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Hello, My name is Callie Conerton.

I am a lifelong Alaskan and was born and raised in Juneau. In High School I went on a Rotary Youth Exchange to Germany. It was in Germany that I realized that I not only wanted to pursue Education as my career but I wanted to make Alaska my forever home.

I picked Juneau as the University of Alaska for me as I loved the small classrooms, the tight knit group of students and the direct access to the community of Juneau. It was the real deal and I was not paying to be just a student in the classroom or a person paying the fees. I was paying into my education and my future as a individual alaskan.

Due to the generous funding from the state of alaska the University of alaska has offered me the chance to be able to pay for my own education without having to go into debt or take out any loans.

I have had great experiences with all of my teachers and they know who I am, my story and I am not just contributor to their paycheck.

The staff at the University has helped me with my drive towards my educational goals and has provided the support that I need to succeed. They are there for the students with every need, disabilities, counseling, advising, medical aid, or even someone to talk to about their day.

An amazing factor of the University is that anyone can further their education, with a class, a certificate, or a degree.

It is important to continue to educate alaskans.

I currently serve as UAS Juneau Campus Student Body President and serve on the Coalition of Student Leaders for the University of Alaska Statewide System.

I am honored to be a voice for the students.

It is with this honor, I ask you to support University of Alaska's students. They are the ones that will be changing this state in the future and making a difference in their alaskan communities

Education is our future and we would love your generous support once again. Thank you for your time and your service to Alaskans.

Sent from my iPhone