

73 graduate from Kotzebue Technical Center

Seventy-three students of the Kotzebue Technical Center graduated recently in the sixth annual graduation ceremony of the school.

Certificates were presented to graduates from the Building Maintenance, Business Occupations, Carpentry, Food Service, Industrial Mechanics and Natural Resources programs. Also in attendance at the ceremony were 10 graduates of the General Equivalency Diploma.

Guest speaker Lisa Parker, public relations representative from Cominco Alaska stressed the importance of building successful employment opportunities at the Red Dog Mine Project and with other employers throughout the state.

A special award entitled the *Pimmaagik* — bim-maw-ghik — award was presented by Cominco to a graduate of the Business Occupations class, Connie Hunnicutt.

Pimmaagik is an Inupiaq word meaning a diligent, hard-working individual.

Hunnicutt received a cash award along with an atlas for being an outstanding student at KTC. She will be attending the Travel Academy in Anchorage this fall.

Assistant Director Arnie Handschke gave the opening address. His talk was followed by comments from Northwest Arctic Borough School Board Superintendent Gerald Covey and School Board Vice President June Nelson.

At an estimated job placement rate of 80 percent, members of this graduating class are expected to earn a combined total of more than

\$750,000 during their first year of employment.

Graduates include:

Industrial mechanics

Robert Griest, Nathan Hadley, Donald Jones, Melvin Morena, Ralph Stalker, Claire Sydnam, Rodney Tickett, Connie Walton, Homer Wells, Joshua Melton, Ivan Fields Jr., Paul Norton and Jerry Shy.

Natural Resources

Albert Charles, Matthew Frank, George Guest, Marilyn Mills, Charlie Tickett, Phyllis Yazzie, Dwayne Haviland, Rhoda Weinard and Dana Walton.

Food Service

Charlie Goodwin, Gilbert Joseph, Ida Sheldon, Daphne Sun, Rosa Knox, Edmond Geffe, Mickey Downey, Doug Clinger, Rosa Moses, Albert Bergman, Laurie Esmailka, Sarah Dayton, Bessie Coffin, Margaret Ferguson, Mamie Oxereok, Katherine Jack, Merle Snyder and Barbara Jackson.

Carpentry

Steve Andrew, Clyde Baldwin, Edward David, Bivers Gologergen, Otis Hukill, Norman Jones, Don Koutchak Jr., Michael Michael, Kelly Mills, Patrick Schuerch and Thomas Stone.

Business Occupations

Viola Gallahorn, Connie Hunnicutt, Mary Koutchak, Vera Lincoln, Linda Morena, Mary Sage, Ella Sheldon, Tina Washington, Wanda Wesley, Susan Woods, Viola Lambert, Sandra Cleveland, Maryann Sam and Eileen Simon.

Building Maintenance

Robert Gallahorn, Wilson Geffe, Elmer Riley, Frank Tague, Eli Walker, John Heffle and Lowell Sage.

General Education Diploma

Nathan Ahnangnatoguk, Shane Hildreth, Ruth Mendenhall, Janet Mills, Kirk Howarth, Eva Gregg, Gary Howarth and Monty Ferguson.