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Dustin Baines - Ready for College!

by Charity Winters



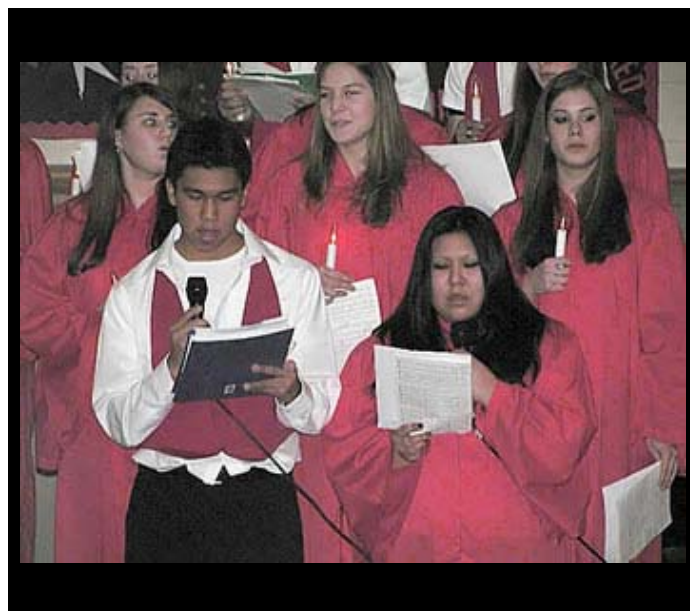
A Seldovia youth for 14 years or more, Dustin Baines is now getting ready for life as a freshman at UAA next fall, pursuing a career in photography. A teenager who has been involved in the community in many ways, he will be greatly missed by this town!

Looking forward to experiencing a life far different from small town Seldovia is something most of our teenagers have in common. Dustin is no exception and he is also excited about giving life all on his own a try. Of course, there are always elements of home to miss. Dustin remarked that it will be hard to leave behind his close friends and the family that has supported him – his grandparents, Rod and Sunni Hilts and his

Most teenagers are always going and Dustin is no exception. He has filled his senior year to the brim with both school and community activities. A big part of his time at SBE has always been sports (especially basketball!) and this season Dustin will be playing his senior season as the starting guard for the Sea Otters. School life also keeps him busy – he works for the SEE project through SVT, and is now part of the yearbook staff. And on top of it all, Dustin volunteers his time some Saturdays to lifeguard at the pool and frequently runs the sound system for the Seldovia Bible Chapel on Sunday mornings. Hopefully, juggling all of these responsibilities will only help to prepare him for college life!

younger brother, Darin. And as for the town itself Dustin says he'll mostly miss "the closeness between the people and the weird weather!"

Aside from the ongoing encouragement from his family, Dustin said that there have been two other major supporters in his life - (Big) Tim O'Leary and Joy Smith. He feels that they have always been there to push him on to get where he is today. Dustin will be going to UAF and joining former Seldovian graduate, Paul O'Leary, at the Fairbank's campus. In the meantime, Dustin will continue plowing through his last semester of high school with plans to work at the Madfish Restaurant this summer or somewhere in Anchorage. He'll enjoy his last few months as a Seldovian working hard, practicing his art, and hanging out with his friends. Best wishes, Dustin!







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