



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:

With our communities continuing to face enormous challenges due to the global pandemic, we are also faced with the historical trauma of racial injustice and social inequality that has permeated our society.

As we navigate uncertainty and our collective path forward remains unclear, I find myself reflecting on the Senator's legacy of leadership. How he tackled difficult issues by working collaboratively with diverse groups, how he listened and gave voice to others, and how he championed change in our systems of governance.

While the future is uncertain, I see the Senator's legacy in action when witnessing Alaskans standing in solidarity with friends and strangers alike, using their words and actions to raise others up, and turning crises into action and change.

The Senator often said that Alaska, and our Nation, succeeds when we work together. As Lily Becker, the Senator's youngest daughter and member of the Foundation Board so eloquently stated,

"He left us with a reminder that while none of us can predict our future, we can all be part of the future of Alaska. In this time of unprecedented crisis, his memory reminds me that by listening, working hard, looking past differences and mustering the courage to think big thoughts, we will emerge stronger. Consider his lessons and let's forge ahead."

Best,

Karina Waller

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A Tribute to Senator Stevens - Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame

The Alaska Aviation Museum in Anchorage, Alaska will be inducting Senator Stevens into their **Hall of Fame** sometime in the upcoming future.

The Induction Gala was previously scheduled for March 28, 2020 but due to the public health situation surrounding COVID-19 it has been indefinitely postponed at this time.

Senator Stevens will be recognized for a Lifetime Achievement Award, and will share the 2020 Induction ticket with Bob and Marge Baker (Aviation Entrepreneurs) and Ronald C Sheardown (Pathway and Explorer Pilot).

Senator Stevens was greatly influential in the world of aviation safety in the State of Alaska and helped secure funding for a number of projects and programs including: Essential Air Service; Medallion Five Star Shield and its associated Medallion Flyers; Alaska Capstone; and the Rural Alaska Airport Lighting system.

To learn more about the Hall of Fame and the Alaska Aviation Museum, please visit their website at: <https://alaskaairmuseum.org/postponed-hall-of-fame/>



Ted Stevens Day

The 10th Annual Ted Stevens Day occurred on July 25, 2020. It was a slightly different day this year due to ongoing issues with COVID-19 and the travel limitations in place.

This year the slogan was: **Get out, Play, and Rediscover Alaska!** We focused efforts on encouraging Alaskans to travel within the state and experience the wonders located close to our homes.

The activities we highlighted included: fishing, hiking, visiting muskox, zip-lining, wildlife watching, rafting, four-wheeling, and boating.

We encouraged Alaskans to share their adventures with us on social media channels by using #TedStevensDay- a selection of the tagged photos are shared here for your enjoyment.

*Note: These photos are the creations of the user-accounts named here. We do not claim any copyright or ownership





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It's **#TedStevensDay** so we distributed hiking bags to service members to Get Out and Play and rediscover **#Alaska!** @TedStevensFndn

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Stephen Trimble for Alaska
July 25 at 3:14 PM ·

Get Out and Play in the Last Frontier!
#TedStevensDay

katuk907

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katuk907 Happy Ted Stevens Day! I love the commemoration of Uncle Ted. His legacy is rooted in leadership and advocacy for Alaska Native communities. Ataa Ted was always willing to engage with our youth. Nice smile @a_sweens @cait_sweens @tedstevensfoundation

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lilybecker49 From my earliest memory I watched this guy have fun outside - the beach, the river, the sky, the desert, the mountains - in the rain, sun, and snow. On this tenth #TedStevensDay the message to #getoutandplay is more important than ever. Get up, head out, play and have fun, wear your mask, and for the [Stevens Foundation](#)

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Happy Ted Stevens Day Alaska!!

Today we remember U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, Alaskan of the Century and so much more. His accomplishments improved the infrastructure, economy, health and well-being and quality of life for all Alaskans.

Get out and play today and raise a glass in honor of our beloved Uncle Ted. Cheers!

#TedStevensDay



Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program



2020 Senator Ted Stevens Legislative Intern Cohort

Front (L-R): Darren Napoli (Sen. Revak), Dustin Elsberry (Sen. Revak), Katherine McCall (Sen. Costello), Alex Jorgensen (Sen. Begich), Clare Baldwin (Sen. Giessel), Kasey Casort (Rep. Spohnholz), Teresa Wrobel (Sen. Kawasaki), Aidan Earnest (Rep. Hopkins), Liz Ferguson (Rep. Lincoln), Dr. Glenn Wright (Statewide Program Coordinator, UAS Faculty)
Rear (L-R): Dawson Mann (Sen. Hughes), Michael Willis (Sen. Micciche), Alex Schroeder (Sen. Wielechowski), Josiah Nash (Rep. Kreiss-Tomkins), Calvin Zuelow (Sen. Kiehl), Joe Greenough (Rep. Stutes)

Congratulations to this year's Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program recipients!

To learn more about this program, please visit:

<https://www.uas.alaska.edu/internprogram/>

ANCSA @ 50 Project Partnership

Next year, 2021, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act turns 50 years old! To help recognize and celebrate this event, a number of state organizations - including historical associations, Native corporations, and local businesses - are partnering up to provide a number of educational programs and events.



The Ted Stevens Foundation is included on a number of projects for ANCSA @ 50 including: assisting the Alaska Historical Association's Resource Guide for primary sources on ANCSA held within the state (incl. the Senator's papers!), creation of a digital exhibit on the TSF's ANCSA holdings, and providing assistance and programming education for a presentation held sometime in 2021.

We are also in discussions to release the ANCSA portion of the papers to the public for research purposes in 2021.

Stay tuned for more information!

(Above) Sen. Ted Stevens, seated center, met with board members of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and their attorneys in Washington, D.C., on October 29, 1971, to discuss the Native Land Claims bill, which would pass the Senate on November 1. Seated around the table from l-r: George Miller, Joe Upicksoun, Nels Anderson, Al Ketzler, Frances Degnan, Don Wright, Stevens, Adeline Katongan (TS staff), Phillip Guy, Hank Eaton, and Al Nakak. Standing from l-r: John Katz and Max Gruenberg (both TS staff), Richard Frank, attorney Fred Paul, Brenda Itta, attorney Jim Wickwire, Charlie Edwardsen, attorney Cliff Groh, Bob Willard, Ilidor Philemonoff, and Frank Peterson (Rep. Begich staff). Stevens Foundation photo.

From the Desk of the Archivists:



From 1995 to 1997, Senator Stevens helped bring the *Portrait Monument to Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B Anthony* out of the Capitol's basement.

There were a number of people involved, including staffer Jeff Staser's wife Karen Staser and 9-year-old Arlys Endres of Phoenix, AZ.

As part of the nationwide efforts to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment's passage, we've created a blog post describing Stevens' efforts for helping to 'free' this statue!

Read all about it at:

<https://tedstevensfoundation.org/ts-suffragettes/>

(Above) Sen. Ted Stevens greets Arlys Endres, of Phoenix, a speaker at the "Raise the Statue" event in the Capitol on July 25, 1996. Nine-year-old Endres became passionately involved in raising money to move the statue of suffrage pioneers to a place of honor in the Rotunda, where it stands today.

(Right) The Portrait Monument, dedicated to pioneers of the suffrage movement, in its original place in the crypt of the Capitol building on July 17, 1995.

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