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### Seth Suydam, college bound

*by Charity Winters*



Seldovia will miss one of its brightest students when Seth Suydam heads off to college this fall. Seth has impressed us with his academics and entertained us with his beautiful guitar playing throughout his growing up here. With such talents, it seems certain that Seth will succeed with flying colors in this next stage of life.

Seth has a lot of family history not only in our little town, but also in Alaska in general. Seth has some Aleut heritage through his father, Lowell, who also grew up in Seldovia. His family makes most of their living by fishing and every summer, Seth and his family head to their fishing grounds at Chignik Lagoon on the Alaska Peninsula. It takes a 36-hour

Seth's biggest challenge during his senior year is simply working on getting all of his credits finished on time! Along with his 3 correspondence classes and an independent study, Seth is taking Journalism (of which he is the News Editor) and Construction at Susan B. English. He also finds time to volunteer at the sport concession stand occasionally and likes to keep up with his guitar when he has the time. As for the guitar, I was very impressed to find out that he taught himself to play!

Now, 18-year-old Seth is thinking about pursuing a career in civil or environmental engineering though

non-stop boat ride to get to the village, which is home to only about 150 people in the summer. Some of Seth's extended family resides in Chignik Lagoon year round, when the village dwindles to about 60 people (and we thought Seldovia was small!). With the unique life experiences he has had, Seth considers himself fortunate to have grown up here.

either UAA or the Colorado School of Mines. He is really looking forward to "getting out and seeing what's out there." He is eager about attending college and hopes that he will learn some way to really contribute something to society. As for the jitters, Seth says he hasn't had the time to come up with anything to be worried about. He will certainly miss the peaceful quiet of Seldovia and says it will always be a place that "really feels like home".

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