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## **BERING SEA ELDERS GROUP ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THIRD ANNUAL YOUNG PROVIDER & CULTURE BEARER AWARDS**

(Anchorage, Alaska)—The Bering Sea Elders Group (BSEG) is pleased to announce the recipients of BSEG’s third annual Young Provider and Culture Bearer Awards. These awards were established in 2024 to recognize two young people under the age of 25 who perpetuate their Alaska Native culture and contribute to the health and well-being of their community.

“The Bering Sea Elders Group is proud to see young leaders who are actively living out their Native culture and values,” said BSEG Chair Jerry Ivanoff. “We are honored to celebrate these two exceptional role models who represent their communities and the region.”

**Kellie Miller** is a citizen of Nome Eskimo Community and attends Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. She is studying Earth Sciences, Native American and Indigenous Studies, and Anthropology and is involved with the Native Americans at Dartmouth community on campus where she helps to lead the Alaska Native Cultural Committee. Kellie is interested in the intersections between systems of knowledge, and how Indigenous ways of life are leading climate change solutions. In her role as an Arctic Youth Ambassador, Kellie has raised concerns about draft amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act that could increase industrial disturbances and habitat threats for key species in the Bering Strait and Arctic regions. At home, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and being out on the land. Kellie credits her grandparents, Mary and Andy Miller, Jr. and older sister, Maggie, as her biggest cultural role models. She would like to thank her family and community for shaping her with love and patience.

**Moses Marr’aq Wiseman** is a citizen of the Chefornak Traditional Council. He attends Alaska Pacific University and is pursuing an Executive Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Strategic Leadership. In addition to his academic pursuits, Moses serves as the Alaska Native Languages Program Director at the Alaska Institute for Justice, where he contributed to the development of a Yup’ik glossary for health care providers. Moses is the son of Victor Yuralqiq & Leona Kilirnguq Wiseman, and the grandson of Charlie Anartuaq & Josephine Inarayuli Wiseman and Dennis Nakrialnguq & Adeline Kaagyugaq Panruk. Most recently, Moses was recognized as a 2026 Champion for Change by the Center for Native American Youth for his leadership and commitment to building positive outcomes in his community.

To be considered for an award, recipients had to be nominated by a family or community member, board member, or their school’s teacher or administrator. They are also required to be affiliated with a BSEG Member Tribe or reside in a Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area NBSCRA community.

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The Bering Sea Elders Group (BSEG) was founded in 2008. BSEG is an association of Elders appointed by 38 Tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim and Bering Strait regions of Alaska. For more information about BSEG, visit: <http://www.beringseaelders.org/about-us/>