



Alaska School Nutrition Association

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### AKSNA Announces 2021 High School Graduation Award Recipients

KING SALMON, AK – MAY 10, 2021 – The Alaska School Nutrition Association congratulates **Alexander Colvin** who graduated from Kotzebue High School in Kotzebue and will attend University of Alaska Southeast; **Jenae Pusich** who graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School in Juneau, she has not selected a post-secondary institution; and **Kyle Richardson** who graduated from S.A.V.E High School in Anchorage and will attend AVTEC Alaska.

Recipients of the award are asked to share their thoughts on school meal programs, food insecurity, or a notable food service professional in their life. Each chose to write about food insecurity, excerpts from their essays are posted on the AKSNA [web site](#).

#### About the AKSNA High School Graduation Program

The AKSNA High School Graduation Program was founded in 2020 to provide a one-time financial gift to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing postsecondary education. To be eligible, applicants must be a dependent of an active AKSNA member, receive a high school diploma or GED certificate, and be enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution. Applicants must submit a short essay on food insecurity, school meal programs, or an inspirational food service worker.

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*AKSNA is the state affiliate of the School Nutrition Association (SNA), a national, nonprofit professional organization representing more than 58,000 members who provide high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country. Recognized as the authority on school nutrition, SNA has been advancing the availability, quality and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education since 1946.*