

# Alaska Native Leadership Project in sixth year

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Seventeen Alaska Natives were chosen for Alaska Native Foundations, sixth annual, Alaska Native Leadership Project. The programs first of four sessions were held at the Mt. Alyeska ski resort.

Paula Dede, ANLP Director, said "Last years group was the best, and I thought they couldn't be beat. I'm so happy with this years group, I can't believe it." Leona Johnson, ANLP Program Assistant and Dede have seen the program grow and the unity it has

kept among those that have completed the program.

The program has been designed to bring the awareness level more intuned with current issues facing Alaska Natives. Workshops are not uncommon to last until past supper time and have already begun before winter moon has faded and into the sun rise.

Through out the program past graduates stop in and meet with the class. Well known leaders are scheduled to talk on all facets of the leadership role of todays Alaska Natives.

This years program will have three other sessions. The next is scheduled for the third week of January at the

Mat-Su Resort. Following will be a session in Juneau in March and the last session in the spring.

Participants are; Nancy Barnes-Anchorage, Thelma 'Bay' Beans-Mt. Village, Gladys Chesley-Noorvik, Reggie Cleveland-Shungnak, Sidney Cleveland-Ambler, Barbara Curtis-Kotzebue, Rose Atuk Fossdick-Fairbanks, Don Hoff-Ketchikan, Steve Kakaruk-Anchorage, Hedy Lestenkoff-Anchorage, Pat Norman-Port Graham, Kimberly Phillips-Dillingham, Elsie Sampson-Noorvik, Lee Stephan-Eklutna, Oscar Walker-Kotzebue, Donna Westdahl- University of Alaska Fairbanks(student).

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