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*“I believe that education is the foundation method of social progress and reform...through education society can formulate its own purpose, can organize its own means and resources, and thus shapes itself with definiteness and economy in the direction in which it wishes to move.”*

*John Dewey*

## Dan Salmon Education Fund



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*“Education is simply the soul of a society as its passes from one generation to another.” ~G.K. Chesterton*

# DAN SALMON EDUCATION FUND

The village of Igiugig is proud to announce the creation of an Education Fund in honor of Daniel R. Salmon, former Igiugig Village Tribal Administrator and stalwart supporter of education for 22 years. He was dedicated to encouraging higher education, vocational training, and to inspire community service to Igiugig. Dan Salmon's passion for education reflects through the actions of students and community members in Igiugig. Igiugig School is a clear picture of his educational legacy.

## **Igiugig Academic Excellence**

As a priority initiated by Daniel Salmon, the village of Igiugig has steadfastly supported education, as evidenced by Igiugig School's strong academic performance. Igiugig School has emerged as an academic leader within the Lake and Peninsula School District, consistently not just meeting, but surpassing State requirements for Academic Yearly Progress (AYP); in 2006-2007 Igiugig led the state in AYP improvement scores. In the spring of 2008, Igiugig celebrated its first college graduate who honored the village by completing a Bachelor's Degree from Dartmouth College. Other Igiugig School are currently attending college or pursuing vocational training. In a region where pursuit of post-secondary education is uncommon, this is an achievement Igiugig is truly proud of. The Education Fund is our continued support of education for Igiugig's youth far into the future.



**Daniel R. Salmon**

Born on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1958 in Penfield, NY, Dan attended the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and pursued a degree in Biology. He discovered Igiugig when he was stationed on the Kvichak River while working for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He spent the winter of 1984 trapping along the Kvichak River and learning the subsistence lifestyle; a year later he married and Igiugig Native, Julia Olympic-Salmon and began raising a family of five children. He dedicated the next 22 years of his life to Igiugig and the people of Bristol Bay.

He served as the Village Administrator, was a Lake and Peninsula Borough Assemblyman, on the Iliamna Lake Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and Operations Manager for Iliamna Lake Contractors. He helped the Igiugig Native Corporation institute a Land use program, owned a Bristol Bay Boat Drift Permit, per-

formed airport maintenance for the State, and oversaw many other community and personal projects.

In 2004, Dan received a Denali Commission award for his exceptional commitment to wise resources allocation and for founding a sustainable community. The key to this sustainability is youth, and Dan promoted youth decision making in the village operations, incorporating youth visions in Igiugig Community Strategic Plan. He also participated in all school functions: attending Battle of the Books contests, fundraisers, sporting events, award ceremonies, and graduations and coordinated many village projects with Igiugig School.

Dan was not just a community visionary; his thoughts went well beyond the confines of Igiugig. He thought nationally, and even globally. It was important to him that the younger generation went out and experienced the world, but came back to the village, to share their knowledge with the rest of the community. Although Dan has departed, his vision for education and moving forward are still standing, and with the youth of today, we will carry on his legacy.

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