



ALASKA BUSINESS LEADER SUMMIT

EARLY LEARNING – IT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Speakers

Bill Millett
President, Scope View Strategic Advantage

Bill Millett is founder and president of Scope View Strategic Advantage, a consulting firm based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Since 1995, Scope View Strategic Advantage has worked with private, nonprofit, and public clients in the areas of economic, organizational, and business development.

Mr. Millett is intensely interested in children's issues and has worked with dozens of local partnerships for children in North Carolina, Michigan, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Alaska, Missouri, Virginia, Texas, and Minnesota.

Mr. Millett served as executive director of two Regional Councils of Governments including the largest such agency in South Carolina; senior vice president in charge of economic development for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; and principal for business development for a major design firm.

Mr. Millett holds BA and MA degrees in political science and economics from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Pat Levitt, Director, Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute
Chair, Department of Cell and Neurobiology
Keck School of Medicine, USC

Dr. Pat Levitt's research focuses on the development of brain architecture that controls learning, emotional, and social behavior in children. His clinical genetics and basic research studies focus on understanding the causes of neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric disorders, such as autism and schizophrenia, and how genes and the environment together influence typical and atypical development.

Dr. Levitt speaks frequently at national and international seminars and conferences, as well as public education and policy forums that promote the health and education of children. In 2007, he presented at the Summit on America's Children for Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi and to numerous state legislatures.

Dr. Levitt received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and the PhD degree in Neuroscience at the University of California, San Diego. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Neuroscience at Yale University.

**Larry DeDoux, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Education and Early Development**

Larry LeDoux began serving as the Alaska Commissioner of the Department of Education & Early Development on July 1, 2008. Commissioner LeDoux previously was superintendent of the Kodiak Island Borough School District. He served as principal of North Star Elementary School, and of Kodiak High School for 10 years each, and taught at the latter school. He also was principal of Chiniak School on Kodiak Island.

In Kodiak, Mr. LeDoux was actively engaged in designing technology-based distance education programs, developing alternative education options for city and rural high school students, implementing culturally relevant academic and vocational programs, and ensuring that the borough schools had effective safety and crisis plans.

Commissioner LeDoux holds a BS degree in biology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Azusa Pacific College; an MA in science and biology from UAF; and an Education Specialist degree EdS in educational administration with an emphasis in Alaska Native studies from UAF.

**Leslie Ellis
President/CEO, Credit Union 1**

Leslie Ellis has been president/CEO of Credit Union 1 since June 1983. Credit Union 1 is the second largest credit union in Alaska. It has 14 branches throughout the state with \$700 million in assets, 57,000 members, and 255 employees.

In 2006, Credit Union 1 opened Little 1's Learning Center, providing onsite child care at the Credit Union1 Headquarters building for its Anchorage-based employees. This two-year project represents what Ms. Ellis considers her proudest professional accomplishment.

In recognition of Ms. Ellis' professional and community leadership, she received the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Athena Award in 2008 and was named a YWCA Woman of Achievement in 1999. In June 2009, she was named a "Credit Union Hero" by CUNA, the national trade association for America's 8500 credit unions.

**Fran Ulmer, Chancellor
University of Alaska Anchorage**

Fran Ulmer has spent 35 years in public service at the local, state, and national level. She served in elective office for 18 years, as the mayor of Juneau, as a state representative and as Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, where she became a nationally recognized leader in election reform.

She served as Director of Policy Development for the State of Alaska, managing diverse programs, including coastal management, intergovernmental coordination, and public participation initiatives. At the national level, Ms. Ulmer served as a member of the Federal Communications Commission's State and Local Advisory Committee, and the Federal Elections Commissions' State Advisory Committee, and on the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission for over a decade.

She earned a JD cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has been a Fellow at the Institute of Politics, Kennedy School of Government, where she taught and mentored students, and a Distinguished Visiting Professor and Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Since May of 2007 she has served as Chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage.