

Kotlik students visit Calista offices

Students from Kotlik High School visited the Calista Corp. office recently to learn about how corporations created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act operate and what it means to be a corporation shareholder.

Johnny T. Hawk, Calista president and chief executive officer, talked with the students about the importance of a good education.

Hawk explained to the students that the subsistence resources which were abundant in the past are now decreasing because of the increase in population of subsistence hunters and fishermen.

"If we want to remain in the villages we must find another source of income to supplement our subsistence lifestyle, and in most cases that other source of income must come from employment," Hawk said.

Students from Kotlik also met Elizabeth LeBlanc, Calista's land planner. LeBlanc told them about her job and the training and education necessary to prepare for her work.

LeBlanc is an Alaska Native with a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Arizona and two master's degrees from Harvard University in city and regional planning and landscape architecture.

LeBlanc emphasized that sacrifices of personal time must be made in the education process.

Students who visited Calista were Dale Hunt, Donna Kamkoff, Darlene Cook, Jacob Hunt, Theodore Akaran, Harold Kitsick and Shirley Wasuli.



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Students from Kotlik High School traveled to the offices of the Calista Corp. in Anchorage recently to learn about Alaska Native corporations. They included, from left, Jacob Hunt, Harold Kitsick, Shirley Wasuli, Theodore Akaran, Darlene Cook, Donna Kamkoff and Dale Hunt. They are shown with Johnny T. Hawk, president and chief executive officer of Calista.