

Three Saint Michael graduates receive Eve's Fund scholarships

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Three Saint Michael Indian School graduates received Eve's Fund tribute scholarships during the school's May 30 commencement, where 28 students graduated.

Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives awarded the scholarships to Brooke Bitsoi, Ryan Legah and Grant Meyers. The awards recognize students for academic achievement, leadership, service and pride in Diné culture, according to the organization.

Legah received the Sister Katharine Barrett Award, which recognizes service, loyalty and commitment to the school. He enrolled at Saint Michael Indian School in middle school and played basketball, baseball and soccer.

Legah plans to attend Navajo Technical University, where he plans to earn an associate degree in construction and a welding certificate before entering the skilled trades.

Bitsoi received the Saint Katharine Drexel Award, which recognizes personal



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Saint Michael Indian School graduates, from left, Ryan Legah, Brooke Bitsoi and Grant Meyers hold Eve's Fund tribute scholarship certificates during commencement May 30. The three graduates were recognized for academic achievement, leadership, service and pride in Diné culture.

dignity and respect for others. She joined Saint Michael Indian School in elementary school and was active in the National Honor Society and Student Ambassadors. She

also played volleyball and served as manager of the high school softball team.

Bitsoi plans to attend the University of Arizona to study medicine. Her goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Meyers received the Sister Mary Honora Award, which is presented to a student who respects Navajo traditions and culture and other members of the school community.

Meyers also earned the Navajo Nation Seal of Bilingual Proficiency, which is awarded to students who show advanced skill in the Navajo language through written and oral assessments.

Meyers was active in student council, student ambassadors, the National Honor Society and the dual enrollment program. He plans to attend Northern Arizona University to major in finance and pursue a master's degree.

President Buu Nygren delivered the commencement address, according to Eve's Fund. He congratulated the graduates and spoke about resilience, discipline, character and faith.