

Alutiiq museum landed by Kodiak chamber

The Kodiak Area Native Association's Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository, was recently recognized as the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce's Business

of the Year for 1995 for its efforts to promote growth and development in the Kodiak Community.

The award is presented to a business that promotes the goals and objectives of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce by providing guidance in the development and promotion of a diversified economy for the Kodiak region. A Chamber spokesperson said the Alutiiq Museum and co-receiver, the Natives of Kodiak, who share the building with the museum, "not only saw opportunity to provide office space for themselves, they envisioned creating a world-class visitor attraction."

The Chamber also credits the partners with being "motivated by a desire to do what is good for the community" in offering a "repository for widely scattered

collection's of the community' long and storied (Native) history."

The Kodiak Island Convention & Visitors Bureau also singled out The Alutiiq Museum for its annual Bear Club Award presented to a new member who has shown outstanding support of Kodiak Island's visitor industry in the past year. "The Alutiiq Museum has quickly become an important visitor attraction, making Alutiiq culture widely accessible to visitors for the first time," said Wynetta Ayers, Executive Director of the KICVB.

KANA president, Kelly Simeonoff, said the entire Native community should be extremely proud of this crowning achievement that recognizes the importance of the Native culture to all of Kodiak Island and Alaska.