

# Native students earn scholarships

Three Native students were among 16 students who received scholarships to the Nick Begich Scholarship Intern Program.

Peggy Begich, Chairwoman of the scholarship's board of directors announced the winners of the eighth annual competition. The awards are named for the late Congressman Nick Begich and are traditionally awarded on April 6th, the former Congressman's birthday.

This year's awards total \$6,000. Since the scholarships have been made available, beginning in 1977, a total of \$30,500 has been granted to 78 Alaskan students who expressed interest in careers in public service and education.

Valerie Davidson of Salcha received a \$450 scholarship.

Davidson, a senior at Ben Eielson High School, is also President of the Alaska Federation of Natives Youth Council. She plans a career in rural elementary education. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend the University of Alaska.

Sarah Jenkins, who won a \$400 scholarship, is an honor graduate of the Rural Alaska Honors Institute at the University of Alaska and is taking correspondence study this year in chemistry, geometry and trigonometry. She plans to attend the Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel. Her goal is to be a teacher in the Kuskokwim Delta River region of Southwest Alaska.

Karen Eddy of Nulato received a \$300 scholarship. She is working toward a Masters

Degree in Education at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks campus. In ten years since graduation, she has taught several elementary grades in Kaltag and Nulato. She is interested in working in cross-cultural education. Her parents live in Sitka.

The Nick Begich Scholarship and Intern Program has scholarships, special grants and internships for Alaskan students interested in careers in public service and education.

Peggy Begich announced also that the 1986 applications will be available November 15 through February 15. Interested students should apply to Gene Kennedy, Begich Scholarship Intern Program, Apartment N.521, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.