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MEDIAK STUDENTS SHOWCASED IN FUR RONDY PHOTO CONTEST
Honors received for eight photographs submitted by CITC youth

ANCHORAGE, AK—

Eight photographs submitted by six MEDIAK students received honors in this year's Fur Rondy Juried Amateur Photo Contest. The students submitted both color and black and white photographs in three categories, taking 1st place on three photographs, as well one 2nd place, two 3rd places, and two Honorable Mentions. According to the Fur Rondy contest description, judges based their choices on print quality, composition, clarity and sharpness, as well as impact, originality, and subject material matching the photo category.

MEDIAK (short for Media Educational Development Institute of Alaska) is a media production program for Alaska Native and American Indian high school students, offered by Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Educational Services. Students at MEDIAK receive training in state-of-the-art multimedia production, often working side by side with media professionals. Students also develop leadership skills and contribute to their community and their culture. MEDIAK students produce movies and documentary films, news reports and public service announcements, a project website (www.mediak.net), and a magazine called *Alaska Aloud*.

"MEDIAK's mission is to inspire students to reach their unlimited potential," said Gloria O'Neill, CITC President and CEO. "Our youth have tremendous talent, and MEDIAK helps foster that talent. Congratulations to the winners!"

Photo contest winners:

Lindsay Martin: Junior B&W Unclassified, 1st Place
Martin Kvasnikoff: Junior B&W Creative, 1st Place
Cody Wise: Junior Color Unclassified, 1st Place; Junior Color Unclassified, 3rd Place
Kristen Nollner: Junior Color Creative, 2nd Place and Honorable Mention
Tim Shalas: Junior Color Scenic, Honorable Mention
Danielle Dickfoss: Junior Color Creative: 3rd Place

For more information on MEDIAK or to interview student photographers, please contact Chris Joy at 793-3182.

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