant Aviation the “slope discount” at their International Airport and Spenard Road location. It’s valet parking with on-demand 24/7 shuttle to the airport. Alaska Park is offering a corporate rate of $8.50 per day and $52.00 weekly, a $5.49 per savings off the regular price. Take advantage of the frequent parkers rewards program that includes free parking and gift certificates.

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Corner of International Airport Road and Spenard Road
Since 1993, Alaska Business Monthly has ranked the “Corporate 100” by number of Alaska employees, recognizing how important quality positions are in every Alaska community. To qualify for the Corporate 100, businesses are required to operate at minimum one physical location in Alaska and disclose their number of Alaska workers as well as their global workforce when applicable.

Together the 2018 Corporate 100 employ 72,899 in Alaska. These businesses represent major industries including construction, financial services, health and wellness, industrial services, mining, retail and wholesale trade, seafood, telecommunication, transportation, and travel and tourism and employ worker in Alaska’s population centers and remote and rural communities.

Grant Aviation is proud to make Alaska Business Monthly’s Corporate 100 this year. Grant employs and provides jobs for over 200 people in urban and rural Alaska. Jobs include pilots, mechanics, customer service representatives, dispatchers, rampers and management in the five major hubs of Bethel, Emmonak, Dillingham, King Salmon, Cold Bay, Dutch Harbor, Kenai and Anchorage. Grant Aviation also employs 39 full time village agents in the 68 communities we serve in Western Alaska.

**MARTY SIMMONS NAMED DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE**

Marty Simmons has been named Director of Maintenance at Grant Aviation. Marty brings to Grant over 30 years of Alaska aviation experience holding like positions with Arctic Air Service, Yute Air and Northern Air Cargo.

As Director of Maintenance, Marty establishes, maintains and administers the Grant Aviation maintenance program, complying with all applicable FAA regulations and manufacturers recommendations. He is responsible for aircraft records, employment of maintenance personnel, and works with the FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector (PMI). Maintenance facilities, tooling, parts and inventory requisition are included in his daily duties.

Marty received his A&P from Cheyenne Aerotech and also holds an Inspection Authorization (IA). He resides in Eagle River with his wife and two family dogs. Personal interests include hunting, fishing and anything Alaskan outdoors.
LONGTIME GRANT EMPLOYEE LES WILLIAMS RETIRES
Grant Aviation would like to acknowledge the dedication, loyalty, and service of pilot Les Williams who retired after 18 years with the company. A long-time Anchorage resident, Les flew mainly out of Emmonak flying the Navajo, King Air and most recently the Cessna 207. Residents of Kotlik, Alakanuk, and Sheldon’s Point looked forward to seeing Les in their communities for almost two decades as he flew scheduled service between these communities, Emmonak and Bethel. After a long career as a respected bush pilot, Les is headed to Vancouver, WA for his well-deserved retirement. Wishing you many new adventures from your friends at Grant Aviation.

Left: Bruce McGlasson presents a retirement plaque to Les Williams

VILLAGE AGENTS – EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER
Grant Aviation would like to recognize Gaylen Lewis, of Kwigillingok for his loyalty and service to our company. Nominated by Jolene Foree, Bethel Station Manager, Gaylen stands out as one of the most outstanding employees dedicated to his job and to the community where he resides.

Duties of the village agent are vast and communication is key. Daily, they communicate to the Hub station the weather, runway conditions and passenger loads. Delivery of mail, bypass and freight, announcing the routing, arrival and departure times for flights, transporting passengers to and from the airport, organize passenger lists, collect and record payment fare are all duties assigned to the local agent. Qualifications include a minimum age of 25 with the willingness to work hard, be professional and courteous and most importantly be dependable. On call for 350 days a year, Grant Aviation appreciates Gaylen’s willingness to fill this very important position.

Gaylen has been a part of the Grant family as a sub-agent for the past 3 years and promoted to Village Agent in March of 2018. He lives in Kwigillingok with his wife and five children. When he is not fulfilling his duties with Grant, he is out enjoying outdoor activities such as spending time with his family and fishing and hunting.

NOTES FROM OUR CUSTOMERS
From: Kelly Elder [mailto:snow@frii.com]
Subject: lost camera

Dear Grant folks,

I was on a flight from Kotlik to Bethel last Friday. A camera fell out of my pocket in the plane and I didn’t notice my loss until I was in Anchorage. I called the helpful agent in Bethel, who gave me the number in Emmonak. I called Emmonak Saturday morning and they said Sean, the pilot, had found the camera and turned it in. I offered to pay for shipping and the agent told me that he would put it in the mail. I honestly thought I would never see the camera again. I was bummed about the loss of the camera, but more about the loss of the pictures.
I could not believe it when the camera showed up in my mailbox today, Monday, only two days later!

Please pass on a HUGE thank you to Philip Andrews and Sean for their extraordinary customer service. I also had two really nice flights with Sean while on the delta. He is an awesome pilot.

I will always choose Grant Aviation when I have a choice.

Sincerely,
Kelly Elder
Fort Collins, CO

March 2018

Dear Grant Aviation,

Thank you for your contributions to the 2018 Y-K Region Economic Summit. Thanks to your sponsorship, support and participation, we put on an exceptional event. Over 70 people attended, including representatives from tribes, regional organizations, local businesses, state and federal agencies.

Thank you for investing the time and resources to help us create a space to bring together partners to discuss economic development strategies, build partnerships and develop action plans to support a prosperous and resilient regional economy in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region.

The donuts, snack sponsorship and door prizes helped us make our vision a reality by helping to offset our costs and create a Summit atmosphere that was fun and engaging. Thank you again for your generous support, we could not have done it without you!

We look forward to your continued participation as we prepare and finalize the Y-K Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). For project updates and to view the draft CEDS (target release date: May 2018), please visit www.avcp.org/services/economic-development/.

Sincerely,

The Association of Village Council Presidents
AVCP Regional Housing Authority
Calista Corporation
Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation
Yuut Elitnaurviat
and the Agnew::
Beck planning team (Shelly, Thea and Molly)

NOTE: Grant Aviation’s CEO, Rob Kelley and Director of Operations, Dan Knesek participated on the Friday afternoon lunch panel. Grant was happy to help sponsor the afternoon breaks providing Krispy Kreme donuts, fresh strawberries and meat and cheese trays for the summit. Mr. Kelley was on hand to draw the RT ticket voucher donated as a door prize.
March 3, 2018

Dear Mr. Kelley,

On behalf of the SWAMC Board, I wish to thank Grant Aviation for its Sponsorship of the SWAMC Economic Summit and Membership Meeting at the Deck Master/Silver Level. I also appreciate your attendance and participation at the Summit. Aviation is important and challenging in our region and having the support of a company like Grant Aviation backing our organization is gratifying. The Economic Summit is important not only as an educational and networking opportunity, but it also has become an important fundraising effort. We use the funds generated by the conference to match Federal grant dollars to support our economic development programming. At its meeting on March 2nd, the SWAMC Membership passed ten resolutions on state and federal issues of importance to our region.

Thank you again for your support. — Doug

Doug Griffin, Executive Director
SouthWest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC)

NOTE: The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is a non-profit regional economic development organization for Southwest Alaska. SWAMC serves three sub-regions of Southwest Alaska: the Aleutian/Pribilofs, Bristol Bay, and Kodiak. SWAMC was formed out of the common interests of the region encompassing the Aleutians East Borough, the Aleutians West Census Area, the Bristol Bay Borough, the Dillingham Census Area, the Kodiak Island Borough, and the Lake & Peninsula Borough. In 1988, municipal leaders from the region forged a partnership to advocate for the needs of rural communities and the responsible development of the region’s core economic sector – commercial seafood harvesting and processing.

From Samuel Johns - Founder

FORGET ME NOT FOUNDATION

April 8, 2018

Today has been 2 years since Grant Aviation reached out to help us make this bridge more efficient. They've help us with so many people I lost track. I just want you all to know what an amazing company they are. I hope we can build more bridges in the near future with more airlines.

NOTE: Forget Me Not (FMN) was founded in 2015 by Samuel Johns. Its purpose is to connect the homeless of Anchorage with their families in Rural Alaska. Grant Aviation is proud to be a part of this outreach program.
From facebook
Darren Cleveland, Quinhagak
May 1, 2018
Thank you for sponsoring one of the Chuck Wagon Gang from KWN to Bet! When organizations help like this, they help make things happen, Quyana!

 NOTE: The Chuck Wagon Gang is a musical group invited to Quinhagak for the 14th Annual Singspiration.

NOTES FROM THE BASE STATIONS

Employees in Bethel and Dillingham will soon receive new vans delivered on the spring barge. The nine passenger vans will provide the transport for employees from the Base to company housing, complete with working heaters!

Don’t miss out on the Annual Quinhagak employee fishing trip held every 4th of July weekend. Organized by VP of Stations, Cory Clark this trip is open to all employees plus one member from their non-rev flight benefits list.

Lastly, members of the Grant management team will be participating this weekend in the Bristol Bay Fish Expo in King Salmon. If you are in the area, please stop by the Grant Aviation booth and say hello. For more information on all of these events, please contact Cory Clark at cclark@flygrant.com.

Beech King Air 200 Executive Charter is the newest addition to the Grant Aviation fleet of aircraft – “Delivering reliable, efficient, on-demand transportation to Alaska’s remote communities”

A charter includes the entire aircraft and your pilot for the amount of time necessary to reach your desired destination. Charters can be an economical option if you are traveling with a large group (6-9 passengers). Charters allow you to travel directly to your destination without making extra stops or switching airplanes, and allows you to pick the departure time. Rates include pilot per diem and fuel surcharge if applicable.

The King Air 200 is a twin-engine, pressurized turboprop aircraft authorized to carry up to nine passenger seats. Powered by two Pratt and Whitney PT6A-42 engines, the aircraft travels 1,000 miles at an average speed of 270kts or 310 mph. Equipped with the latest in avionics and Spidertrack tracking system, this aircraft meets the industry standards for passenger safety.
Standard commuter leather seat configuration. Special cabin sound-proofing insures travelers a quiet, comfortable journey to their Alaskan destination. Executive club-seating and catering is provided upon request.

Destinations might include Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Valdez, Homer, Bethel, King Salmon, Juneau and Fairbanks to name a few.

For charter reservations and quotes please call 1-888-Fly-Grant (888-359-4726) or email res@flygrant.com.

Right photo: The New King Air Sports a new economy leather interior.

GRANT WELCOMES 2018 NEW HIRES

Grant Aviation employs over 200 people in Anchorage, Kenai and five bases located in Bethel, King Salmon, Dillingham, Emmonak, Cold Bay and Dutch Harbor. Local hire for many positions, especially in remote locations are preferred however due to local competition and demand of pilots worldwide, Grant is fortunate to be able to fill this need with young professional pilots from outside the state. As we work together with the University of Alaska we hope that programs developed for rural students will encourage them to consider careers in the aviation industry. (See UAA Aviation Degree page ? ) Grant Aviation is proud to be an employer of Alaskans. In 2018, 80% of our new employees are Alaskan, of which 42% are residents from our rural communities. Please give these new team members a warm Grant Air welcome!

Maurice Andrews  
Bethel, AK

John S. Askoak  
Bethel, AK

Travis Beattie  
Buckeye, AZ

Luis Betancourt  
Dutch Harbor, AK

Ryan Charles Billing  
Sacramento, CA

Vincent Campton  
Littleton, CO

Quin Chantry  
Sterling, AK

Tre Chavez  
Bethel, AK

Rengae Christensen  
Kaknek, AK

Joshua Cisneros  
Anchorage, AK

Chad Dillon  
Anchorage, AK

Tiffany Edwards  
Kenai, AK

Wesley Gilroy  
Anchorage, AK

Neal Gonzalez  
Anchorage, AK

Richard Hernandez-Silva  
Elgin, IL

Robert Hodges  
Bethel, AK

Max Kelderman  
Brownsville, WI

Keemuel Kenrud  
Dillingham, AK

Daniel Lackey  
Anchorage, AK

Alice Lambersen  
Anchorage, AK

Taylor Levinson  
Willow, AK

David Lyons  
Cold Bay, AK

Paul Manuil Jr.  
Nanam Iqua, AK

Christopher Merritt  
Mesa, AR

Christopher Messer  
Dillingham, AK

Caleb Monroe  
Camp Verde, AR

Neal Gonzalez  
Cold Bay, AK

Zachary Norman  
Anchorage, AK

Robert Notti  
Anchorage, AK

Aaron O’Brien  
Soldotna, AK

Richard Ricks  
King Salmon, AK

Darryl Sergle  
Bethel, AK

Scott Simmons  
Wasilla, AK

Christopher Steele  
Anchorage, AK

Neal Strate  
Anchorage, AK

David Vickaryous  
Petersburg, ND

Daniel Wilburn  
Moultrie, GA

Robert Wood  
Salcha, AK

Rebekah Zelenkov  
Chugiak, AK

Neal Gonzalez  
Anchorage, AK

Richard Hernandez-Silva  
Elgin, IL

Robert Hodges  
Bethel, AK

Max Kelderman  
Brownsville, WI

Keemuel Kenrud  
Dillingham, AK

Daniel Lackey  
Anchorage, AK

Alice Lambersen  
Anchorage, AK

Taylor Levinson  
Willow, AK

David Lyons  
Cold Bay, AK

Paul Manuil Jr.  
Nanam Iqua, AK

Christopher Merritt  
Mesa, AR

Christopher Messer  
Dillingham, AK

Caleb Monroe  
Camp Verde, AR

Neal Gonzalez  
Cold Bay, AK

Zachary Norman  
Anchorage, AK

Robert Notti  
Anchorage, AK

Aaron O’Brien  
Soldotna, AK

Richard Ricks  
King Salmon, AK

Darryl Sergle  
Bethel, AK

Scott Simmons  
Wasilla, AK

Christopher Steele  
Anchorage, AK

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Moultrie, GA

Robert Wood  
Salcha, AK

Rebekah Zelenkov  
Chugiak, AK
GRANT AVIATION IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Yearly, Grant Aviation donates hundreds of travel vouchers to support programs, fundraisers, community clean-ups, scholarship, youth sponsorships and many more. Grant is privileged to be a part of your community. As of June 1st the following donations have been made in 2018.

14th Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza
18th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair & Poker Run
27th Annual Midnight Sun Fund Raiser
8th Annual Taste of The Kenai
AFS Intercultural Exchange Program
Alakanuk Tribal IGAP
Alakanuk Youth Group
Alaska Peninsula Corporation
Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner and Pie Auction
APICDA Joint Ventures
Atmautluak Traditional Council IGAP
AVCP Regional Housing Authority
BEAVER ROUND UP 2018
Chevak Search and Rescue
Community of Tununak
Credit Union 1’s Member Appreciation Night/ Boys and Girls Club
Skills USA
Dillingham Round Robin Tournament
Dillingham Supercub Tournament
Dillingham Wrestling Team
Forget Me Not Foundation
Jack Focose Memorial Golf Tournament
Kenai Peninsula Ice Racing Association Auction
Kenai Peninsula Re-entry Coalition
Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council
Kenai Performers Curtain Call Fashion Show
Kenai Softball Raffle
Kenai Watershed Forum
KGK School Carnival
King Cove Fire Department
KNW AmeriCorps Fundraiser
Koliganek Clean Up
LOSNA Silent Auction
Napaskiak Parish Council
Native village of Hooper Bay Tribal Courts
Native Village of Kwinhagak
Native Village of Nunam Iqua Search and Rescue
Native Village of Scammon Bay
Newtok Village Council
Nightmute Search and Rescue
Nikiski High School After-Graduation
Nikiski Track Raffle
Nunakauyak Traditional Council
Nunakauyak Traditional Council - Toksook Bay
Nunam Iqua Trival Council
Nunapitchuk IRA Council EPA Department
Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council
Redoubt Elementary Winter Carnival
Safe and Fear free environment
Samurai Sam’s
Scammon Bay IGAP
Scammon Bay Search and Rescue
Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference
Team Alaska Wintergames
Toksook Bay Dance Gathering
Triumvirate Theatre
Tuntutuliak IGAP
Tununak IRA IGAP
Tununak School
United Tribes of Bristol Bay
Village of Port Heiden Carnival
YKHC
YKHC Behavioral Health Calricaraq
YKHC Dental Department
GRANT AVIATION SPONSORS BYRON NICHOLAI TO SPEAK IN LOCAL SCHOOLS!

Byron plays and sings for students in Kongiganak, Home of the Wolverines. His message of encouragement is for all ages, speaking to Elementary, middle and high school students during his visit.

Grant Aviation is proud to sponsor youth motivational speaker and cultural performer, Byron Nicholai in our local schools. Byron is a Yup’ik from Toksook Bay. An advocate for youth and the Yup’ik culture, Byron has traveled in Western Alaska, the U.S. and other countries to showcase his singing and dancing. Followed by over 30,000 on facebook, Byron is dedicated and committed to native heritage, music and to the future of our next generation.

During his presentations, Byron shares his experiences growing up in Toksook Bay and how his popular facebook site “I Sing You Dance” came to be.

He emphasizes respect for each other and for your teachers. His drum has taken him to many places and "no matter who you are, you too have the same opportunity."

As part of Grant Aviation youth outreach, Byron was warmly welcomed at the schools in Eek (February 5th), Napakiak (February 19th), Quinhagak (April 2nd), Chefornak (April 26th), and Kongiganak (May 3rd).

Weather in Western Alaska is always a challenge. We would like to thank all the school administrators and teachers for working with us to accommodate the weather delays and rescheduling of these presentations. We have had many requests for Byron to visit your community. Watch facebook for Byron’s Fall 2018 schedule.

Recognizing that our youth are our future, Grant Aviation is invested in bringing Byron’s message of meaning and hope to our young people living in Western Alaska.

Notes from the students . . . .

“Thank you Grant Aviation for making Byron Nicholai come out to Eek. He talked to us and sang to us, and he gave us advice about so much. Thanks! Please let more people come out to Eek to talk to us.

“Dear Grant Aviation . . . . we appreciate ya’ll bringing and flying out Byron Nicholai!”

“Quyana for bringing Byron to our school and making it possible for him to perform and speaking to us about what we needed to hear.”

“Thank you Grant Aviation for bringing Byron Nicholai to Eek!! Quyana cakneq taivkarluka Byron Nicolai-aq Ekvicuarmun!!”

5th – 5th Graders

UAA AVIATION DEGREES NOW AVAILABLE TO RURAL ALASKAN

The University of Alaska Anchorage is addressing a critical need for qualified rural Alaskan commercial pilots and support crews with a new program that does not require participants to attend classes in Anchorage. Residents in outlying Alaska communities are now able to remotely take college-level aviation courses offered by UAA that lead to two-year associates and four-year bachelor of science degrees. These degrees pave the way to high-wage professional careers as commercial airline pilots and airline support personnel. Numerous in-demand job opportunities include commercial passenger and cargo plane pilots, aircraft mechanics, air traffic control dispatchers and aviation administration.
Students from rural Alaska can receive UAA academic credit for all FAA certificates and ratings obtained locally. For a small transcript fee, up to 29 credit hours can be awarded for all FAA flight training and applied to the UAA non-piloting bachelor of science degree, the BS Applied Technology Leadership (BSATL) for Aviation degree. The BSATL has 41 lower division and 18 upper division elective credits out of 120 total semester hours, with all other course work available online.

UAA online courses enable Alaskan aviation students to complete an AAS and pilot certificates through their local community college and FBO or private flight instructor anywhere in the State. Then transferring both to UAA, the student aviator can complete their baccalaureate studies entirely online without leaving home, or from anywhere their first piloting job takes them.

Other UAA Aviation courses currently in development include an online module for selected A&P courses. UAA is also exploring development of an online version of its Air Traffic Control (ATC) degree, which includes summer sessions dedicated to simulator time in world-class ATC simulators.

As a first step, UAA has partnered with NACTEC (Nome technical high school) to deliver secondary level aviation education. UAA is providing NACTEC a fully developed “Backboard ™” online delivery course for private pilot coursework, a program available to all educational institutions across the state upon request.

Grant Aviation is proud to partner with the University of Alaska to increase educational and career path opportunities for Alaska’s rural students. For more information visit:

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