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**Bartlett students** Trent Murtha, Jaime Galvan and Joey Ipock have excelled as students in CITC's "school-within-a-school" model within the Anchorage School District. **Kudos to the 2011 Bartlett CITC senior class for achieving 100% graduation!**

# Students Soar in CITC Education Program

*Your educational investment connects CITC students with confidence, heritage and academic success*

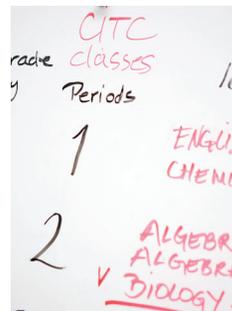
When Joey Ipock first arrived at Bartlett High School as a freshman, he was self-described as a shy, awkward kid intimidated by the big school setting.

After connecting with Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Partners for Success program, Joey, 17, quickly discovered he had strong math skills and began to emerge as a tenacious student.

He attributes his success to CITC's smaller class sizes and individual attention. "Everyone's like friends," Joey said. "We're family."

Now in his senior year, Joey is president of the robotics club. Having won the state robotics competition under Joey's leadership, team Bartlett is preparing to return to the national competition for a second consecutive year.

Joey, whose mother is Tlingit, is set to graduate this spring. He plans to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks and eventually study engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before becoming an entrepreneur.



A marker board highlights the CITC lesson plan. The Partners program offers core curriculum, advanced-level classes and critical support services.

Operating as a "school-within-a-school," CITC's Partners for Success program helps more than 750 Alaska Native and American Indian students within the Anchorage School District reconnect with their heritage and achieve academic success each year. CITC's ability to offer individual learning plans that address students' unique needs helps them find and fulfill their potential.

When Jaime Galvan, 17, first entered the Partners program her freshman year, she was referred to as a "tough" kid headed down the wrong path.

Reluctant to join CITC classes initially, Jaime, an Inupiaq Eskimo, eventually found the structure and additional support needed to excel.

"CITC really encouraged me to stay in school, to attend class and get good grades," she said. "I feel like I'm headed in the right direction now ... CITC has really helped me a lot."

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Naquht'ana  
"Our People"

OUR MISSION:  
To work in partnership with Our People to develop opportunities  
that fulfill Our endless potential.

## Welcome to Your New Donor Impact Report!

You, our donors, are among Cook Inlet Tribal Council's most cherished resources.

Through your partnership, CITC improves the lives of more than 12,000 Alaska Native people every year.



Gloria O'Neill,  
President & CEO

Whether it's assisting a young mother in moving from welfare to work; helping a new father gain invaluable parenting insight; teaching a graduate a new vocational skill; or helping at-risk students achieve academic

success—each day we are making an impact in our community.

It is you, our donors and stakeholders, who help so many achieve their full potential.

In return, we are promising to stop sending you a newsletter entirely.

Not another newsletter will land in your mailbox.

We feel there are better ways to show you how your partnership is changing lives.

So what you are holding in your hands instead is your new *Naquht'ana* Impact Report.

Because your generous support has such a dramatic effect on the lives of so many, we're committed to demonstrating the results of your efforts through this new quarterly briefing. In addition, we look forward to the opportunity to get to know you better along the way.

As a valued member of the CITC family, we invite you to take a tour of our facility, meet some of our remarkable participants, and see how your donor dollars are at work helping to change lives.

We thank you for your continued support, and all you do.

*Together, we are making a difference.* ❖

—Gloria O'Neill



## Our Youth, Our Future

*Your partnership helps at-risk students fulfill their educational potential*

Through your partnership, CITC helps strengthen the future of more than 3,000 youth each year through our educational and cultural initiatives.

Too many of our Alaska Native youth are falling behind in an educational system with cultural and racial differences that often leave them at a disadvantage.

Your support helps address our Native students' overall well-being and ensures they receive a quality education—one that prepares and empowers them for success in academics and in life.

Operating in eight schools within the Anchorage School District, CITC classes are smaller, have culturally-relevant curriculum, and a caring network of dedicated teachers and social workers committed to students' academic success.

CITC's unique approach works, as our students not only survive, but thrive.

Your generous donation to CITC's educational initiatives makes a measurable impact in the following ways:

- Helps nearly 750 kids each year achieve academic success through CITC courses.
- Provides critical support to at-risk families, connecting students with

### Impact:

Over time, Alaska Native students in CITC classes outperform other ASD Native students by an average of more than:

# 12%

### How Your Educational Investment is Used:

- Teachers, academic advocates and social workers
- Program support, student resources and operational costs
- Cultural enrichment
- Strengthens the future of more than 3,000 students each year

needed services that address poverty, unstable home situations or transiency.

- Promotes healthy lifestyles, positive self-esteem and leadership skills.
- Nurtures an appreciation of Alaska Native traditions.
- Develops interpersonal skills, work ethic, commitment and team work.

### Alaska Tax Credit Initiative

A recent tax-credit expansion by the state legislature now provides substantial tax credits to Alaska companies paying certain taxes when they donate to educational support or Alaska Native cultural or heritage programs.

For example, a \$300,000 investment has a net cost of \$32,500 after tax savings are applied.

The savings are tremendous and maximize your impact in the community.

Your individual contributions make a difference too.

By investing in our youth, you reap the rewards of partnering with our students, their families and our teachers, helping our young people achieve their dreams.

We are extremely grateful for your partnership as we work towards a shared vision of a better community, and a more promising future for our young people. ❖

# Your Support Creates 'New Beginnings'

*New residential facility doubles Chanlyut's impact in the community*

Thanks to your generous support, the *Chanlyut* program in Mountain View has doubled its capacity from 20 to 50 men through the opening of a new residential and learning facility in December.

## Be a part of the change:

100% of *Chanlyut* residents' clothing, household needs, and items to operate the business-training schools come from community donations. Professional services such as teaching and dentistry are also needed! Contact **Bill Tsrnos** at **907.441.0181**.

[www.chanlyut.org](http://www.chanlyut.org)

The expanded 7,000 square-foot residence is essential in supporting the goals of *Chanlyut's* mission and business-training schools, like Mountain View Diner, and has the space to accommodate future growth.

*Chanlyut's* job-training enterprises build valuable

skills that fuel the program's mission. All profits—even tips at the Diner—go back into the *Chanlyut* program to help cover operating costs. *Chanlyut*, which means new beginnings in Dena'ina Athabascan, has grown more than fourfold since its inception in 2007. Starting with a core group of only four residents, the program currently serves 19 men.

Several men in *Chanlyut* have completed their two-year commitment and will graduate from the program soon:

■ **Jeremy, 29**, has been with *Chanlyut* for 26 months. He grew up in the



The men of the *Chanlyut* program in Mountain View celebrate the opening of their new residence during a house warming event in December.

foster care system until a pattern of delinquency finally ended with incarceration. Jeremy has applied what he learned at *Chanlyut* to successfully navigate his daily life. He now serves as manager for Coho Cup at the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center and will graduate from the program in May.

■ **Jared, 31**, is night manager at Carl's Jr., and has earned his reputation as their best worker. He has been a resident of *Chanlyut* for 25 months. Jared struggled with a drug addiction in his youth which eventually landed him in the correctional system. As he nears graduation, Jared is enthusiastic about his success and the effects

*Chanlyut* has had on his life.

■ **Joseph, 41**, has been with the program for 20 months. Joseph is manager of Mountain View Diner and driver for *Chanlyut's* business enterprises. His struggle with drug addiction and related criminal activity led to jail time. Joseph is now well-grounded, has a diligent work ethic and is motivated to succeed. He is now seeking full-time employment in the community.

Your partnership provides these men the skills needed to succeed and become positive, contributing members of society.

*Thank you!* ❖

## 2012 NYO Games Nurtures Tomorrow's Leaders

*Your gift ensures thousands of young champions have the opportunity to compete*

Join us **April 27th-29th** at the Dena'ina Center!

Through your partnership, CITC is proud to host the 42nd Annual NYO Games Alaska—a celebration of traditional competition and cultural diversity shaping the lives of more than 2,000 Alaska students each year. The Games promote good sportsmanship and develop healthy lifestyles, positive self-esteem, leadership and teamwork.

Based on traditional contests like the Seal Hop, the Alaskan High Kick and the Eskimo Stick Pull, NYO is a remarkable way for our community to come together through healthy competition while fostering a greater cross-cultural understanding. This year's NYO will feature engaging cultural and musical performances, the 2nd Annual Pilot Bread Recipe Contest, and the 3rd Annual Opportunities Exposition, which provides valuable information

about educational and employment opportunities, and available social services in our community.

NYO is totally funded through donations and serves students of all ages and cultures from across the state. There are many ways to join in the fun and support our youth:

■ **Corporate Sponsorships**—*NEW!* Corporate contributions to NYO are eligible for incredible savings through the Alaska Education Tax Credit incentive.

■ **Vendor Booth** at the Opportunities Exposition.

■ **Make a Financial Donation**—*NEW!* **Double your donation** through a challenge match from the CIRI Foundation, who will match all donations up to \$5,000! Donate \$25 or more and submit a tribute to your NYO Hero, to be printed in the 2012 Games Guide! *Thank you!* ❖

**Celebrate our youth:**

Your tax-deductible gift is an investment in our future! Change a student's life today:

Contact **Kelly Hurd** at **907.793.3272** or [khurd@citci.org](mailto:khurd@citci.org)

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Now a junior, Jaime is active in sports like flag football and volleyball. She is taking the ACT in April and has begun to craft her collegiate plans. Jaime is also striving for an award from the Alaska Performance Scholarship program.

Jaime will be the first in her family to graduate high school or attend college. Her younger brother has also enrolled in CITC classes and is beginning to find his educational stride.

Trent Murtha, 16, transferred to Bartlett from Service High School. Detached from his educational experience, Trent came into the CITC program with "straight Fs." The Partners



**Bartlett junior** Trent Murtha entered CITC classes with failing grades, but he has since evolved into a successful student. Trent plays sports and will be the first from his family to graduate high school.

**"CITC really encouraged me to stay in school, to attend class and get good grades. I feel like I am headed in the right direction now ... CITC has really helped me a lot."**

—JAIME GALVAN,  
Bartlett High junior

program helped Trent find his work ethic and become a successful student.

"CITC classes are a lot more flexible. They push you more," he said. "I feel like you get more of an education."

Trent, an Athabascan whose family is from Montana Creek, will also be the first in his family to graduate high school.

Trent plays football and track, and is

interested in the NYO Games. His post-graduation plans include playing football at a Division 1 school and studying zoology.

The success of these students highlights your remarkable contributions to CITC's educational programs. Your partnership produces measurable results in every aspect of our students' lives. *We thank you for your support — it's an investment in our future!* ❖



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