

# Alaska Natives earn art degrees in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. — Madeline Gordon, a Tlingit from Douglas, and Ruth Kalerak, an Inupiat from Anchorage, received associate of fine arts degrees from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., last month.

Gordon's degree is in three-dimensional design. She also was the recipient of the school's Azalea Thorpe New Memorial Award for Fiber Arts. The award is made possible by a gift from Lloyd Kiva New, president emeritus of IAIA, in honor of his wife, a fiber artist and former teacher at IAIA.

Kalerak's degree is in museum studies. She also received the school's museum studies departmental award.

The Institute of American Indian Arts is the only major educational institution devoted solely to the study and practice of the artistic and cultural traditions of all Native American peoples.

The federally chartered nonprofit educational institution was founded in 1962 as a program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1988 it became a private institution governed by an independent board of trustees.