

St. Mary's student chosen for seminar



Carol Alstrom, 15, of St. Mary's is pleased about high honor.

Carol Alstrom, a fifteen year old honor student at St. Mary's High School, has been selected as one of the outstanding high school sophomores by the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation. She will participate in the International Leadership Seminar in Chicago, Illinois during the week of April 16th.

The purpose of the program is to seek out, recognize and reward outstanding young leaders at an age when they still have two years in school to motivate not only themselves but also their classmates.

Out of 21,000 high schools, both in the U.S. and abroad, only 75 students were chosen. "This is a very high honor given to Miss Alstrom and St. Mary's High School as well," St. Mary's photo-journalism instructor Peggy Kowalski told the Tundra Times.

Carol is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Alstrom of St. Mary's. She is a Yupik Eskimo and has six brothers and three sisters. Her many interests include reading, going on hikes and riding bikes. Carol is also an accomplished basketball player.

"This year as her homeroom President, Carol has been most cooperative in organizing activities and meetings. Her buoyant personality allows her to be open and friendly to people," Ms. Kowalski said.

Upon graduation from high school, Carol plans on continuing her education in hopes of pursuing a career as a Social Worker in Alaska.

Although Miss Alstrom's travels have only taken her as far as Bethel, Alaska, she is very excited about the opportunity to visit both Anchorage and Chicago.