

# 'There still is not enough Native educators in schools'

Dear Editor:

Our latest experience at Skyview High School was the Indian Ed potlatch held in February. The Kenaitze Indian Tribe danced, drummed, and demonstrated

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Native Youth Olympic events. Students from the Indian Ed program and their families, students from English and history classes, and school administrators attended. Students participated in the dancing and Native Youth Olympic events. Everyone had a great time.

I have been a chaperone at the AFN Native Youth Convention and the Native Youth Leadership Conference over the years. Each year, the students express a desire to have more Native teachers, tutors, counselors and staff in the schools. My concern is: there still are not enough Native educators in the schools. We need to encourage, not only our upcoming graduating students to be educators, but also those who have already graduated to go back to school and further their education.

My personal triumph is: I will be completing my Master's of Education in Guidance and Counseling, August 1996 at UAA-Kenai Peninsula College. I will be a school counselor, grades K-12. I am a Tlingit Indian and am a member of the Sealaska and Shee Atika corporations. I had received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, December 1975. It is never too late to continue your education.

*Sincerely,  
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