

Rural Alaska Honors Institute selects college bound students

Students from across rural Alaska gathered last month at the University of Alaska Fairbanks main campus to register for seven weeks of university courses as guests of the 13th Rural Alaska Hon-

ors Institute (RAHI).

RAHI selected the college-bound rural Alaska Native high school juniors and seniors from among 75 applicants from around the state. The

students will earn nine UAF credit hours in English, mathematics, biology, Native Studies, Museum Studies, or electives in business management, as well as study skills, college

orientation and physical education or Native dance.

First organized in 1983 at the request of the leadership of the Alaska Federation of Natives, the overall goal of RAHI is to increase opportunities for college success through an early rigorous academic program coupled with the experience of learning and working on a large urban campus. Most students who will attend this summer are from small, remote Native communities across the state.

All students live in one residence hall with tutor/counselors and each student receives individual encouragement and other academic help as needed. Students also meet individually for help with instructors after class.

Many RAHI graduates are now nearing completion of a baccalaureate degree while others have completed their degrees and have joined the work force of Alaska Native professional people," he said.

RAHI '95 Freshmen include:

LaVerne Anagick, Unalakleet; **Sperry Ash**, Nanwalek; **Dena Austin**, St. Michael; **Kit Blair***, Kotzebue; **Cerene Buchea***, Slana; **Sean Carney**, Anderson; **Colleen Charlie**, Minto; **Ryan Curtis***, Toksook Bay; **Shannon Curtis**, Kotzebue;

Russell Darling*, Nulato; **Travis**

Epperson*, Hooper Bay; **Ursula Graham**, Lime Village; **Shannon Guthrie***, Akutan; **Mandy Hill**, Kotzebue; **Darcy Kameroff***, Marshall; **Gwendolyn Nayokpuk***, Shishmaref; **Suzi Nedrow***, Napakiak; **Lydia Omnik***, Point Hope;

Tracy Peter, Kipnuk; **Loren Peterson***, Mountain Village; **Karen Pletnikoff**, Dillingham; **Herman Polty**, Pilot Station; **June Walker**, Grayling; and **Henrietta Wesley**, Kivalina. An "*" denotes returning RAHI '94 students.

RAHI '95 Seniors include:

Janet Amuktoolik, Golovin; **Jerrine Austin**, St. Michael; **Jennifer Dexter**, Golovin; **Margaret Dillon**, Kwethluk; **Keith Dunn**, Stebbins; **Alfred Felix**, Northway; **Shawna Flynn**, Tununak; **Cary Goodman**, Dot Lake; **Katie Hardesty**, Fairbanks; **Ryan Housler**, Russian Mission; **Nick Kailukiak**, Toksook Bay; **Savanna Kochuten**, Unalaska; **Christopher Koonooka**, Gambell; **Jacque Lee**, Koliganak; **Hunter Manumik**, Emmonak; **Van Madros**, Nulato; **Lyle Myre**, Mountain Village; **Darla Olanna**, Brevig Mission; **Janette Orloff**, Anchorage; **Monica Paukan**, St. Mary's; **Samantha Smith**, Northway; **Marilyn Walcott**, New Stuyahok; **Carmen Watkins**, Trapper Creek; and **Cheryl Wilson**, Metlakatla.