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The Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development M.A. program is designed to educate leaders who understand the dynamic relationship of rural Alaska with the global economy and who have professional skills in areas of leadership, business development, administration and conflict management. Graduates typically take positions with tribal and municipal governments, fisheries, tourism, Native corporations, regional health corporations or non-profits, state/federal agencies, or other private businesses.

Graduate degree students gain a broader theoretical understanding of development processes in Alaska and the circumpolar North. Graduate students complete a thesis or applied community development project, and have opportunities for international study and research.

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- Offer a quality program of advanced study for place-committed students in rural Alaska, combining personal networking with cutting-edge distance course delivery;
- Build strong ties to employers and leaders in rural Alaska to support program relevance and student success;
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Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott (center), Assistant Professor Diane Benson (fourth from left) and RD students attending the Juneau seminar.

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— Sarah Walker, class of 2014