

Sealaska awards 63 scholarships

(Juneau)--The Sealaska Heritage Foundation (SHF) recently awarded 63 scholarships and heritage study grants, and honored four outstanding scholars, according to SHF President David G. Katzeek. "All students who were considered must be congratulated, including parents and relatives who supported the individual in terms of personal financial contribution and moral support," Katzeek said.

"Limited funds and the rising cost of higher education have made these scholarships more

competitive," he said. "Our funding support for these scholarships primarily comes from Sealaska Corporation, as well as from other non-profit entities wishing to promote higher education within the Native American community. I know that Sealaska Corporation's support of our scholarship program is an expression of our corporation's commitment to improve our Native people through education."

"Over the years, SHF has awarded 574 scholarships totaling over \$670,000," Katzeek said. "The quality of our program is

shown by the number of our scholars who complete their education—over ninety-one percent," he said.

The Scholarship Selection committee, chaired by Toni Jones (University of Alaska-Anchorage administrator) named four outstanding students to their annual selection meeting: Joseph Tate London (Salem, OR) received the Outstanding Graduate Award. London is attending Stanford Law School and studying law; George Franklet (Juneau, Alaska) received the Outstanding (Continued on Page Ten)

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Undergraduate Award. Franklet is attending Oregon State University for his second year and studying Civil Engineering; Albert "Gus" Brock received the Outstanding High School Senior Award. Brock will be attending Seattle Pacific University and studying music, he toured Europe with an honor band last semester; Lolanda Cavanaugh (Kake, Alaska) received the Outstanding High School Senior Award. Cavanaugh will be attending Long Beach Community College and studying business administration.

In addition to the outstanding scholar awards, SHF awarded scholarships to the following Graduate Students: J. Tate London "Outstanding Student" (Salem OR); Karen Eddy (Nulato, AK); Ronalda Cadiente (Juneau, AK); Norman Nault (Bellevue, WA); Cecilia Graham (Placentia, CA); Virginia Phillips (Spokane, WA); George Yeltatzie (Palo Alto, CA); Laird Jones (Juneau, AK); Chryssilla James (Seattle, WA); and Charles Natkong (Hydaburg, AK).

SHF awarded 14 scholarships to Undergraduate Students:

SHF also makes scholarship awards to students attending Vocation/Technical schools.

Under a special Heritage Study Program, SHF makes grants to individuals to study art with master Native artists. This year's Heritage Study Grants include: Helen Beasley (Hoonah, AK) to study basketry with Ernestine Glessing; Michael L. Beasley (Seattle, WA) to study wood carving with Loren White; Richard A. Beasley (Juneau, AK) to study woodcarving with Steven Brown;

Anna Ehlers (Juneau, AK) to study chilkat weaving with Jenny Thlunaut; Ida Gallagher (Yakutat, AK) to study basketry with Emma Williams; Donald Gregory (Juneau, AK) to study jewelry carving with Amops Wallace; Clarissa Hudson (Juneau, AK) to study chilkat blanket weaving with Jenny Thlunaut; Irene K. Jimmy (Sitka, AK) to study basketry with Ernestine Glessing; Nora Johnson (Yakutat, AK) to study basketry with Williams & Porter; Clara Matson (Haines, AK) to study blanket making with Jenny Thlunaut; Martha Nelson (Angoon, AK) to study chilkat weaving with Maria Miller; Lisa Siverly (Juneau, AK) to study beading & mocassins with Emily Williams; Richard Stokes (Wrangell, AK) to study wood and jewelry carving with Steven Brown.

The next deadline for SHF scholarships is April 1, 1986. The Sealaska Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable foundation affiliated with Sealaksa Corporation. Its expressed mission is to preserve, promote and enhance the language, arts, culture, education and achievements of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian Nations.