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Quintillion Increases Bandwidth Donation to Greatly Increase Internet Speed and Capacity at Iḷisaġvik College

Quintillion, headquartered in Anchorage, AK, has partnered with Alaska Communications to generously increase Quintillion’s existing donation by 50 Mbps in bandwidth to Iḷisaġvik College, Alaska’s only tribal college, located in Utqiaġvik on the North Slope of Alaska. With this increase, Quintillion will donate a total of 125 Mbps in bandwidth a year.

Quintillion started donating bandwidth to Iḷisaġvik College in 2019, expanding the College’s bandwidth from 10 to 50 Mbps. Since then, Quintillion has increased their bandwidth donation between 35 - 50 Mbps yearly. Their in-kind donation meets a huge need for Iḷisaġvik’s students, faculty, and staff members by greatly improving our internet speed.

“This partnership with Iḷisaġvik College and the community of Utqiaġvik is critically important to us. We understand the kind of impact having access to high-speed internet can have on students, faculty, and staff and as the only Tribal College in Alaska and one of the few in the U.S.,” said George Tronsrue III, Quintillion CEO. “Quintillion’s mission is to connect more Alaskans to each other and the rest of the world. We’re honored to help power the connections that weave Iḷisaġvik College’s success story.”

Justina Wilhelm, President of Iḷisaġvik College, is immensely grateful for Quintillion’s donation, and what it means for Iḷisaġvik students. “Quintillion’s contribution covers 75% of our internet cost. This donation has been monumental for our students and staff. As President, I am appreciative of Quintillion’s ongoing support and their ongoing communication to ensure they are meeting our college's needs.”

Iḷisaġvik College is grateful to Quintillion for its donation. Residing in arctic Alaska can pose infrastructure challenges for any organization, but Quintillion’s generosity has helped remove the cost burden of faster internet connectivity, and thus improved learning accessibility for Iḷisaġvik College students.



About Ilisaġvik College

Ilisaġvik College is Alaska's only tribal college and is located in the northernmost village in the United States, Utqiagvik (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.

About Quintillion

Quintillion is a private global communications corporation located in Anchorage, AK. Quintillion built and operates a subsea and terrestrial high-speed fiber optic cable system that spans the Alaskan Arctic and connects to the lower 48 using other existing networks. The three-phase Quintillion Subsea Cable System is ultimately intended to connect Asia to Western Europe via the southern portion of the Northwest Passage through the Alaska and Canadian Arctic.

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