



# **Nunaqqiurat Tumitchianit**

## **Iñupiat Education Overview**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Iḷisaḡvitkuayaat nalunaigukkaat  
iṅuuniaguutilaaqput  
savaguutilaaqpullu nunaḡanni  
Iṅupiat. Nunuurailaakun  
Iṅupiagurugut tainnamik  
qiksigigivut iṅuit, iṅuuniagṅiq,  
niḡrutit, nuna suli taḡiuq.

Iḷisaḡvik College would  
like to acknowledge that  
we live and work on the  
land of the Iṅupiat. We are  
unapologetically Iṅupiaq and  
we honor the people, culture,  
animals, land, and ocean.



# Tikisaksraġlu | Vision

Ikayuutauluta Nunaqqiñun Suannaktaaglugit Ilisaġnikunlu  
Suraġallasiñikunlu.

To help build strong communities through education and  
training.



# Sivuniq | Mission

Iḷisaġvik College iḷisalluataġviqaqtitchiruaq iḷisavsaallasiniġmun, savaaqallasiniġmun suli sum savagnaġniġagun iḷisaġviqaqhutin sivunmun suli suaṇṇaktaallavlugu Iṇupiat iṇuuniagusiaṭ, Iṇupiuraagṇiṇat, piqpagiraṇisigun, suli piraġausiṇisigun.

Naparuq ikayuutauvḷuni iḷisaqtuanun suli naupkaḡugi iḷitchiḷluatanaruat suli anniqsuutaullasiṇaruat savaktiksrat North Slope-miḷu State of Alaska-miḷu.

Iḷisaġvik College provides quality post-secondary academic, career and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iṇupiat culture, language, values and traditions.

It is dedicated to serving its students and developing a well-educated and trained workforce who meet the human resource needs of North Slope employers and the state of Alaska.



# Unapologetically Iñupiaq (UI)

## Strategic Plan Priorities

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5	Priority 6
Indigenize the Institution	Build the Student Enrollment of Iḷisaḡvik College	Improve Student Achievement	Improve Village Instruction Across the North Slope	Ensure the Future of Iḷisaḡvik College	Build a Robust, Service-Oriented Organization.

## UI Policy Statement

Being “Unapologetically Iñupiaq” means that everyone is welcome, but when you elect to attend Iḷisaḡvik, or when you elect to work at Iḷisaḡvik—because we are electing to—students, staff and faculty are going to experience an Iñupiaq experience.

### Inclusive of All

“Unapologetically Iñupiaq” means exercising the sovereign inherent freedom to educate our community through and supported by our Iñupiaq worldview, values, knowledge and protocols. It is Iñupiaq to be respectful to all people.



- Free language classes
- Indigenous course requirements
- Land acknowledgement
- Job descriptions reviewed
- Indigenized spaces
- Elder and community interactions
- Cultural cookbook
- Employee web portal with cultural resources
- Policy, procedure, and guideline revisions
- Cultural orientation



# Iñupiaq Studies Program:

## Assistant Professor of Iñupiaq Studies (Jerica Leavitt)

- Iñupiaq Language and Culture Certificates I & II
- Iñupiaq Studies AA Degree
- Cultural Summer Camps
- Iñupiaq Fine Arts Festival
- Iñupiaq Language Event

### Instructors:

- Assistant Professor, Iñupiaq Studies- Jerica Leavitt
- Adjunct: Susan Hope
- Adjunct: Debby Edwardson
- Adjunct: Aaluk Edwardson
- Adjunct Joni Edwardsen

### 2022 Guest Speakers - Knowledge Skills & Sharing

Diana Martin, Corrine Danner, Emily Caldwell, Steve Oomittuk, MaryJane Litchard, Mary Patkotak, and others



# Cont. Iñupiaq Studies

Courses include but are not limited to:

- North Slope Iñupiaq History
- Iñupiaq Language (Elementary I and II)
- Iñuit Storytelling
- Traditional and Contemporary Skin Sewing
- Iñuit Art Studio
- Iñupiaq Knowledge and Use of Arctic Plants
- Traditional and Contemporary Native Food Preparation
- Exploring Iñupiaq Identity Today through Creative Writing
- Iñupiaq Songs, Dances, and Drumming
- Iñupiaq Land Use, Values, and Resources Summer Camp
- Topics in:
  - Kamipiak (Maklak) Workshop with Joni Edwardsen
  - Qulliq (Seal Oil Lamp) Carving
  - Driftwood Carving
  - Kivgiq Then and Now
  - Various Sewing classes- beaver hat, hunting mittens, dancing mittens, soft bottom kamipiak, silver fox isigvik and siñi, Ancient Iñuit History and Art Thru Time, etc.

## K-12 Programming

- Glimpse (middle school)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Graders
- Cultural Summer Camps

## Iñupiaq Language Initiatives:

- Semester-long courses
- Free language classes

## Video Documentation:

- Recording various cultural videos to build up repository of Iñupiaq content (how-to videos, storytelling, etc.)
- Iñupiaq Studies YouTube Channel (most videos are unlisted, which means unavailable to public and accessible to students taking classes)





# Plans and Goals for Iñupiaq Studies:

- Create a mini Traditional Room for ivory and wood carving courses
- Assistant Professor to continue to learn various art forms to bring into the program (ivory carving, baleen, skin tanning, sunshine ruffs, etc.)
- Continue to build Iñupiaq Studies video repository
- Expand on course offerings
- Focus on areas that are in need of revitalization

## Unmet Needs:

- Create a 2<sup>nd</sup> Iñupiaq Studies faculty position
- Funding:
  - Supplies/Teaching Supplies
  - Equipment
  - Travel to bring Assistant Professor to document and learn various art forms or to send people up here teach their skill

## Partnerships/Connections:



IHLC, NSBSD (Iñupiaq Education Department), ICAS

# Indigenous Education

Assistant Professor of Education, Kimberlee Brent

## Indigenous Education Program:

- Indigenous Education AA Degree
- Indigenous Education Certificates I & II
- Indigenous Education Paraprofessional Endorsement Track





# Indigenous Education - Current Stats

## Certificates & Degree Earned

Year	Certificate I	Certificate II	Associate of Arts
2015-16	-	0	0
2016-17	-	2	0
2017-18	-	1	1
2018-19	8	3	3
2019-20	0	2	0
2020-21	3	3	1
2021-22	3	2	1
2022-23 (projected)	3	0	2

# Indigenous Education - Moving Forward

- Courses specifically designed to support Classroom Paraprofessionals including Praxis Test Prep and content areas such as ED194-Paraprofessionals Assisting with Literacy (SP23)
- **Praxis Testing offered at Ilisagvik College** for better access and lower costs
- Transitional support for A.A. graduates who want to transfer to 4-year institutions
- Continue to build out the concentrations for Elementary Education and Language & Culture
- On-going Community Workshops providing materials & activity information to parents focusing on Early Childhood & Elementary STEM.



# Dual Credit Program -

## Coordinator & Faculty Advisor, Kimberlee Brent

- 32 dual credit students advised and registered in FA22
- 30 dual credit students (so far) advised and registered in SP23
- Met with all NSBSD counselors via Zoom (FA22)
- On-going individualized Zoom meetings/contacts with counselors (FA22 & SP23)
- Pre-Registration event held at BHS in Nov '22 and Zoom sessions for schools outside of Utqiagvik.
- MOAs with NSBSD, AISD (Metlakatla), and ACSPI (St. Paul)

# Community Outreach, Community Education Facilitator, Natasha Eqagin Itta

- Culturally focused Community Workshops for all age groups
- Cultural Summer Camps
- Iñupiat Cultural Hour
- Residential Student Activities







Ilisaġvik College

October 10, 2022 ·

We acknowledge Indigenous People's Day today and want to share a recent student and employee activity:

Ilisaġvik College is a tribal college, created by Iñupiaq people with Iñupiaq people, culture, language, values and traditions in mind. We are unapologetically Iñupiaq and take pride in our fall harvest.

See our pics from last week's Niqi Night celebration held on campus in the residential living area. Maktak was prepared to be shared at the upcoming Elders & Youth Confere... See more



**Atautchimukta!**  
**Let's do this**  
**together!**



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## Social Media Presence

- Inupiaq Tip of the Week
- Culturally relevant material

## Community Engagement

- Provide workshops in schools for NSBSD students
- Attend community events





# Barrow High School Traditional Plants Walk & Qulliq Lighting Demonstration







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THANK YOU!**

