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## NEWS RELEASE

### CIRCAC ANNOUNCES 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

**April 19, 2018—Kenai, Alaska**—Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) has selected two deserving students from the Kenai Peninsula to receive 2018 Scholarships to help them pursue their goals. Now in its fourth year, CIRCAC's Scholarship Program has to date awarded \$20,000 to encourage aspiring Cook Inlet students in environmental, maritime and technical studies to benefit Cook Inlet's future.

A senior at Kenai Peninsula High School, **Verity Feltman** (left) receives CIRCAC's \$2,500 *Captain Barry Eldridge Memorial Scholarship*, which supports students working in maritime and technical studies. Verity is from Soldotna and has been accepted at Kenai Peninsula College where she plans to focus on an Associate Degree in Applied Science—Process Technology. Her courses will include environmental awareness and environmental safety. Verity is the daughter of Jerem Feltman and Alicia Matthews of Soldotna.



**Landon Bunting** (right), of Homer, receives CIRCAC's \$2,500 *James Carter Memorial Scholarship* which supports students pursuing careers in environmental sciences. Landon has been accepted at Oregon State University to study chemical engineering with an emphasis on environmental chemistry and ocean science. He is a senior at Homer High School and student of UAA's Kenai Peninsula College non-degree seeking program. Landon is the son of Susan Bunting of Homer.



CIRCAC's Scholarship Committee, comprised of Board Director Carla Stanley and public committee members Rick Frederic and Captain Bob Pawlowski, made the selections based on the applicants' stated goals, resumes, references, transcripts and essays.

"It was truly remarkable to see the accomplished academic excellence of these students. We all were amazed and excited at their cognitive abilities, volunteer efforts and outstanding accomplishments, and their ability to answer our tough interview questions," said Rick Frederic.

CIRCAC is a federally mandated citizens' organization, formed under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90). Its mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations. In pursuing this mandate, the Council strives to help protect Cook Inlet's environment, fisheries, economic vitality, cultural resources and recreational interests.

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