



A Legacy in Action

The mission of the Ted Stevens Foundation is to recognize and honor Senator Ted Stevens' career in public service and to apply his legacy through outreach and education.

Update from the Executive Director

As we approach the holiday season and a new year, it is time to reflect and give thanks to all of our partners, donors, and friends for their ongoing support for our mission. It has been a productive year for the Foundation.

Our team has continued archiving and curating the Senator's papers in preparation for public release. Towards that end, we are in the process of implementing our Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Alaska to create an Alaska Leaders Archive at the UAA/APU Consortium Library. The goal of this project is to create a comprehensive archive of Alaska's congressional delegations, Native leaders, and other prominent Alaskans whose work helped build our great state. You can learn more about this project at [Alaska Leaders Archive](https://alaskaleadersarchive.org/) | [The Alaska Community Foundation \(alaskacf.org\)](https://alaskacf.org/).

The Foundation is also actively engaged in expanding our collaborations with organizations and institutions focused on leadership development. We recently renewed our investment in the next generation of leaders with the **Senator Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program** through the University of Alaska, and partnered with the Hawai'i International Film Festival and Daniel K. Inouye Institute for the **Future Filmmakers Contest**. In addition, we are in the initial planning stages with the Anchorage Navy League for the commissioning of the new Arleigh-Burke class destroyer, the *USS Ted Stevens*, set to occur in 2024.

On a personal note, I wanted to share my deepest appreciation to those who offered their condolences and support to the Stevens family and the Foundation after the sudden passing of Ben Stevens. A child of statehood, Ben will be remembered for his dedication to Alaska and devotion to his family. He will be greatly missed.

With regards,

Karina Waller

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Ted Stevens Day

This Ted Stevens Day (July 23, 2022) we partnered with the **Anchorage Museum, Jewel Lake Tastee Freez, Rasmuson Foundation, and Alaskans for**

Better Elections to provide Anchorageites with free ice cream sundaes and passes to the museum.

Alaskans for Better Elections were onsite to help educate our fellow Alaskans on ranked choice voting to help further our mission of supporting Public Service and educating the public on how our political systems function.



(Above & top right) Foundation booth at the Anchorage Museum.

Photos by Robin Phillips/Ted Stevens Foundation.



(Right) Amanda from Alaskans for Better Elections shows off for Ted Stevens Day.

Photo by Alaskans for Better Elections.

National Film Preservation Grant

The Foundation is honored to announce that we've been gifted grant funding for the second year in a row to digitize and preserve four of our historic 16-mm film reels by the **National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF)**.

The films selected this year for preservation are:

- An early 1970s film of Senator Stevens discussing ANCSA with Alaskan constituents
- An early 1970s silent film of Sen. Stevens walking around the Capitol with President Richard Nixon
- Two family films from the 1960s, including vacation footage and the aftermath of the 1964 Alaska earthquake



We are incredibly grateful to **NFPF** for this generous grant and look forward to

having digital copies of these films as well as brand new, high-quality, long-lasting polyester film reels to preserve these films for the future.

Last year we were able to digitize and preserve two 16mm films:

- *"Report to Alaskans: Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act"*: a 1971 speech by Senator Stevens about the need for ANCSA and how it will help Alaska
- *"Stevens Family Vacations, 1949-1950"*: a silent family film detailing a roadtrip through the Pacific Northwest

Both of the 2021 digitized films are now available to view on our [YouTube channel](#).

Hawai'i Partnership



(Above) Hawai'i International Film Festival Future Filmmaker winners, Alaskan students Rose Shaawát Tlein Katasse, Kainoa Thole, and Nicholas Hope whose films on "Honoring the Past to Build the Future" premiered at HIFF.
(Photo courtesy of the students' parents)

In keeping with the spirit of friendship and collaboration exhibited by Senator Dan Inouye and Senator Ted Stevens, the Ted Stevens Foundation was invited to partner with the **Daniel K. Inouye Institute** and Alaska's **Perseverance Theatre** for the **Hawai'i International Film Festival's (HIFF) Future Filmmaker Contest**.

The Future Filmmaker Contest is an annual event in Hawai'i created to encourage and highlight students filmmakers from 6th to 12th grade. Each year, student filmmakers are invited to submit a 1-5 minute film related to a chosen theme.

This year's theme was *"Honor the Past to Build the Future"* and three Alaskan students were selected for the final showcase:

- **Nicholas Hope**, 9th grade, *"Woven Documents, Students, and Teachers"*, a brief look into the history of Chilkat Weaving in the 20th and 21st centuries.
- **Rose Shaawát Tlein Katasse**, 6th grade, *"The Bunny Clan House"*, Bunny makes a clan house and teaches kids about the Tlingit culture.
- **Kainoa Thole**, 7th grade, *"The Stories of My Kūpuna"*, an animation based on two of Thole's great uncle Firpo's paintings and his stories; Kūpuna means ancestor, grandparent, or elder.

The three selected finalists attended the Film Festival in Hawai'i and their short films premiered on November 12, 2022. Congratulations to our finalists!

From the Desk of the Archivists:

Senator Ted Stevens had a decades long career in politics and was involved in numerous elections. Given the recent elections, our archivists wanted to recognize and showcase some of Stevens' campaigns over the years.

The Senator loved to visit as many communities in Alaska as possible, and these are just a few of the photos in our collection.

(Right) Catherine and Sen. Ted Stevens attend a campaign kick-off event in Anchorage Town Square on May 17, 1996.





The "Stevens Steamer" participates in the Great Tanana Raft Classic race from Fairbanks to Nenana on May 3, 1970. The raft was part of the flotilla making the roughly 65-mile journey. (Wards Photograph Studio).



Sen. Ted Stevens, center, poses with Joe Williams Jr. (left) and his son Nicholas Williams (right), as he participates in the 4th of July parade in Ketchikan in 1996.



Ann Stevens, right, visits with Kotzebue resident Elsie Adams as she shows her support for Senator Ted Stevens during a campaign stop in October of 1970. (Joe Rychetnik)

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