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**Foundation Golf Classic Nets \$72k for Student Scholarships**

Doyon Foundation's 2011 Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic raised a total of \$72,500, representing a growth of approximately 20 percent from last year's event. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual classic, held June 16 – 17 at Chena Bend Golf Course in Fairbanks, drew 112 golfers and 50+ sponsors.

Funds raised benefit the Morris Thompson Scholarship Fund, an endowed fund benefiting higher education students. Since inception, the Foundation has awarded 56 Morris Thompson scholarships totaling more than \$121,000.

During the classic, an additional \$25,000 was also raised for a new competitive scholarship for Doyon Foundation students who are studying health. Health is the number one field of study for Foundation students, as well as a high-demand career field across the state and nation. The fundraising effort was jump-started with a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, and grew with the support of nearly 40 other individuals, organizations and businesses.

The Foundation wishes to thank all of the Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsors, including the following top-level sponsors: Doyon Family of Companies (Doyon, Limited, Doyon Drilling, Doyon Universal Services, Doyon Government Group, Doyon Associated, and Doyon Industrial Group), KeyBank, Alaska Airlines, BP, Calista Corporation, CIRI, ConocoPhillips, Peak Oilfield Service Company, Thompson Metal Fab, Inc., Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP, Flowline Alaska, Inc., and Koniag, Inc. A full list of sponsors is available on the Foundation website.

The Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic was established by Doyon Foundation in honor of the late Morris Thompson, who served as the president/CEO of Doyon, Limited from 1985 until his passing in 2000.

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic will be held Thursday and Friday, June 14 – 15, 2012 in Fairbanks.

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