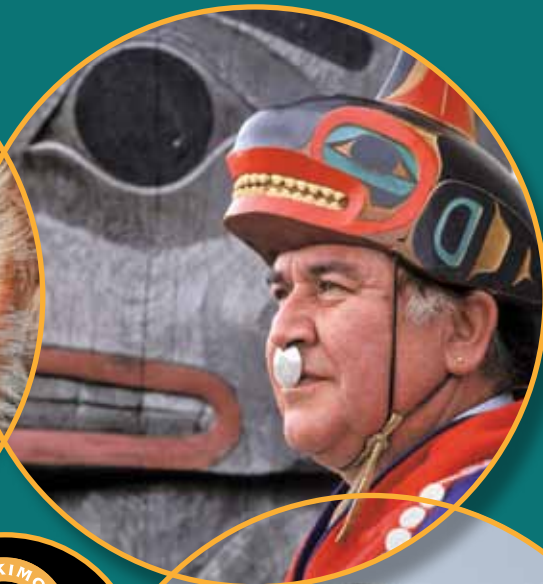


Alaska Federation of Natives

2011 President's Awards WINNERS

STRENGTH IN UNITY



Friday, October 21, 2011

Egan Center, Cook Hall

Some 2010 Winners



PROGRAM

Lunch Service

Welcome Remarks

Presentation of the Citizen of the Year & Denali Awards

Presentation of the AFN President's Awards

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Della Mae Cheney, Douglas

Della Keats "Healing Hands"

Sarah Smith, Anchorage

Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education

Agatha John-Shields, Toksook Bay

Elder of the Year

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Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement

Joseph "Nashalook" Masters, Unalakleet

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Hunter-Fisher

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Lu Young Youth Leadership

Teressa "Tessa" Baldwin, Palmer

Parents of the Year

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Public Service

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Roger Lang Youth Leadership

Peter Paul Squartsoff, Port Lions

Small Business

Raymond Michael May, Kodiak

Program Conclusion

CULTURE BEARER



Della Mae Cheney

Della Mae Cheney is originally from Kake, Alaska and currently resides in Douglas. Della is a Tlingit and Haida weaver who has taught between 150-200 students in numerous states and villages over the years. She actively participates in cultural activities and ceremonies as an elder, teacher, dancer, singer and artist, including the Cordova Sobriety Festival, Haa Kuusteeyi Celebration in Teslin, Canada and the statewide Elders & Youth Conference. As a member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Della is committed to perpetuating the culture of her people and all Alaska Natives.

CULTURE BEARER

Recognizes an Alaska Native who demonstrates strong involvement in the arts. Individuals nominated for this award may be involved in theater, music, dance, painting, sculpture, and storytelling. This award can also recognize an artist, an arts administrator, or a preserver of Native culture.

NOMINEES

Martna "Lalla" Williams
Ethel J. Makinen, Daasdiyaa
Vernon & Fred Elavgak
Martin Woods
Becky Eтуkeok

DELLA KEATS "HEALING HANDS"



Sarah Smith

Sarah Smith is originally from Old Harbor on Kodiak Island and was raised in Seldovia, Alaska. Sarah currently resides in Anchorage, serving the Native community as a Tribal Doctor in the Southcentral Foundation's Traditional Healing Clinic, where she provides traditional healing counseling and practices a healing hands technique. Sarah has helped many people in her community with her gift of traditional healing. Helping others has always been Sarah's greatest priority, and although her occupation is "Tribal Doctor," she will tell you that her life's work is with the elders of the Anchorage Native community—who she is continually partnering with to preserve traditional culture.

DELLA KEATS "HEALING HANDS"

Named for the late Dr. Della Keats, an Inupiaq healer who served the health care needs as a tribal healer within the Northwest Alaska area for over 50 years. This award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity as a tribal healer or health care provider whose accomplishments have most directly affected Native people in their home communities.

NOMINEES

Don S. Thibedeau
Cheryl A. Richards
Bruce Nelson

EILEEN PANIGEO MACLEAN EDUCATION



Agatha John-Shields

Agatha John-Shields is originally from Toksook Bay, Nunakauyaq and now resides in Anchorage. She is an Assistant Professor of Education Leadership and the Co-Director of the Consortium of Alaska Native Leadership Engagement and Development at the University of Alaska at Anchorage. Agatha spent 17 years working in the Lower Kuskokwim School District and was instrumental in the success of the Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Yup'ik Immersion Charter School during its formative years, ultimately serving as Principal from 2003-2010. A strong supporter and advocate for bilingual education, Agatha received the Governor's

Distinguished Humanities Educator Award in 2002. She strives to revitalize and keep the Yup'ik language and culture strong to ensure that it is passed on to future generations.

EILEEN PANIGEO MACLEAN EDUCATION

Named for the late State Legislator, elementary and bilingual teacher—recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence, and sensitivity in the education field, and whose accomplishments have improved educational opportunities for Alaska Natives.

NOMINEES

William Templeton	Emma Bodfish
Pausauraq Jana Harcharek	Lance Kramer
Maurice McGinty	Nancy Douglas
Sam Towarak, Sr.	Charleen C. Fisher

ELDER OF THE YEAR



Chief Paul Williams

Chief Paul Williams was born on October 17, 1936 in Salmon Village near Chalkyitsik, Alaska. Paul is a true servant of his people and has applied his life to the betterment of his Native people. For over ten years, he has served as the Chief of the Venetie Reservations and also served for 22 years as the Second Chief, as well as the Traditional Chief, in Beaver, Alaska. Over the years, Chief Williams has served on numerous committees and boards, including the Council of

Athabascan Tribal Governments, the Interior Region Housing Authority, the Beaver Kwichin Corporation, the Interior Village Association and the Tanana Chiefs Conference Executive Board. Paul is an elder historian and gifted oral storyteller who possesses a wellspring of traditional knowledge with a fervent belief in teaching and sharing his knowledge with younger generations.

ELDER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes an Alaska Native Elder who exemplifies the highest of values and qualities important to Native people. This individual is recognized as a leader, an educator and a preserver of the Native culture whose contributions have benefited Alaska Native peoples throughout his/her life.

NOMINEES

Rebecca Adams
Effie Hadley
Hajlmar "Ofi" E. Olson
Emil R. Norton

GLENN GODFREY LAW ENFORCEMENT



Commissioner Joseph "Nashalook" Masters

Joseph "Nashalook" Masters was raised in Unalaska and now resides in Anchorage. The majority of Joseph's law enforcement career was spent within the ranks of the Alaska State Troopers, beginning in 1986. Ultimately, Joe was promoted to Deputy Director of the Alaska State Troopers in 2003 and held that position until he retired. In 2008, Joseph was appointed Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Public Safety. Joseph's ongoing commitment to community service is exemplified by his involvement in numerous community organizations. He is a Board member of the Alaska Native Justice Center and has also served on the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, the Mat-Su Commission on Police Powers, the Board of Western Community-Oriented Policing and the Alaska Rural Justice Commission.

GLENN GODFREY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Named for the late Glenn Godfrey, Colonel and Director of the Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety. This award recognizes an Alaska Native law enforcement officer at the federal, state or local level who has shown outstanding dedication to the safety of the public in any location(s) within Alaska, often requiring heroic courage in the face of danger.

NOMINEES

Ed Janitscheck
Clinton Victor Wiehl
David A. Anderson

HEALTH



Loretta Throop

Loretta Throop is originally from Ninilchik and now resides in Anchorage. Loretta is a true advocate for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness within the Alaska Native community. In the 1970's, she joined the Alaska Native Health Board and has served as the Director of the American Indian Nurses Association. Loretta has been a champion for Alaska Native consumers of health care services, encouraging them to stand up and be involved in the delivery of those services. Since joining the Southcentral Foundation's Board of Directors in 2009, Loretta has played a critical role in helping the Foundation expand opportunities for improved health and wellness within the Alaska Native community. Loretta's care for the health and well-being of the people of Southcentral Alaska has never wavered in her years of service in the health profession.

HEALTH

Recognizes an Alaska Native who demonstrates strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the health fields, and whose accomplishments have improved health care for Alaska Natives. Nominees may be involved in the areas of health advocacy, program administration, and professional care and in the health professions.

NOMINEES

Moses Ulurilnguq Fredrick
Susan Qunasiq Schaeffer-Beck
Julie Kaiser

HUNTER-FISHER



Thomas & Edith Pungalik

Thomas and Edith Pungalik reside in Noorvik, Alaska. Their lives involve gathering food through the seasons and teaching others to survive off the land. Thomas is an avid hunter and provider for his family and his community, employing the traditional skills he learned from his parents, elders and Native hunters. Thomas has taught many youth from his

village to hunt and has shared the values of hunting. Edith is a traditional sewer and provides all of the hunting clothing needed for the season. She teaches sewing and how to take proper care of the food that is gathered. Both have been active in regional efforts to maintain the Inupiat culture and are involved in committees, such as the Elders Council, to ensure that such knowledge is passed on to the next generation.

HUNTER-FISHER

Recognizes an Alaska Native who exemplifies and preserves the spirit of successful subsistence hunting, trapping and sharing, and our way of life. Nominees must acknowledge and ensure that the next generations of providers will carry on the traditions and customs in harmony and peace to sustain their extended families.

NOMINEES

Dave Swenson Michael D. Miller
Ben Nukusuk Fred Thomas
Floyd M. Kookesh Susan Boskofsky

LU YOUNG YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Teresa "Tessa" Baldwin

Teresa Baldwin was born and lived in rural Alaska and now resides in Palmer. The daughter of Sarah Randall and Clyde Baldwin, Jr., Teresa is the Founder of Hope4Alaska, a nonprofit focused on suicide prevention and awareness. Since her sophomore year in high school, Teresa has been an indispensable advocate for suicide prevention in Alaska—the state with the highest suicide rate in the nation. After losing a friend to suicide, Teresa became the lead Chair for the Alaska Association of

Student Governments, where she partnered with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to create a statewide Suicide Prevention Media Contest. Teresa also started a yearly 'Suicide Prevention Week' at her school and was recently appointed as the Youth Representative for the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council by Governor Sean Parnell.

LU YOUNG YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Named for the late Lu Young, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders. Nominees must be young women of high school age or students in college who demonstrate leadership qualities.

NOMINEES

Bessie N. Binkowski
Sonta Hamilton Roach
Charlea Joy Kewan-Bartleson

PARENTS OF THE YEAR



David & Teresa Ulroan

David and Teresa Ulroan are lifelong residents and community pillars in Chevak, Alaska. Since marrying 35 years ago, they have raised five children with traditional Cup'ik, Western and spiritual values. As spiritual individuals who are active in the church, they emanate spirituality. They have served on the Parish Council and serve as one of three couples that help other couples in marriage preparation, focusing on communication. Dave and Teresa are extremely compassionate and are often the first people to comfort a family during their grieving of a loved one. They believe in leading by example and have thoughtfully modeled various ways of helping others to both their children and their community.

PARENTS OF THE YEAR

Recognizes Alaska Native parents who exhibit many of the qualities and values important to the continued physical, social and cultural survival of Native people. These values may include sharing and teaching of Native culture, love of children, respect for Elders, spirituality, cooperation, responsibility and involvement in the community.

NOMINEES

Eddie & Nellie Noatak
Mike & Alice Adams
Greg & Laverne Alexander
Abner Nelson, Sr. & Betsy Nelson

PUBLIC SERVICE



Dr. Gilbert Truitt

Gilbert Truitt was born and raised in Sitka, Alaska. Due to tragic circumstances, he was orphaned at the age of 14 and was forced to fend for himself in a setting that wasn't always pleasant. Gilbert knew that education was his ticket to a better life and a way to serve his community. After he earned his Masters in Education Administration, he returned to serve at his alma mater, Mt. Edgecumbe High School. For 34 years, Gilbert served his community as a Teacher, Basketball Coach, Athletic Director, Administrator and Principal. Gilbert set high standards for his students and urged them to participate in extra-curricular activities. He has also been active in sporting events in Sitka and has organized many Halls of Fame. Gilbert has dedicated his life to the education and youth of Alaska and has long been an inspiration to the kids he has taught and coached.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated dedication, competence and sensitivity in the area of public service. This award recognizes individuals who have promoted and assisted in the development of their community, or whose accomplishments and leadership qualities have most directly affected and benefited Native peoples.

NOMINEES

Ben Itta
Melissa Borton
Greg Razo
Jerry Lowery
Nick Alexia, Sr.
Tim Towarak
Darlene R. Johnson-Edwards
Lawrence "Larry" Westlake
William Micklin
Tony Jones, Jr.
Nathan Hadley, Sr.

ROGER LANG YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Peter Paul Squartsoff

Peter spent his childhood living in Port Lions and in Anchorage, and in 2001, he permanently moved back to Port Lions with his father and three sisters. During his senior year of high school, Peter was elected as a Student Council representative and played on both the basketball and volleyball teams. Throughout his schooling, he participated in the Alutiiq Language Program and the Alutiiq Dance Group. Through hard work, Peter also learned much of the Alutiiq language and instructed classmates under the supervision of his teacher. After his high school graduation in May, Peter joined the Summer Youth Employment Program through the Kodiak Area Native Association, where he was placed with the Native Village of Port Lions Alutiiq Language Department. Peter was recently hired as the Alutiiq Language Assistant for the Native Village of Port Lions.

ROGER LANG YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Named for the late Roger Lang, a former AFN President, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders. Nominees must be young men of high school age or college students who demonstrate leadership qualities.

NOMINEES

Bo Ticket
Lynn Church
Shawn L. Eby
Raymond Edward Ipalook

SMALL BUSINESS



Raymond Michael May

Raymond Michael May was raised in Port Lions and attended school in the village for most of his childhood. He now resides in Kodiak with his wife Jessica and their two children, Damon and Tori. Raymond began working on fishing boats when he was 16, and by the time he was 25, he had purchased his first two boats. At 28, he purchased a storage company—Kodiak Island Storage. Today, Raymond is balancing his fruitful storage company and two successful fishing vessels with his responsibilities as a husband, father and community volunteer. Raymond understands the importance of reinvesting in the community and employs local crewmen whenever possible and volunteers to support youth in sports. He greatly respects the fisherman that mentored him when he first entered the industry and he strives to do the same for others.

SMALL BUSINESS

Recognizes an Alaska Native business owner or manager who has demonstrated success in business as well as a commitment to their community, which has improved economic opportunities for Alaska Natives.

NOMINEES

Gerald James
Joseph C. Williams II
Robbie A. Jackson

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