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Nine Anchorage Native high school seniors were awarded \$500 scholarships at the Alaska Native Medical Center Auxiliary's 6th Annual Scholarship awards brunch.

Back row moving from left include Thomas Leonard of Dimond High School, Jim Oksotaruk, John Stepney, Liling M. Willis, and LaVerne Demientieff of West High. Front row, Francisca Talavera of Bartlett High School, Luanna Penatac of West High School and Karen Bourdukofsky of East High School. Byron Lopez of West

High School was not pictured.

The highlight of this awards brunch was the introduction of the scholarship program's first college graduate, Sheila Seetomona. She gave an inspiring but truthful speech about what it takes to be a college student and what it takes to graduate.

Seetomona received a bachelor of arts degree in social work this spring from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.