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CVRF Awards 2016 Spring Semester Scholarships Totaling \$173,500

ANCHORAGE, AK – Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) has awarded \$173,500 in Louis Bunyan Memorial Scholarship (LBMS) funds to 64 Western Alaska residents for the 2016 spring semester. CVRF's LBMS program has provided a consistent opportunity for funding support since its inception in 1993. In 2015 alone, CVRF awarded \$363,500 to 125 applicants, and since 1993 the program has provided millions of dollars in scholarships to CVRF community residents.

"We are very happy to support the people of our region as they invest in their future, at colleges and training programs all over the state," said Nathaniel Betz, Community Benefits Manager at CVRF. "Our organization is committed to empowering the next generation of leaders and workers in our region, and post-secondary education is going to be an essential part of the process of ensuring opportunity for our young people and non-traditional students alike."

Scholarship award amounts are based on GPA and whether an individual is enrolled as a fulltime or part-time student. Western Alaska residents are able to take advantage of CVRF's support as a way to reduce the overall cost of their college education at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

"The Louis Bunyan Memorial Scholarship opens up so many opportunities and has made it possible for me to reach my educational goals," said scholarship recipient Gwendolyn Andrew of Quinhagak. "I have been fortunate in not having to take out any student loans for college and am so thankful to CVRF for their continued support in helping me plan for a successful future. I hope that this program continues to be available for the people of our region who decide to further their education."

CVRF's LBMS program offers spring and fall scholarships to member community residents every year, and internship opportunities are available each summer. More information on how to apply for these opportunities is available on CVRF's website at www.CoastalVillages.org.

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CVRF is a 501(c)(4) Alaska non-profit corporation whose 20 member villages are along the west coast of Alaska from Scammon Bay to Platinum. CVRF is believed to be the largest Alaskan-owned seafood company in history and is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors elected by the residents of its 20 member communities. CVRF is dedicated to providing economic development in its 20 member communities by creating sensible, tangible and long-term opportunities that generate Hope for residents who want to Fish and Work. CVRF is the largest jobs provider in its member villages and is the first CDQ group to own and control the vessels that harvest its CDQ allocations.

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