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Alaska Travel Industry Association Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipients

\$53,500 Awarded to Students Across Alaska

Anchorage, AK – The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) Foundation announced \$53,500 in scholarship awards to 10 outstanding recipients from across the state. These competitive, one-year awards recognize students who have a passion to succeed in fields related to the travel industry.

“Reinvesting in our students is a great way for the Alaska tourism industry to continue to grow and ensure we have future tourism leaders,” said Kory Eberhart, ATIA Foundation Board Chair. “We are excited to support these young Alaskans and look forward to watching their tourism careers grow.”

Thank you to the named donors and ATIA members who support this annual program.

A Taste of Alaska Lodge Scholarship

Dylan Bender, Eagle River, \$2,000

Alaska Airlines Scholarship

Alexis Cramer, Eagle River \$1,000

London Moren, Talkeetna, \$1,000

Kaleb Janke, Nome, \$1,000

Lucy Hankins, Seward, \$1,000

Alaska Collection by Pursuit Scholarship

Corey Stickle, Healy, \$2,500

Alaska Helicopter Tours Scholarship

Kaleb Janke, Nome, \$1,500

Alaska Railroad Corporation Scholarship

Micaela Weihrich, Eagle River, \$1,000

All Alaska Tours Scholarship, for students pursuing education in Business Administration.

Ella Strong, Anchorage, \$1,500

ATIA Anchorage Chapter Scholarship, through donations raised by the ATIA Anchorage Chapter.

Koneal Laguidao, Juneau, \$1,000

Corey Stickle, \$1,000

ATIA 1-yr Scholarship, funded through ATIA member pledges.

Heather Reiss, Palmer, \$2,500

London Moren, Talkeetna, \$2,500

ATIA Rural Scholarship

Tamae Seto, Kodiak, \$2,500

Kaleb Janke, Nome, \$2,500

Chuck West Memorial Scholarship, funded through an endowment established in memory of Chuck West, founder of Westours and Cruise West.

Hannah Moody, Ketchikan, \$1,000

CLIA Alaska Scholarship

Alex Malouf, Ketchikan, \$1,000

Explore Fairbanks Scholarship:

Melanie Randall, Healy, \$2,500

Frank Flavin Memorial Photography Scholarship:

Micaela Wehrich, Eagle River, \$2,500

Holland America Line Scholarship

Alex Malouf, Ketchikan, \$1,500

Orion Christian, Eagle River, \$1,000

Lazy Otter Charters Scholarship:

Alex Malouf, Ketchikan, \$1,000

Premier Alaska Tours Scholarship

Michael Pullins, Anchorage, \$1,500

Heather Reiss, Palmer, \$1,000

Richard Beneville, Nome Discovery Tours Scholarship

Kaleb Janke, Nome, \$1,000

Kris Geldaker Memorial Scholarship, awarded in memory of Kris Geldaker to students pursuing a tourism or maritime-related degree.

Hannah Moody, Ketchikan, \$2,500

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Royal Caribbean Group Scholarship:

Tamae Seto, Kodiak, \$2,000
Hannah Moody, Ketchikan, \$2,000
Ella Strong, Eagle River, \$1,000

Rust's Flying Service Scholarship:

London Moren, Talkeetna, \$1,500

Tim McDonnell Mentorship Scholarship, funded through the support of Alaska Coach Tours in honor of Tim McDonnell, the former vice president of Alaska operations for Princess and Holland America Lines.
Hannah Moody, Ketchikan, \$1,000

Tania Hancock Memorial Scholarship was awarded in memory of Tania Hancock to assist individuals who are passionate and tenacious in pursuing a career in tourism.

Tamae Seto, Kodiak, \$2,000
Heather Reiss, Palmer, \$2,000

UA Tourism Partners Scholarship:

Koneal Laguidao, Juneau, \$1,000

About The Alaska Travel Industry Association

The Alaska Travel Industry Association is the state's leading industry organization for travel-related businesses and supporters. Made up of about 600 members representing businesses both large and small across the state, ATIA works to increase the economic impact of tourism in Alaska and is the respected voice of the industry, advocating on behalf of our members on issues impacting businesses and communities. ATIA has long managed Alaska's destination marketing program: Travel Alaska. For more information, visit www.alaskatia.org.

About The Alaska Travel Industry Foundation

The ATIA Foundation invests in Alaskans to ensure the quality of people employed in Alaska's visitor industry. Scholarship recipients are enrolled in a program of study in preparation for a career in tourism. Since 2001, the ATIA Foundation has awarded scholarships to more than 180 individuals. Funds are raised from members during ATIA's annual convention and through business sponsorships.

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