

UAF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & ARCTIC AND NORTHERN
STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS:

ARCTIC LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES



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

We're proud to welcome Melanie Bahnke, president and CEO of Kawerak, Inc., and a respected Alaska Native leader, as the next guest in the Arctic Leadership Lecture Series. A first-language speaker of St. Lawrence Island Yupik, Bahnke has dedicated her career to strengthening rural and Indigenous communities across Alaska. With deep experience in tribal governance and community empowerment, she will share reflections on leadership rooted in culture, collaboration, and resilience—and the importance of local voices in shaping the future of the North.

The Arctic Leadership Lecture Series is hosted by UAF's Department of Political Science and Arctic & Northern Studies in partnership with the Arctic Leadership Initiative.

Questions?

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