

Indian Graduate Students chosen for Sequoyah Fellowships

Eight outstanding American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students in fields as diverse as law, education and anatomy were named as Sequoyah Graduate Fellows by the Association of American Indian Affairs.

The eight were selected from among dozens of worthy applicants for the graduate fellowship, AAIA Executive Director Steven Unger said in an announcement.

"The large number of excellent candidates attests to the talent and dedication of American Indian people," Unger said. "Choosing among them was painful."

The selection process was made even more difficult by the harsh financial circumstances facing most of the Sequoyah applicants, Unger added. "Cutbacks in other financial aid programs are forcing Indian graduate students to make enormous sacrifices just to continue their studies," he said. "With our limited resources, AAIA regrettably can only fulfill part of the need."

The Sequoyah Graduate Fellowship Program is open to American Indian and Alaska Native students pursuing graduate work in accredited university programs. The Fellowship includes a \$1,500 stipend for the academic year.

The Fellowship is one of several scholarships offered by

AAIA, a private, non-profit citizens' organization with a wide-ranging national program to assist American Indian and Alaska Native communities in their efforts to achieve full economic, social and civil equality, and to defend their rights.

This year's AAIA Sequoyah Graduate Fellows are:

Karen Kay Anderson, Oklahoma Cherokee, Master's candidate in Anatomy, Colorado State University.

Tonya Gonnella Frichner, Onondaga, second year Law student, City University of New York Law School at Queens College.

Myra de Montigny, Chippewa, third year Law student, University of North Dakota School of Law.

Mary E. Nemec, Inuit, Master's candidate in Historical Administration and Museum Studies, University of Kansas.

Rinna Posehn, Aleut, Master's candidate, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Camilla E. Pratt, Suquamish, Master's candidate in Social Welfare, University of California at Berkeley.

Gordon Weston, Oglala Sioux, postgraduate in Education Administration and Supervision, Arizona State University.

Samual L. Winder, Southern Ute, first year Law student, University of New Mexico.