



Ms. Galvin is a lifelong Alaskan. Her family first came up to Alaska to serve in World War II. She grew up here in "a diverse Alaskan family of builders, butchers, bankers, mechanics, misfits and outlaws."

She started working when she was eight years old, and never stopped. She went outside for education, earning a degree in political science from University of California San Diego. She worked her way through college with a variety of jobs including copy shop manager, health care worker and waitress.

She returned to Alaska with her husband to start a family and went on to raise four wonderful children in Alaska. As a new mom, she taught in community school and was a substitute teacher in K-12 classes. She's also owned two small businesses and managed a large hotel.

With experience expanding early childhood education for Alaskan kids at the public-private partnership Best Beginnings, she went on to serve Alaskans under the leadership of two governors to improve the state's public schools.

In 2014, frustrated by years of education underfunding and facing renewed threats to public schools, she joined a small group of parents to resist new budget cuts. From that small beginning, Great Alaska Schools grew into a grassroots force of thousands across the state, forcing lawmakers to take our demands seriously, restore funding, and act to improve public education.

She has spent her entire life bringing people together to solve problems, fighting for our communities and standing up for Alaska's future.

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Michael Kaplan holds a PhD in educational leadership and policy and specializes in outdoor education. He serves on the board of the Denali Education Center and Pacific Northern Academy. He is an associate professor of outdoor studies at Alaska Pacific University, where he has served on the faculty since 2008.

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Ms. John is an Associate Professor in the UAF Center for Cross-Cultural Studies. She has authored numerous academic articles and a co-author of a book *Yup'ik Yuraryarit: Yup'ik Ways of Dancing* and has presented her work at dozens of local, national, and international professional conferences. Dr. John currently serves on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education and the International Indigenous Women's Forum. She is a former member of the Alaskan State Council Arts and the former Chair of the Traditional Native Arts Panel. She is also the recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Humanities Educator Award and Alaska State Library Award. Dr. John received her B.S., M.Ed., and Ph.D. from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

As an advocate for Native education, she is highly involved in various organizations and projects that promote traditional Native culture, history, spirituality, language and education. Among John's many affiliations, she is involved in the University Alaska Native and Language Committee, Alaska Native Education and Computer Assisted Language Learning project. She is a member of the National Indian Education Association and a former member of the Statewide Bilingual Multicultural Education Council, Alaska Association for Bilingual Education, Alaska Native Heritage Center Project, Qayaqs and Canoes, Paddling into the Millennium Selection Committee, and Alaska Rural Systemic Initiative. John has extensive performing experience, including several Yup'ik Traditional Dance Groups and her one woman show *Yup'ik Arnaq*. She is the founder of the Nunarpak Dancers at Alaska Pacific University, the Annual Cama-i Dance Festival in Bethel, the Inu-Yupiaq student Dancer Group at University of Alaska, Fairbanks, co-founder of the Tuma Theatre, and participated in the development of the Festival of Native Arts. John has performed all over the world, in festivals in Greenland, Greece, France, Russia, the Far East and Peru.

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