

**EDUCATION BRIEFS**

**St. Michael Indian School's top 3 grads awarded college scholarships**

**ST. MICHAELS** — The three top St. Michael Indian School graduates earned the school's legacy awards during the 72nd commencement on June 4.

The annual awards, including a college scholarship, were given to graduating seniors Gabriella Simpson, Matthew Herrera, and Dayshon Dalgai.

The awards were made possible by financial support from Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives.

Gabriella Simpson received the St. Katharine Drexel Award, a \$1,000 scholarship given to a student with personal dignity and respect for the rights of others.

Simpson plans to attend college, study criminal justice, and pursue her interest in softball.

Matthew Herrera, the class salutatorian, received the Sister Katharine Barrett Award, a \$500 scholarship recognizing a student's service and loyalty to the school community.

Herrera will attend the University of Arizona to study architecture and pre-med.

The class valedictorian, Dayshon Dalgai, received the Sister Mary Honora Award, which includes a \$500 scholarship, and honors a student who is respectful of the traditions and culture of the Navajo and other peoples within the school community.

Dalgai has been accepted into the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

Dot Teso, the school's president, said, "Saint Katharine Drexel, who founded St. Michael Indian School in 1902, envisioned that our graduates would continue their education at universities and colleges around the nation and world.

"It is fitting that Eve's Fund has partnered with us to advance her vision by providing scholarship awards for our students entering college this fall," she said.

Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives is a community-based nonprofit founded by the late Robert M. Crowell and Barbara Crowell Roy in 2005 in memory of their daughter, Eve Erin Crowell.



**Matthew Herrera**



**Dayshon Dalgai**



**Gabriella Simpson**

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