



Senior Class of 2015

Lake and Peninsula School District

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Jewel Shangin

Chignik Lake

Jewel grew up in here in Chignik Lake and went to the Chignik Lake School for most of her life. While she was here, she was very involved in sports – especially volleyball. She was captain of the 2014 Wolves team that came in second at the mixed-six volleyball tournament. She has earned numerous All-Tourney awards as well as Top Shooter and Top Hitter awards. She went to regionals twice and was on several district championship teams.

Besides her athletics, Jewel was also very involved in Student Government. She held every possible position – president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, you name it. Beyond that, she was also the manager of the student store and was in charge of everything, from ordering food to designing team apparel and Wolves logo sportswear.

Jewel not only excelled in school, she also attended several extra-curricular learning opportunities, including a small engine repair course, a welding class, and a heavy equipment operations session. Presently she is planning her future, and is thinking of attending Fort Lewis College in Colorado, perhaps to study Business Management. Her experience and leadership skill from her involvement with student government, management of the student store, and position as captain of the volleyball team will very valuable no matter what she chooses to do.

Nathan Ward

Chignik Lake

Although I have not lived in Alaska my entire life, I consider myself as nothing other than an Alaskan. Born in Kentucky, my family then spent several years in Oklahoma before moving to this great state eight years ago. I have been fortunate enough to be a Lake and Peninsula School District student for the last five years, I am truly glad to have spent my high school career in LPSD.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to participate in sports like cross-country, volleyball, and basketball. My senior year I was selected for the all-tourney team in volleyball. It is also a point of great personal pride that I have come in last at each cross-country meet I have attended.

Being a leader in the district has been very important to me. I have been part of Lake&Pen District Student Government since my sophomore year, and am now the president. I am also a member of iLead, a program that has been very dear to me. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to teach students about leadership across the district. I have also been lucky enough to attend Becharoff Science Camp, two AASG conferences, and several Lake and Peninsula Borough meetings. It was an honor to attend D. C. CloseUp and AK CloseUp. These have all been great experiences.

I love to read, you'd be hard pressed to find me without a book to read. My favorite book has to be Lord of the Rings. I picked up a copy when I was 10, and I'm still not tired of it. Some of my other hobbies include comedy, playing the piano, and playing video games. I don't like to be quiet for any length of time, unless you've given me a good read.

As I move into my adult life, you can be sure that Lake&Pen will be on my mind. I have come to make many friends, and would not trade a second of my time here. Thankfully, many of my partners in crime are also attending the University of Alaska Anchorage, so I will not be cut off entirely. I have been touched by the generosity, kindness, and friendliness of so many people in Lake & Pen. I deeply appreciate all of the opportunities I've been given, the friends I've made, and the experiences I've had. See you in Anchorage!





~Stay Golden~

Briana Croom

Chignik Lake

Thank you to those who helped/influenced

me! My mom always pushed and pushed that I graduate and now, I am so thankful for that. When I first started high school it was Marlene Schmitt who helped me get so far ahead in school. Then after she had to leave, the next teacher to help me finish graduating was Rob Fagerquist. Thanks to all of these people I get to walk down the aisle with my best friends a year early to get our diplomas!!

Nicknames:

Banana, Bri, "B", Shaquille, Perry, "Ssaqmed", Beana, Blitz, Hammah, Hammy, Twitchy, Earl Jingle, Dunia, and Tomboy

Hobbies/Sports:

Riding my four-wheeler, riding a dirt bike, skiff rides, boat rides, hanging out with my friends, also majorly in love with volleyball

Favorite Subject: Math

The Thing I Like Most About Myself:

I'm always happy.

My Plan For Next Year:

To attend UAA, UAF, or AVTEC

Funniest High School Memory:

The only prom I ever went to. There were almost all of the lake students with some Perryville and Port Heideners all at one table just laughing and it was fun getting ready for the prom! Hahahah, to those who read this and remember getting ready for prom! I hope you laugh at these memories like I do.

Favorite Food: Food in general

Favorite Dessert: Desserts in general

Favorite Sport: VOLLEYBALL!!!!

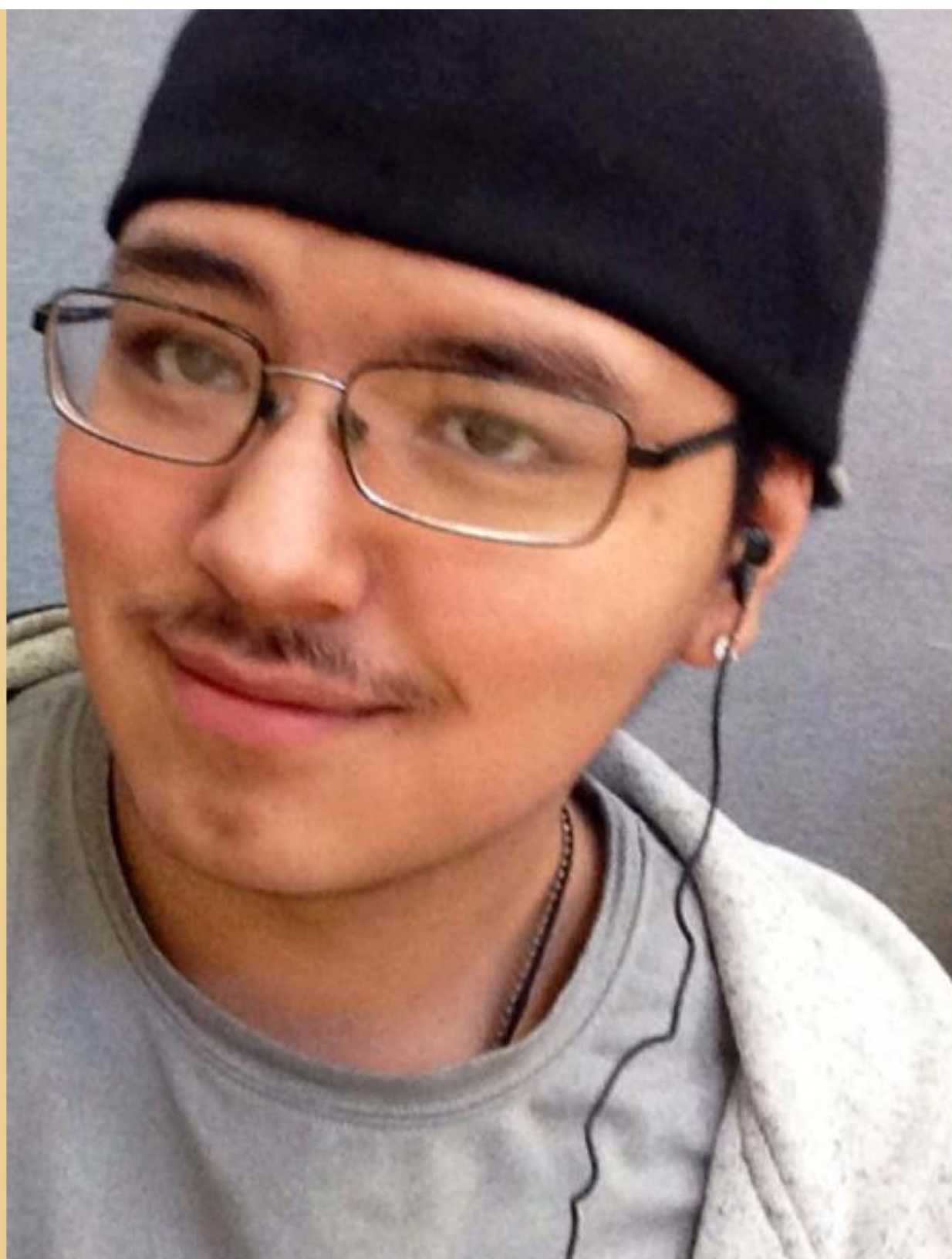
Favorite Movie: Anyone who knows me knows I am a big fan of comedy and cartoons.

Favorite Books: Sense of Evil by Kay Hooper, Bonechiller by Graham McNamee

Favorite TV Shows: That 70's Show, Two and a Half Men, Family Guy and Becker

What I Want To Be Doing in 25 Years:

Have my own place, vehicles, with a great job that I actually enjoy doing and a family.



Dominic Lind-Stepanoff

Chignik Lake

My name is Dominic Lind-Stepanoff; I was born in Anchorage but was raised here in Chignik Lake for part of my life until I moved to Las Vegas when I was 12 for two years. Although I liked Las Vegas, I had to come home because it was too hot there. I've played basketball in my Junior and Senior years of High School.

After I'm done with this school year, I plan to go commercial fishing this summer. Even though I completed all my levels for graduation, I have applied for and been accepted to the CTE course in Heavy Equipment Operations. Later, I might go into the military and probably make it a career. I am considering the Marines.

These days I spend my time hunting when I can for moose, bear, caribou, or whatever I can track. I have to spend a lot of time trying to keep my Honda running. I guess I need a new one – maybe a graduation present? Occasionally, I'll play a video game in my spare time. Mostly I just try to keep busy.

Personal favorites:

Book: Graceling, by Kristin Cashore

Movie: Titan A.E

Hobbies: Playing Videogames

Activities: Riding my Honda, hanging with friends and hunting.

Richard Takak Jr.

Chignik Lake

Richard was born in Anchorage and spent his childhood moving back and forth between Chignik Lake and Anchorage. When Richard was 11 years old, he officially moved to Chignik Lake where you can find him shredding the trails on his Honda. In 2007, he visited Hawaii on a family vacation. In 2011, Richard flew to Seattle and then road tripped all the way to California passing through Oregon. During his high school career, he played basketball and volleyball, and ran cross-country. One of his favorite memories is from Spirit week when they put Vaseline on his face to keep the plaster from sticking. He also enjoyed making a volcano to represent Pompeii. Richard attended all of the AA meets but he enjoyed the middle school AA meet more than the high school meets.

Richard enjoys reading the Mortal Instruments series and playing Kingdom Hearts in his spare time. He also likes to watch The Simpsons, but is not fussy about watching movies. He does however enjoy a good John Wayne occasionally. He also likes to get into mischief with his good friends here at Chignik Lake. During the summer, Richard fishes and has been doing so for 12 years. He enjoys the sea, and would rather be on a boat than anywhere else. His future plans include attending CTE and finding a job in mechanics. He also is planning another road trip to an unspecified location.



Emily Lyn Engelkes

Egegik

Advice to others:

"Take every risk, drop every fear." – unknown

Recommendations from her list of favorites:

Books

The entire Harry Potter series, Infernal, Mortal Devices and House of Night series

Music Groups/Bands

Pierce the Veil, Sleeping with Sirens, Bring Me the Horizon, Lana Del Rey, Pink Floyd and Tool

Films

The Maltese Falcon, Harold and Maude, Aladdin Series, The Lion King movies

TV Shows

White Collar, American Horror Story, Walker Texas Ranger and Criminal Minds

Animals

Sea Turtles and Golden Doodles



“Life is like a camera, focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don’t work out, take another shot.” -unknown

Emily adopted this philosophy to life early on and feels it still describes her approach to life as she gets ready to head off on her own.

Ms. Engelkes was born on February the 15th, 1998 in Waterloo, Iowa to Brent and Angela Engelkes of Grundy Center, Iowa. Over the course of her short life, she has moved many, many times – mostly between her home state of Iowa and Alaska since she has family residing in both places. She reports that she’s seen the heck out of these two states and hopes to explore some others once she finishes her National Boards to be a Certified Medical Assistant. Emily is confident she’d like a career in medicine; but which one? She has entertained the notion of working as an ER nurse, a radiologist and phlebotomist; but hasn’t settled on a single priority yet. She is really hoping to move to Hawaii in the next 5 years and attend the University of Hawaii to pursue a bachelor’s degree. But for now, it’s off to Alaska Career College in Anchorage.

In her spare time, Emily has LOTS of hobbies – she is interested in most anything! Photography is one of her favorite past times followed by reading, listening or making music, hanging out with friends, beading, arts and crafts of any sort and playing with her Lillie, the great and powerful Golden Doodle. She also enjoys swimming and walking on the beach.

This year, as in most, she has been very busy and involved at school. This year’s activities included:

- Battle of the Books – Egegik placed second in the district.
- Basketball – The Bear’s were undefeated for the second year in a row and won the district championship for Mix-3.
- Treasurer - Student Government Council
- National Honor Society
- CTE – October 2015 Business Programs and Spring 2015 ETT Certification

In previous years, and in different schools, she has also been a part of yearbook, drama, cross-country, talent shows, science fairs, radio club, cultural heritage weeks, music and fine arts workshops, and summer camps. Emily’s most memorable adventure happened last October when she and her family took a vacation to Kona, Hawaii. She really enjoyed the warmth and sunshine, long walks along the beach and daily swims. But the event that sticks with her the most is swimming with sea turtles. She was amazed by these large, gentle creatures and surprised by their agile abilities in the water. Her trip also included parasailing, surfing, beach combing, turtle watching, swimming with the manta rays and dolphins, ocean kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling and an historical luau. Emily felt at home in Kona almost instantly; which has inspired her to work towards making it her home someday.

The most inspirational person in Emily’s life is her Grandpa Gary. He was always kind to everyone he met and would go out of his way to help others better their situation if he was in any way able. Emily felt like Grandpa really listened. Even though she didn’t always take his advice, he listened all the way before sharing his thoughts on the situation; it often feels like most people who claim to listen are really just waiting to talk at you.



Nick Wassillie

Kokhanok

I am Nick Wassillie, a senior of Kokhanok, Alaska. I was born in the old hospital in Anchorage. Kokhanok is my home, and it is where I have lived my whole life, even though I haven't lived that long yet. I live with my grandparents, mother, and her sister. My family and friends taught me how to respect the people and the animals of this land I live on. My community is so supportive because the people here know what we are capable of and know that education is good for us.

I have been traveling with my school to places I would not think to ever go. I was able to play sports when I got old enough. I traveled to more places in the district than any of my other family members have gone. I got to see places from New York City to Washington DC, and Hawaii. I learned many things when I was in school and I am going to go back to school when I am out so I can keep on learning things. I am happy I got the chance to come to school and learn from all my teachers. I had been in the student government since I was able to participate. I am the President of the student government. I help my village by helping with the student government and I am an ETT. So, if something bad happens, I can help the two-heath aids if they need help. When I am out of school I want to go training to become a pilot.

Angel Carol Jean Cobb
Kokhanok

Personal Favorites:

Anything Chocolate
Sports
Comfy Couches
Sleeping
Any Kind of Music
Honda Rides
Movies

Quote:

~There is no finish line.~



I am Angel Carol Jean Cobb, a senior of Kokhanok High School. I have lived in Kokhanok since I was a little one. I was born in Anchorage in the old hospital. I took two years off in Newhalen then moved back to my beautiful home. I live with my wonderful parents and three brothers (sadly no sisters). Throughout my childhood, I only considered my close cousins and a few friends to be my siblings. My closest cousin, I consider as my brother, since day one, Nick Wassillie. My true sisters are Thea Nowatak, Melanie Nowatak, Annette Wasillie and Ashley Nickoli. They still help support and comfort me. Without my close friends and family, I wouldn't have gotten this far and I appreciate what they have done to support me.

I have always been involved in my community. I've grown up learning and living traditional ways. My family and a few other people have taught me to respect my elders, other people and mostly myself. I have pushed myself to gain knowledge to achieve great things for my community. I have been fortunate to participate in all sports including: Cross Country, Volleyball, and Basketball. Since freshman year, I have been improving my skills on the court. I have gotten all tourneys, all-star, sportsmanship and in basketball, free throw and three point champion. I have been on student government since freshman year. In my last year, I am proud to say, I have worked my way to the top, well, vice president is close to the top.

Next year I'm planning to go to University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau. In whatever I do, I hope I am able to make an impact on the world. I hope to better myself in education. From my first pre-school teacher throughout and my last high school teacher, who have been in my educational experiences, I am truly thankful for everything they have done. The learning they have provided has influenced encouraged and helped shape me since the beginning. I am grateful to all of them.

Michael Apokedak

Levelock

My name is Michael Apokedak I was born in Anchorage Alaska. I have lived in three places Anchorage, Dillingham, and in Levelock I spent most of my time here in Levelock. I like to travel to new places and joining sports helped with that. I also traveled to Oregon twice and drove to the boarder of Washington to a city called Vancouver. When I graduate, I am going to Fairbanks for Heavy Equipment classes for two months.

Favorites Include:

Books: The Giver, The BFG

Music: Anything that would catch my attention.

Movies: The Hangovers, Mulan, Rio and Rio 2

Hobbies: Hunting/fishing, Online Gaming, and Riding



Krista Vi. Hansen

Levelock

My name is Krista Vi. Hansen and I was born in Anchorage, Alaska on May 3rd. I have lived in King Salmon, Naknek, Homer, and Levelock. I have been living in Levelock since July 23, 2014 and I love it. I missed being able to hop on my four-wheeler and go for a ride all over the village. After I graduated from Levelock school I started working there and I enjoy every second of it, doing anything from helping kids on homework to being their P.E. teacher and cleaning up their messes. In the near future, I would love to go to the Bel-Rea Institute in Denver, Colorado to become a Vet-Tech.

Music:

Eminem, Ace Hood, Future, Kevin Gates, Tupac, Lil Wayne, Chris Brown, Miley Cyrus, Rihanna, Avicii, Chelsea Redfurn, Lupe Fiasco, Rita Ora, Zendaya, and Mac Miller

Movies:

Savages, The Vow, Warrior, Brothers, High School, and Safe Haven.

Hobbies:

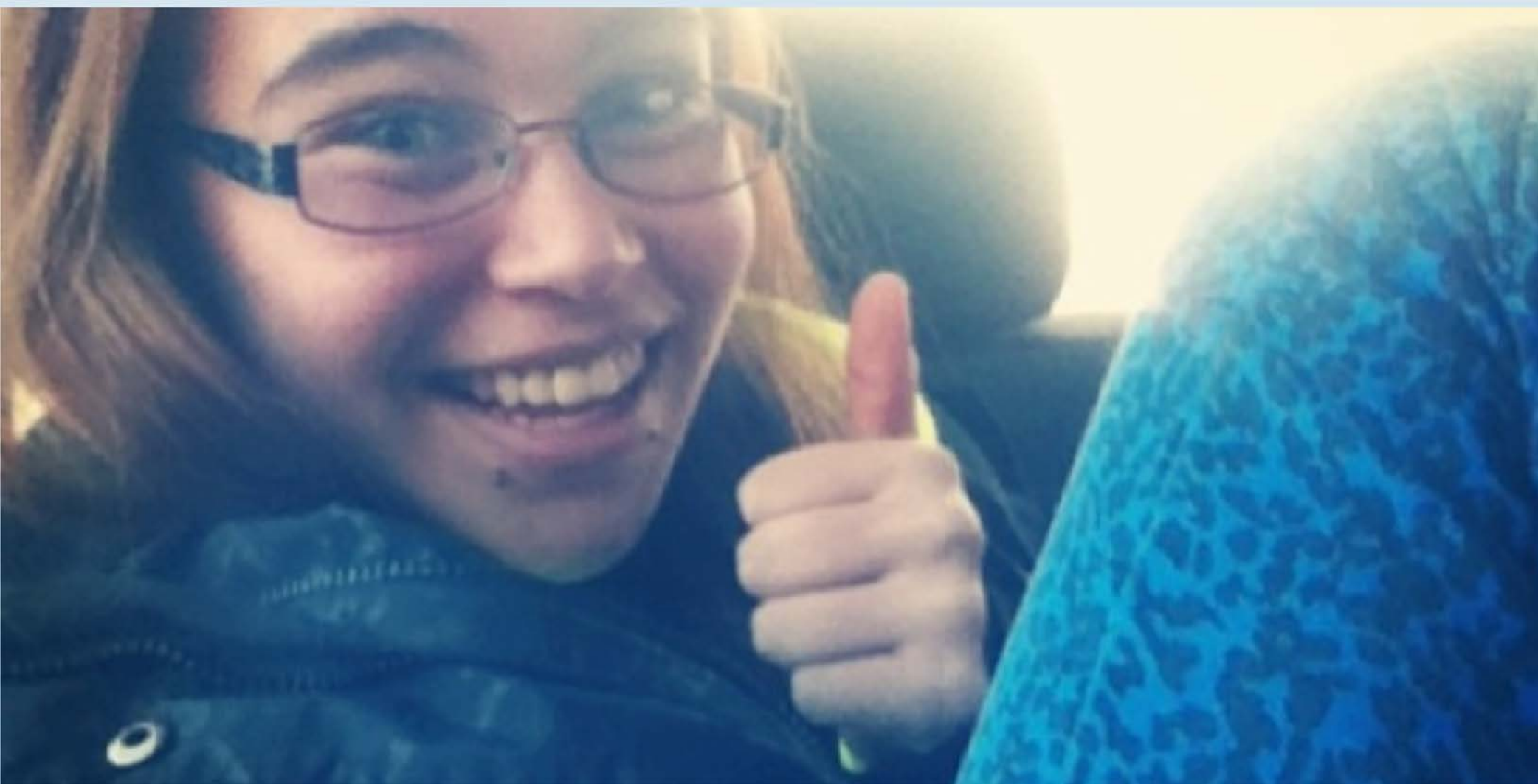
babysitting, four-wheeler riding, cooking, and taking care of my dogs.

Quotes:

“Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.” –Arthur Miller

“Never apologize for being sensitive or emotional. Let this be a sign that you’ve got a big heart and aren’t afraid to let others see it. Showing your emotions is a sign of strength.” –Brigitte Nicole

“Who are you to judge the life I live? I know I’m not perfect and I don’t live to be. But, before you start pointing fingers, make sure your hands are clean.” –Bob Marley.





Danielle Alexie

Nondalton

Danielle Alexie was born in Anchorage and has lived in Nondalton all her life. Although many people jokingly tease her about being “height challenged”, she has risen above and beyond to graduate her junior year. Danielle is more than excited to begin her life and help in her community.

Danielle loves to laugh and isn't a hard person to entertain. Actually, Danielle and her best friend, Shantel, can talk about a ridiculous topic such as “chicken” and laugh for weeks. She also has a strong video game life and would rather stay home and play guitar hero or halo than interact with people. Don't take these facts the wrong way; she also loves to make new friends.

After graduation, Danielle hopes to stay in Nondalton and help her community. She is currently planning to find a job after graduation with the tribal council or possibly the school.

Personal Favorites:

Shoes
Pinesol
Shrimp Fried Rice
Lemonade
Disney Movies/Cartoons

Eric Kosbruk

Perryville

Eric has lived in Perryville all his life. He has been attending Perryville School throughout his childhood and teenage years. Now, he is looking forward to graduating high school so he can move on to college.

Eric has been a part of the Perryville Student Government for most of his school years. He has participated in all of the sports the district has to offer including: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball and NYO. He also took part in many CTE Programs to receive college credits and become certified in basic welding, carpentry and a few others.

Next year he is planning to attend the University of Alaska Anchorage to get a degree in Professional Piloting. Becoming a pilot has always been a desired future career for him. Seeing many of his family members who are certified pilots have inspired him into the aviation industry.



Brandon Takak

Perryville

My name is Brandon Takak and I grew up in Chignik Lake, Alaska. I spent most of my school years at Chignik Lake, but for my last school year, I decided to come to Perryville and finish out here. I have been a treasurer for both Chignik Lake and Perryville Student Governments. I have been a commercial fisherman for three years. After high school, I am planning to become a heavy equipment operator and mechanic at UAA. I want to attend UAA because I received the UA Scholars award.

Nicknames:

Brendalynn
DoonDoon
Dooner
Doondug
Motto Motto

Personal Favorites:

Guns 'N' Roses
The Rolling Stones
CCR
Ride





Sean Morales

Perryville

My name is Sean Morales and I was born in Anchorage and spent most of my life there. But I believe that Perryville is my home because while living in Anchorage I have never lived in one house for too long. My family and I were always moving and whenever I came to Perryville my grandparent's house were always there. I came to Perryville two years ago for a visit. I had to finish off a little of my school year and after the summer was over I moved back to Anchorage. After a while I thought I wanted to graduate in Perryville, so now I am.

The three years that I have spent in Anchorage I learned a lot about Alaskan Native cultures in the Alaska Native Heritage Center taking Art classes and this has helped me decide that being an artist or an art teacher are definite possible career choices.

This is my last year in Perryville School and I have been very busy. About a month and half after the year started I was elected as the student body president and the kids here barely know me, which has me wondering why they chose me to be president. I have pulled together a Halloween carnival, which turned out a lot better than I had expected. I have helped make a few store orders that made us a lot of money. And I have helped plan my graduation ceremony and order the decorations, it doesn't sound like much but it was a lot of work.

After graduation I am planning to go commercial fishing with my father and the money from that and any scholarships that I apply for will help me pay for college. After commercial fishing I will move back to Anchorage. After I have everything settled, I will apply for my FAFSA and to UAA in the fall.

Personal Favorites:

Angela's Ashes

Gun's N' Roses

Art

Playing guitar

"Ev'ry rose has its thorn, just like ev'ry night has its dawn" Poison.



Trule Erickson

Port Alsworth

Where have you lived: Port Alsworth, Alaska and Tehachapi, California

Nicknames: Blue, Bluefish, Truleblue, True-blue, and Lizard Lips

Hobbies/Sports/Organizations: Ballet, competitive swimming, gymnastics, softball, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and Samaritans Purse

Funniest High School Memory: Too many to pick from! Everyday had lots of laughs!

My plan for next year: Next fall, I plan on attending the University of Anchorage Alaska for a Bachelors degree in Nursing.

In 25 years: In 25 years, I hope that I will have been able to work as a Perinatal Nurse in a hospital (not sure where yet). I also hope to be married, become a mother, and travel. I'm excited for whatever plans God has for me!

Thank you to my family and friends who have always been there for me and I know always will be! I am also so, so thankful to God for His guidance, protection, and love that He so freely gives to me every single day!

Favorites

Subjects: Science (especially biology) and History

Food: I just LOVE food!

Dessert: I just really, really love dessert!

Sports/Hobbies: Ballet, Competitive Swimming, Gymnastics, and Softball/Baseball

Movies: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jane Eyre, movies based off of Jane Austen books, Disney, classic musicals, old black and white films, and The Sandlot

Music: Rend Collective, All Sons and Daughters, Phil Wickham, aaaand...I love old musicals!

Books: The Bible, Jane Eyre By: Charlotte Brönte, and Pride and Prejudice By: Jane Austen
Favorite TV Shows: Fringe, Psych, and the Dick Van Dyke Show

Lamentations 3: 22-24

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."



Shiann Nanalook

Newhalen

My name is Shiann Nanalook, born by the salty waters of Anchorage, Alaska and raised in the most beautiful part of Alaska (Bristol Bay). I've lived in the basketball junky village of Iliamna for nine years with my three phenomenal sisters: Sissy, Johnny, and Ahnni. I've also had the privilege to be raised by the most wonderful, weird, loveable, outgoing parents in the whole universe. I can't thank them enough for raising us in a Godly home. Thank you Reno and Shan. I love you to the moon and back.

I have always been a major basketball junky. That being said, throughout my four years of high school I have earned three regional titles and two state championship titles. With such a record I've considered my team and myself really lucky. I've also been a part of the volleyball team and one year of Cross-Country.

With being the oldest of the pack, and my parents only having girls, I was raised to love the outdoors. My personal hobbies are fly fishing, fly tying, and hunting large game and waterfowl.

Next year I plan to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. I have not yet decided what I am going to major in. I do not know what I am going to be doing in 25 years. But I'm pretty sure it will involve making a whole lot of money and bossing people around. Realistically I want to own my own aviation business and own my own fishing and hunting lodge and bring a positive impact to the village and hopefully provide a lot of jobs for community members.

Personal Favs:

My dad's salmon

My mom's spiral salad

Nail Polish

"Top Gun"

Nordstrom

Camo

Long walks in the wilderness

Jeremiah 29:11

Zoe Anelon

Newhalen

My name is Zoe Anelon, I was born in Bethel, Alaska to Staci and Greg Anelon. I grew up in Newhalen. My community is so supportive. They are all die-hard basketball fans. Roadhouse Mountain and the biggest lake in Alaska surround Newhalen. It is very beautiful and peaceful. During my school career I had so many opportunities, including going to state all four high school basketball seasons, playing volleyball also, going to state one year for NYO, an being active part of I-lead, and in NHS. I also got to go on both Close-Ups. I was voted the Newhalen Student Athlete of the Year once in 2013 and again this year. I am going to be graduating with honors and am our school's UA Scholar. This past year I've been volunteering my time to work with the elementary children. Helping with the elementary children helped me decide what I wanted to do with my life, which is become an elementary teacher. I will be attending UAF in the fall.

Favorite Book: I don't have any favorite books, I don't like to read.

Favorite Music: Anything that I could sing to.

Favorite Movie: Any Disney movie

Hobbies: Basketball and Volleyball.

Spare Time: I watch T.V

Quote: "No." Rosa Parks



Lukas Zackar

Newhalen

My name is Lukas Zackar and I grew up in Kokhanok until seventh grade. Then I moved to Igiugig. I stayed in Igiugig and had fun playing sports with other small schools. At the end of my sophomore year, I figured 5-man basketball would be fun so I moved to Newhlaen where I spent my last two years of high school. Those two years were a blast. The two basketball seasons I played, were the most fun I've ever had playing basketball. After fishing this summer, I am going to be attending AVTEC in Seward. I will be there from August to December where I will be training in Construction Technology.



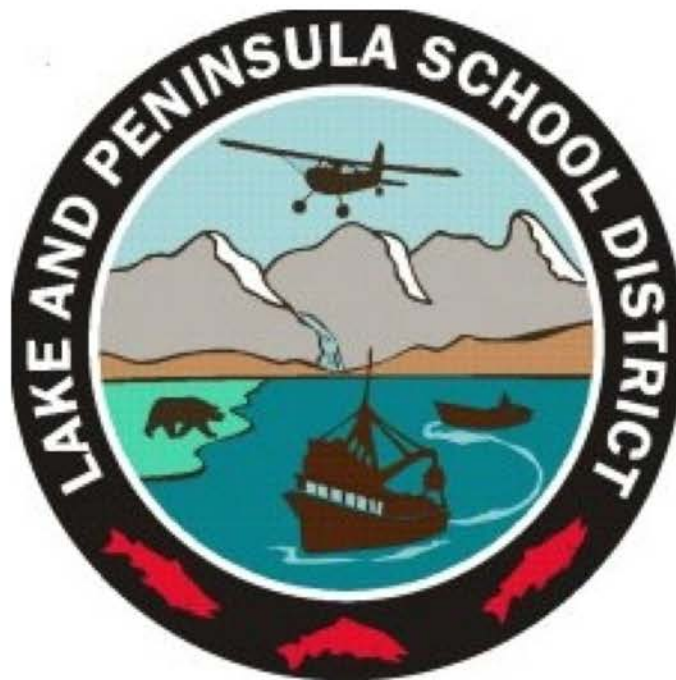
Congratulations Lake and Peninsula Graduates! You have put in a great deal of work and effort to get to this point; and we want you to know that we are all very proud of you.

I would like to thank all of the teachers, family and friends who assisted these students throughout their education. It has been said, “it takes a Village to raise a child,” and in Lake & Pen's case, this couldn't be truer. We live in a place where people care about others and pitch in to help when things get rough, while also surrounding our students with a nurturing environment.

Many of our graduates will soon be leaving our villages and this system of support. With that being said, we must continue to encourage them to reach for their goals. It is our hope that with this backing, they find success and eventually bring their new skills and talents home to the Lake and Peninsula Region.

On behalf of the District and our School Board, I want to wish you much luck. We are very proud of your accomplishments to date, and can't wait to see what the future holds for a very talented group of graduates. Job well done!

Ty Mase



Senior Class of 2015



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