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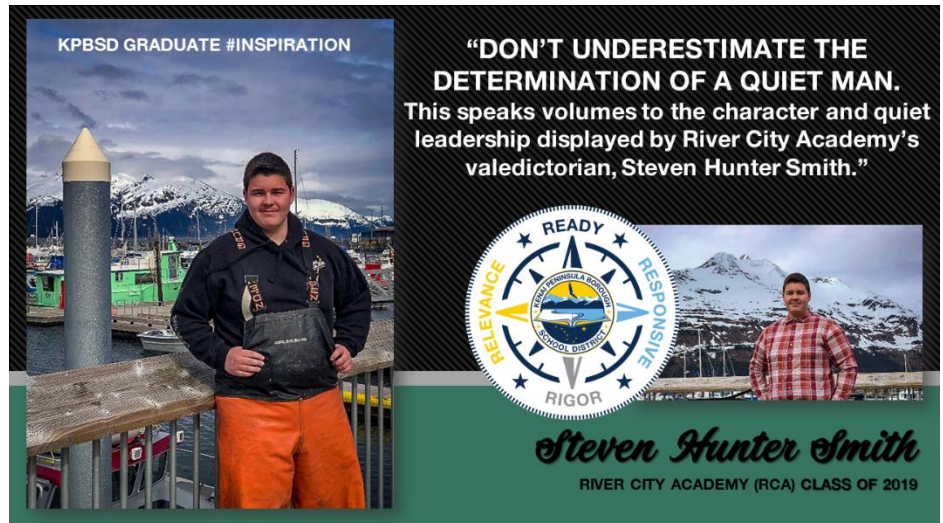
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

Class of 2019 inspiration: Steven Hunter Smith, River City Academy (RCA)

“Don’t underestimate the determination of a quiet man.” This speaks volumes to the character and quiet leadership displayed by River City Academy’s valedictorian, Steven Hunter Smith.

Steven first joined RCA as a middle school student. He worked consistently and diligently throughout the years to reach his goals today. Academically, Steven has an excellent GPA of 3.89, and has worked beyond his high school graduation requirements to lay the foundation for his post high school world. Steven completed multiple courses at Kenai Peninsula College. He recently completed an Alaska Fisheries course through the University of Alaska, Southeast. These courses will be the foundation for his major in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, where Steven will utilize his University of Alaska Scholars award.



More important than academics, Steven showed his strong—yet quiet—leadership abilities. Throughout the school, he was always willing to help other students. His positive attitude and calm demeanor followed him from class to class. Principal Dawn Edwards-Smith said, “On our annual field trip to Caines Head, Steven showed his leadership capabilities by ensuring that the whole group worked together, without losing his sense of humor.”

When not working on his schoolwork or fishing, Steven works as a deck hand for his family business. He recently completed the coursework for his Captain’s license.

RCA is grateful for Steven’s leadership and looks forward to seeing amazing things as he works to improve our community in the future!

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