

Derendoff goes to Harvard

Athabascan Mary Jane Derendoff, originally from Huslia, has been accepted into the Master's of Education program at Harvard University.

Mary Jane, who has been working for the past three years as UAF Rural Human Services Coordinator, said she will move to Cambridge, Mass. in time to begin the program this September. She received her BA in Rural Development from UAF in May

1990.

Even though applications for the Harvard program far exceeded the institution's expectations, Mary Jane was one of the select students admitted to the program. She was commended on her achievement record to accomplish her 1995 class standing.

Mary Jane said she hopes to finish the master's program as quickly as possible, perhaps in as little as a year. Then she plans on bringing her new credentials back to the state and continue working with Alaska Natives to help improve their lifestyles.

At this year's TCC Convention Mary Jane was honored with a resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation for her hard work and dedication to the Rural Human Services Program and the mental health needs of Native people throughout the state.

Anyone who would like to give Mary Jane their best wishes or any assistance for her exciting endeavor could write her this summer at P.O. Box 84473, Fairbanks, AK 99708.

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