

Shane Brown is of the Raven moiety, Humpback Salmon from the Fort House of Yakutat, Kwáashki Kwáan of the Nuú Hit of the Laaxaayík Kwáan. Shane's Tlingit name is Daanak-eesh. Brown was born and raised in Yakutat, traveled back and forth to the continental US from Juneau, settling in Juneau in 2009. Brown is a member of the Mount Saint Elias dance group as song caller, box drummer, and dancer; creates regalia, and traditional and modern form line designs. Brown can advise on culture, carving, beading, music and dancing, food preservation, and harvesting.

Prior to joining Goldbelt Heritage Foundation as the Youth Leadership Mentor and Language Apprentice Brown worked seasonally at the Mount Roberts Tramway as a Theater Host, introducing the film and sharing heritage knowledge. Brown was an Art Teacher at Yaakoosge Daakahidi alternative high school showcasing Northwest Coast form line art classes. Brown co-taught at the Sealaska Heritage Institute Latseen culture and basketball camp which involved language, dance and art pertaining to form line design of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian heritage. Brown was a substitute teacher for four-years at the Juneau School District for grades K-12. Brown was the artist on port representing the Alaska Native Heritage Center for the Holland America cruise line. Shane is also a freelance artist and has submitted form line designs to the Aurora Projekt based in Juneau, most recognizable is Shane's *Downright Alaskan* design of the right-handed Alaskan map symbol in form line design.

Shane Brown joined the Goldbelt Heritage Foundation Youth Leadership Team in October 2016 as the Youth Leadership Mentor and is also a Language Apprentice Teacher. Brown stepped in to help form the Youth Ambassadors group to participate in the Unity, Inc. Today's Native Leadership workshop in December 2016. Brown helped to bring together the Youth Ambassadors with elders to learn history and protocols relating to the GHF Totem Pole Raising Ceremony in May 2017. Brown will co-teach form line design instruction at the GHF summer culture camps. Brown is helping to guide the Youth Ambassadors to plan and run a regional youth conference to be held fall 2017 in Juneau.

Shane Brown held the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development Type M Teacher Certification for Tlingit Language and Culture, and is working towards recertification.

Shane Brown grew up being in the water and enjoys surfing. per National Geographic Traveler, Yakutat is the sixth surfing destination. Plays basketball in the Gold Medal tournament. Shane modeled in Esquire magazine, Gucci magazine, and Santa Fe fashion week.

