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Rasmuson Foundation supports Ilisaġvik College with a \$250,000 grant

Ilisaġvik College is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$250,000 Rasmuson Foundation grant to support heavy equipment for the Career and Technical Education program.

Heavy Equipment Operations is one of our most requested trainings by local employers and it is popular with our students. Glenn Robbins, Associate Professor of Heavy Equipment Operation and CDL, said the new heavy equipment vehicles will, “give students experience on new equipment so they can meet the current industry standards.” This grant will help ensure that we have all the instructional equipment our students need to earn their licensure and enter the workforce.

Ilisaġvik College President, Justina Wilhelm, said, “We are immensely proud of our Career and Technical Education programs and are grateful to the Rasmuson Foundation for their support. This new equipment will allow us to train a cutting-edge workforce for the North Slope and the rest of Alaska.”

The \$250,000 granted to Ilisaġvik College was part of nearly \$9 million in approved grants supporting a total of 25 projects, by the Rasmuson Foundation announced on June 30, 2022. Two of the grants were awarded to organizations within the North Slope: one to Ilisaġvik College and the other to the Arctic Slope Native Association.

About Ilisaġvik College

Ilisaġvik College is Alaska’s only tribal college and is located in the northernmost village in the United States, Utqiaġvik (formerly Barrow). Ilisaġvik College provides quality post-secondary academic, vocational, and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iñupiat culture, language, values and traditions. It is dedicated to serving its students and developing a well-educated and trained workforce who meet the human resource needs of North Slope employers and the state of Alaska.

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About Rasmuson Foundation

Rasmuson Foundation aims to promote a better life for all Alaskans. Main funding areas are solutions to homelessness, health care, the arts, organizational and community development and human services including projects to address domestic violence, child abuse and services

for seniors and people with disabilities. The Foundation was created in 1955 by Jenny Rasmuson, a Swedish missionary, to honor her late husband, banker E.A. Rasmuson.

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