41st Annual
Business Leader of the Year Banquet
honoring

Steve Lundgren
of Denali State Bank

Saturday, April 15, 2017
6 p.m. Cocktails
7 p.m. Dinner
Westmark Hotel
Gold Room
Fairbanks, Alaska

Proudly hosted by the
University of Alaska Fairbanks
School of Management
Steve Lundgren is President and CEO of Denali State Bank, a locally-owned community bank. Steve’s career in the financial services industry is a true success story spanning over three decades, during which he has served the Fairbanks business community as a leader, mentor, and influencer.

Steve began his career in Oregon as a management trainee at a small savings and loan after graduating from Oregon State University. After working locally for Alaska USA FCU, Steve accepted a position at Key Bank working with Mike Milam, who would become a lifelong friend. After nearly 15 years at Key Bank, Steve was offered a position at Mt. McKinley Bank, where he worked for six years before moving to Denali State Bank.

He has been a progressive leader in the local banking industry and is also well recognized nationally. He’s the Alaskan representative on the American Bankers Association Community Bankers Council, and he’s past president of the Alaska Bankers Association, representing all seven banks that operate within the state of Alaska.

Steve serves on the board of directors, is a past board chair, and currently chairs the Finance Committee of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. He’s a member and past president of the Fairbanks Sunrisers Rotary Club, and a former board chair of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.

He also has a long history of supporting the military. He’s a member of the Alaskan Command Civilian Advisory Board, and he currently serves as National Treasurer of the Air Force Association, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Steve is also the Alaska vice-chair and Northern Alaska region chair for the Alaska Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Steve served for many years on the Fairbanks Chamber’s Military Affairs Committee, and the fruits of his efforts are apparent in the announcements regarding military expansion. He was active in promoting Eielson AFB during the threats of closure or realignment, as well as promoting the F-35s introduction to Eielson AFB. Steve understands the economic impacts on the community and the needs for housing, financing, and community services that adding several thousand new residents will entail. In the year 2000, Steve received the prestigious Jim Messer Award, given by the Fairbanks Chamber at the Military Appreciation Banquet to an individual who best promoted military/community relations over the years.

He is a remarkable advocate for education. He serves on the UAF Advocacy Committee and in this capacity, has provided testimony to the UA Board of Regents and other legislative bodies in support of the university’s mission. Steve provides support and mentorship for university students and local young professionals. Steve is proud that 16 of his 80 employees at Denali State Bank have degrees from UAF, many from the School of Management, and others are currently attending school at UAF.
Business Leader of the Year Banquet

6 p.m.  No-Host Cocktails

7 p.m.  Welcome
        Claire Everts
        Zachary Morris

Invocation
        Nancy Hanson

Dinner

8 p.m.  Opening Remarks
        UA President Jim Johnsen
        UAF Chancellor Dana Thomas
        SOM Dean Mark Herrmann

Invest Today, Impact Tomorrow
        Aaron Cottle, SOM Student
        Lorna Shaw, Sumitomo Pogo Mine (BLOY 2014)

Guest Speakers
        Bill Bailey, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
        Dan Gavora, Doyon Utilities (BLOY 2013)

Pin Presentation
        Bob Hajdukovich (BLOY 2016)

Acceptance Remarks
        Steve Lundgren

Door Prizes
        Sara McBride

Closing Remarks
        Aaron Cottle
The UAF School of Management (SOM) was formed in 1975 as one of five professional schools at UAF. SOM is one of only 186 of all national and international business schools to hold the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation for both the school and the Accounting program. This is the top level of accreditation and represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

Four main disciplines comprise the School of Management: Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, and Homeland Security and Emergency Management. SOM offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Faculty in these programs work together as an integrated team to provide challenging and fulfilling education to our students in order to produce stellar Alaska business graduates.

Degrees Available

Undergraduate
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Graduate
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Security and Disaster Management
- M.S. in Resource and Applied Economics
- Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Sustainability

Minors Available
- Accounting
- Economics
- Emergency Management
- Finance
- General Business
- Leadership
- Management & Organizations
- Marketing
- Military Science & Leadership (ROTC)
- Military Securities Studies
- Occupational Endorsement in Homeland Security
- Sports Management
Business Leader of the Year Committee

Committee Co-Chairs
Claire Everts
Zachary Morris

Decoration Committee
Kasey Barnes, Co-Chair
Alexander Springer, Co-Chair
Destiny Dowling
Iruka Kpaduwa
Sara McBride
Gracelynn Wiseman

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James Martin, Chair
Community Nomination Letters

Nominations for the Business Leader of the Year are taken year round with the deadline in November. Candidates are chosen on merits of their leadership, business accomplishments, community involvement and educational support. It starts with one simple nomination and often additional letters are provided to support the nomination.

**Betsy Campbell**, AVP and Denali State Bank Branch Manager, nominated Steve Lundgren and the following community members submitted letters of support:

**Rebecca Dean**, Sportsmedicine Fairbanks

**Jim Dodson**, Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation

**Dan Gavora**, Doyon Utilities and 2012 Business Leader of the Year

**David Hale**, Hale & Associates and 2013 Business Leader of the Year

**Luke Hopkins**, Community Member and Former Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough

**Derek Miller**, Institute of Northern Engineering

**Rick Schikora**, Warwick & Schikora, CPAs

“The reaction of many of the past recipients has been – why me? There are plenty of deserving members of the community. Steve’s reaction will be no doubt be the same. Folks who go about doing good things don’t do it for the recognition or awards. Like Steve, they do it or the good of the community.”

~ **Rick Schikora**, Warwick & Schikora, CPAs
Steve Lundgren
2017 UAF School of Management Business Leader of the Year

Steve and the Denali State Bank board, management & staff appreciate the opportunity to live, work and play in the Greater Fairbanks community. We’re grateful for the opportunity to support our University and the School of Management students.

Denali State Bank
Your locally owned community bank

Member FDIC
Leaders make change reality.

Thank you, Steve Lundgren, for your service to Alaska.

CONGRATULATIONS

GCI congratulates Steve Lundgren on being selected as the 2017 UAF Business Leader of the Year!
Congratulations, Steve Lundgren!
2017 Business Leader of the Year
You make our community great!

Jim Dodson

Congratulations, Steve, from your friends at Alaska Airlines. Thank you for your decades of leadership and devotion to our community.

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From all of us at the Daily News-Miner
THE VOICE OF INTERIOR ALASKA
Usibelli Coal Mine congratulates **Steve Lundgren** on being named the **2017 Business Leader of the Year!**

**Congratulations Steve Lundgren!**

David Hale  
2013 Business Leader of the Year & Printed Program Sponsor
STEVE LUNDGREN WINS FIRST PRIZE IN THE 2017 BUSINESS LEADER CONTEST!

Community Chest
YOU HAVE WON SECOND PRIZE IN A BEAUTY CONTEST COLLECT $10

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2011 Business Leader of the Year & Decoration Sponsor

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**Congratulations Steve.**

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**Congratulations Steve Lundgren!**

*Doyon Utilities commends you for your exceptional leadership and service to Fairbanks and the military and civilian communities of Interior Alaska.*

*2017 Business Leader of the Year*

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**Mt. McKinley Bank**

*congratulates Steve Lundgren on his selection as the 2017 UAF Business Leader of the Year!*

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Congratulations Steve Lundgren!

2017 Business Leader of the Year

Accolades to the UAF School of Management students, staff, and faculty for your continued success.

Cary S. Keller
MD, F.A.C.S.M.

2009 Business Leader of the Year

Congratulations Steve!

UAF School of Management

2017 Business Leader of the Year
Congratulations Steve Lundgren!
Thank you for your years of leadership and service to the Fairbanks Chamber and our community.

“Steve seizes all opportunities to build Fairbanks and its businesses. He is laser focused on keeping Fairbanks dollars in our community. He is a remarkable advocate for education and mentoring students.”

~ Rebecca Dean, Sportsmedicine Fairbanks

Steve,
You are always a joy to work with, and your contributions to this community are vast and never-ending!
Congratulations!
Mayor Karl W. Kassel and FNSB Administration

Congratulations Steve!
From The Gavora Family of Companies
**Thank You**

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Grayling Media - for event videography and student workshops
Interior Graphics & Printing - for tickets and program
JR Ancheta - for event photography
Latitude 64 Photography - for event photography
Your Story Event Planning & Cheri Renson - for decoration guidance

Student Organizations

Active and Innovative Minds (AIM)
Associated Students of Business (ASB)
Cadet Club (ROTC)
Great Alaskan Accounting People (GAAP)
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*Deceased

The UAF School of Management would like to thank You for sharing this evening with us.

It is a great pleasure to honor Steve Lundgren as the 41st Recipient of the Business Leader of the Year.