



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:

This year marks a milestone for the Foundation with the completion and unveiling of Senator Stevens' statue at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. The statue project has brought a greater understanding of the Senator, and his work on behalf of Alaska and our nation.

Our goal was to provide an area of reflection and inspiration to those traveling, and the public response has been overwhelmingly positive. Every day, Alaskans and travelers alike are sharing their photos and stories with us.

This project was years in the making, and we are humbled by the outpouring of support from our donors and volunteers who made the Foundation's work possible.

We have only begun, with a number of other legacy projects on the horizon. And our archival team continues their efforts to complete the processing of the papers for public release.

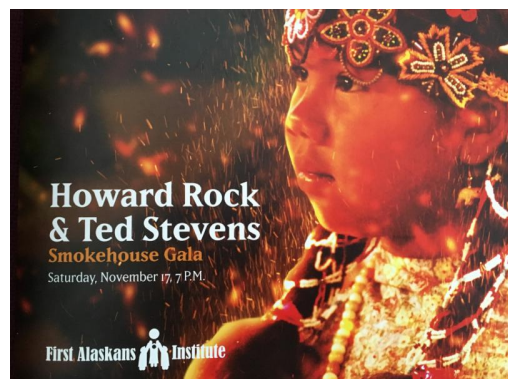
To support the archiving and curation of the Senator's papers, legacy projects, and ongoing educational programs, the Foundation relies on your support. **Your contribution is vital in guaranteeing that the legacy of Senator Stevens endures.** Please consider a donation today.

Best,
Karina Waller

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Events

On November 17, 2018, the Foundation participated in the First Alaskans Institute's **Howard Rock & Ted Stevens Smokehouse Gala** at the Hotel Captain Cook. This event honors Alaskans who continue the legacy of both Rock and Stevens in championing Alaska Native rights and preservation of the culture of Alaska's First People. Proceeds from this event benefit the First Alaskans Institute and their important work.



Photos from this event can be found on the [First Alaskans Institute's Facebook](#) and more information about the Smokehouse Gala can be found on their [website](#).



(Above) Angel Pansini and Senator Sullivan at the TAPS Honor Guard Gala.
Photo courtesy of TAPS

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) hosted their **25th Anniversary Honor Guard Gala** on March 6th in Washington, D.C. Senator Dan Sullivan presented the **TAPS 2019 Senator Ted Stevens Leadership Award** to Angel Pansini, sister of Marine Corps Sgt. Nicholas A. Pansini. The Award represents Ms. Pansini's outstanding leadership efforts on behalf of other military survivors. You can learn more about the TAPS program and gala, as well as watch Senator Sullivan's speech at the following sites:

- [Senator Sullivan's Speech - Facebook Video](#)
- [TAPS Gala Press Release](#)
- [TAPS Gala Photos](#)

Senator Stevens' 50th Anniversary!



December 24, 2018 marked 50 years since Ted Stevens was officially sworn in as Alaska's third U.S. Senator in 1968.

Senator Stevens served Alaska in the Senate for over 40 years. He left a lasting legacy not only in landmark legislation, but in the connections he fostered that continue today.

In tribute to this milestone occasion, the Foundation hosted a flashback series on social media, comprised of photos and related archival documents, highlighting Senator Stevens' swearing-in through the years.

The Foundation also partnered with Foundation Board Member Hugh Ashlock and the Dimond Center on an exhibit documenting Senator Stevens' public service. A huge thank you to Thrive Creative & Communications for the design and the Dimond Center for sponsoring the exhibit!

(Left) Dimond Center exhibit for Senator Stevens' 50th anniversary.
Hugh Ashlock Photo.

(Below) Senator Stevens' Swearing In ceremony on January 7, 2003 by V.P. Dick Cheney. Stevens also became President Pro Tempore that session.
U.S. Senate / Stevens Foundation Photo.



A Tribute to Senator Stevens at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport

In 2000, the Anchorage airport was officially renamed the ***Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport***. In an effort to provide context to the airport bearing his name, and to bring renewed focus to the Senator and his dedication to public service, the Foundation launched the **Statue Project**.



This project was truly a community effort- with the artists, designers, contractors, airport staff, volunteers, and donors each contributing to bring this project to fruition.

In late 2017, Cordova artist Joan Bugbee Jackson began work on what would become the bronze statue of Senator Stevens. Another local Cordova artist, Mike Webber, designed a one-of-a-kind Alaska Native-inspired tie for the statue to represent the Senator's dedication to Alaska's First People.

On February 23, 2019 the Foundation was joined by members of the Senator's family and friends to formally unveil and dedicate the statue and exhibits at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Speakers included Governor Mike Dunleavy; Congressman Don Young; Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan; and Willie Iggiagruk Hensley.

You can learn more about this project and see photos from the unveiling on our [website](#). Also, make sure to stop by and visit with the Senator the next time you're in the Anchorage airport.

Don't forget to use the following hashtags when posting on social media sites: **#TedStevens** and **#TalkingToTed** and make sure to tag us **@TedStevensFoundation** on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.



Legislative Interns

This year marks the 30th year of the Legislative Internship Program with the University of Alaska. Renamed the **Senator Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program** in 2018, this program continues to provide students with the opportunity to work for a member of the Alaska Legislature. Senator Stevens firmly believed in providing opportunities to Alaskans to participate in public service. The Foundation is proud to financially support the future leaders of our state through this program.

The 12 interns joining the Alaska State Legislature for the 2019 session are: Nichole Bearden - UAA; Miranda Dordan - UAA; Cheyenne Girmscheid - UAS; Jayden Hodgson - UAA; Erin Laughlin - UAS; Jasmine Mattson-Wolff - UAS; Radames Mercado - UAA; Shiela Morrison - UAA; Robin O'Donoghue - UAA; Anastasia Pleasant - UAF; Stuart Relay - UAF; and Marc Robertson - UAA.



(Front Row L-R): Pleasant; Laughlin; Morrison; Girmscheid; Mattson-Wolff; Bearden; Dordan; and Program Coordinator Dr. Glenn Wright.
(Back Row L-R): Chancellor Rick Caulfield; Hodgson; UAS Dean of Arts & Sciences Dr. Tom Thornton; O'Donoghue; Relay; Mercado; and Robertson

Photo courtesy of UAS / David Russell-Jensen

Your donations help make this internship possible for the students of the University of Alaska.

Exciting New Addition!

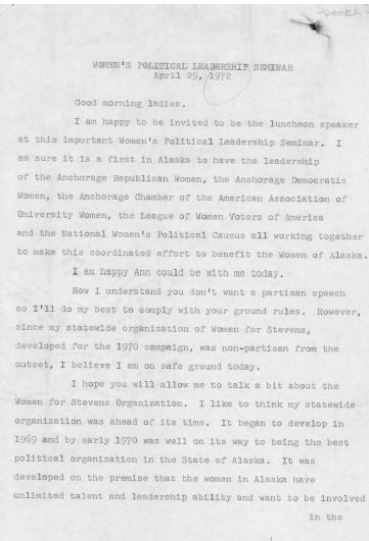
The Foundation was visited on April 5, 2019 by former Alaska House member and Senator Randy Phillips.

He donated items from Senator Stevens' 1968 campaign for U.S. Senate to add to our collection. Though the Senator eventually lost to longtime Alaskan Elmer Rasmuson in the Republican primary, on December 23, 1968, he was appointed to the U.S. Senate following the death of Senator Bob Bartlett. Stevens was sworn in on December 24th, becoming Alaska's senior senator.



(Above e) Ted Stevens Foundation staff with Randy Phillips and his donated 1968 Election Collection.
Fran Durner / Stevens Foundation Photo

From the Desk of the Archivists: A Tribute in Honor of Women's History Month



"... the women in Alaska have unlimited talent and leadership ability and want to be involved in the administrative and decision-making process for their political candidates... There's no doubt that there's a new movement – that of women's greater involvement in politics. This might be the prelude to a new era... one with the muscle to make the Equal Rights Amendment work!"

-Senator Ted Stevens at Women's Political Leadership Seminar – Alaska – April 29, 1972

Senator Stevens was a proud advocate for gender equality, as evidenced by his support for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and sponsorship of Title IX.

On gender issues, Senator Stevens led by example. He hired the first woman floor assistant for the Senate Republican leadership when he was Assistant Minority Leader (Whip), and throughout his tenure continued to promote women to senior policy positions. From female Legislative Directors and Chiefs of Staff in his personal office, to Staff Directors of the Senate committees he chaired, these women helped shape the Senator's legislative priorities and worked to achieve his goals for our state and nation.



(Top left) Ted Stevens Foundation archival document of Stevens' 1972 speech to Alaska Women's Political Leadership Seminar.
(Above right) Stevens' 1975 birthday party with staff.
(Below) Suzi Dietz's farewell party - Stevens with staff on June 12, 1981.
Stevens Foundation Photos



Blog Announcement!

The Ted Stevens Foundation officially has a blog! We'll be using this platform to discuss archival processing news; conferences and events hosted or attended by TSF staff; and staff-created histories pertaining to Senator Stevens' illustrious career in public service.

Posts will be added every two weeks, with a post about the Senator's history monthly.

Read our [first post](#) today!



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Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is fundamental in helping us at the Foundation achieve our goals in honoring Senator Stevens' lifelong work.

Thank you.

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