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## **Alaska Pacific University and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium partner to transform Alaska Native workforce development**

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Today, the Alaska Pacific University (APU) Board of Trustees approved a proposal by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) to enter into a collaborative partnership and took initial steps in a transition towards a tribal college designation.

APU Board Chair Harry McDonald stated, “The Consortium demonstrated serious and sustained commitment to working collaboratively with APU and other tribal partners to revitalize APU and enhance our longstanding collaboration on leadership development and workforce programs. Today, we have committed to taking the next steps to working more closely together to enhance and expand existing programs.”

Board Trustee and long-time education supporter Ed Rasmuson, stated, “The partnership will strengthen and expand opportunities for future generations of Alaska Native people and Alaskans seeking workforce development opportunities. More students will be able to stay in Alaska during their education and training and transition more easily into Alaska’s workforce. The partnership is an important investment in the university’s future.”

Andy Teuber, ANTHC Chairman and President said, "The Consortium looks forward to assisting APU to deliver programs and curriculum that specifically address health care and other community-based needs in partnership with those most directly impacted." Teuber added, “We see significant potential to revitalize APU, while making it more supportive of our mission to provide the highest quality health services in partnership with our people and the Alaska Tribal Health System.”

Board Chair Harry McDonald stated, “This partnership enhances the legacy of our founder, Peter Gordon Gould’s vision and invests in Alaska’s future.” An Aleut from the village of Unga, Gould was the first Alaska Native minister in the United Methodist Church. Gould recognized a strong need “for indigenous leadership...educated and trained in Alaska for Alaska.” His vision and commitment to Alaska Native people are reflected in this initiative.

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**About Alaska Pacific University**

Our Mission: A small private liberal arts and sciences university providing personalized, experiential, hands-on instruction “in the field” with Alaska as its primary classroom. Our Vision: A leading active learning community igniting personal passion, self-discovery, and deep learning. For more information, please visit [www.alaskapacific.edu](http://www.alaskapacific.edu).

**About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is a not-for-profit Tribal health organization managed by Alaska Native Tribal governments and their regional health organizations. ANTHC provides statewide services in specialty medical care; construction of water, sanitation and health facilities; community health and research; telehealth and information technology. For more information, please visit [www.anthc.org](http://www.anthc.org).