Sealaska Foundation grants scholarships

The Sealaska Heritage Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee awarded a total of \$10,000 in Heritage Study grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to nine individuals.

The Heritage Study recipients are: Richard Beaseley (Juneau), Howard Jackson (Ketchikan), Delores Churchill (Ketchikan), Ernestine Glessing (Hoonah), Mary Guthrie (Klawock), Kathleen Isturis (Juneau), Tom Joseph (Ketchikan), Semona Lundy (Juneau) and Gloria Schetzle (Chugiak).

Richard Beasley and Howard Jackson will study wood carving with instructor Nathan Jackson.

Delores Churchill and Ernestine Glessing will study Chilkat blanket weaving with Cheryl Samuel.

Mary Guthrie will be an apprentice to Clara Peratrovich to learn basket weaving, blanket making and language.

Kathleen Isturis will be an apprentice to Katherine Mills. Tom Joseph will study wood carving with Dempsey Bob.

Semona Lundy will study blanket making and beading with Emily Williams.

Gloria Schetzle will attend a workshop with Esther Littlefield to learn blanket making.

The purpose of the Heritage Study Program is to provide awards to apprentices to learn a traditional skill related to the Tlingit, Haida or Tsimshian culture from a highly trained instructor. Sealaska Corporation shareholders, their descendants and American Indians residing in Southeast Alaska are eligible to apply to this program.

Sealaska Corporation donated the funds to the Sealaska Heritage Foundation which were awarded to the Scholarship and Heritage Study award recipients.

The Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of Ed Thomas, Joe Kahklen, Sr., Toni Jones, Chairperson, and Emil Notti.

The Heritage Foundation (SHF) also recently awarded academic and vocational scholarships totalling over \$130,000 to 104 students, announced SHF President David G. Katzeek.

"The scholarship selection process was very competitive this year," Katzeek said, "due to a larger number of applicants and less available funding."

"Encouraging excellence, nurturing young minds, and recognizing outstanding achievement are cornerstones of our traditional cultures," Sealaska Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Byron I. Mallott said. "Our commitment to education reflects our cultural values in modern terms. It represents our investment in the future of our people."

Nicole Hallingstad (Petersburg) received the outstanding high school senior scholarship.

Joseph London (Oregon) received the outstanding undergraduate scholarship.

Diann Morrision (Juneau) and Rick Breseman (Pelican) each received outstanding graduate fellowship awards.

The Committee awarded the following scholarship awards:

Twenty-one scholarship to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to accredited institutions of higher education: Nicole Hallingstad (Petersburg), Beverly Adams (Kake), Barton Allen (Portland), Robert Beierly III (Juneau), Nathalie Cavanaugh (Kake), Linda Churchill (Wrangell), Sandra Diltz (Tacoma), Joni Hudson (Metlakatla), Elizabeth James (Tacoma), Shawn Johns (Juneau), Lyla Jones (Sitka);

Charles Klushkan (Yakutat), Kalin Kohrt (Wrangell), Sandi Lawrence (Federal Way), Kevin Loney (Bellingham), Danielle Lundy (Houston, TX), Joann Price (Haines), David Salaguinto (Port Angeles), Martina Strand (Sitka), Meridith Webber (Salem, OR), Cynthia Wilson (Juneau).

Fifty-eight undergraduate scholarships to students who are currently accepted to or enrolled to an accredited institution of higher learning: Joseph London, Oregon; Suzette Adams, Kake; Wilma Bacon, Sitka; Bert Bennett, Juneau; Vicki Bennett, Juneau; Dennis Benson, Florence, MA.; Michele Bergeron, Ketchikan; Sandra Biehl, Provo, UT.;

Charlene Boxberger, Mariette, WA.; Richard Brock, Wrangell; Dorene Burke, Mass.; Mark Christomos, Tacoma; Dawn Cooper, Sitka; Joan David, Juneau; Christopher Davis, Kirkland; Roxanne Drake, Sitka; Elain Dupuis, Everett; Kathryn Durst, Seattle; Elaine Frank, Seattle;

Johanna Frank, Sitka; Kevin Frank, Angoon; Laverne Frank, Angoon; Konnay Franklet, Juneau; Tina Franulovich, Anacortes, WA.; Marie Frazer, Puyallup, WA.; Roger George, Ketchikan; Timothy Gilbert, Salt Lake City; Cecilia Graham, Fullerton, CA.; Margaret Gross, Sitka;

Janice Harmon, Sitka; Janice Highley, Palo Cendro, CA.; Karl Hoffman, Bainbridge Island, WA.; Lori Howard, Sitka, Lavonne Hurlburt, Tacoma; Kathryn Iverson, Anchorage; Joseph James, Craig; Loren James, Kirkland; Brenda Johnson, Ketchikan; Keely Keene, Ore.; Frederick Lauth, Ketchikan; Steven McClure, Livermore, CA.; Stacey McGee, Juneau; Leslie Melvin, Ketchikan; Amaleta Morrison, Seattle; Brian Moy, Tekoa, WA.;

Lois Nagel-Thadei, Ketchikan; Donald Natkong, Hydaburg; Norman Nault, Bellevue, WA.; Patricia Pederson, Spaulding, ID.; Virginia Phillips, Sitka; Eva Sensmeier, Yakutat; Carrie Sykes, Ketchikan: Michael Ward, Seattle; Gerri Warner, Wrangell; Frederick Warren, Seattle; Paula White, Anchorage; Ida Williams, Stika; Alfred Withrow, Bettles.

Fourteen graduate fellowships to students currently accepted to or enrolled in approved graduate schools: Richard Breseman, Pelican; Diann Morrison, Juneau; Cathy Bean, Lynwood, CA.; Roberts Charles, Nenana; Cynthia Demmert, Honolulu;

Elaine Fennimore, Wrangell; Roxanna Jensen, Arcata, CA.; Shirley Kendall, Anchorage; Sandra Samaniego, Juneau; Clifford Thompson, Seattle; Darrel Verney, Washington; Ted Wright, Sitka; James Yeltatzie, San Antonio, TX.; Mark Zastrow, Ketchikan.

Ten vocation/technical study awards to students currently accepted to or enrolled in technical schools: Leona Charles, Craig; Edward Churchill III, Sedro Wooley, WA.; Gerald Gray, Metlakatla; Roberta Kadake, Kake; Julie Strickler, Sitka; Arnold Walker, Jr.; Angoon; Michael Wallace, Frank White, Jr., Seattle, Dale Williams, Sitka; Calvin Wilson, Kake.

Alaska Natives enrolled to Sealaska Corporation, and their descendants who are Native, whether they own Sealaska Corporation stock or not, and American Indians who reside in Southeastern Alaska are eligible to apply for a Sealaska Heritage Foundation Scholarship.

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