

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Eve's Fund awards tribute scholarships to three St. Michael graduates

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz. — Three graduating seniors from St. Michael Indian School were honored with tribute scholarships during the school's 75th high school commencement ceremony on May 31.

The awards, sponsored by Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives, recognize students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, cultural pride, and service to their school and community.

Jerald Meyers Jr. received the Saint Katharine Drexel Award (\$1,000) for his leadership and commitment to human dignity. He served as student council vice president and was active in athletics. He will attend Northern Arizona University to study health and human services.

Paige Nez was awarded the Sister Mary Honora Award (\$500) for her dedication to Navajo culture and school involvement. A cheerleader and student council member, she brought school spirit and creativity to campus. She plans to attend the University of Arizona.

Journey Burnside earned the Sister Katharine Barrett Award (\$500) for exceptional service and spirit. A leader in student government, athletics, and fine arts, she will study sociology and pre-law at Fort Lewis College and wants to become a family law attorney for the Navajo Nation.

Barbara Crowell Roy, the president of Eve's Fund, presented the awards during a recent campus visit and shared the program's mission: "We are honored to support these remarkable graduates. These scholar-



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St. Michael Indian School graduates from left to right, Paige Nez, Gerald Meyers Jr., and Journey Burnside.

ships for graduating seniors, now in their fifth year, recognize students who embody the values of character, culture, and community. We are committed to providing this support for many more years to come, in memory of our beloved daughter, Eve Erin Crowell."

Now in its fifth year, the scholarship program continues to uplift Native youth pursuing higher education.