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EDITORS/NEWS DIRECTORS: Attached are the names of the students who have completed the UMD School of Medicine summer American Indian programs. For your convenience, the students from your area have been highlighted.

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## 31 COMPLETE MED SCHOOL'S SUMMER AMERICAN INDIAN PROGRAM

Duluth -- Thirty-one American Indian students have completed the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) School of Medicine summer American Indian programs.

Twenty-one students participated in the six-week Native Americans into Medicine (NAM) program while another 10 completed the six-week Howard-Rockefeller program.

The programs were established to encourage greater participation of Native Americans in the field of medicine.

The NAM program began at the UMD School of Medicine in 1973. The purpose of that program is to acquaint Native American high school seniors, college students, and postbaccalaureate students with a sampling of medical career course offerings.

The Howard-Rockefeller program, geared to Native American junior and senior high school students, was established in 1979. It is funded by the

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Rockefeller Foundation, originally through Howard University. The program provides hands-on experience working in a laboratory with UMD School of Medicine research faculty.

In 1970, only 18 American Indians were enrolled in medical colleges in the United States. Because of programs such as NAM and Howard-Rockefeller, that number had grown to 258 by 1984.

The representation of Native Americans in the medical field, however, still remains the lowest of any minority in the U.S.

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NATIVE AMERICANS INTO MEDICINE PARTICIPANTS

MINNESOTA

Bemidji: Doris Raisch, Patrick Rock  
Cass Lake: Willie St. Cyr  
Deer River: Calvin Goggeye, Alicia Livingston  
Duluth: Ellie Harris, Tracey Isham, Michelle O'Leary, Ardelle Perrault,  
Anna Wirta  
Nett Lake: Michael Connor  
Orr: Terry Landgren  
Ponemah: Carolyn Whitefeather  
Proctor: Alan Kitto, Beatrice Kitto  
Redby: Cecelia Mondragon  
St. Paul: Linda St. Claire-Hawpetoss  
Tower: Gary Strong

WISCONSIN

Hayward: Douglas Kagigebi  
Superior: Susan Howard, Dion Roberts

HOWARD-ROCKEFELLER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

MINNESOTA

Brewster: Kevin Kirchner  
Duluth: Deanna Himango, Maurine Lewis  
McGregor: Tania Aubid  
Minneapolis: Dorothy Tainter  
Northome: Carmen Hanson  
Red Lake: Peggy Minton, Toni Minton

WISCONSIN

Superior: Joe Howard