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Governor Walker announces 20 scholarships for Alaskan students to study in China
Opportunity to deepen existing, establish new relationships

February 16, 2018 JUNEAU – Governor Walker today announced that 20 scholarships have been made available for Alaskans to study abroad in China through the Chinese Consulate. Recipients will explore higher education through a variety of academic programs in science, engineering, agriculture, medicine, law, economics, management, education, liberal arts, philosophy, history, and fine arts.

“These scholarships allow Alaskans to explore new cultures, gain unique life experience, and develop friendships that enrich their post-secondary education,” **said Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson.** “Learning abroad programs equip students to value culture, embrace diversity, nourish career and technical skills, enhance global awareness, and help build a Smarter Alaska.”

China has a long-standing relationship with the Last Frontier as the state’s biggest trade partner. China is also the biggest supporter of Alaska’s fishermen. In 2016, the nation bought over \$625 million worth of Alaska seafood, more than any other country. Alaska’s fishing industry has a well-established trade relationship with China.

“Alaska maintains a close relationship with China, our number one trade partner,” **said Governor Walker.** “These 20 scholarships allow us to continue building a Stronger Alaska by fostering relationships through cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and learning opportunities.”

Scholarships from the Chinese Consulate include tuition, accommodation, stipend and medical insurance. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2018. Interested parties can find additional information and applications here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/2018-2019-chinese-scholarship/>

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