Alaska Business Hall of Fame

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Class of 2026

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About the Alaska Business Hall of Fame

Three Alaska business leaders will join the Alaska Business Hall of Fame at the annual recognition event in January. These business leaders are honored for their direct impact toward furthering the success of Alaska business, demonstrated support and commitment to Junior Achievement's programs, and demonstrated commitment to Alaska business.

In 1987, Junior Achievement of Alaska, Inc. began the Alaska Business Hall of Fame to honor outstanding individuals of Alaskan business.

Since then, the Alaska Business Hall of Fame has become one of the state's most prestigious events, attended by 600 of Alaska's top business professionals, inducting new Laureates on an annual basis.

20, 000

STUDENTS SERVED IN ALASKA IN 2025-26 300+

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUITY

55

COMMUNITIES SERVED
ANNUALLY IN ALASKA BY JA

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is Alaska's largest youth serving non-profit, dedicated to educating and inspiring young people to succeed in a global economy.

Junior Achievement empowers young people to own their economic success by recruiting volunteers from the business community to teach financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship in schools. Programs are provided at no cost to teachers and school districts.

How you can help

<u>Donate</u> - \$40 sponsors one future entrepreneur in Alaska, \$10,000 sponsors a school. JA does not receive any government funding and is not part of United Way.

<u>Volunteer</u> - 20 volunteers cover an entire school, and virtual volunteer opportunities make it **more convenient than ever** to inspire students in Alaska.

150+ Alaska Laureates

Alaska business leaders honored from 1973 through 2026. Laureates are selected by a statewide committee of peers.



20%

JA Alumni earn 20% higher incomes



OPPORTUNITIES:

Inspire the future workforce

Foster financial literacy

Encourage an entrepreneurial mindset

JA IMPACT:

1 in 3 alumni go on to work in the same field as their JA volunteer

90% of alumni are confident managing their finances

JA alumni are 143% more likely to start a business

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All donations to Junior Achievement of Alaska are tax deductible where allowable by law.

Event Timeline

The 38th annual celebration includes a reception at the Dena'ina Center beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner and induction ceremony at 6:30 p.m., concluding by 8:30 p.m. The evening will also include a special recognition of the many past inductees who will be in attendance. Tables of 10 are \$1,750, individual tickets are \$175 each. Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Flora for more information.

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