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Doyon Foundation Seeks Candidates for Board of Directors

Doyon Foundation is seeking candidates for its board of directors. One seat, open to any Doyon, Limited shareholder, will be up for election this November. The term is for three years, expiring in 2014. The election will take place at Doyon Foundation's annual membership meeting in November. This year we are using an online form for applications. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the form.

Candidates seeking election to the Doyon Foundation board must be:

- A Doyon shareholder.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Knowledgeable about private foundation management and higher education.
- Familiar with the Foundation's strategic plan, long-term vision and goals, and updated mission and purpose.
- Committed to spending up to 200 hours a year carrying out the duties of a board member; this includes attending quarterly board meetings, serving on two board committees on a volunteer basis, completing work outside of meetings, representing the Foundation at various events, and speaking on behalf of the foundation at events, if asked.
- This year we are particularly interested in candidates who have experience and talents in one or more of the following areas:
 - Fundraising
 - Financial Management and Budgeting
 - Investment Management of Endowed Funds

Please note that, under federal laws governing private foundations, family members of Doyon Foundation board members are not eligible to receive a Doyon Foundation basic or competitive scholarship during their term on the board. Family members are defined as the board members' spouse, ancestors, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the spouses of children,

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Current Doyon Foundation scholarship recipients are also not eligible to serve on the board.

\$305k Awarded at 2011 Scholarship Award Ceremony

Doyon Foundation's 2011 scholarship award ceremony was held September 8 at the Doyon, Limited Chiefs Court in Fairbanks, Alaska. The ceremony recognized the 379 students who are receiving Foundation scholarships for the fall 2011 semester. The Foundation awarded a total of \$305,400 in scholarships this fall, up from the \$294,500 that was awarded last fall.

The fall 2011 awards include \$800 basic scholarships for full-time students, \$400 basic scholarships for part-time students, and competitive scholarships that range from \$3,000 to \$7,000. (Note that competitive scholarship recipients receive half of their funding in the fall semester and the remaining half in the spring semester.)

Among this year's competitive scholarships is a new award, made possible with a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation and donations from corporate, individual and alumni donors. More than \$20,000 was raised this summer for the new competitive scholarship for Foundation students who are studying health, which was the number one field of study in 2009 - 2010, and is one of the fastest-growing fields both across the state and nation. The first \$5,000 award was presented at the recent scholarship award ceremony.

Also included in the 2011 competitive scholarship line-up are four awards partially funded with donations made to the Foundation in memory of Lu Young, a Doyon, Limited shareholder and the wife of Congressman Don Young. The Foundation received donations of more than \$7,000 in Mrs. Young's memory following her passing in 2009. That, combined with additional contributions previously made by the Young family, funded the majority of the Foundation's 2011 education, indigenous studies, liberal arts and committee's choice competitive scholarships.

Mrs. Young, a Gwich'in Athabascan from Fort Yukon, was the daughter of John Fredson, and was the third of 10 children in the family. Mrs. Young met her future husband in Fort Yukon, where she was a bookkeeper and he was working as an elementary school teacher. Throughout her husband's congressional career, Mrs. Young was a strong supporter of his work. Mrs. Young was known for her support of Alaskans and ensuring that Alaskans were treated as royalty when in Washington, D.C. visiting the congressman. During their 46 years of marriage, the couple had two daughters - Dawn and Joni - and 14 grandchildren. Mrs. Young passed away August 2, 2009 at her home in Great Falls, Va. at the age of 67.

For more information on Doyon Foundation scholarships or the scholarship award ceremony, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Tonya Garnett, scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2049 or garnett@doyon.com.



Doyon Foundation student Marina Taylor with Congressman Don Young, a special guest at the 2011 scholarship award ceremony.

How Do You Raise \$20,000 in One Week?

Foundation Raises \$20k for New Competitive Scholarship

If you had asked us at the Doyon Foundation that question a few months ago, our answer probably would have been "hmmm, we're not sure..." For most of us, that goal sounds pretty out of reach. But within the past couple of months, we have seen first-hand that it is possible, especially with the outpouring of support from some of Alaska's most generous organizations, companies and individuals.

It all started with one little seed, in this case, an email from Diane Kaplan of Rasmuson Foundation. This incredible organization offered Doyon Foundation a \$5,000 grant to benefit our scholarship program, which each year provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to hundreds of students. With this seed money, we decided to establish a new competitive scholarship for Doyon Foundation students who are studying health, which is the number one field of study for our students, as well as a high-demand career field across the state and nation.

Wanting us to get the most benefit from their contribution, Diane encouraged us to seek a \$5,000 match for the Rasmuson Foundation grant. That alone sounded like a pretty lofty goal, but our staff immediately set off to face the challenge.

Our first phone call was to the loyal group that comprises the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association. Time after time, these individuals have proven their generosity, care and concern for

current students. At last count, 27 alumni members had already raised \$1,300. We were on our way.

Next, we made a call to Tanana Chiefs Conference, an organization that is deeply committed to providing health care services to the more than 10,000 Alaska Natives living in Fairbanks and Interior Alaska villages. Their response was an incredible \$2,500 donation to our effort!

Inigorated by the answers we'd received so far, we went into our annual fundraising event - the Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic - with high hopes that we would attain the \$5,000 match with the support of the golfers and sponsors in attendance. We got that - and so much more.

When the golf classic attendees, who were already there supporting our scholarship program, heard about our new scholarship and our goal to match Rasmuson Foundation's grant, they enthusiastically got on board. Norman L. Phillips, Jr., Ori Williams, Diane Kaplan, Aaron Schutt, Bobbie Qunittenville, Victor Nicholas, Pete W., Julie Anderson, Jim Johnsen, Mike O'Connor and ConocoPhillips all made incredibly generous pledges that evening, allowing us to easily reach - and extend beyond - our original goal.

Already surprised by the evening's events, the next thing that happened rendered us speechless. We'd already raised a total of \$10,200 - well beyond our \$5,000 target - when Diane Kaplan took the stage ... and announced that Rasmuson Foundation would match our match!

As our accountant Kelly Ward quickly tallied the results, we determined that we had raised more than \$20,000! Amazingly, this number continues to grow, as others hear about the effort and want to get involved.

With these funds, we are able to establish the new competitive health scholarship for Doyon Foundation students. This new scholarship will allow us to help ensure our students are prepared to enter the workforce in an important, high-demand field. It's an undertaking that will benefit students and Alaskans for many years to come.

So now, when someone asks us, "How do you raise \$20,000 in one week?" we'll be able to answer, "All you need is a great idea ... and some of the most caring people in the state of Alaska!"

Golf Classic Raises \$72k for 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 11th 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.

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 12th annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic will be held Thursday and Friday, June 14 - 15, 2012 in Fairbanks.

For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com.



Members of the first place team in the 2011 Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic are pictured with Doyon Foundation Executive

Director Doris Miller, Warren Christian, Verna Westlake, Patrick Duke and Lane Keator (not pictured) took top honors in this year's classic.

Pick, Click, Give to Doyon Foundation in 2012

There is a new way to show support of the Doyon Foundation. The Foundation is now one of the 415 nonprofits included in the Pick. Click. Give. PFD Charitable Contributions Program! That means when Alaskans apply for a 2012 PFD, they can donate a portion of their dividend to Doyon Foundation.

"We are so excited to be part of this groundbreaking program that allows Alaskans to quickly and easily benefit their favorite nonprofits by giving some - or all - of their PFD. We hope that our existing donors will take advantage of this new opportunity to make a contribution, and we hope that this opens the door to new donors learning about our work and supporting the hundreds of students we serve every year," said Doris Miller, Doyon Foundation's executive director.

Since launching two years ago, Pick. Click. Give. has helped generate nearly \$1.5 million for Alaska causes. Alaskans can choose to donate any amount, from \$25 to the full amount of their dividend, to hundreds of Alaska nonprofit organizations working to support the arts, education, social services and other causes.

The 2012 [PFD application will be available online January 1](#), and is due March 31. Online applicants will see the "Pick. Click. Give." option. To make a donation, simply click the link and follow the instructions.

For more information on Doyon Foundation, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Doris Miller, executive director, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com. More information on Pick. Click. Give. is available at www.pickclickgive.org.

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2011 Graduates Celebrated at Reception

A total of 85 Doyon Foundation students graduated from college, a vocational program or high school this spring. Foundation staff, board members, alumni, students and special guests gathered to celebrate their accomplishments at a graduation reception held on May 12 in Fairbanks. [Read the full article on our blog](#) and [see the graduation reception album on Facebook for photos from the event.](#)



Doyon Foundation alumna Joy Huntington was the featured alumni speaker at the graduate reception.

2011 Graduate Yearbook

Congratulations to the class of 2011! Meet this year's graduates in the 2011 edition of the Doyon Foundation graduate yearbook, now [available on our website](#). Since the distribution of this year's yearbook, we have received several updates to the 2011 graduate information:

Jane Dayton

From: Koyukuk, Alaska

School: Nenana City Public School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans after graduation? Attend UAF in the fall of 2011

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in the pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon helps me pay for more education after high school.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Sarah Dayton and Kenneth Kriska. Maternal parents are Annie and Roger Dayton. Paternal parents are Mary and Leo Kriska.



Juanita A. Esmailka

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: West Valley High School

Degree: High school diploma with honors

What are your plans after graduation? Accepted into University of Alaska Fairbanks as an arts major. Her dream is to become an art therapist, which will require her to also pursue an psychology or social work degree.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Her parents are Charles, Sr. and Tonya Esmailka. Paternal grandparents are Gerald and Rita Esmailka of Nulato, Alaska. Maternal grandparents are Robert Bettles and Frances Hartsfield of Oregon.

"I would like to thank my family, my community and teachers for being very supportive of my personal pursuits."

Leann Sommer

From: Galena, Alaska

School: Fort Lewis College (in Durango, Colo.)

Degree: Bachelor's in business administration, tourism and hospitality management

What are your plans after graduation? I am now interning through First Alaskans Institute at SMG of Alaska; Convention Centers until mid-August. After the internship I will search for a job in Anchorage or Seattle, Wash. to gain experience in order to enter a master of business administration program on the East Coast.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has assisted me greatly throughout my entire college career. They have provided me with the basic and competitive scholarships, the newsletters that informed me of updates and news at home, and also the reminders for deadlines. Without Doyon, I would have struggled through college

because of the lack of monetary funding. Thank you very much, Doyon! You made my diploma possible!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Christopher and Albertha Sommer. My maternal grandparents are Laura and the late Edward

Pitka, Sr., and my paternal grandparents are the late Henry and Maudrey Sommer.



Tiana Woods

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: Effie Kokrine Charter School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Ultimately, Tiana wants to become a pediatrician, first serving in the Peace Corps and then returning to practice medicine in her home state. She plans to attend the University of Alaska and work toward a pre-medical undergraduate degree in science, with a minor in art. She's also interested in participating in the WWAMI medical school program and then pursuing her doctorate overseas through a study abroad program.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in the pursuit of your educational goals? She said she is grateful to Doyon Foundation for the funding she received to pay for her classes at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, as well as for the essay-writing and scholarship workshops the Foundation has offered. "I am thankful for the

opportunities they have provided to help me navigate my future," she said.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Tiana is the daughter of Phyllis Attla from Huslia and Jerry Woods from Manley Hot Springs, Rampart and Tanana. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Vent from Hughes and George Attla from Huslia, and Judy Woods from Tanana and the late Walter Woods from Rampart.

Are you a 2011 graduate who would like to submit your graduation information? Or do you have a correction to the information in the yearbook? Please send updates to foundation@doyon.com or call 907.459.2048.

New Location for Doyon Foundation



Doyon Foundation has moved! Our new office is in the Doyon Industrial Facility, located at 615 Bidwell, Suite 101, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Stop by and see us! Our contact information, including phone, fax and e-mail, will remain the same. Have questions? Please view our [press release](#) or contact us 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com.

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The Native Word of the Month is just one way we are striving to live up to our vision and values. One of the Foundation's vision elements is "Strong Demonstration of Native Traditional Language and Culture" and one of the Foundation's values is "Traditional Native Values - Tradition, Culture, Language."

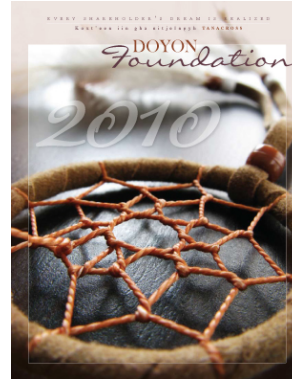
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newsletter, blog, presentations, letterhead and business cards. Why did we do this? After several years of using the same colors and design, it was time to refresh our brand. Our updated look also reflects our updated mission, vision and values, which you can [read more about on our website](#). What do you think about our facelift? Let us know by [commenting on our Facebook page](#)!

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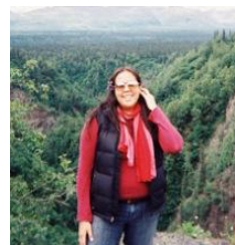
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Ready to upgrade? Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome work well for the Doyon Foundation website. Opera and Safari are also good browsers to try. If you wish to stay with Internet Explorer, upgrade to versions 7, 8 or 9. Following are links to download a new browser:

- Mozilla Firefox - <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/fx/>
- Google Chrome - <http://www.google.com/chrome/>
- Opera - <http://www.opera.com/>
- Safari - <http://www.apple.com/safari/>
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Want to submit an article? Simply send the following items to foundation@doyon.com:

- Article of 100 - 500 words
- Your first and last name (so we can credit you as the author)
- The school, degree and year your graduated
- A photo, if you'd like to include one

We'll publish articles on a space-available basis, and reserve the right to edit.

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