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## Tatiana Gruber - Plans to go to Seattle!

by *Charity Winters*



Another Seldovian is about to leave the nest. Tatiana Gruber, born and raised here, is one of this year's 2007 SBE graduates and is just waiting to try out her wings somewhere new. Tatiana has had a challenging high school career – spending both her sophomore and junior year in Homer before coming back here to graduate. The move to Homer had been something she had always wanted to try, just to be in a bigger school and experience some different opportunities. She was especially grateful for the generosity of the Beck family who took her in while she was there. Tatiana made the choice to spend her last year in Seldovia with her home, parents, and little sister, Kathleen. And since she plans to make her next home somewhere in Seattle, she is glad she made the choice to come back for her senior year, even if it was difficult at first to readjust.

Tatiana has big plans for life in the big city of Seattle. She will be attending the Art Institute in Seattle for an associate's degree in fashion marketing and is excited about her career choice. She described herself as "Not academically smart but really artsy." She has always enjoyed the other end of the school spectrum – drama, dance, drawing, and painting. And

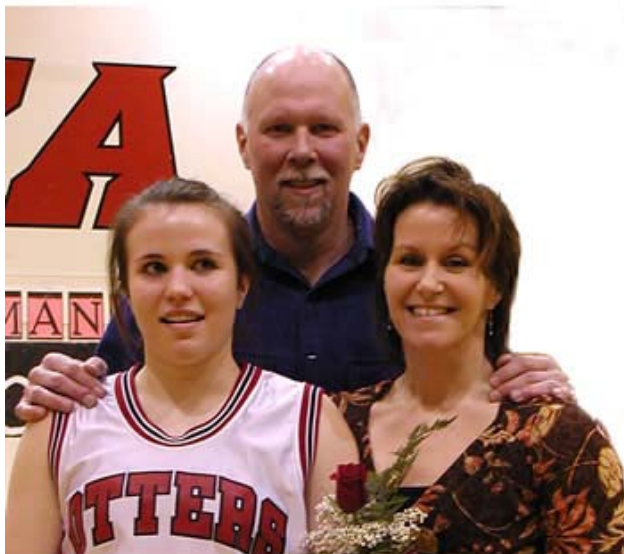
Overall, Tatiana has had a fun and busy four years of high school. She is always involved in some sort of sport: track, volleyball, and basketball keep her going all year. Sports, Tatiana admitted, have been the highlight of her high school career, and she stated that she felt everyone should have the chance to participate on a team – it is an experience they will never forget. This year Tatiana is looking forward to her opportunity to visit Washington D.C. through the Close Up program. She will be joining 5 other students and two teachers for the trip this spring. Tatiana also finds ways to participate in the community where she can. In the summer she volunteers at both the public library and the Boys and Girls Club. Back in Homer she had helped coach a kids basketball team. She enjoys being part of community life.

Tatiana will always see Seldovia as her home. Her favorite thing about it is its "incredible beauty" and she also appreciates the freedoms that "not many get anywhere else!" Growing up here has brought her close to a lot of people in town and she will miss them along with the friends she has had her whole life. Being the first of the four Gruber daughters to leave the state, it seems like a big step for the close knit family. Tatiana has been really grateful for the support of both her parents and especially

her time in Homer allowed her to experience a broader variety of these things to pique her interest. She was also very grateful for the experience she had working with the SEE project last semester. "It was really fun, especially since I was going into marketing!" She says it gave her some great insights into the world of marketing and she was able to participate in two trips where she was able to be part of the business world and speak with people in her chosen line of work. Now she is looking forward to only having 2 more years at school so she can get out and start working! She is also "completely excited" about life in the city and the change of pace and activities that will be available. She's not worried about feeling alone either because she has a lot of family in the area and is also hoping to be joined by fellow senior Naomi Gallien, who is applying to schools in Seattle.

thanks her dad, John, for all of his encouragement growing up.

This summer Tatiana would like to go to Anchorage to work but is pretty sure her family is not going to give her up that soon! She plans to work for SVT to continue on in what she was doing through the SEE project. Then it will be off to Seattle in October! Seldovia wishes you the best of everything, Tatiana!





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