

“ I remember my mom telling me how important an education is. She always told me she didn't want me to work as hard as she did and I listened to her. ”

Valarie

Valarie, an Inupiaq Eskimo born and raised in Kotzebue, has followed this personal credo throughout her entire life.

In an incredible demonstration of her drive and motivation, Valarie has taken evening classes through the University of Alaska Fairbanks – Chukchi Campus since 1991. She earned her associate of arts degree in May 2004 and is well on her way to achieving her ultimate goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Once she graduates she hopes to teach in Kotzebue, where she can inspire others through education.

Valarie says ANTI has helped by connecting her with people who genuinely care about her success, and that Avant-Garde has been a resource that has helped her continue along her educational path.



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