

## *2009 Howard Yackus Memorial Scholarship Award*



*Wayne S. Chulin*

*Inter-Tribal Council of Alabama*

*Millbrook, Alabama*

For many years, Mr. Chulin worked as a welder's helper on projects that involved high-rise commercial buildings. This high-risk occupation and the experience of suffering a heart attack last year compelled Mr. Chulin to reconsider his personal and professional life options and priorities. Even while conducting research on potential alternatives, he was most concerned with how to go about supporting his family while attending school.

Through the guidance and support of the Workforce Investment act Program of Inter-Tribal Council of Alabama, he was able to design and set in motion a clear plan towards achieving an educational goal and a career goal. Mr. Chulin now attends Trenholm State Technical College and is working towards becoming a Certified Diesel Mechanic. He is confident that he will obtain gainful employment in this field with career ladder opportunities as well as retirement and health insurance benefits, which will provide much needed financial stability for his family.

Mr. Chulin is a Kenaitze Indian from Alaska.