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Presidents' Letter

Dear Friends of the University of Alaska:

We are proud to share with you our Annual Report on Giving. If you want to see the power of generosity in action, visit any University of Alaska campus. Generosity is woven into the fabric of university life at every level. Its effects are everywhere you look.

Generosity helps construct buildings, equip classrooms, and fund lectures. It allows faculty to become more effective teachers and to conduct groundbreaking research. Your giving transforms students into scholars.

But generosity is more than money. It is the energy a professor gives to inspire her students. Generosity is the spontaneous help students give each other when learning tough material. It is the dedication of the administrative staff. Generosity is the amazing amount of time and energy alumni and friends make to support their public university. All are gifts, freely given by generous people who believe in the university's mission.

In this Annual Report on Giving, we highlight individuals who represent the university—students, faculty members, staff and administrators. They illustrate how generosity has transformed their lives and places.

We likewise feature a husband and wife. They represent the source of these generous acts: our donors. More than 5,600 of you supported the University of Alaska last year. Whether the gift was small or large, each one represented the heartfelt expression of someone's desire to advance the work of this great university. That is at once a humbling thought and an inspiring one.

As always, we will strive to repay your trust with ever higher levels of achievement.



Ann T. Parrish
President
University of Alaska
Foundation



Mark Hamilton
President
University of Alaska

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Impressive Students Inspire Auxiliary to Increase Scholarship

UAA student Whitney Church remembers when her grandmother, the late Denia Foster Church, wove beautiful grass baskets and brought them to the Alaska Native Medical Center Auxiliary Craft Shop in Anchorage for sale.

Now Whitney Church, a 19-year-old biological science major from Quinhagak, a Yupik village on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, attends school with the help of a scholarship established by the hospital auxiliary that runs the non-profit craft shop.

The family connection and childhood memories of her grandmother's basket making give the scholarship extra special meaning, says Church.

"It's also a step toward meeting my goal of becoming a pediatric doctor," she says. "The scholarship does help a lot."

Kelsi Ivanoff, another auxiliary scholarship recipient, agrees. The 17-year-old engineering major at UAA says scholarships and grants are key components for making her college career successful. With a heavy load in chemistry and science, textbooks are a large expense, with some books as high as \$150 apiece.

"I don't want to have to pay a bunch of loans off for years," says Ivanoff, who calls Unalakleet home. "I'm very thankful for the scholarships I've received."

The girls' ambition and drive—and desire to push themselves toward their goals—are striking, says Jeanne Dougherty, the auxiliary's scholarship chair and one of the craft shop volunteers.

"Our volunteers are just so excited to be reaching out to students in the villages," she says. "What's so impressive to all of us are the qualifications these kids have."

Members of the all-volunteer hospital auxiliary operate the craft shop, as they have since 1975. The detailed carvings, intricate beadwork, lovely baskets and other traditional

scholarship for Alaska high school graduates off the road system.

The auxiliary partners with the UA Foundation for administration of the scholarship and recipient selection, a labor intensive process that Dougherty says would have been nearly impossible to coordinate without expert help.

The scholarship was established two years ago, when nine \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. This last year, the auxiliary awarded 20 scholarships to rural students to attend any of UA's campuses.

The UA Foundation manages \$1.8 million in scholarships for nearly 900 students, according to fiscal year 2004-2005 statistics. The scholarship funds have a broad reach and are one of the staples of the Foundation's overall mission.

Both Ivanoff and Church intend to put their college

degrees to work right here in Alaska. Once finished with schooling, Church wants to become a pediatric doctor while Ivanoff wants to get a master's degree in Arctic engineering and work for an Alaska company.

Listening to the plans of the young women puts a smile on Dougherty's face. "Partnering with the UA Foundation is just a perfect fit for us."



Pictured: Whitney Church, Jeanne Dougherty, Kelsi Ivanoff

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Native crafts are sold on a consignment basis.

The craft shop's share of the proceeds are used to fund various good works, such as toys for pediatric patients; comfort bags for cancer treatment patients; and newborn baby "welcome packs".

While auxiliary members are pleased with all of their endeavors, Dougherty is especially happy with the