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New Rural Entrepreneurship AmeriCorps VISTA at CED

ANCHORAGE, AK—Santiago Juyo is the new Rural Entrepreneurship AmeriCorps VISTA at the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED). He will work with CED's entrepreneurship team to deliver a series of workshops in rural Alaska, including Utqiagvik, Prince of Wales, Dillingham, Kodiak, Bethel, and more.

"We're very excited to have Santiago as part of our team," said Margo Fliss, CED Manager of Strategic Engagement. "His interest in economic development and poverty alleviation in traditionally underserved areas aligns well with our work, and we expect him to be an asset during the launch and delivery of these workshops."

Prior to joining CED, Juyo conducted research at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work aiming to improve healthcare practices for diabetes and Alzheimer patients in Los Angeles, as well as providing STEM educational support for students in East LA. Additionally, he has a background in banking and finance with USC Credit Union and First National Bank of Pennsylvania. Juyo has also worked at non-profits including Human Rights Watch, Habitat for Humanity, and various community groups in the greater LA and Washington D.C. areas. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and in International Relations and the Global Economy from the University of Southern California.

AmeriCorps VISTA members build capacity in nonprofit organizations and public agencies to help them more effectively generate the commitment of private sector resources, encourage volunteer service at the local level, and empower individuals and communities. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full time for one-year terms.

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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