

Alaskans study in state's parks

Four college students from rural Alaska have been selected for the National Park Service Cooperative Education Program, which is designed to help Alaskans get work and study experience.

The four students are: Martha Olympic, Igiugig; Patrick Samson, Kipnuk; Hubert Chakuchin, Nelson Island; and Deborah Fairbanks, Shageluk.

The students will pursue college-level study designed to help students who might like to work for the National Park Service after graduation. They will alternate study and work assignments in fields such as archeology and interpretation.

"Through cooperative education, we hope to bring some outstanding employees into the park system," said the Park service's regional director, Boyd Evison.