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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce today announced that 11 American Indian and Alaska Native high school and college students who represent nearly as many tribes have been selected for scholarships enabling them to accompany some of the Nation's leading scientists this summer on worldwide expeditions.

The scholarships for the American Indians are funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They were arranged through two organizations -- the Explorers Club and Educational Expeditions International (in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution).

Selection of the Indian students was based upon demonstrated interest and achievement in the natural sciences.

The students are: Edward P. Cardipe (Pawnee) 1656 Bridge Street, S. W., Albuquerque, N. M.; Aaron Harrison (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) Belcourt, N. Dak. ; Theodore Isham (Creek-Seminole) 3616 N. W. 27th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.; James E. Monogye (Hopi) Oraibi, Ariz.; Carol Mae Nichol (Pottawatomi) 2525 Military Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.; Maud Oktollik (Alaskan Native) Pt. Hope, Alaska; Lawrence Oliver (Navajo) Lukachukai, Ariz.; Ronald Quetone (Kiowa) Anadarko, Okla.; Joe M. Sampson, Jr. (Yakima) White Swan, Wash.; Janneil Summers (Oneida) Oneida, Wisc.; Valerie Taguma (Chippewa) Stone Lake, Wisc.

Harrison will pursue his interest in volcanology on an expedition to Nyragongo, Eastern Congo. Oliver will travel the vast distance from Navajo land to Okavango, Botswana, South Africa to join an anthropological study team visiting the Hambukushu people. Isham, who leans toward astronomy as a college major, joined scientific observers of a solar eclipse from the vantage point of Prince Edward Island, Canada; and Quetone will be part of an eclipse-viewing team in Rhode Island.

Miss Oktollik will travel from Pt. Hope, Alaska to Portland, Ore., to join Sampson, Taguma, Summers, and others on an ecology expedition in wilderness areas of Oregon. Monogye explores the wilderness area of Riverton, Wyoming, in a similar expedition. A recent UCLA graduate, Miss Nichol, has joined an archeological dig at the Ubeidiya site, Israel. She plans to continue with graduate studies in anthropology-archeology next fall.