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*KEF Mission: To help our people achieve their potential through education.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM  
KEF'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF!**



*Back Row: William Anderson, Jr., Edward Ward, Jenna Weekley, Desiree Cronin, Uwe Gross,  
Michael Pestrikoff.*

*Front Row: Anthony Cange, Sharon Anderson, and Lorena Skonberg.*

*Board Members Not pictured: Frank Hurley and Laurie Fagnani.*

*Committee Members Not Pictured: Debbie Lukin and Jerome Selby*

## First Alaskans Internship Opportunity—Deadline: February 28, 2007

### **First Alaskan's Summer 2007 Paid Internships Throughout Alaska:**

The First Alaskan's Institute has 30 paid internship positions throughout

Alaska, available for the summer 2007 in the following areas:

*Education, Health, Oil and Gas Industry, Organizational Management, Public Policy, Economic Development, Rural Development, Research, Human Resources.*

**Requirements:** Applicants must be: Alaska Native, college juniors, seniors or graduate level students.

The internship lasts 10 weeks, from early June to mid August (schedules can be adjusted based on the student's academic schedules). Applicants who intend to return to rural Alaska upon completion of education will be given priority for selection into the program.

**Deadline for applications:** February 28, 2007.

For more information, please contact: **Lena Hoffman** or **Sarah Sherry** at 907-677-1700 or visit the First Alaskans website at [www.firstalaskans.org](http://www.firstalaskans.org).

*“The Goal of this Internship Program is to place Alaska Native undergraduate and graduate students into organizations around Alaska to provide real-world leadership development experiences.”*

### **KEF's New Brochure and Logo**

Included with this newsletter is KEF's new brochure! We are excited to tell shareholders about our services and benefits available to you and to grow our organization. The brochure will be available at Koniag Informational and Annual meetings and whenever KEF travels to the villages or meets with students.

Because KEF is a non-profit, we request funding from many sources and when we approach a donor for funding, we will leave them with this brochure. The donor's brochure will include an insert that explains statistical demographic information about cost of living, dropout rates, etc. as they relate to education and Alaska Natives.

KEF would like to thank our board member, **Laurie Fagnani** for producing our brochure through her company Marketing Solutions at 50% of the normal expense—making these brochures look great for little cost! We would like to thank **Gloria Selby** for the great work on the inspiration and design of KEF's new logo!

### **A Thank You From Victoria Woodward~**

Dear Koniag and KEF Board of Directors,

I would like to express my gratitude as one of many fortunate students to receive financial assistance through the Koniag Education Foundation. With your help, I recently earned a degree of Master of Education in Reading from the University of Alaska Southeast. This has been yet another milestone in my life that would not have been possible without KEF's financial assistance.

As a Koniag shareholder, I would like to encourage other Alutiiq people to seek a higher education. Find an area of interest you are passionate about, surround yourself with those who will encourage you, don't give up the pursuit of your education no matter what you might encounter. With a clear vision, a strong support system, and a commitment to complete your program, each of us can make positive changes in our workforce and community through education.

At times I wondered if I could fulfill my obligations, but I drew upon the support of my husband, family, and my faith. Their encouragement and prayers helped to make my educational dreams a reality. Blessings and thanks to my family and Koniag.

Quyanna, Victoria N. Woodward, East Elementary Teacher, Kodiak, AK



Victoria with parents Betty and Abner Nelson, Sr.



## Meghan Woodman selected as All-Star

**BELLINGHAM, Wash.** - Western Washington University defender [Meghan Woodman](#) was the only freshman named to the first team of the 2006 Daktronics Far West Region Women's Soccer All-Star selections. Woodman, a redshirt freshman from Redmond, had a team-best eight assists; and Weber, a senior from Yakima (Eisenhower High School graduate), led the squad in goals with nine and points with 19. They both played key roles on a defense that allowed just 1.17 goals per game and registered eight shutouts. Both Weber and Woodman were first-team all-GNAC picks, with Weber being a unanimous selection. Western, which finished 14-5-1 and placed second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference at 7-2-1, made the school's first NCAA Division II Far West Regional appearance, losing 4-0 in the semifinals to eventual champion UC San Diego. The 14 wins were the second highest in school history and the most since 1984. It was their first post-season appearance since 1996. Meghan's family is from Redmond, Washington and her mother is shareholder, Mary Eufemio. Meghan is studying to become an Occupational Therapist.

**“The best and brightest students should not be denied access to higher education simply because they can not afford it.”**  
- Bill Gates

### Other Scholarship Opportunities

**Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation:** Offers a scholarship as well as internships to Kodiak Island Borough School District graduating seniors. Scholarship awards are **\$5,000** each and can be used at any University of Alaska campus for pursuing a Bachelor's degree in mathematics, engineering, physics, business, computer science or other technical fields related to the aerospace industry. For further information, please contact the AADC office at (907) 561-3338 or visit [www.akaerospace.com](http://www.akaerospace.com).

### Gates Millennium Scholars Program—Deadline January 12, 2007

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program offers full-ride scholarships for minority students to any school they are able to attend. This scholarship can take a student from their freshman year in college all the way through a Doctorate degree and includes cost of living. The scholarship requires that students be attending college for the first time, meet Pell eligibility requirements, and be **NOMINATED** by members of their community. To find out more about this wonderful funding opportunity or to download nomination and application paperwork, please visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org).

### Alyeska Scholarship Deadline of January 5th, 2007

KEF is excited to announce that we are working with the Chugach Heritage Foundation to provide an Alyeska-funded scholarship for our shareholders and descendants. We encourage you to apply for this scholarship if you are: *majoring in Electrical, Mechanical, or Civil Engineering, Quality Assurance or Inspections Professionals, Safety Professionals, Planner/Schedulers, Project Managers, and Instrument, SCADA, and Communication Technicians. Other areas for consideration are in the fields of Business, Information Technology, Process Industry, Environmental Sciences, Human Resources, Security and Planning. Applicants must also apply to the Trans Alaska Pipeline upon completion of training.* If you are interested in the opportunity for funding up to \$5,000, please contact our offices by email at [kef@alaska.com](mailto:kef@alaska.com), or by phone at (907/888) 562-9093 for an application.

