

Sealaska awards 70 scholarships totaling \$68,000

JUNEAU — The Sealaska Heritage Foundation has announced the award of 70 scholarships and Heritage Study Grants totaling nearly \$68,000 for 1987.

In addition, the foundation has awarded special recognition to three students.

"We are pleased to name three outstanding students," Foundation President David G. Katzeek said. "Brian Moy of Tekoa, Wash., Janis Reed of Seattle and Jennifer Azure of Sitka are our outstanding students for 1987."

Katzeek said there are many private scholarship programs in Alaska, but that the Sealaska program is by far the largest in the state.

"It's a little known fact that since 1981, we have awarded 670 scholarships, totaling over \$864,000," he said. "The genuine impact of that on people's lives has been tremendous."

Katzeek said the foundation could spend its money buying print and television advertisements to promote the scholarship program, but added "we choose to spend our money on the students themselves."

"Our dropout rate is less than 1 percent. By any standard, that means a very successful and well run program," he said.

The funds for the Sealaska Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program and Heritage Study Grants come entirely from Sealaska Corp.

"Providing scholarships for our people is one of the best long-term investments we make," Sealaska Corp. CEO Byron L. Mallot said. "The money is just an expression of how strongly our Board of Directors feels about providing meaningful benefits for our people through education."

Brian Moy is an entering graduate student at Northern Arizona University. He is majoring in physical therapy and athletic training.

Janis Reed is a senior at the University of Washington. She is majoring in psychology.

Jennifer Azure of Sitka is a recent high school graduate. She will be attending Stanford University, where she plans to major in pre-med.

Heritage Study Grants are made to individuals to enable them to study a traditional Native art or craft with a master artist. The foundation awarded 11 heritage grants.