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### **Ilisagvik College Recognizes BP's generosity in contributing over \$1 million towards post-secondary education on the North Slope.**

**(December, 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 Utqiagvik/Barrow, Alaska)** During the December Ilisagvik Board of Directors meeting, Ilisagvik College presented BP Alaska with a plaque thanking them for over a decade of support to the college. As of spring 2018, BP has contributed over \$1million to the college for programs that help the local workforce acquire the skills needed for employment opportunities available to them. BP has contributed to such classes as OSHA, CDL classes, Water Treatment Certification, Welding and Water/Wastewater Operations. BP has also contributed to the Allied Health Program.

College President Dr. Pearl Brower added, "Having BP as such a strong and dependable partner for our programming efforts has been wonderful. BP's contributions over the years have allowed us to reach far and wide with our Workforce Development (WFD) and Vocational Education programs. There are people working all over the Slope who might not even realize that they have the skill to do their job because of BP funding for the class they took. I am thrilled that our college board was able to recognize the wonderful contributions of BP over the past ten years. I hope we have many, many more years together of supporting post-secondary education on the Slope."

"BP's contributions have supported students earning the credentials needed for today's employment opportunities," Arth Brown III, Dean of Vocational Education & Workforce Development. All BP funding is used for direct programming. BP's contributions have helped Ilisagvik's WFD and Vocational Education programs flourish all over the North Slope and throughout Alaska.

### **About Ilisagvik College**

Located in the northernmost point of Alaska, Ilisagvik College is a two-year accredited tribal college that provides quality post-secondary academic, vocational and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iñupiat culture, language, values and traditions. Ilisagvik College is a public, non-profit organization. If you wish to donate to Ilisagvik, your donation is tax deductible.

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