



2013

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From the Coordinators

As you read this yearbook, you have completed RAHI 2013 and doubled your likelihood of graduating from college with a baccalaureate degree. Job well done. You have survived record heat, sweltering study halls, numerous papers in English 111X, chemistry labs, and Dizzy Izzy. Now take the lessons you have learned about yourself this summer and apply them in the future.

All the best.

-Greg Owens



Congratulations on sticking through the six weeks of RAHI. Your hard work and dedication has paid off and now you're ready to succeed in college. As you continue your journey through life, you will be changing the world for the better and improving others' lives.

- Nathanael O'Connor

From the Program Manager

Congratulations and best wishes to the RAHI class of 2013. You join a distinguished group of over 1450 RAHI alum. RAHI, the Rural Alaska Honors Institute - thirty-one years of successfully educating the future leaders of Alaska. Please help us share the RAHi story with your friends and family as you progress through your academic career and into the future. Thank you for sharing your summer with us. May it be life changing for you!

-Denise Wartes



STUDENTS



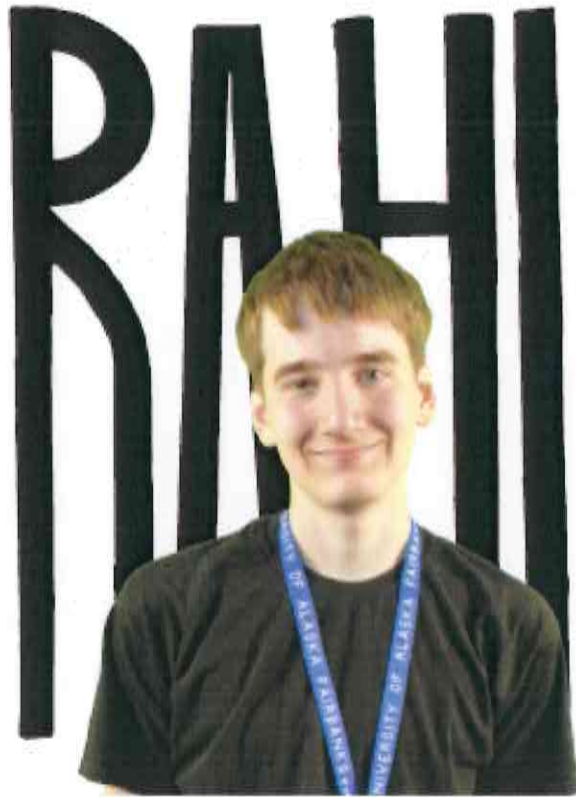
Allyson Wukovich, age 17, was born in Oak Harbor, Washington. She currently resides in Nome, Alaska. She will be a senior this upcoming year at her local high school. Allyson likes to come up with Yaoi pairings for guys she knows. In five years she plans on getting her masters in genetics, and later on wants to earn a PHD, living in the lower 48 with 4 kids.

Allyson Wukovich

Angela “Angelina Balerina” Bagoyo is probably the most interesting person currently attending RAHI. She was born at Baccara, Ilocos Norte, Philippines on October 25, 1995. She has lived in the Philippines and Hawaii before moving to Sitka, Alaska. Angela has two little brothers, an awesome mom, and an awkward grandpa. Angela likes to draw, watch movies, hiking, boating, writing, hanging out with people, and slacklining. No one at RAHI knows that Angela doesn’t like bananas and artificially flavored cherries. Also, she is partially deaf in her right ear.



Angela Bagoyo



Brandon was born in Tacoma, Seattle and then moved to Ketchikan, Alaska. Brandon has a twin brother, a younger brother, and three sisters. Brandon also has two dogs and two cats. Brandon went to Ketchikan High for all of his high school and will start his senior year next year. He plans to go to UAF after high school and he will try to study the field of Bio/Chem. In five years Brandon hopes to be graduated. In ten years he hopes to be finishing medical school. Brandon likes science, Track and camping and in his spare time he likes watching videos like Doctor Who and playing games like Minecraft.

Brandon Showalter

Abigail Chadwick is a rising senior at Sitka High School. Born in Harlingen, Texas, she moved to Alaska in 2004 with her mother, father, and older brother. In her spare time, she enjoys a vast array of activities, such as church choir, watching anime and cartoons, reading manga, playing the tuba, among many others. She applied for to RAHI because her community gave her an lots of encouragement, and also to prepare for college. Abigail's plans for the future are to attend the University of New Mexico for a double major in English and Medicine; she wants to be a writer and a pharmacist when she grows up. Abigail drives a five mile long paper route in Sitka as a job.



Abigail Chadwick



Jonathan McKennett was born in Lewistown, Montana where he spends his summers. From fall to spring, Jonathan lives in Port Alsworth, Alaska. His hobbies and interests include reading old books, watching series such as Dr. Who and Fringe, running and other physical and outdoor activities. In five to ten years he plans to have a masters in secondary education and structural engineering and be working as a teacher during the school year, working in construction during the summer, and working as a missionary every time in-between. A fun fact about Jonathan is that hot weather

Jonathan McKennett

Charity Haskins, now a senior at Unalaska, is 17 years old. She was born in White Fish, Montana. Her honorary Yup'ik name is Qanerpak, which means "talks a lot." She is very organized, but if you were to explore her room, you would become lost in the mess of items. She is a lifeguard at the local pool in Unalaska, and enjoys talking, hanging out, singing, and volunteer work for National Honor Society. She plans to go to college for elementary education, and then get a job and a husband.



Charity Haskins



Connor Ito

Connor Ito was born in Anchorage, Alaska and lives in Dillingham, Alaska. Her family consists of herself, her mother and father, two brothers, a dog, a snake, and a grumpy fish. She loves anything that takes place outside, fishing, hiking, reading, painting, hunting, writing, backwoods skills, and filmmaking. She is considering UAF and knows she wants to study one of the sciences with a dash of art. Connor has no nicknames or native names; unless you count the weird names her roommate calls her at two in the morning. In 5 to 10 years she sees herself in various places, but hopes that wherever she ends up she is happy because that is what really matters. One fun thing that nobody at RAHI knows about her is that she can't do accents at all.

Gwendalyn Trigg-Komakhuk was born in Anchorage Alaska and resides in Nome. Gwen plans to go to school at either Fort Lewis or UAS/UAF and study architecture or engineering. Gwen enjoys being outside and some of her hobbies include fishing, hunting, and off-roading. In five years she sees herself graduated from college and possible with her own apartment In ten years she sees herself having a family and her first child about to be born. Her native name is Munuuq and one of her nicknames is chicken. A fun fact that nobody at RAHI knows about her is that when she was two she would lie across the family coffee table and mimic Rose when she was saying bye to Jack in the Titanic.



Gwendalyn Trigg-Komakhuk



Aga Rhianne Josephine Thompson was born in Anchorage, Alaska. She has lived in St. Mary's her whole life and plans to graduate from high school there next year. She plans on attending college, but doesn't know where yet. Her hobbies include walking around with friends at home, camping, traveling, hunting, shooting hoops, basketball, volleyball, NYO, and cross country running. A fun thing about Aga is her list of favorites: Christmas, basketball, light blue, winter, PE and Health, boat rides, Shakira, and her momma.

Aga Thompson

Jasen Stalker was born in Kotzebue, Alaska. He currently lives in Kiana, Alaska. His hobbies and interests include basketball, volleyball, reading, and music. In 5-10 years he sees himself getting out of college with a degree in English and teaching for the Northwest Arctic Borough School District. One fun fact about Jasen is that he writes raps.



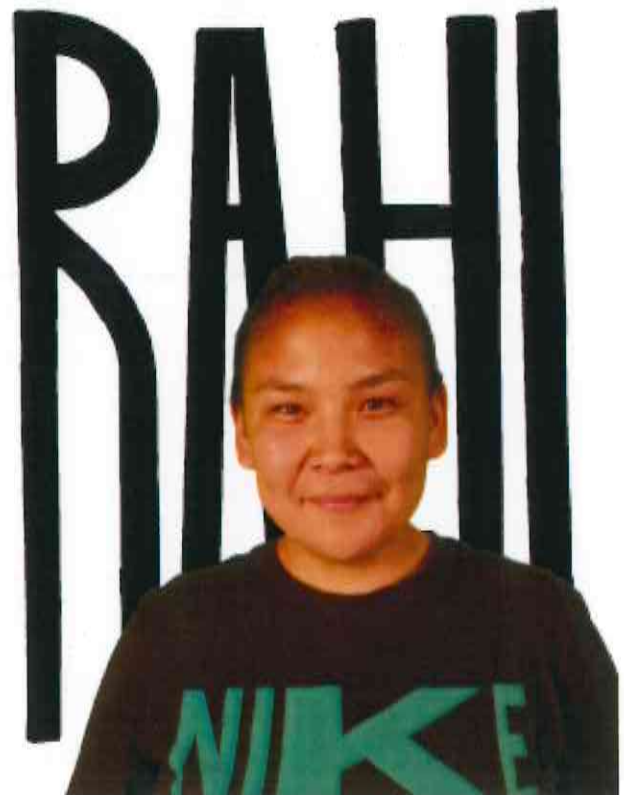
Jasen Stalker



Cassandra Theckla Alunaq Black was born in Anchorage 17 years ago. Her nicknames include Cassie and Alunaq. She currently lives in Valdez with her mom, dad, brother, and two sister; one older and one the same age. She goes to Valdez high school and will be a senior. Some of her hobbies and interests include cooking, reading, watching movies, traveling, and watercolor painting, and listening to music. She can speak a little bit of Yup'ik, Spanish, and French. Being at RAHI, Cassie has realized that this is the loudest and most outgoing she has ever been. She attributes this to all her friends here at RAHI who help her to be

Cassie Black

Kaylen Gray was born in Fairbanks, Alaska but raised in Allakaket, Alaska. She was born on April 18, 1996 to the proud parents of Emily and Theodore Gray. Kaylen lives with her mother, father, younger brother and older sister. Kaylen currently attends Galena Interior Learning Academy and will be a senior this following school year. She plans to attend the University of Alaska Anchorage and become a registered nurse or a pediatrician. To spend her free time, Kaylen likes to play baseball.



Kaylen Gray



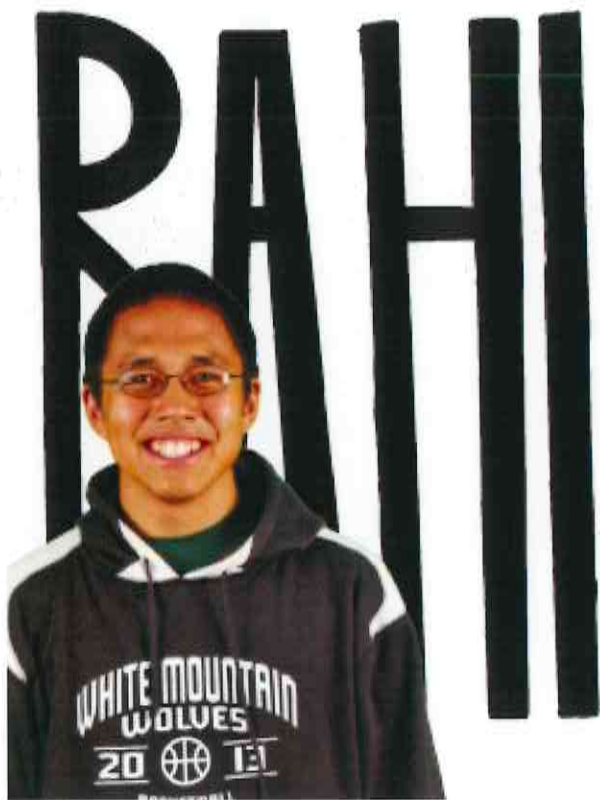
Roberta Guerie "Wassuq" Walker was born in Juneau, Alaska on April 16, 1996, but later moved to Unalakleet. Roberta lives with a very loving family that supports her in everything she does. She will be starting her senior year at Frank A. Degnan High School this fall in Unalakleet. She hopes to go to college and obtain a degree in geology, astronomy, or archeology. She loves serving the Lord, spending time with her friends and family, and playing sports. Also, she is not afraid to tell her life story and testimony.

Roberta Walker

Kory Joe was born in Bethel and now lives in Mountain Village. He describes his family as unorthodox. In 5-10 years he plans to have his bachelors in engineering and astronomy and working on/ finishing his masters. He also plans to be living and working outside of Alaska, possibly Arizona. His hobbies and intrests include basketball, working out, videogames, reading, and learning. A fun fact about Kory is that he loves Star Wars.



Kory Joe



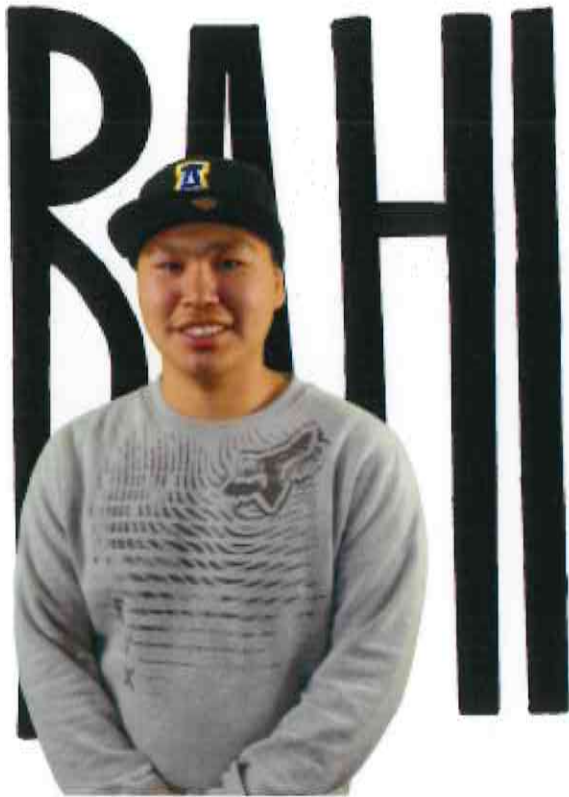
Asa Bergmaschi, from White Mountain, Alaska, was born in Nome Alaska. He just graduated from the high school in White Mountain, and is going to attend UAF in the fall. He is also known as Ace, Acehood, and Ahhalik. When asked what one fun thing about him is, he said "Everything." His plan for the next five years is to be getting out of college and getting a

Asa Beramaschi

Tamaira Signa Tocktoo was born in Nome, AK in 1996. She currently goes to Nome-Beltz High School and will be a senior. Tamaira has a few nicknames that have native and family value. Those include Boss, Lil' Mohawke, Iliqiaq, and Old Lady (from her native name). Some of Tamaira's hobbies and interests include playing the clarinet, playing sports like volleyball and basketball, and speaking Spanish. One thing that no one knows about Tamaira is that she does not like BACON!!!



Tamaira Tocktoo



William was born in Anchorage, Alaska 1995, and lived in Hooper Bay, and then moved to St. Mary's. He has six brothers and two sisters. When William was older he went to Andreafski High School with some of his siblings. In his spare time William enjoyed snowmachining and hunting. His nickname, which is also his native name was and is Urpac, which is short for Urpacengak. He is learning Yupik as his secondary language and is enjoying it. This year he is going into his senior year. After High School he wants to go into the Labor Union like his brother. Some day he wants to go to collage as an exchange student to Europe. His plan is to finish college in five years. In ten he wants to have a job and a family. Fun fact William is good at plaing NBA 2013 so if you want a challenge, play him.

William Kelly

Colleen Snyder was born and raised in Kotzebue, Alaska. Her Eskimo name is Apayauq. Colleen will attend Kotzebue High School this fall as a senior. Because she was adopted, she has three brothers and four sisters total. Colleen enjoys subsistence hunting, basketball, volleyball, and going to the beach. One fun thing about Colleen is she participated in a Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona.



Colleen Snyder



Rosa Marie Schmidt was born in Nome, Alaska on October 5th, 1996. She has three brothers and two sisters who are older than her. Her hobbies include cross country running and skiing, biathlon, hunting, shooting guns, and hiking. Rosa wants to go to college in the Lower 48 for elementary education on a cross-country running scholarship. In five years she sees herself graduated from college and finding a job in the villages teaching. In ten years she hopes to be teaching in Eagle River. Something interesting no one knows about her at RAHI is that she competed in snowshoeing in the 2012 Arctic Winter Games.

Rosa Schmidt

Kaylena Charlie, also known as Kay Rose, was born on November 19, 1995 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Her family resides in Minto as she has been attending boarding school at the Galena Interior Learning Academy but will spend her senior year in Minto. Her favorite sport is basketball but she also enjoys volleyball, dancing, and hanging out with friends. Her parents work for the school of Minto and are very supportive. She has one brother named Justin and a sister named Briana. In five years Kaylena envisions herself graduating from UAF or UAA.



Kaylena Charlie



Ivana Constance Ash was born on April 9th, 1996 in Homer, Alaska. She currently lives in Nanwalek, Alaska. She would like to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks to earn a Ph.D. in Linguistics. In the future, Ivana sees herself working with her community and preserving the Sugstun language. Ivana is part of Phil's family, Alaskan Assassins. Something no one knows about Ivana is that although she is white, she considers herself Native.

Ivana Ash

Esther Kasuq Hadley was born in Anchorage, Alaska on December 12th, 1995. She comes from a very large and close family of Buckland Alaska. Her dedication to school proved worthwhile when she graduated as the 2013 valedictorian of Buckland High School. Esther plans on attending the University of Alaska Southeast to go into business management. Her favorite subject is History and she likes reading, competing in the Native Youth Olympics, playing Sudoku, and volleyball. Her favorite sport is NYO and she loves dried caribou meat. One surprising fact that nobody at RAHI knows about Esther is that she has a twin brother that is graduating two years after her. In five years she envisions herself with a bachelors degree in business and working at NANA, her regional corporation.



Esther Hadley



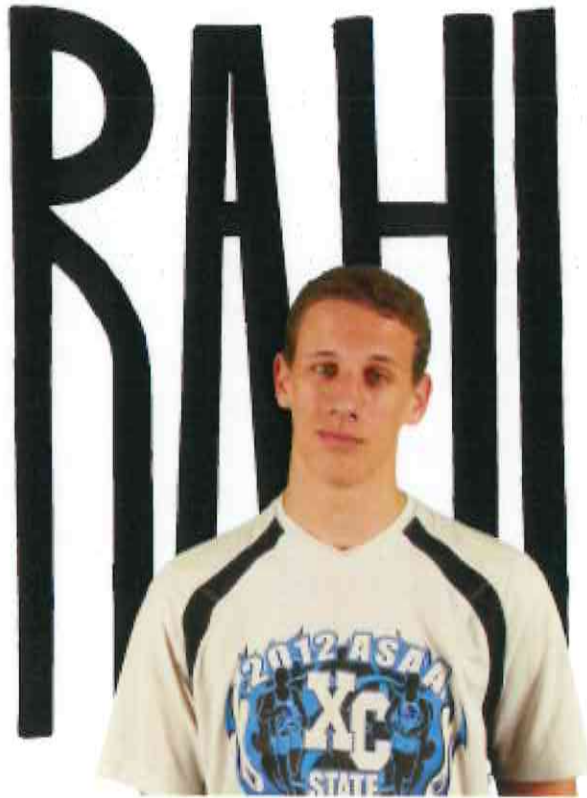
David Clark

David Clark was born in Twin Falls Idaho 1995. When very young David's family moved to Oregon. When David was seven they moved again this time to Anchorage. David liked Oregon but Anchorage is home. David has a nice family; right now he lives with his Mom, Grandma, and two dogs Coco and Boomer. In sixth grade David went to Lake Odis Elementary School, in middle school David went to Wendler Middle School, in High school David went to East High. Today he is a graduated and is planning to go to UAA in the field of journalism. David five year goal is to be graduated and off doing journalism. In Ten years he doesn't have planed yet. David likes to write, bike, read, and hang out with friends. David's nickname, which is also his native name, is Tawita. David has taken four years of Japanese. One thing you might not known about David is he can sing.

Rayna Georgie-Paige Buck-Nassuk was born in Anchorage but lives in White Mountain. She will be in a senior in the White Mountain High School this coming fall. She plans to attend University of Fairbanks in the fall of 2014. She likes cross-country skiing, playing basketball, volleyball, NYO, participating in the battle of the books, and cooking. However when asked, Rayna's favorite sport is NYO. Rayna has a few nicknames, which include, Puttu (eskimo name), Georgie, Paige, and Miss Rayna. Her favorite food is Italian food but she loves moose meat. One thing about Rayna that no one knows about her at RAHI is that she is very forgetful; she leaves her shoes EVERYWHERE!



Rayna Buck-Nassuk



Tim Schmidt was born in Portland, Oregon, and moved to Nome, Alaska. He has a big family, with a mom, dad, and five other siblings that share some common interests with him, including running, music, and skiing. Tim graduated from Nome Beltz High School with the Class of 2013, and feels very fortunate to come to RAHI so he can prepare for all aspects of college life. Tim's plans for the future includes becoming a mechanical engineer with a focus on the environment. He has many bright ideas in store to help people, including widening the use of renewable energy and also creating a car that is independent from the use of gasoline. His college of choice is the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Fun Fact: Tim is the tallest in RAHI 2013, capping out at 6' 3".

Timothy Schmidt

Katie Adeline Kashatok was born in Bethel, Alaska seventeen years ago. She now lives in Kipnuk, Alaska. Katie has a nickname, Ala, and a native name Cungauyar. She has two sisters and four brothers. She will be attending University of Alaska Fairbanks to get an elementary teaching degree. Katie can be super quiet, but also can be super loud. One interesting fact about Katie is that she can speak Yup'ik.



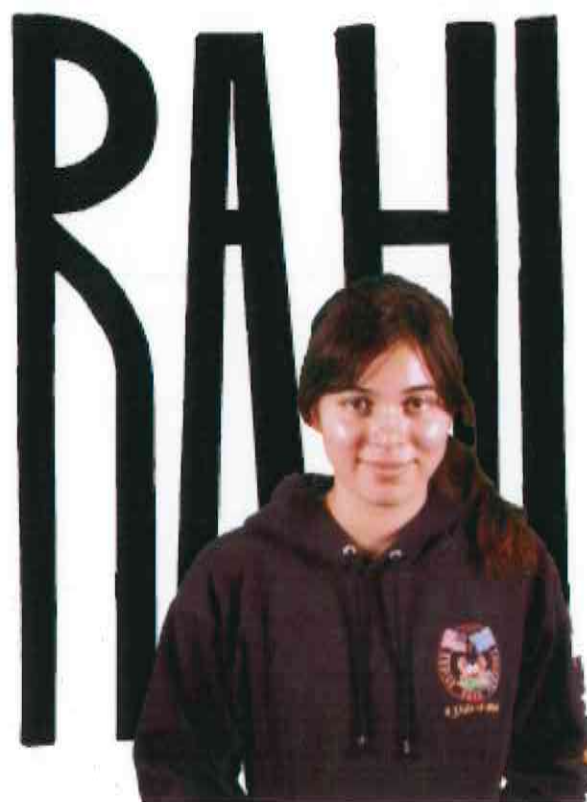
Katie Kashatok



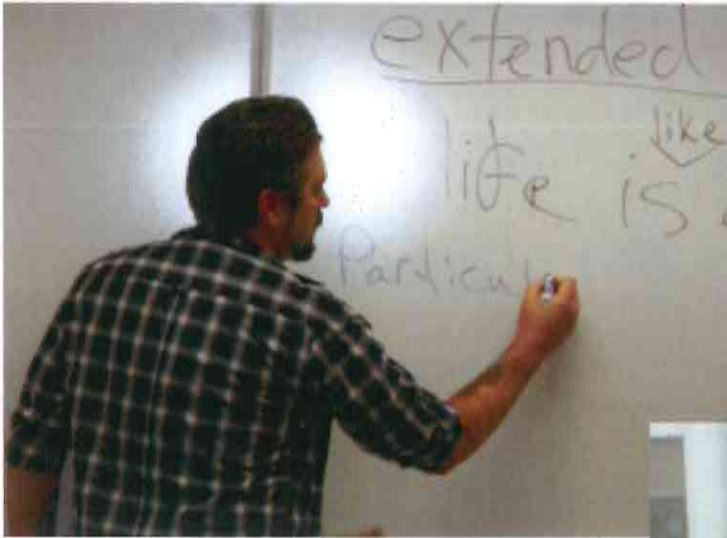
MarySue Hyatt

MarySue Panitchiaq Hyatt was born in Anchorage, Alaska and she currently lives in Kotzebue, Alaska. Her hobbies include basketball, volleyball, working out, softball, hunting, fishing, riding snow machines, and cooking. In 5 years she sees herself graduating from college with a teaching degree. In the next 10 years she hopes to be teaching in Kotzebue and having a house and family. A fun fact about Mary Sue is that she loves to sew skin or material.

Kate Rachael Jacobson was born on December 21, 1995 in Kodiak, Alaska. Kate was also raised in Kodiak and currently lives there. She attends Kodiak High School where she will be a senior this following year. In her free time, Kate likes to draw, paint, bake, and read. Some of her nicknames include Catarina, Katherine and Katie. Kate does not know where she would like to go to college but she would like to get a double major in Spanish and Russian. Her goals include graduating from high school within this year, have a degree in foreign language within five years, and travelling and teaching English in foreign countries in ten years.



Kate Jacobson



English 111x



This course is to prepare us for academic writing throughout our college careers and after that as well. In this class our critical reading and writing practice will be further developed through a variety of opportunities. Through class discussion and writing exercises, we will examine and practice ways of integrating creative exploration with intellectual understanding. We will also practice strategies of observation, summary, analysis, synthesis, research, and retaining our own voice and creativity.



Computer Applications- CLOS189

Howard Maxwell

The computer aps class is run by Howard Maxwell, its goal is to teach the RAHI students computer skills that will help them in the future. Their project is to create a snapshot of RAHI for Alaska to see with biographies on all involved and videos and pictures of the workings of RAHI. The class has thirteen students who work throughout the week to gather materials to showing people what RAHI is really like and encouraging other teens to come.





STUDY SKILLS- DEVS 108

DENISE WARTES



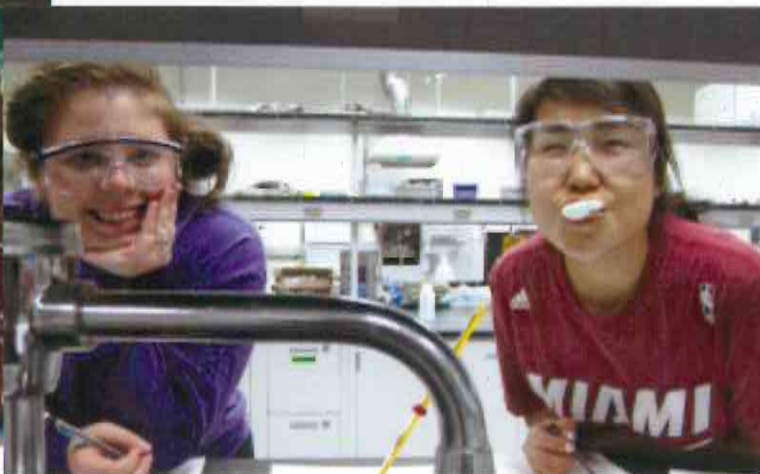
Students in RAHI take a mandatory course called Study Skills, but what is in the class differs from other study skills classes. Everyday, students listen to different guest lectures that teach them different facets central to college survival, such as motivation, ethics, financial aid, leadership, among many others. The class is taught by led by RAHI Coordinator Denise Wartes, who believes strongly that RAHI students are Alaska's future and wants to provide them all with as many opportunities as possible.



CHEMISTRY- 100X

LARRY DUFFY/ SWARUP MITRA

Professor Larry Duffy teaches chemistry, and his Teachers Assistant Swarup Mitra. This class covers the basics of Chemistry and how it relates to our world. The class focuses on how the principles and knowledge of Chemistry affect and apply to our world and the issues we face. We all enjoyed the class immensely and have a lot of fun together. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays we take notes on Professor Duffy's lectures and on Tuesdays and Thursdays we do labs with Swarup.





Native Dance

Naaqtuuq
Dommek



Naaq Dommek teaches dance and enjoys dancing every day. She has been teaching us several dances from all around Alaska. We have learned about eight to ten songs so far, mainly from northern Alaska. The students really enjoy learning from Naaq because she is so intelligent about Native Dance. Naaq challenges each of the kids to work hard and try each day to learn more.





Business BAF151

Liz Ross

Liz Ross taught the Introduction to Business class this year. Most of the students in the class agree Mrs. Ross was strict in the beginning of the program but casually changed to a more relaxed teacher. For example, after a few weeks Mrs. Ross decided to have "Taco Tuesdays" and "Munchy Mondays". With days like that each week, the students couldn't wait to go to Business class, which is what Mrs. Ross intended.



Math F106

Greg Owens



Math class is one of the smallest classes in RAHI. The students enjoy the math jokes of their great teacher Mr. Owens.

Math, the RAHI staff says, is the hardest of all the classes. Mr. Owens, agrees that the course is rigorous, the math students are finishing their course in half the time it normally takes. Math class is every afternoon from 1:15 to 3:15. Sometimes, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, class runs from 2:00 to 4:00. In class Mr. Owens teaches about the lesson. After class the math students do their homework. Part of the homework is done in a textbook and the other half is done on Aleks, a computer math course.

Karate

Liz Ross



The Karate class is taught by Sensei Liz Ross who is a black belt. The class covers the first few Katas, basic Karate form and movements, and some basic self-defense strategies and techniques. In the words of Liz Ross "Karate is 90% mental and 10% physical." The class stresses focus and discipline over body, actions, and mind. It is a very enjoyable class and while the atmosphere is serious we really enjoyed taking it. Perhaps the most challenging part of the class is the fact that nearly all commands are given in Japanese and you have to remember what action, movement, and/or stance goes with each command.

While this proved challenging for us eventually we got it down. Sensei Ross perfectly balances the atmosphere of the class between serious and playful so that the result is a highly enjoyable blend.



READING

DERICK BURLESON

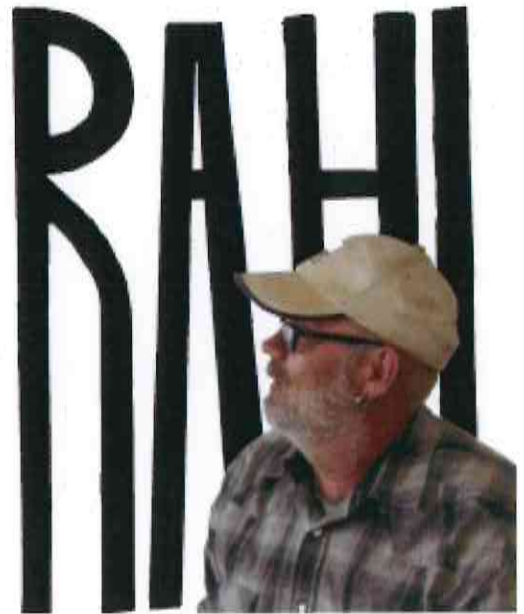
What officially started as “Writing Skills” but turned into “Reading Class” for most of the RAHI students. The reading class roughly runs from 9:40 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday in between English 111 and Transition into College: Study Skills. The students spend the time reading books and writing reviews. A student commented, “[our reading class] is very interesting. We talk about a lot of interesting things.”



RAHI STAFF

Derick Burleson

Derick Burleson was born in Cherokee, Oklahoma. He has a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Oklahoma State University, a Master's degree in English from Kansas State University, a Master's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Montana, and a Doctorate degree in English from the University of Houston. He made his way to Fairbanks, Alaska, in the fall of 2001 to accept a temporary teaching position at UAF, and hasn't left since. He has a daughter that lives with part-time in Fairbanks, and during the summers, he enjoys camping and fishing all around Alaska. He has four published books so far and worked in Rwanda during the Rwanda conflict.



Tim Murphrey

Timothy Murphrey was born in Louisiana and he currently lives in Fairbanks. His hobbies include archery, hunting, fishing, and motorcycles. He is married and has two children. Tim has a BA degree in English with a minor in Alaska Native Studies, a Masters of Education (curriculum and instruction), and is currently working on an Interdisciplinary Ph.D., focusing on rural Education in Alaska and indigenous identity. In 5-10 years he sees himself hopefully still working within the College of Rural and Community Development. A fun fact about him is that he plays guitar and sings.



Denise Wartes

Denise Wartes was born in Virginia but for ten years lives 40 miles west of Prudhoe Bay. She now lives in Fairbanks with her husband. Denise is excited because she has four grandchildren and she loves to play and hang out with them. She works for the University as the RAHI program Manager. She loves her job because she gets to assist young people in obtaining higher education and reaching their goals. Some of her interests and hobbies include reading and traveling. One fun fact about Denise is that she has lived on the edge of the Arctic Ocean for almost ten years. Another interesting thing is that she knows how to seal hunt!

Kate Pendleton

Kate Pendleton is the RAHI Coordinator. She grew up in Colorado. After she graduated high school, she attended Lewis and Clark College and graduated in 1980 with a degree in Environmental Science. Just two years after her college graduation, she moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1982, and she's lived here ever since. She started work at UAF in 2007, working with ASRA, and now works with RAHI, where she enjoys working with kids and watching them grow. Her advice is to "just do what you love in life; it doesn't always have to pertain to your degree". An interesting fact is that Kate owns a 14-year-old chicken.



Howard Maxwell

Howard Maxwell was born in Minneapolis Minnesota in 1958. He has a wife named Jeri and two children; a girl named Mackenzie and a boy named Andrew. At the University of Minnesota he received his undergraduate degree, a B.A. in Anthropology and a minor in Geography. At University of Alaska Fairbanks Howard received his graduate degree, a M.A. in Anthropology.

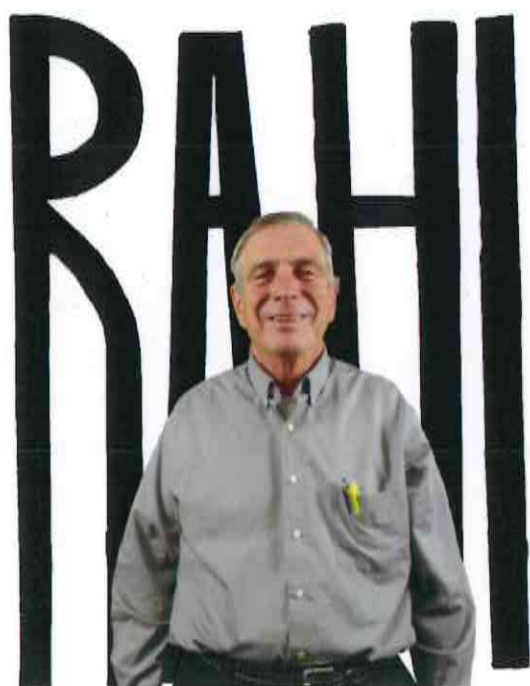
In terms of interests and hobbies he likes to play and watch sports especially soccer which he coaches. He also enjoys the outdoors; hiking, skiing, boating, and other outdoor activities; computers and anything technological; and reading thrillers. A fun thing that nobody at RAHI knows about his is that he loves to prepare fancy meals and entertain his friends.



Naaqtuuq Dommek

Debra "Naaqtuuq" Dommek heard from a friend that the RAHI program was looking for an instructor to teach the Alaska Native Dance class as well as tutor/counselors. Naaq wants to see indigenous people on the big-screen, speaking their mother tongue, and learning from traditions to manifest new ideas allowing our peoples' spirit to continue to fight the good fight. She hopes her students in her dance class will gain a sense of awareness about their feelings and interactions with others. Naaq really believes in what RAHI does for students. "It goes into the depths of a person and programs them to experience and understand hard work and success. For the past two years Naaq has been an instructor and tutor/counselor. This is her third year as an instructor.





Larry Duffy

Lawrence K. "Larry" Duffy was born in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Xaverian High School in Brooklyn before obtaining a Masters degree in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. Professor Duffy cites his interests in health and the environment as reasons why he went into his current field. Professor Duffy's hobbies include reading and landscaping. Professor Duffy currently lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, and teaches the Chemistry 100 class at RAHI.

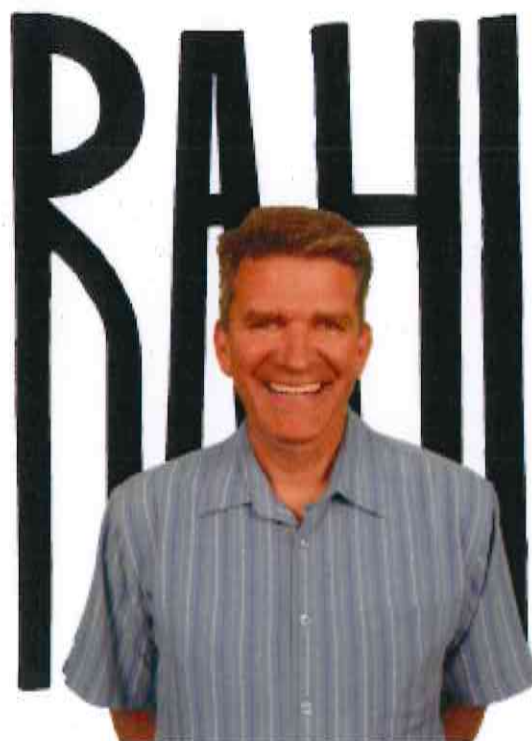
Swarup Mitra

Swarup Mirta was born in India, which makes him a very interesting person. This year, Swarup is a Research student/teaching assistant. He helps out with the chemistry class, but mainly does the labs on Tuesdays and Thursday. Swarup is an awesome teacher because he always makes things fun and exciting. Some of his hobbies include music, reading story books, and traveling. One interesting fact is that he doesn't know how to tie a neck tie. Swarup enjoys working with the RAHI students because of their inquisitiveness and eagerness to learn. When I asked him why he wanted to work this year for RAHI, he said plainly, "Primarily because it pays me during the summer and also because it is a great way to give back to society."



Greg Owens

Greg Owens was born during the Eisenhower administration in Nebraska City, Nebraska. When asked how old he is, says "Old enough to know better but not old enough to care." His hobbies include fishing, reading, gardening, coaching, talking, hiking, teaching, and singing-not in public. He lives in Fairbanks, Alaska and teaches the math class at RAHI. He says his favorite thing about RAHI is enjoying the youthful energy every year.



Betty (Liz) Ross

Betty Ross, also known as Liz or "The Ross," was born in 1951 in Seattle, Washington. Her mother is from Unalakleet and her father is from Germany. If she had to describe her family she would say they are big and loud with five sisters and two brothers. Liz has three sons and one daughter. She graduated in Colorado Springs and got an associates, bachelors, masters, and doctorate degree, graduating with honors in all of them. She is a black-belt Karate instructor. Her favorite sport is Tennis but she also likes knitting, taking pictures, and loves her three cats.





Renee Pike

Renee Pike was born on January 5, 1963 in Fairbanks, Alaska at the old Saint Joseph's Hospital which is now Denali State Bank. Renee has lived in Alaska her whole life and plans to live here the rest of her life. Renee's father moved to Fairbanks in 1954. Her favorite subject was business and accounting. She didn't go to college because she married when she was nineteen and had eight children. Over the years her family moved from place to place having children here and there. In 1993 Renee and her husband settled back in

Fairbanks. Today Renee has graduated with a degree in office management and technology. Now she works for CRCDC in the RAHI Program. Fun fact you may not know is that Renee knows how to sew fur. One of Renee's dreams is to open up her own fur sewing shop someday.

Nate O'Connor

Nate O'Connor was born in Bryn Mawr, PA on April 15th, 1988. Nate grew up in Pennsylvania and when he visited Alaska at age ten, he decided that Alaska was where he wanted to be. He grew up an only child with his mom and dad. When he graduated from Pennsylvania he went to college at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Because he was so interested in humans and the world he decided to get a Bachelors of Arts in philosophy with a minor in linguistics. One fun fact about Nate is that his favorite animal is the Capybara.





Ralph Elook

Ralph Elook is a proud Inupiaq from Buckland, Alaska. He graduated from Buckland High with the Class of 1985. He attended Sheldon Jackson College and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts in English in 2006. During the school year, he enjoys working with special needs teenagers at East High School in Anchorage, Alaska, and during the summer, he enjoys working as a Tutor-Counselor in RAHI. Because it is evident that he enjoys working with kids as an educator, he plans to go back to college again to pursue a degree in Education, this time at the University of Alaska Anchorage. An interesting fact is that Ralph can bend his left pinky outward.

Phillip Charette

Phil was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and is now 51 years old. He also goes by Philly Cheese Steak, Flippy, Stink Flipper, or his native name, Aarnaquq, which means the dangerous one. At one point in his life he did some scuba diving in a submarine trench in Bonaire, off the coast of Venezuela. Phil plans on starting and finishing writing a novel. His favorite thing about being a part of RAHI is seeing the program evolve into the successful program it is today.



Kirsty Newman

Kristy Newman's hometown is Henderson, Nevada. Her family consists of her two parents and one younger sister. Kristy has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Communications. She attended a college in Nevada to earn this degree and the nickname "Keke." Kristy loves the outdoors. Her hobbies include camping, surfing, reading, writing, and running. One fun thing that no one at RAHI knows about her is that she helped make the world's largest smoothie.



Sam Zinsli

Samantha Marie Zinsli was born on July 20, 1987 making her 25 years young. She was born in Vallejo, California but currently lives in Fairbanks, Alaska. However she will be moving to Kennewick, Washington at the end of this summer. Sam was raised by her parents, Kerry and Linda Zinsli, and grew up with her two older siblings, Cameron and Stephanie. On her free time, Sam likes to spend it swimming, playing softball, participating in triathlons, snowboarding, lifting weights, reading, playing board games, doing crossword puzzles or camping. Something unique about Sam is that one of her feet is bigger than the other, which makes shoe shopping quite different sometimes!



Eran Eads

Growing up in the conservative community of White Stone, Eran was inspired to start writing when the local librarian slipped him the works of Sylvia Plath and other poets underneath conventional book covers. Eran currently lives in Fairbanks, where he studies English at the University of Alaska Fairbanks under poet Derick Burleson. Eran was a student worker/student at RAHI and helped with the various activities. In five or ten years he sees himself graduated and working.

Monalisa Harpak

RAHI's math tutor, Monalisa was born 20 years ago in Bethel, Alaska. She grew up in Emmonak and attended high school at Mount Edgecumbe. She has one brother and two parents in Emmonak. Monalisa is attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and working towards a degree in Mathematics and I.T. Monalisa loves crocheting, beading, and recently became interested in puzzles. Monalisa is often just called Mona. One fun thing about Mona is that her parents were not thinking anything about the painting by Leonardo da Vinci when naming her.



RAHI RESEARCH



A day in mainstream RAHI includes English class, an academic elective such as math, business, or chemistry, and a choice between Alaska Native dance or karate. Students in RAHI Research, however, go by a completely different schedule. From 8 am to 5 pm, students are immersed in the world of science, as they take classes in Molecular Biology and Plant Biology for part of their day, and spend the day in lab for the second part of the day. Their summer of hard work at learning about Molecular Biology and putting it into practice culminates into a full research project at the end of the term that is presented at the RAHI Awards Banquet.





RALPH'S FAMILY GROUP

WRECK-IT-RALPH'S



This year, the team that is here, not to tear down, but to build everyone up, is Ralph's team. The Wreck-It-Ralphs, as they call themselves, include Tamaira Tocktoo, Charity Haskins, Roberta Walker, William Kelly, Brandon Showalter, Kaylena Charlie, Esther Hadley, and Mary Sue Hyatt. They have decided to rightfully be named the Wreck-It-Ralphs, after the movie Wreck it Ralph. Within this group, we have many different backgrounds and characteristics. Both Mary Sue and Charity bring direction to the group, while Tamaira, Roberta, Esther, and Kaylena bring ideas as well as logical plans. The men, Brandon and William, bring brute force and willingness, which help builds a great team. The Wreck-It-Ralphs believe themselves to be the best group, when it comes to car rides and think Ralph is the most serious, but funniest person to have as a group leader.

Kristy's Family Group

The College Squad



College Squad is one of the four RAHI family groups, led by Kristy Newman. College Squad's members include Colleen Snyder, Katie Kashatok, Abigail Chadwick, Tim Schmidt, Gwendalyn Trigg-Komahauk and Jonathan McKennett. A dynamic and fun family, College Squad is never boring and they always have something up their sleeves. The family group name was chosen in a very diplomatic and mature manner (we voted until the dogfighting ended). Kristy is very good at keeping her children restrained and not letting them eat their playmates. A weird fact about College Squad is that they almost named themselves Narwhales.

PHIL'S FAMILY GROUP THE ALASKAN ASSASSINS



The Alaskan Assassins is led by Phillip Charette and has Connor Ito, Ivana Ash, Jasen Stalker, David Clark, Kaylen Gray, Aga Thompson, Lonnie Dorton and Rosa Schmidt. While the name itself doesn't exactly fit the laid-back and tight-knit group, they still know how to have fun. Some of their activities include playing on a playground, going shopping at a party store, and having ice cream at the local Fred Meyers, or just casually sharing a joke with each other.

Sam's Family Group

The Superheroes In Training



The team that saves anyone in need is Sam's group, the Superheroes in Training! Though we still have some to learn about, we can still get the job done. The Superheroes include Allyson Wukovich as the Black Widow, Asa Bergamaschi as Spiderman, Cassie Black as Wonderwoman, Kate Jacobson as Invisible Woman, and Kory Joe as Batman. Although the van rides are spent mostly in silence, the Superheroes in Training are a good family. With Sam as their family group mom, the Superheroes in Training can get through anything! Not to mention they won the annual Olympics at Camp Bingle this year.

Camp Bingle



RAHI's Camp Bingle 2013 was full of excitement and surprises. We started the day bright and early (according to the students) with breakfast and then the family groups split up to work on individual group skits and flags. Promptly at 1pm, the Olympics began. We started the games off with pass the orange, gummy bears, egg toss, plank walk, canoeing, izzy dizzy bat race/ obstacle course, chubby bunnies, bland man's walk, and the log roll. The family group that won was Sam's group the Super Hero's in Training. Even though there were tons of mosquitos, everyone agreed Camp Bingle was a blast.

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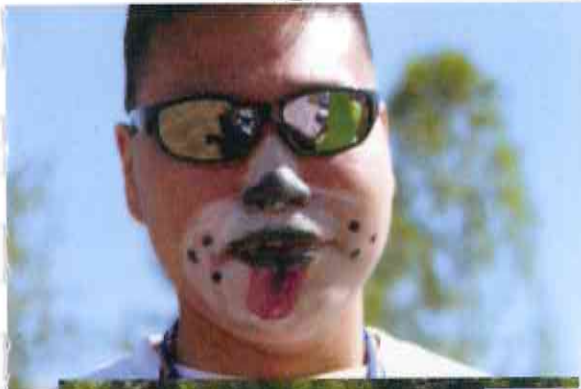
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