

Paul Kraft Biography

Paul Kraft grew up on a farm in South Dakota and learned early how to work hard and value the land his family relied upon for their livelihood. He never intended to work in higher education, but he went on to work at colleges and universities in six different states. He has focused his energies on helping the organizations he's worked with to be more responsive and accessible to those that would benefit from a college degree. Paul was first exposed to Southeast Alaska in 2001 when he took the job of Dean of Students and Enrollment Management at the UAS Juneau campus. After leaving Juneau in 2006, the opportunity to return to Southeast Alaska presented itself when he became the Campus Director of the Sitka Campus. Paul has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and a wife that has stuck by him for 37 years. He would like to bring his passion for making a difference and his belief that providing training and education that is responsive to the local community can change the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Paul was elected to the Sitka Chamber Board in 2021. He currently serves as the Chamber President.

