



Alaska Women's Hall of Fame 16th Annual Induction Ceremony

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Building a Legacy

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame (AKWHOF) began in 2009 as a collaborative project of several non-profits and a collection of Alaskan women. Sixteen years later, we continue to operate as a volunteer-run, donation supported organization.

Our success is a testament to our communities' investment in honoring the women who have shaped our lives in Alaska.
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Alaska Women's Hall of Fame,
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Your nominations are critical to the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame continuing to reflect the diversity of our communities.

For information on how to nominate, visit the website.

Nominations for the Class of 2025 open October 16, 2024.

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If you are interested in writing a biography, email the AKWHOF at alaskawhof@gmail.com.

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Alaska Women's Hall of Fame 2024

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Welcome!

Welcome to the 16th year of the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame (AKWHOF). We are pleased to present ten women to be inducted. The highlight of the ceremony is to celebrate the women who have influenced the direction of Alaska!

Our virtual "Hall of Fame" is our web site, alaskawomenshalloffame.org. It includes the biographies and photos of the 235 honorees who have been inducted since 2009.

Thank you to our nominators. We encourage everyone to nominate a woman using the nomination form on our web site. The nomination process for 2025 will open October 16th. Think of a woman who has inspired you and nominate her for induction next year!

Thank you to the many women in the AKWHOF, who continue to volunteer on our Selection Committee, serve on the board and write and proof biographies. To those who served on the Selection Committee. Thank you, you did a great job!

Thank you to all who have donated generously to the AKWHOF over the years. Thank you to the Rasmuson Foundation, the Atwood Foundation and the Alaska Community Foundation. Thank you to our individual donors, the heart of our success, whose contributions give us the capability to continue. You can contribute on our website or with a check.

A very special thank you to Jonathan Butzke, owner of Talking Circle Media, who has volunteered to video record this and most inductions of the AKWHOF, all of which you can view on our web site. We would not have the ceremony that you are watching tonight without him!

Thank you to our volunteer Board of Directors who manage the web site, participate in selection, writing and proofing the biographies, maintaining communications with inductees and their families, preparing the program, raising money and planning this annual celebration.

Thank you for joining us,

Pamela Kendrick

President, on behalf of the AKWHOF Board of Directors



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*Alumna





Vera Alexander

Achievement in: Marine Science

Researcher, administrator, ambassador--externally define Vera Alexander. But pianist, lover of animals, and outdoors adventurer also define her as did beloved mother and grandmother.

Born in Hungary of Jewish and Catholic parents, young Alexander and her family fled to rural wartime England in 1939. She and her family emigrated to the United States after the war. Her English education and social refinement characterized the rest of her life.

She began her university education, initially at the University of Wisconsin Madison, then at the University of Alaska where she became the first female Ph.D.

Alexander married UW Madison fellow student Richard "Dick" Dugdale. They went on to have two children, Graham Dugdale and Elizabeth Dugdale.

Her scientific interest in marine science began investigating water in Smith Lake on the UAF campus, followed by tundra water at the Toolik Research Station, and then Bering Sea ocean water. She was instrumental in the creation of the Seward-based, ice-strengthened research vessel "Sikuliaq" (Inupiaq for "young sea ice") for North Pacific marine sciences research.

Alexander played a significant ambassadorial role in establishing national and international marine science policies.

With dignity and grace, Alexander crashed "ice ceilings" and proved to be a model for not only women in science, but also female academic administrators. She opened the door to research laboratories and ships which previously would not accept women.

Her international stature was acknowledged by invitations to pursue her interests as a visiting professor at the University of Turku, Finland, and at the National Institute of Polar Research, Tokyo, Japan.

In retirement, Alexander loved her horses and animal-rescue pets and practiced piano as Dvorak's "Hungarian Dances" wafted through the air.

Attesting to her cultivated taste, Alexander was also elected as a Fellow in the Academy of Malt Scotch Whisky in 1980.





Carol Esse (Beery) Davis

Achievement in: Music and Poetry

Carol Beery was born in Hicksville, Ohio on September 15, 1890. At nine, Davis began to play the piano and write poetry, both becoming lifelong passions.

After moving to Seattle, she began teaching and played the organ in churches and silent movies. In 1920, she was offered a temporary position as a silent movie organist in Juneau. She took the job and never looked back!

Davis taught piano and organ to generations of Juneau children. She became the organist for the Northern Light Presbyterian Church, playing there for about 35 years.

She became interested in Tlingit music, and believing it might be lost, worked with Russian priest, Reverend A.P. Kashevaroff to transcribe Tlingit songs. This culminated first in the book "Songs of the Totem" and later "Totem Echoes."

Davis wrote and published several books of poetry and music. Her poems describe the love and awe she felt for Alaska and its magnificent beauty: Alaska Driftwood, Home is North, and Fiber Grass. She also published Aurora Images, a compilation of Alaskan songs and compositions, and her autobiography, Northwind Rhapsody. She wrote the second verse to the Alaska State Song which acknowledges Alaska's indigenous cultures.

Davis was founder and president of the Alaska Poetry Society, a member of Juneau Creative Writers, and a member and officer of the National League of Pen Women in America, Juneau Branch. She was Alaska's Poet Laureate from 1967-1969.

By the 1970s, the organ that Davis played when she first arrived in Juneau sat in disrepair in the old Palace Theatre. She helped organize the "Save the Organ Committee" to raise money for repairs. Thanks to these efforts, the organ now sits in the main lobby of the State Office Building.

Carol Beery Davis passed away on July 19, 1990, just two months shy of turning 100. 🌙



Tina Marie (Davis) DeLapp

Achievement in: Health Care Education

Tina DeLapp always wanted to be a nurse. She earned a nursing diploma and undergraduate and graduate degrees plus a doctorate in higher education.


Clinical nursing roles included staff positions in Arizona and Alaska, including a year training Alaska Native health aides.

DeLapp's most significant impact as a nurse educator occurred at UAA, where she spearheaded the doubling of UAA nursing enrollments and the delivery of nursing education to community campuses across Alaska and established Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives in Nursing (RRANN) to ensure an Alaska nursing workforce qualified to meet the health needs of all Alaskans.

Professionally active regionally and nationally, she served on the Alaska Board of Nursing, as a nursing program accreditation evaluator, a consultant to nursing enrollment and expansion grant projects in the Southwest U.S., an abstract and grant proposal reviewer for regional and international nursing societies, and participated in creating the Clinical Nurse Leader Role by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Honored as the first Alaska inducted into the American Academy of Nursing, she received Emeritus Status from AACN, the Western Institute of Nursing and UAA.

After retiring from UAA in 2004, she joined the Anchorage League of Women Voters Board, becoming an enthusiastic Voter Registrar at naturalization ceremonies and in high school government classes.

DeLapp continues to be professionally active, staying involved in professional nursing organizations and spearheading the creation of the UAA Nursing Endowed Scholarship. She regularly reviews health-related books, abstracts, and grant proposals. Her most recent publication, a chapter in a Transcultural Nursing text, will appear later in 2024!

Still committed to her initial career as a practicing nurse, in 2021 she was thrilled to administer vaccinations to control the COVID pandemic. Interviewed about her vaccination activities, DeLapp replied, "Being a nurse is who I am." 



Barbara Jean Doty

Achievement in: Healthcare, Community Development, Education

Barbara Doty is a pioneer in Alaska's healthcare landscape, co-founding the Alaska Family Medicine Residency Program to address the state's need for primary care physicians.

A resident of the Mat-Su Valley for 38 years, she has been a champion for expanding community health resources and a dedicated medical educator. Born to Jack and Jean Doty, Barbara grew up in Vancouver, Washington, where her family ran Viewcrest Nurseries. Her upbringing in a rural setting, combined with her family's strong work ethic and community engagement, shaped her values and passions.

Doty graduated as Valedictorian from Evergreen High School in 1973 and from Washington State University in 1977. Her journey into healthcare began in Seattle's University District, where she worked in crisis response, gaining invaluable experience in integrating physical and behavioral health into a holistic care model. In 1978, Doty traveled to Alaska for the first time as a University of Washington School of Medicine student. Despite the challenging conditions, she fell in love with the state, leading her to pursue a Master's in Public Health. After completing her Family Medicine residency in 1985, she returned to Alaska to practice. Doty's personal life is equally rich. She met her husband, John Eshleman, in 1986 and together they built a life in the Mat-Su Valley, raising four children and growing their respective businesses. Their shared passion for aviation led them to establish their home on Wolf Lake Airport, where they developed a thriving aviation community.

Doty sees herself as a lifelong learner, mentor, and innovator. She has been instrumental in numerous healthcare and community initiatives; holding leadership roles in various healthcare organizations, nationally and internationally. Barbara Doty's legacy is one of relentless advocacy, education, and community service – making her a true pillar of healthcare and community development in Alaska. 🌍



JYOTSNA "JO" (LaI) HECKMAN

Achievement In: Business, Education, Community Development, Advocacy

Jyotsna "Jo" Heckman arrived in Alaska from India at 17. Her journey through college and career paved the way for her life-long commitment to Interior Alaska and the state of Alaska.

She has a distinguished career in banking culminating in becoming the first female CEO/bank president in Alaska's history by serving as President/CEO of Denali State Bank from 2003-2012.

She obtained a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Master's in Business Administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She spent her early banking career learning the banking operations all over Alaska from Juneau to Seward to Utqiagvik.

Heckman had the opportunity to start a bank in 1985 and became a charter member of the startup, Denali State Bank. She worked at the bank helping grow it and moving up the ladder of increasing responsibilities and positions. She was its second employee when it began in 1985, and as Chief Operating Officer she and the bank president pulled the bank into existence during the largest economic downturn in Alaska's recent history. Heckman spent decades building the bank into a major asset for the community of Fairbanks.

In 2011, she was appointed to serve on the University of Alaska Board of Regents for an eight-year term, chairing the Board of Regents for two years.

Recently, Heckman has started putting energy and time in advocating for sustainable agriculture in Alaska – reducing the reliance on food that is shipped from Outside. She works with many entities that are working on addressing food security in Interior Alaska. Heckman shares the stories and challenges faced by farmers in her podcast, Jo's Table Alaska, which highlights the hard work of farmers and the many challenges of growing our own food with a short season and cold climate.

Heckman is married to Steve Heckman, and they have two son. 



Janis Johnson

Achievement in: Community Advocacy for Social Services and Education

Janis Johnson is respected and active in making the small town of Valdez a caring, supportive community for everyone

She arrived there in 1982 to teach human services at Prince William Sound Community College, teaching there for 23 years. Her Disability Services program was delivered statewide through UAA's Center for Human Development. In 1995, Johnson helped organize Horizons Unlimited, one of the first community support organizations in Valdez, to help people with developmental disabilities get essential services. She served on the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education that advised the Department of Health and Social Services on necessary services for disabled individuals and on standards for high-quality services. While on the council, Johnson worked on policies to help disabled individuals move out of institutions and have access to critical services in their communities. Johnson became involved with the Valdez, Copper River Basin and Prince William Sound region nonprofit Advocates for Victims of Violence in 2004. Serving on the Board of Directors and as treasurer, Johnson has worked for sustainable funding for a shelter in Valdez and funds to help victims get to the shelter, get into safe houses, and connect with counseling and legal assistance services. She has promoted prevention of violence programs for schools. Ever the teacher, Johnson served on the Valdez School Board, and has been a member of the Valdez Emblem Club that raises funds to support youth activities and community projects and annually award over \$10,000 in scholarships. Johnson cares about people and believes in working for her community. She is a powerful, effective advocate for those with developmental disabilities and victims of violence and sexual assault. Johnson wants young people to have educational opportunities to develop skills and find rewarding careers. Through her teaching and involvement with service organizations, Johnson has been inspiring. 🌍

Rhonda McBride

Achievement in: Journalism



Over the airwaves and into the heart of Alaska. For decades, Rhonda McBride's comforting voice has floated across the Alaskan tundra, over its massive mountains and down its swift rivers.

She has reported on great achievements that affect the lives of everyday Alaskans, personal triumphs of the state's peoples, and communities' deep tragedies.

All the while, she has stayed objective and compassionate – the journalist's gold-standard.

To sit with her at a café in Anchorage is a taste of sitting with a rock star, because people come up and thank her for her stories, a personal award for a job well done.

And to talk with her is to be awed by her knowledge of the state and its history in its diversity and depth.

“My father, Henry Earl McBride, in his heart of hearts, always wanted to be a writer,” McBride said. “But he was one of nine children in a hardscrabble Kentucky family that survived off cutting timber and growing food for themselves. In family photos, none of the children wore shoes.”

Her father met her mother, Hiroko Ito, while in Japan during the Korean War. “She was the youngest of 10, and World War II disrupted her education,” McBride said. “She wanted more than anything for me to have the advantages that she and my father did not.”

At six or seven, her daily ritual was to read out loud to her mother. “She was so patient and loving,” McBride said. “Even though she spoke broken English, it was her loving presence that encouraged me to read with expression – perhaps the seeds of my broadcast career.”

McBride moved to Alaska in 1960 with her family. Driving up the Alcan Highway, every mile or so, she said, “I drove my father crazy, asking, ‘When will we get to Alaska?’” 🌕



Nellie Ann “Iriqtaq” (Ward) Moore

Achievement in: Journalism

Alaska and the nation lost a journalistic and cultural icon when Nellie Ann “Iriqtaq” (Ward) Moore left this world on January 31, 2024.

Moore is being honored for decades of award-winning achievement in state and national journalism and for addressing the need to connect remote communities to news and information long before the term ‘news deserts’ became common. Born and raised in the Northwest Arctic community of Kotzebue, Moore’s parents were Ed and Ada Ward. Ada was Inupiaq and Ward’s Inupiaq name was Iriqtaq. Her early work managing the KOTZ newsroom elevated Alaska Native stories when little to no attention was paid to Native issues in the media. She was fearless about telling the truth, often correcting the record on Alaska Native people, their rights and culture.

The reach and effectiveness of her work, both in Alaska and across the nation as host and producer of National Native News and then Independent Native News made her a journalist of great prominence. People would often stop her in public and smile as they repeated her well known signoff - "I'm Nellie Moore." She handled this celebrity with humility and even people who were in awe were immediately at ease.

Moore loved her family immensely, and even in her busy life, made time for the people she loved.

She is survived by her brother Ed Ward Jr.; sister Lenora Ward; husband Greg Moore; son David Moore and daughter Elizabeth Cravalho; grandchildren Dylan, Blair and Alika.

She was honored by the Alaska Press Club’s Public Service Award in 1984 and 1986; Native American Journalist Association’s Wassaja Award in 2001; University of Oregon’s Ancil Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism also in 2001. Posthumously awarded the Alaska Press Club’s First Amendment Award and the 2024 Indigenous Journalists Association-Medill Milestone Achievement Award. 🌍



Mary Anita Nordale

Achievement in: Politics, Law, Native Rights

Mary Nordale has made significant contributions to Alaska society, history, and politics at scales from the local (especially Juneau and Fairbanks), to the state of Alaska, and the United States.

Mary Anita Nordale

She was born in 1934 to Katherine and Alton Nordale. When her father perished in an airplane crash, Katherine raised her and brother Jim, assisted greatly by family friends Bob and Vide Bartlett.

Nordale considers embedding the “corporation” concept in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, her greatest achievement. In the 1950s-60s as Alaska became an oil state, the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed establishing reservations to protect Native rights. However, in the Lower-48 reservations had not stimulated economic development. Arriving in Washington, DC to work in the Congress, she attended law school at nights and studied business law. She learned that corporations were

independent operators, easily managing lands and money. When leadership asked the Alaska delegation to prepare draft legislation, Nordale did quiet work to convince staff and political leaders of the superiority of state-chartered corporations to the stewardship model. Since then, Native corporations have impacted everyone in Alaska (and multinational resource corporations too).

In Alaska, Nordale was a leading force in the Frank initiative (1982), calling for a popular vote before moving the state capitol from Juneau to Willow. She served on the Alaska Reapportionment Board in 1983, and then from 1984 to 1986 she was Commissioner of Revenue in the Sheffield Administration.

At the local level, Nordale developed the Fairbanks Resource Agency with two others in the 1960s as a nonprofit (to deal with problems of the Fairbanks 1967 flood). She has been a member of several community organizations (e.g., College Rotary). In 2018 she campaigned for and won a seat on the Interior Gas Utility (IGU).

In all of these capacities Nordale has been a dedicated problem solver.





Viola “Vi” Waghiyi

Achievement in: Environmental Justice in the Arctic

Born on Sivuqaq Island in the Bering Sea, Vi Waghiyi was a shy girl from a large, loving family that lived a subsistence lifestyle near a military defense site from the 1950's.

When her family moved to Nome in the 1960's, she was taunted for being Alaska Native and not speaking English. Racism hit her hard. She masked pain with alcohol and drugs and at 18, ran away from Alaska. In 1985, Waghiyi's father was diagnosed with a rare liver disease, so Waghiyi moved home. After witnessing half of her family members get sick with cancer and reading an article linking the diseases to PCB toxins from the military site on Sivuqaq, she took action by taking a job with Alaska Community Action on Toxics. Even though Waghiyi had no experience and lacked a college degree, she kept a dictionary on her desk looking up things word by word as she read scientific journals, medical reports and studies relating to illness-causing toxics in the Arctic. She herself, suffered 3 miscarriages and cancer and witnessed the loss of her parents, siblings and community members to toxin-exposure related illnesses.

Over the last 22 years, Waghiyi has become known as the “call-out grandma” and an expert on indigenous health issues, toxins and climate changes affecting people of the Arctic. She is an international speaker and co-authored work for the National Institute of Health, the United Nations and the International Pollutants Elimination Network and was recently re-appointed by President Biden to the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

Waghiyi is married to Tom Rouse. Between them they have six sons, 13 grandchildren and are currently raising a grandson.

Her inspiration comes from her late mentor Annie Alowa who famously said, “I will fight until I melt,” a motto adopted by Waghiyi in Alowa's honor. 🌍

Honored Alumna

From the arts and humanities to business and public policy, our alums represent our communities' diversity and outstanding achievements.

Here are the 235 women who make the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame

Aanes, Audrey 2012
Abraham, Elaine 2011
Adams, Alberta Daisy 2010
Alexander, Vera 2024
Alowa, Annie Aghnaqa 2016
Anderson, Monica 2020
Andrews, Eleanor 2014
Andrewuk, Changunak Antisarloo
"Sinrock Mary" 2009
Angvik, Jane 2014
Athanas, Reyne 2020
Atwood, Evangeline 2009
Becker, Adelheid "Micky" 2023
Belcher, Dixie 2017
Beltz, Arne 2013
Bergt, Laura Mae 2015
Berner, Barbara 2022
Bersch, Gretchen 2012
Bitter, Daisy Lee 2015
Black, Lydia 2009
Blanchard, Virginia 2019
Blumenstein, Rita 2009
Boochever, Connie 2012
Brady, Judith "Judy" 2013
Branson, Pat 2022
Brown, Alice 2010
Brown, Carolyn 2023
Brown, Daphne 2013
Brown, Mary Kathryn "Kay" 2017
Brown, Tikasuk "Emily" 2009
Buchholdt, Thelma 2009
Bullock, Edith 2009
Butcher, Susan 2009
Carlo, Poldine 2018
Carroll, Marie Qaqaun 2019
Cashman, Ellen "Nellie" 2009
Clark, Orah Dee 2009
Clay, L. Arlene "Buddy" 2015
Comeau, Carol 2009
Covington, Carolyn 2013
Coyle, Agnes 2021
Crawford Milner, Brideen 2021
Crittenden, Katharine "Kit" 2011
Crosson, Marvel 2009
Crumb, Jeanmarie 2018
Cuddy, Betti 2011
Cuddy, Lucy Evelyn 2015
Curda, Linda 2021
D'Amico, Victoria "Vicki" 2023
Dalton, Kathleen Michael "Mike" 2016
Darlin, Marie 2015
Dauenhauer, Nora Marks 2010
Davis, Bettye 2010
Davis, Carol Esse (Beery) 2024
Davis, Etheldra "Thel" Sampson 2022
de Laguna, Frederica 2018
Delapp, Tina Marie (Davis) 2024
Dickerson, Mahala Ashley 2009
Doty, Barbara Jean 2024
Dunham, Beverly 2014
Easley, Paula 2017
Egan, Neva 2009
Eliassen, Sarah 2020
Elsner, Elizabeth 2017
Epperson, Mary Laurie 2018
Fabe, Dana 2009
Fanning, Kay 2009
Farnsworth, Dolly 2015
Fate, Mary Jane 2014
Ferguson, April 2020
Fischer, Helen 2009
Fleischer, Nan Elaine "Lanie" 2011

Floyd, Carolyn 2012
Flynn, Heather 2019
Fraser, Shirley Heeter 2022
Frey, Lucy 2009
Goodman, Margaret "Norma" 2020
Green, Alice Stevenson 2018
Gross, Ann "Nancy" 2020
Grummett, Karleen 2020
Guinn, Nora Venes 2009
Haaland, Dorothy Awes 2009
Harada, Hiroko 2023
Harper, Sandra "Sandy" 2016
Harrison, Lorene 2009
Hartz, Lynn 2021
Hatcher, Cornelia 2009
Heath, Hazel 2010
Heckman, Jyotsna "Jo" (Lal) 2024
Helms, Juanita Lou 2016
Hensley, Abigale "Abbe" 2019
Hermann, Mildred Robinson 2009
Hickel, Ermalee 2021
Hitchins, Diddy 2013
Hoffman, Beverly "Kikikaaq" 2019
Holloway, Shirley 2010
Hood, Barbara Joan 2021
Hope, Lucile 2021
Horning, Lorrie Louise 2018
Hout, Joerene Savikko 2011
Howard, Frances 2009
Hudson, Wilda 2012
Hughes, Mary K. 2019
Hunt, Karen L. 2013
Hunter, Celia 2009
Hurley, Katie 2009
Hurst, Joan 2013
Isabell, Dorothy 2023
Itta-Lee, Brenda Tiggausina 2022
James, Sarah Agnes 2009
Jefford, Ruth 2009
Jenne, Crystal Brilliant 2016
John, Katie 2014
Johnson, Ada 2023
Johnson, Janis 2024

Johnson, Margy K. 2016
Johnson, Marlene 2010
Johnstone, Alice 2015
Jones, Carolyn 2012
Jones, Dorothy 2013
Jones, Eliza 2016
Jones, Jewell 2013
Jonrowe, Dee Dee Ann 2022
Joyce, Mary 2013
Kaplan, Diane 2023
Keats, Della 2009
Kellogg, Louise 2012
King, Mary Lou 2018
Kull, Alice Dove 2015
Lahdenpera, V. Kay 2014
Langdon, Thelma 2013
Lanier, Anne 2016
Lawer, Elizabeth "Betsy" 2019
Leask, Janie 2014
Lewis, Lena Morrow 2010
Lincoln, Georgianna 2010
Linton, Kay Muriel 2014
Lowe, Margaret 2018
Lund, Ethel 2010
MacLean, Edna 2018
Marston, Wilda 2009
McBride, Rhonda 2024
McCabe, Janet 2016
McSmith, Blanche 2009
Meade, Marie 2015
Mears, Jennifer "Jane" 2020
Metcalf, Vera K. 2019
Michalski, Jo 2016
Moore, Nellie Ann "Iriqtaq" (Ward) 2024
Morgan, Emily 2013
Morgan, Lael 2011
Moulton, Ruth E. 2013
Mullen, Marge 2010
Mullen, Peggy 2020
Munoz, Rie 2009
Murie, Margaret 2021
Murkowski, Lisa 2009
Nash, Marie Matsuno 2013

Navitsky, Mary Anne 2023
 Neakok, Sadie 2009
 Newell, S Anne
 Niebergall, Jane 2014
 Nienhueser, Helen 2010
 Nordale, Katherine 2009
 Nordale, Mary Anita 2024
 Ost, Ruth Elin Hall 2011
 Owens, Tennys Thornton 2017
 Page, Dorothy 2018
 Palin, Sarah 2009
 Paneok, Ellen 2012
 Parent, Elizabeth "Betty" 2017
 Parker, Rebecca 2022
 Peratrovich, Elizabeth 2009
 Perdue, Karen 2022
 Pete, Mary Ciuniq 2019
 Peterson, Leah Webster 2011
 Petrie, Esther 2023
 Petrivelli, Alice 2016
 Phillips, Ramona Gail 2015
 Poulson, Sandy 2020
 Pratt, Verna E. 2009
 Pugh, Margaret 2019
 Rasmuson, Cathryn "Cathy" 2017
 Rasmuson, Mary Louise 2009
 Richards, Sharon 2012
 Riddles, Libby 2023
 Ridgway, Michelle "Mish" 2018
 Roberts, Cindy 2021
 Roderick, Martha 2011
 Rofkar, Teri May 2017
 Rose, Beatrice "Bea" 2018
 Rose, Frances Helaine 2020
 Rowan, Irene 2012
 Rudd, Lisa 2009
 Ruddy, Susan 2012
 Rutherford, Martha "Marty" 2023
 Ryan, Irene 2009
 Sargento, Elsa Malapit 2017
 Schaible, Grace Berg 2010
 Schmidt, Ruth Anne Marie 2015
 Scott, Jo Ryman 2010
 Scott, Nell 2010
 Selkregg, Lidia 2009
 Seller, Kathryn Dyakanoff 2017
 Shelikof, Natalya 2009
 Sisters of Providence 2009
 Slajer, Judith Anne "Judi" 2020
 Smith, Barbara Sweetland 2014
 Solomon, Hannah 2009
 Staten, Shirley Mae 2016
 Stevens, Ann Mary 2015
 Sturgulewski, Arliss 2009
 Swan, Clare 2011
 Swartz, Carol 2017
 Sweeney, Dora 2009
 Sydnam, Nancy 2016
 Taylor, Francine Lastufka 2014
 Thomas, Mary Taylor "Tay" 2010
 Tileston, Peg 2010
 Toomey, Sheila 2022
 Tower, Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" 2010
 Ulmer, Fran 2009
 Utter, Pauline 2012
 von Zesch, Leonie 2012
 Voth, Elvira 2015
 Waghiyi, Viola "Vi" 2024
 Warden, Mary Ann 2021
 Whaley, Helen Stoddard 2011
 Wien, Ada 2009
 Wohlforth, Caroline 2011
 Wolf, Patricia B. 2011
 Wolfe, Gertrude M. 2014
 Wood, Virginia Hill "Ginny" 2010
 Worl, Rosita 2012
 Wright, Roxanna 2022
 Wunnicke, Esther 2009

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Alaska Women's Hall of Fame

Special Announcement

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame (AKWHOF) is dedicated to honoring, in perpetuity, women whose contributions have influenced the direction of Alaska in any field, including but not limited to the arts, athletics, business, community service, conservation, education, government, Native affairs, philanthropy, politics, theology and science, among others.

The AKWHOF is excited to announce the addition of a History Category to our program. Through their contributions, these women of history have played a crucial role in highlighting the stories and experiences that have shaped the state's past.

By honoring their contributions, the Hall of Fame continues to showcase the diverse and remarkable women who left an indelible mark on the historical narrative of Alaska.

This exciting expansion ensures that the AKWHOF remains a comprehensive tribute to the outstanding women who have influenced the direction of Alaska.

**SAVE THE DATE! Nominations for the
Class of 2025 Open Oct. 16, 2024.**