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Michelle grew up in two different environments: in an Alaskan “bush village” and in Anchorage, the largest village in Alaska. She reported that she saw and experienced many situations of all kinds of abuse. Until she came to ACC, she let pain from the past control her life in the present. She felt insecure and fearful. Through the friendly care of ACC faculty and staff members, Michelle realized that her past experiences did not have the power to define or to control her life. And she found the kind of love that she was missing: the love of Christ. At ACC, she accepted Christ and let God change her life. Michelle would like students who consider enrolling at ACC to know that it is possible to move beyond negative and harmful situations. While she was at ACC, Michelle realized: “I have a passion for ACC. I felt a desire to help fellow students, but because of my status as a student, I wasn’t always able to help.”

Michelle’s time at ACC cultivated her desire for more higher education. She has continued her post-secondary education at Oak Hills Christian College in Bemidji, Minnesota. The OHCC dorms and campus were twice the size of the ACC environment. And OHCC was much noisier than she had expected! When she entered OHCC, she planned to complete a program in Biblical Studies and Ministry. During 2013, she revised her plan to complete an Associate of Arts degree in psychology. This change fits with her personal goals, which include returning to ACC as a Resident Supervisor.