

# David Baines Graduates from Medical School

David Ray Baines graduated from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota, with his M.D. degree on May 22, 1982. Doctor Baines is of Tlingit-Tsimshian heritage from the Ketchikan-Metlakatla area. He was born at the Alaska Native Medical Center, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska on April 26, 1955.

Dr. Baines' father, The Rev. Raymond G. Baines, is a minister in the United Methodist Church, and resides in Tempe, Arizona. His mother, the former Carolyn M. Fenton of Kansas, is an accountant with a land development corporation in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Baines has spent most of his summers in Alaska as a construction worker, fisherman, sawmill worker, and as a laborer with Standard Oil Company of California. During the summers of 1975 and 1976 he worked with the "798 Welders" on the Alaska Oil Pipeline. In his fourth and final year at Mayo Medical School Baines completed two of his five-week "rotations" at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

Dr. Baines graduated with honors from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona,

in 1978. He was the first Native American to ever be accepted as a student at Mayo Medical School. He will begin his three years of Residency on July 1, 1982, at the Drew-King Medical Center in Los Angeles, California.

During his eight years of higher education Dr. Baines received financial assistance from the Cape Fox Village Corporation, the Tlingit-Haida Central Council, American Indian Scholarships, Kaiser Foundation, and the United Methodist Church.

Baines states, "I am very grateful for the financial support which I received over these years. I could not have made it through these grueling years without this financial and moral support."

In 1981 Dr. Baines was the recipient of the Association of American Indian Physicians "Outstanding Indian Medical Student" Award.

Baines is a shareholder of Cape Fox Village Corporation, and the Sealaska Regional Corporation under the ANCSA. On completion of his residency he anticipates returning to Alaska to work with Alaska Natives.