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Featured Story:

The UAF School of Management (SOM) student organization Native Alaskan Business Leaders (NABL) attended the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) national conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., taking home first place for the business plan competition and winning Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row.

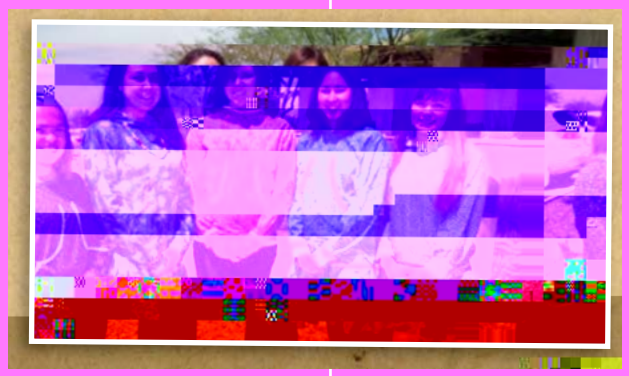
AIBL is dedicated to empowering business students. Every year AIBL hosts a national conference where student groups compete in a business plan competition. The goal is to prepare students for business and entrepreneurship opportunities they may face in their future.

NABL president Sarah Walker and her fellow teammates Jerica Aamodt, DeAnne Lincoln, Tayesia Nick, and Yorise Olson presented their business plan titled, "Yukon Native Treasures," winning first place. A panel of entrepreneurs, financial professionals, educators, and tribal leaders judged the business plan. The NABL plan included financial analysis, detailed management and marketing information in addition to samples of Native art work that would be produced as part of the business. Besides the writing requirement, students were also scored on their oral presentation.

NABL was also recognized as the Chapter of the Year after showcasing their past, present and future activities. Chapters are judged on leadership, integration of Native culture, community service projects, fundraising e□orts, and overall presentation skills.

NABL is involved with other activities throughout the year and focused its time serving the communities where members live. The students collected toiletries and other items for the Fairbanks women's shelter, and one member, Jerica Aamodt, who attends school through online classes, taught high school students in Barrow how to make baby mukluks.

Next year, this student organization plans to help homeless youth in the Fairbanks area and provide them with materials they need to be more comfortable.



> Joining NABL helps me prepare for life after college and has inspired me to be a role model for others.

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