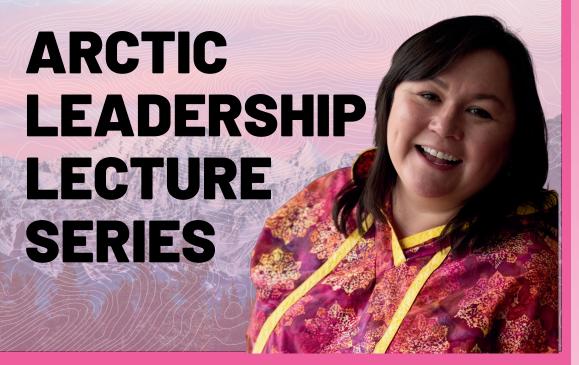
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WITH GUEST SPEAKER MELANIE BAHNKE PRESIDENT & CEO, KAWERAK, INC.

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