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Deidre Cameron, SBE Senior 2006

by Charity Winters



Deidre Cameron is another one of Seldovia's 7 seniors to graduate from Susan B. English this year. Talented in both singing and drawing, she is an artistic young lady who hopes to pursue a career in clothing design in the future. But before looking ahead, let's see what Deidre has been up to in the past....

Deidre has spent a lot of time in and out of Seldovia throughout her childhood. She has always loved it here – the small town is full of family members and it is easy to get outdoors to hike and camp, some of Deidre's favorite things. Last year, she moved into town from Wasilla and now lives on her own in an apartment in Lakeside Terrace. She had hoped to graduate last year, but credits from her last school didn't transfer correctly and she was faced with either staying

Deidre has a lot of interests that she pursues in her free time. She works on her drawing. Her favorite things to draw are fairies, names and eyes. Apparently, Deidre's talents run in the family as both her mother and grandmother draw and watercolor. Also, if you had the chance to hear Deidre sing the national anthem at two of our high school basketball games this winter then you would know that she is also a very talented singer. Her mom noticed her skill when she was little and put Deidre in a choir. She has never had any formal training but she has been in school choirs for the past 7 years. Deidre also likes to hang out with her friends, dance, camp, hike, and fish. "And hunting I could do without!" she adds.

another year or getting a GED. Deidre says her biggest challenge this year was simply making the choice to go back to school. She feels that she did it for her Grandpa Cameron. "It's always been one of his dreams to see me graduate. We're really close."



Deidre with Casey Chissus and Molly Chapman - working the SEE Project at the Lumberjack Dinner Theater

Now that Deidre is back in school she is keeping busy with a job at the Main Street Market. She also has a part time job working for the Seldovia Enterprise Expansion (SEE) Project this semester. This is a new school-to-work program that teaches young students how to market and sell products. The students earn a half a credit as they also work (yes, they are paid wages) to promote the business of the Seldovia Village Tribe and community work. Deidre is hoping that this program will help her in her pursuit of a career in clothing design.



Deidre Cameron singing the National Anthem

So what does Deidre plan to do after high school? "Take a year off!" Right now she is looking into a clothes design school in Seattle but she plans to move to Wasilla next year and earn some money first. This summer she may continue her work with SEE. She also will be using her artistic talents here in the community. She designed a mural for the back of the tennis court and she plans to paint an outline and then let the kids from the Boys and Girls Club fill it in.

Deidre will be sorry to leave Seldovia. Most of all, she will miss the people. Her Aunt Paula, for one, has been one of her biggest inspirations. "She is always behind me, pushing me on to do things I really don't want to do." But there are good things about graduating – like the BW Bug that her uncle is giving her as a graduation gift. "It's my dream car!" She is looking forward to getting out and trying some new things, meeting new people. I asked her where she would want to be 5 years from now. "Living in a big city, designing clothes! Well, I'll give it a try. That's a lot different than Seldovia!"