



Juneau-area students receive Huna Heritage Foundation scholarships

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The Huna Heritage Foundation awarded 35 Huna Totem shareholders and descendants, including eight students from Juneau and seven from Hoonah, with \$35,000 in higher education scholarships this month.

This year's scholarship recipients vary in age from 18 to 68 and are studying everything from fine art to behavioral neuroscience to fire science, with several majoring in accounting and nursing.

The following students from Southeast each received a \$1,000 scholarship:

- Kyle Berry, from Douglas, is attending the University of Alaska Southeast and is majoring in business and accounting.
- Timothy Coutlee, from Hoonah, is studying commercial driving at Northern Industrial Training in Palmer.
- Marjorie Dick, from Hoonah, is studying tribal leadership at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- Liv Dybdahl, from Hoonah, is an accounting major at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- Colleen Henderson, from Juneau, is enrolled at the University of Alaska Southeast and is studying social science.
- Marie Holden, from Juneau, is attending the University of Portland in Oregon and is a general studies major.
- Lyle James, from Juneau, is a liberal arts major at the University of Alaska Southeast.
- Heidi Jewell, from Hoonah, is attending Kaplan University in Davenport, Iowa, and is studying political science.
- Jack Lee, from Hoonah, is enrolled at the Vocational Training & Resource Center in Juneau and is studying commercial driving.
- Jill Meserve, from Hoonah, is studying accounting at the University of Alaska Southeast.
- Ralphenia Refuerzo, from Juneau, is an accounting major at the University of Alaska Southeast.
- Katelyn Savland, from Juneau, is attending the University of Alaska Southeast and is a psychology major.
- Kolbjorn Skaflestad, from Juneau, is attending Southwest Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, Ore., and is studying fire science.
- Reynolds Skan, from Juneau, is enrolled at the University of Alaska Southeast and is studying general studies.
- Treana White, from Hoonah, is studying social work at the University of Alaska Southeast.

Other scholarship recipients are from Sitka, Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Anchorage and cities throughout the Lower 48.

The Huna Heritage Foundation's mission is to perpetuate Huna Tlingit culture and promote education for present and future generations of Alaska Natives with ancestral ties to Hoonah and Sit' Eeti Gheeyi, the Tlingit name for Glacier Bay. The foundation awards scholarships twice a year to Huna Tlingit students.

From 2004 through 2011, Huna Heritage Foundation provided nearly \$625,000 in scholarships.

Huna Heritage Foundation was founded in 1991 and is funded primarily by Huna Totem Corporation, the Native village corporation owned by more than 1,300 Alaska Natives with ancestral ties to Hoonah and Glacier Bay. The foundation supports the Huna Tlingit community through a number of programs that preserve and promote the culture and by providing scholarship funds to shareholders and their descendants seeking a higher education.

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