

**The
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RAHI Students Make Good Choices

Denise Wartes, Program Coordinator

The University of Alaska Fairbanks' Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) honored the accomplishments of 59 RAHI students at a graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 12th in the Schiable Auditorium. A public reception followed in the Brooks Building Gathering Room.

Ulric Ulroan, a 1994 RAHI alumnus from Chevak, was the graduation speaker. Ulric is the Mayor of Chevak, in addition to being the owner of Chevak Bird and Cultural Tours. He also recently won a \$25,000 award from Alaska Federation of Natives Marketplace to help him begin his business.

The RAHI program is aimed at rural and Alaska Native students who have completed their junior or senior year of high school with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Proposed in 1982 by the Alaska Federation of Natives and the University of Alaska, RAHI emphasizes a challenging university curriculum and a residential program to acquaint students with college life and expectations. More than 350 students, after participating in RAHI, have gone on to earn associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees.

We attempt to build a supportive community in which students participate in a rich academic setting, build a university transcript, and develop a long-term supportive network with peers, staff and instructors.

The RAHI curriculum includes university courses funded in part by Wells Fargo, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Courses in writing at the college level make up the centerpiece of the curriculum, along with a choice of petroleum engineering, business management, biochemistry, geoscience, math, or rural development. Each student earns between seven and 10 credits at UAF, giving them a head start on college. Instruction in computers, Alaska Native dance, swimming and study skills round out the college preparatory residency. UAF's College of Rural and Community Development sponsors the RAHI program.

This summer with funding from the National Institute of Health, RAHI was pleased to offer RAHI II, Next Step, where five students participated in genetics research.

In celebration of RAHI's 25 years of service to Alaska Native and rural high school students, upon completion of the regular program, eight RAHI students flew to Barrow to participate in International Polar Year activities. These students worked with scientists at the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium and assisted with an archaeological dig at the old village of Nuvuk.

We congratulate the more than 1200 students who have participated in the RAHI program since its beginning in 1983. Well done!

June 28, 2007

Dear RAHI Students,

Congratulations on successfully completing the historic 25th RAHI. You've changed a great deal this summer. You now know that you could never have lived a full life with understanding the importance of an enthymeme, the sublime surreal numbers, or the countries of sub-Sahara Africa. In addition to an intellectual upgrade, many of you lived away from home for over a month for the first time. This separation from family and your traditional social group has forced you to make new friends and form a new support network. As painful as these processes were to some of you, they represent part of your passage into adulthood.

Here are a few things I hope you learned at RAHI:

1. Call your parents often. You need to stay connected to family.
2. Study even when it's not study hall. Your brain is thirsty for new knowledge from which it can create understanding about your world.
3. Any time you can find ice cream for \$1 a scoop, indulge.
4. Organization is the key to success. Plan ahead, be on time, and come prepared. Usually that is good enough to get you a second look.
5. Small changes can have big impacts. If you do all the little things well, the big things tend to take care of themselves. Remember, there's very little difference between "champ" and "chump."
6. The attitude you give the world equals the attitude the world gives you. Therefore, make it a good one.
7. Look inside and learn to like yourself. You need to be your own best friend.
8. Don't get lost in the shuffle. Set your path and stay on it.

Thanks for an enjoyable summer. As a group I found you to be thoughtful and considerate of each other. I enjoyed watching you change from uncertain "newbies" to intrepid veterans who could look down January as she aimed a water balloon at your head and not even flinch.

Now, go forth and make the world a better place for yourself and those around you.

Take care,

Greg Owens
Academic Coordinator

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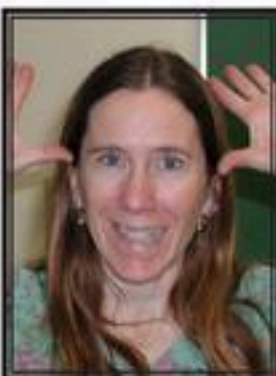


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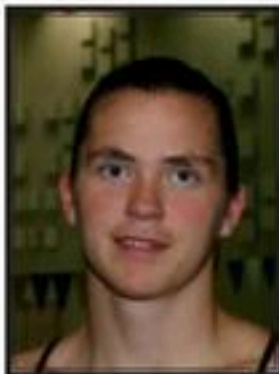
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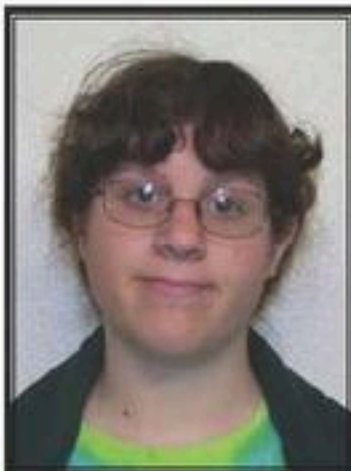
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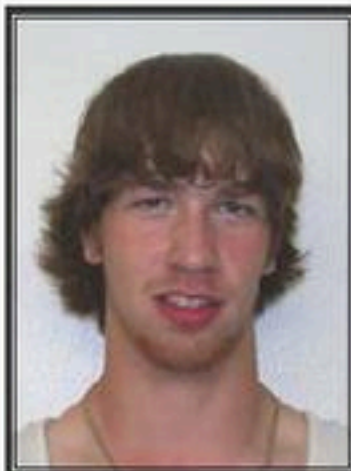
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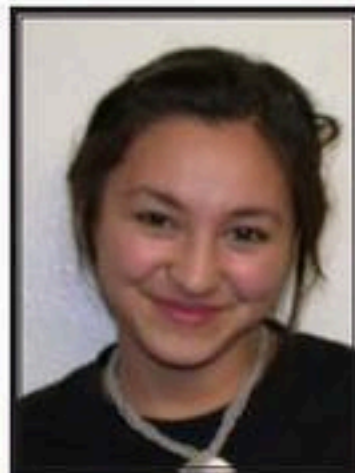
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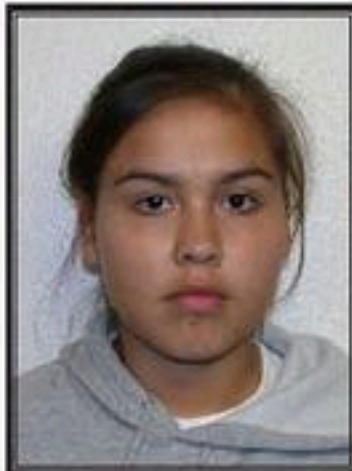
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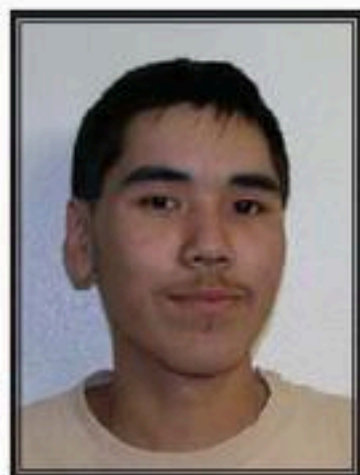
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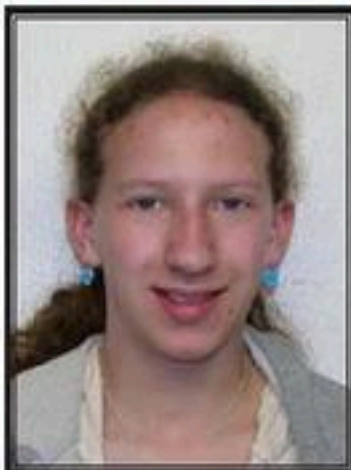
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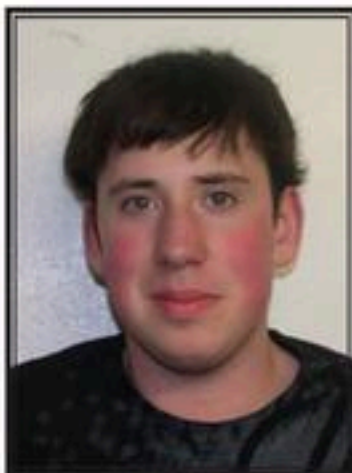
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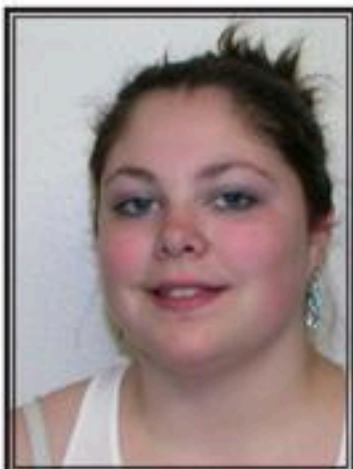
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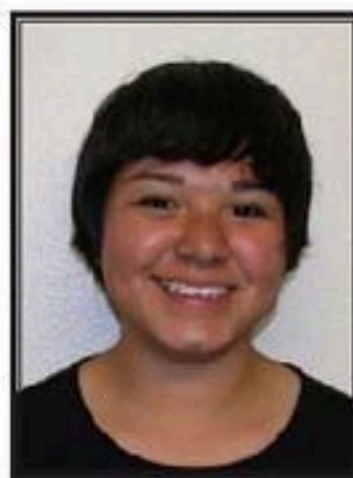
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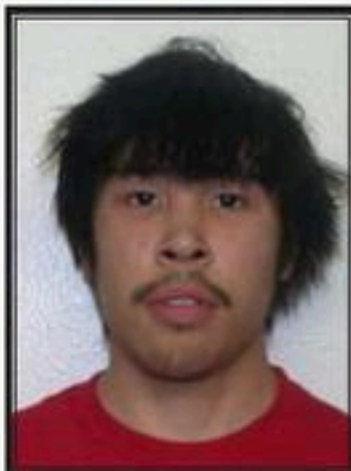
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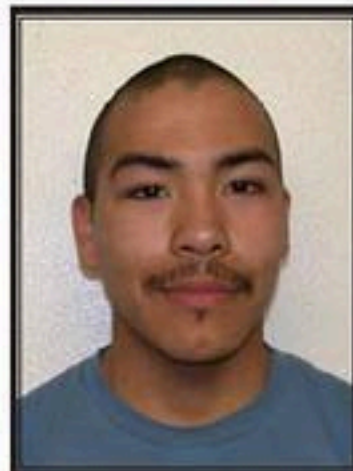
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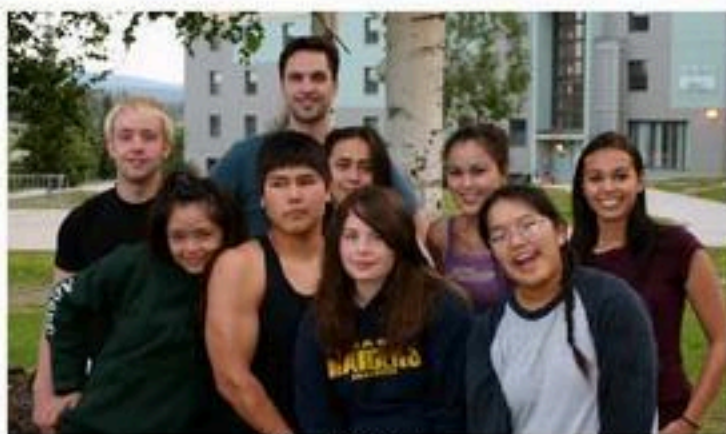


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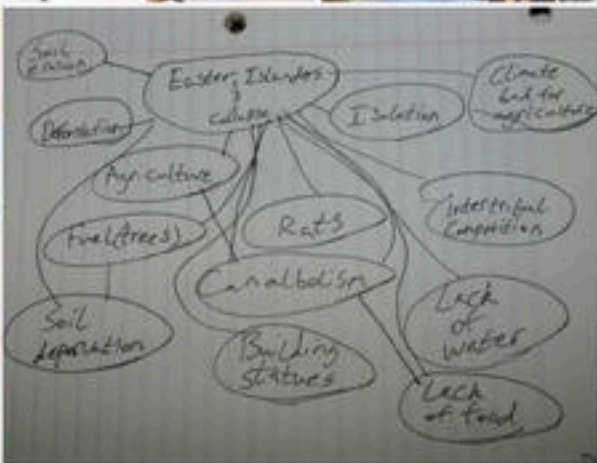
The “Bests” and “Most Likelies” Awards

for the Students of RAHI 2007

Most Athletic:	Kenny Vaska	Tara Schmidt
Mr./Mrs. Congeniality:	Reuben Butteri	Katya Wassillie
Most Photogenic:	Sheldon Myers	Brittany Foster
Most Likely Sleeping:	Alan Lonewolf	Riza Yatchmeneff
Cleanest Room:	Skip Sinnok / Curt Kokrine	Sasha Ruesch / Diana Merlino
Messiest Room:	Ben Bromiley / Chris Jones	Kallie Brown / Deborah Fiala
Most Injuries:	Julian Ferraras	Carolyn Zibell-Barger
Most Excuses:	Solomon Askoak / Kenny Vaska	Luava Tagarook
Most Likely Studying:	Keane Richards	Katya Wassillie
Best Attitude:	MJ Roseberry	Katya Wassillie
Biggest Complainer:	Ben Bromiley	Cori Eide
King/Queen of Procrastination:	Brandon Walker	Charice Brown
Best Male Roommates:	Ben Bromiley / Chris Jones	
Best Female Roommates:		Kallie Brown / Deborah Fiala
Always Late:	Brandon Walker	CJ Aloralrea
Checked Out the Most:	Alan Lonewolf	Carolyn Zibell-Barger
Takes Longest to Get Ready:	Billy Westlock	Denise Katongan
All Around Student:	Reuben Butteri	Katya Wassillie
Health Nut:	Reuben Butteri	Debbie Fiala
Best Camper:	Keane Richards	Sasha Ruesch
Worst Camper:	Steven Piazza	Samantha Grimes
Most Likely to Get Lost:	Norman Carlo	Denise Katongan
Caffeine Addict:	Barret Brown	Sasha Ruesch
Most Energetic:	Solomon Askoak	Sasha Ruesch
Biggest Flirt:	Solomon Askoak	Denise Katongan
Best Dresser:	Billy Westlock	Samantha Grimes
Kindest/Most Generous:	Skip Sinnok	Gracelyn Johnson
Most Shy:	Steven Piazza	Andrea Takak
Most Clueless:	Norman Carlo	Denise Katongan
Most Dramatic:	Norman Carlo	Deborah Fiala
Most Talkative/Loudest:	Norman Carlo	Mikki Foster
Best Hair:	Blaine Hayward	Jennifer Martelle
Best Smile:	Sheldon Myers	Brittany Burns
Most Likely to Become a T/C:	Sheldon Myers	Gracelyn Johnson



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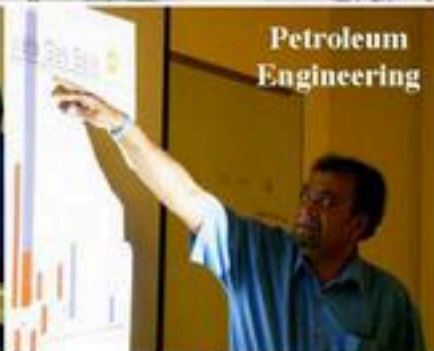
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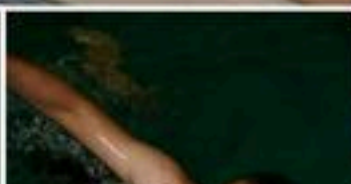
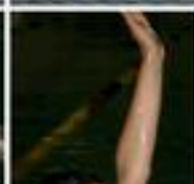
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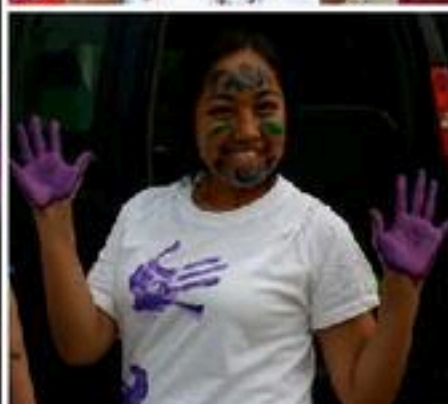
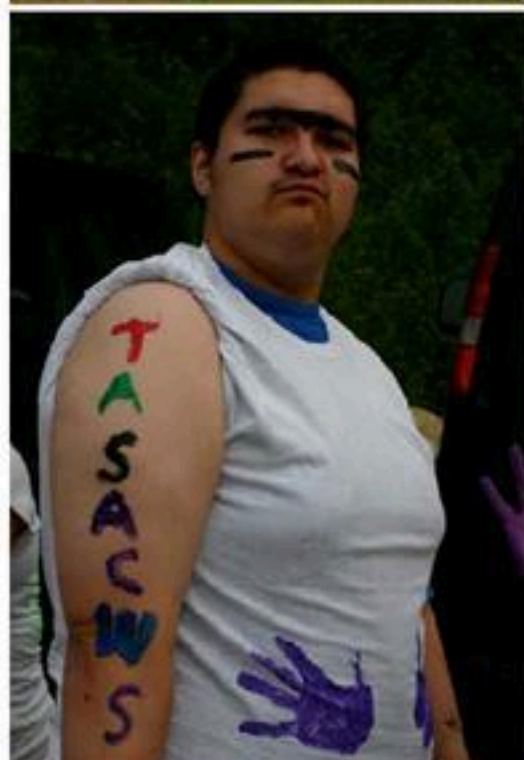
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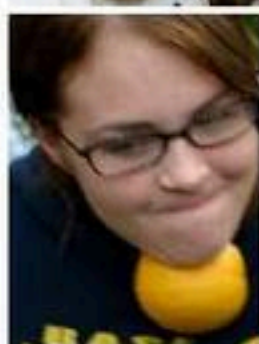
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