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Teisha Simmons Denaakk'e name is Naggakk'o and her family comes from the communities of Galena, Koyukuk, and Huslia. Teisha holds a BA in psychology and an MA in Clinical – Community Psychology. She currently serves as the interim Dean of the College of indigenous studies and has a 20-year career of demonstrated leadership in senior and executive management positions.

Regarding her experience in higher education, Teisha has served as staff, faculty, and an administrator. She previously oversaw the UAF Interior Alaska Campus, served as an assistant professor for the role human services program, and served as a project director for the psychology department. Teisha has extensive experience in strategic leadership, academic planning, budget management, strategic enrollment planning, conflict management, and shared governance. In her free time, Teisha enjoys volunteering in the areas of substance abuse prevention and street outreach, language and song revitalization, and hosting elder gatherings.