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### **Davenport Named Startups Storyteller for Center for Economic Development**

April 8, 2019 ANCHORAGE, AK—Samantha Davenport joined the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED) as the Startups Storyteller. In this role, she will tell the stories of Alaska's entrepreneurs and the larger ecosystem supporting them.

"We've been fans of Samantha's work for some time, and are thrilled that she's joining our team," says Gretchen Fauske, CED Associate Director. "The opportunity to have someone with her talent shining a light on entrepreneurs in Alaska, sharing their stories with a statewide audience is incredibly valuable, and is a service we're proud to offer our state."

Samantha is an Anchorage-based freelance writer and managing editor of The Spenardian, an award-winning hyperlocal magazine about the neighborhood of Spenard. She is also a board member of the Alaska Press Club, a network of journalists and media in Alaska and previously served on the Spenard Community Council's executive board as treasurer.

Prior to joining CED, Samantha was the executive editor of The Northern Light — UAA's student-run newspaper — for 2.5 years. During her time at UAA, she completed internships at the Anchorage Daily News and Alaska Public Media. She graduated from UAA in December of 2018 with bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science.

#### **About the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED)**

CED is a university-based partnership promoting economic diversity through entrepreneurship, community building, and action oriented strategy. CED is one of 52 University Centers designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and is a program of the UAA Business Enterprise Institute.

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