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## **At Sheldon Jackson College . . .**

***the measure of our  
committment is the  
quality of our  
students***



**Leah Weyapuk**

Sitka, with the Sound at her feet and the mountain restriction at her back, was an outdoor environment that encouraged a nature lover like Leah Weyapuk to enter Sheldon Jackson College. That was only the beginning because she found opportunities to hike, kayak and test her photo skills.

Leah, whose Inupiaq name is "Gagzhug", is from Wales, Alaska, is a Junior in Secondary Education and is anxiously awaiting graduation so that she can teach in the schools in rural Alaska, where she has lived most of her life. She has been impressed with the good rural education program at Sheldon Jackson College.

Leah aspires to learn the Danish language so that she can be an exchange student in Denmark's agriculture program. Also, she will improve her knowledge of the Inupiaq language of her people.

One of the many advantages at Sheldon Jackson College, she says, has been the opportunity to build friendships with students from all over the United States. Leah says that SJC has a lot of potential as a school and offers each person the opportunity to succeed because the faculty and staff care about you. There is a family atmosphere.

When she has that teaching job in rural Alaska, Leah hopes to build her own kayak.

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