



NATIVE CONSERVANCY

Thanking Evelyn Arce-Erickson for her service

Native Conservancy (NC) is grateful to Evelyn Arce-Erickson for her dedication as Vice President and Director of Philanthropy Partnerships. Evelyn was hired by NC in December 2019 as Director of Philanthropic Partnerships, after a year, Evelyn was promoted to Vice President of NC until Jan 31, 2022, when NC decided to reorganize and restructure to meet our demands and vision to assist coastal Alaskan tribes to enter into Ocean Farming (mariculture farms) across Alaska.

Since joining NC, Evelyn in concert with our NC President & Founder, Dune Lankard, was instrumental in helping spearhead a highly successful fundraising campaign. Evelyn was also able to develop policies and structure to help professionalize the organization and bring 13 staff onboard within a year. Evelyn helped form a solid foundation for NC's next stage as Indigenous leaders to address climate change, ocean restoration, environmental justice and further NC's successful Elders Food Security program.

A descendant of the Muisca people of Colombia, Evelyn is passionate about Indigenous self-determination and Indigenous led philanthropy. At Native Conservancy, she played a key role in hiring and managing the staff and daily operations with a focus on development, financials and forward-looking strategies. Evelyn spent a year as NC's Director of Philanthropic Partnerships where she successfully worked with the NC leadership team to build critical capacity support for the organization.

Evelyn obtained her Masters from Cornell University in Teaching and Agriculture Education and is a certified Master Gardener. Evelyn helped found and run the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP), a donor affinity group dedicated to supporting Indigenous communities globally, for 15 years. Her work with IFIP created a network of funders, NGO's and Indigenous Peoples and was instrumental in funding some of the most marginalized communities in the world.

Evelyn was one of the leaders that led the charge for Indigenous led-philanthropy and helped to create several donor publications including *Funding Indigenous Peoples: Strategies for Support* with the Foundation Center's GrantCraft. Since 2013, she serves on the Board Development Committee for Cultural Survival, one of the oldest advocacy organizations in the world for Indigenous rights. She is also the co-chair of the board for the Development Committee for both Love Wild Horses and Biomimicry Institute.