Carver Nathan JACKSON honored by NCAA

by Maria Williams for the Tundra Times

Renowned Tlingit carver Nathan Jackson received recognition from the Na-



Tlingit Carver Nathan Jackson photo by Carmen Williams

tional Council of Arts Administrators (NCAA) in a banquet in Anchorage on October 5. Jackson was honored for his contribution to education in the arts.

Jackson was born in Tenekee Springs, Alaska west of Juneau. He started carving when he was a young boy and learned carving techniques from Ted Lawrence, the adopted son of his great uncle, Jack David. Nathan furthered his education at the Wrangell Institute and the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Jackson taught at the Alaska Indian Arts, Inc., the Ketchikan Totem Heritage Center and at the University of Alaska Southeast as well as teaching young apprentices.

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foremost carvers and his work is displayed in museums throughout the world. He received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Alaska in 1988.

In 1995, he received the prestigious National Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts. He was also designated a living treasure by the Sealaska Heritage Foundation last year.

With all of his accomplishments, Jackson is most proud of his son, Steven who

is also taking up carving.

"He received his first commission when he was just 18 years-old," said Jackson. "He's 20 years-old now and recently completed an inside pole here in Anchorage."

Steven Jackson was commissioned to carve an inside pole for the Veteran's Association which was completed this spring. It is located at the Homeless Veteran's Administration building on "C" Street.