Mr. Peter J. Stortz has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2013.

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He met the geographical challenges of his job by utilizing a variety of teaching methods in his instruction, including in the classroom, out in the field and via distance delivery; and whose success as an instructor is attributed in part to partnerships he established with Native associations, school districts, government agencies and other organizations.

His own programming in natural resources and fisheries education has inspired other nationally acclaimed Cooperative Extension Service programs, such as the 4H Sportfishing and Aquatic Resources Education Program at Cornell University.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Peter J. Stortz for his extensive contributions to the State of Alaska and to the University.