

Students receive scholarships

Alaska Native students graduating from different Anchorage high schools were recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Alaska Native Hospital Auxiliary to attend college.

Melinda Chase who graduated from Bartlett High School said the \$1,000 would be going to Wellesley College as part of

her tuition payments. "It helps... it's really nice and I feel honored," Chase said about receiving the scholarship.

East High School graduate Sheila Seetomona said, "It's great. I really appreciate it." Seetonoma will be attending Northern Arizona University and she hopes to study anthropology with a minor in Native American studies. Seetona's twin brother, Shawn, will be attending Arizona State University.

East graduate John Charlie plans to remain in Alaska to study business. He'll be attending the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Charlie felt fortunate to be a recipient. "Well, it helped me to pay the tuition but I still have to get more money so I'm going to be working

at a cannery to pay for the rest of school."

Sean Topkok who graduated from West High School plans to continue studying music at Western Washington University. In high school he played the saxophone and served as band president. He felt "great" about receiving the scholarship.

Jo Conway, a West High School graduate, will be attending the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The scholarship "came as a surprise." I was happy and needed the money for college. I'm not getting any from my parents." She said she would be volunteering at the ANMC Gift Shop.

Selection was based on the students' financial need, high school grades and college acceptance, along with being an Alaskan Native.



Anchorage Native high school graduates were awarded \$1,000 college scholarships from the Alaska Native Hospital Auxiliary. Standing left-right they are: Jo Conway, Sheila Seetomona, and John Charlie. In the back row, l-r, are: Sean Topkok, Melinda Chase and Shawn Seetomona. Lisa Nicolai, who isn't pictured also won a scholarship.