Congratulations to the class of 2011! Meet this year's graduates in the 2011 edition of the Doyon Foundation graduate yearbook. Are you a 2011 graduate who would like to submit your graduation information? Or do you have a correction to the information in this e-newsletter? Please send updates to foundation@doyon.com or call 907.459.2048. Updates will be included in the next regular e-newsletter.

Joseph James Alexander
From: Minto, Alaska
School: Minto School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? I want to go firefighting during the summer then try to get accepted to AVTEC for the electrician program.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? They help me pay for more education after high school is finished.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Florine Alexander and Wayne Smoke. Maternal grandparents are Evelyn and Jim Alexander and paternal grandparents are Jennie and Henry Smoke.

Mick Aney
School: Washington State University
Degree: Master's in accounting

Austin W. Atla
From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: West Valley High School
Degree: High School Diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Navy
What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Harold Attla and Sharon Barker Attla; maternal grandparents: Late Gerald Barker and Anna Grant Barker; paternal grandparents: Alfred and Helen Attla

Victoria Baalam

From: Birch Creek Village or Dendu Gwich'in

School: Mt. Edgecumbe High School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Further my education by attending college and majoring in business and minor in environmental studies

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has contributed to my future goals by supporting the Athabascan Dance group at MEHS by donating money to educational travel. In 2009 we achieved our goal of going to Fairbanks, Alaska for the Festival of Native Arts with the help of the Doyon corporation. Then in 2010 we were able to attend the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This helped me because I understand that to make a difference to what we believed in we have to know everything we can in order to make it happen by learning as much as you can. You would have to know how it will affect our life today as our generation is being raised in this new century. This is the reason I plan to go to college. This is why I want to achieve more, to challenge myself. In traveling I noticed this and I want to change.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Oskar W. James and Jacqueline C. Baalam, grandparents: Mary James and Winston James (dad's side), Rose Martin and Randall Baalam (mom's side)

"It is hard to say who has made an impact on me throughout my school years because even the little things that people say can change the way you think and the way you view something. Throughout my high school years and before, I have meet plenty of people and had amazing opportunities that gave me hope of success and determination to hold on to my culture."

Geoffrey Michael Bacon

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: Cornell University

Degree: Bachelor's of science in industrial and labor relations

What are your plans for after graduation? Working as a field associate for the Alaska Public Employees Association.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? The Doyon Foundation has helped my finance my education and afford an Ivy League education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Glenn Bacon and Adele (Michel) Bacon; paternal grandparents: Joseph McCullough and Frances McCullough; maternal grandparents: Michael Michel and Eleanor (Greenway) Michel

Cherise Anne Beatus

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: Effie Kokrine Charter School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? I was accepted as an intern for Lisa Murkowski in Washington, D.C. in June and I plan to attend Stanford University in the fall.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has helped me immensely in the last couple of years. Doyon Foundation provided the funding for my tuition and books, which enabled me to take early college classes at UAF. The early college classes prepared me for college by giving me a step up in college credits and also helped me to be mentally prepared for college. Thanks to Doyon Foundation for their support of the students at EKCS!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Norman Beatus - father (deceased), Barbara Beatus - mother, Henry and Sophie Beatus - paternal grandparents from Hughes, Johnson Moses and the late Bertha Moses - maternal grandparents from Allakaket

Joanne Beck

From: The Native village of Eagle

Degree: After working in my village, for 23 years, and raising my son Jonathan, I left home and returned to school to obtain my AAS in culinary arts. I will graduate in May of 2011.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has helped me with regular and a competitive scholarship. Doyon Tourism has given me an opportunity to put my skills to use at the Kantishna Roadhouse. Doyon Universal hired me to work at the Alyeska Cafe. I am grateful to many people. At Doyon, I am thankful for Norm Phillips giving me time to vent my frustrations and give me solid advice. Robin Renfroe also listened when I needed to be heard.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My mother is Ethel Beck, my step-dad is Max Beck. I am Louise Paul's granddaughter.

"I am thankful for my mother Ethel, my brother Tony and his family and my son Jonathan. They have all given me great encouragement. I am blessed to be part of my boyfriend Francis' life and he has supported me throughout my school and work. My friend Spike has always checked to make sure that I'm OK and my friend Donna has continued to pray for me. Graduation day will be very sentimental as I achieve the goal that I set out for. I am not as young as I was when I first started college so it's been challenging but possible. I encourage anyone who is thinking of returning to school to seize the financial opportunities that are available now. I give the honor of my passion for cooking to my Grandma Louise Paul. She inspired me and I dedicate my achievements to her."

Jessie Bergman-David

From: Allakaket, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Bachelor's of arts in elementary education

What are your plans for after graduation? I was interviewed by our
school district last week and have been hired as Allakaket’s elementary teacher for the coming school year.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? The scholarships I received from Doyon Foundation on several occasions were very helpful. I am grateful that our organizations support education. In doing this, they are giving our people the opportunity to achieve higher education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are late Edward, Sr. and Elizabeth Bergman.

"The message here is to not be afraid to go the extra step and work to upgrade your qualifications. Your effort will not go unnoticed by prospective employers. Basee', Doyon Foundation and Doyon limited, Inc. for all of your support and for being there."

Adeline Bernal

From: Tanana, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Bachelor’s in psychology, with a minor in gender studies

What are your plans for after graduation? My plans are to attend graduate school, to become a family counselor, I will be taking a year off next year to take time to apply and choose where I will attend graduate school as the program I need is not offered in Alaska schools.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has given me over $5,000 in assistance during my four years of education at the university. I would not be graduating if it wasn’t for Doyon!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My maternal mother is Eleanor Folger, and her mother is Lillian Folger. My adoptive parents are Sandra and Dennis Bolz.

Nathon Blackburn

From: Lake Minchumina, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Bachelor’s of science in biology

What are your plans for after graduation? I will be attending dental school at A.T. Still University’s Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health starting this summer.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has supported my endeavors to get to dental school by providing monetary support through my undergraduate education. Thank you!

David Wayne Broussard

From: Vidor, Texas
School: Lamar Institute of Technology
Degree: Associate’s degree of applied science: instrumentation technology

What are your plans for after graduation? Obtain a career in my field
Terri Danielle Cadzow
From: Fort Yukon, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Associate’s in applied business

What are your plans for after graduation? To continue my education and work towards my bachelor’s degree.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has supported and assisted me financially with scholarships. Thank you.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents are Clifton and Janet Cadzow. My grandparents are Thomas and Nellie Carroll, and Clifton Fairchild and Margaret Cadzow.

Nadine Paige Carroll
From: Fort Yukon, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Bachelor’s of business administration, majoring in business management

What are your plans for after graduation? To continue working and pursue an M.B.A degree

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has assisted me greatly by not only providing me with financial assistance each year, but encouragement and support as well.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Janet and Clifton Cadzow. Maternal grandparents: Annie Peter, paternal: Jessie and the late Harry Carroll, Sr.

Dallas Clayton Charlie
From: Minto, Alaska
School: Minto School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? My plan is to get a job and make money for college (UAF) and if I don’t get accepted to college, I am going to try to join the Marines.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? They showed me a lot of things I can do.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Ken and Sheryle Charlie. Maternal grandparents are Jenny and Donald Baker and paternal
Dawn "Tlaaheelno" Marie Childress

From: Wasilla, Alaska
School: Houston High School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAA to study dental hygiene and eventually become a dentist.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Not yet, but I just applied.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Gail Dinwoodie and Richard Childress, Jr. My maternal grandparents are Margaret Dinwoodie "Tlaaheelno," originally from Stevens Village, Alaska and the late Daniel H. Dinwoodie from Fairbanks, Alaska and Polson, Montana. My paternal grandparents are Marjorie Childress in Anchorage, Alaska and the late Richard Childress.

Krista Tawn Coccia

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: Charter College
Degree: Medical assistant with an associate’s

What are your plans for after graduation? To work in my field.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? They have helped me with a grant for school.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My mother is Teresa Wiehl and my father is the late Ronald Carlo.

Bernice 'Avu' Dahl

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: University of New Mexico
Degree: Bachelor's of arts in theatre with a focus on acting

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan on spending the summer in Fairbanks and returning to New Mexico to look for work. When finished with school I will be available for more film work.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped me with school-related expenses. Without scholarships from Doyon and others, I would not have been able to stay in school.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are the late Bertha and Dale Dahl. My maternal grandparents were Turok and Blanche Newman of Barrow and Beaver. My paternal grandparents were William and Ethel Dahl of Silverlake, Minnesota. I would like to thank my cousins, Charlene Stern and Cathy Rexford, for all of their moral support while attending this huge university.
Deedre’ Deaton

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: Mt. Edgecumbe High School

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan on attending an academic program or internship for the summer, and then I’m off to college. I hope Doyon will help support my college career.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: My mother is Doreen Deaton from Beaver, my father is Eugene Lee from Kotzebue and Shungnak, my maternal grandparents are Ada and (the late) Harmie Deaton, and my paternal grandparents are Martha and (the late) Edward Lee.

Rolland James Debler

From: Ruby, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Anchorage

Degree: Bachelor’s of science in technology with a business emphasis

What are your plans for after graduation? Work in the information technology field

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Assisted with funding and a great internship!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Lawrence Debler and Joanne Debler. My grandparents are Vera Williams and Raymond Stickman (mom’s parents) and Edsella Debler and Lawrence Debler (dad’s parents).

Sarah Renita Demit

From: Northway, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Associate’s in applied sciences general program

What are your plans for after graduation? I’m returning to UAF to receive my bachelor’s degree in elementary education.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I have received Doyon’s basic scholarships.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Glen and Cora Demit of Northway Alaska. My maternal grandparents are the late Andrew Jimmie and Sarah Gabriel of Northway, Alaska. My paternal grandparents are the late Joe and Laura Demit of Northway, Alaska. My maternal great-grandparents are the late Bill and Eliza Northway of Northway, Alaska.

Christopher Demoski

From: Nulato, Alaska

School: Andrew K. Demoski

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAF and pursue a
degree in petroleum engineering

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? By providing me with scholarships

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Mother: Donna Demoski

Carolyn Dillard

From: Northway, Alaska
School: UAF
Degree: Occupational endorsement in rural nutrition services

What are your plans for after graduation? I got this endorsement because of work. I work at Agst for eight years as a cook, and it would benefit me and my job.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Help paying for it, would have never have happen if Doyon has not step in.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Mother: Donna Driskill

Donna Driskill

From: Born in Anchorage, Alaska and living in Mandeville, Louisiana
School: Southeastern Louisiana University
Degree: Masters Plus 30 and completed requirements for Gifted Teaching Certification

What are your plans for after graduation? I will continue teaching in the junior high public school environment.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped me the whole way through. I could not have completed and received my master's in mathematics from Loyola University (New Orleans) and the Plus 30 (from SLU) without them.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Bruce Roland and Mary Ivey Williams (Hammond, Louisiana); maternal grandparents are Albert Denson and Bezrae Boyd Ivey (McGrath, Alaska); paternal grandparents are James Hezekiah and Dora Hughes Williams (Greensburg, Louisiana).

"Words cannot express my appreciation to the Doyon Foundation but education can! Anaa Basee’"

Myrna Lynn Edwin

From: Fort Yukon, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Certificate in nutrition with an occupational endorsement

What are your plans for after graduation? My plan is to continue working as the education and disabilities coordinator for the Council of Athabascan Tribal Government and take up tribal management to achieve my associate's.
What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are James Nathaniel, Sr. and the late Frances Ann "Williams" Nathaniel. My maternal grandparents are the late Sophie Williams and Frank John. My paternal grandparents are the late Martha Flitt and Daniel Horace, all of Fort Yukon.

Kailey Jo Erickson

From: Tanana, Alaska

School: Brigham Young University-Idaho

Degree: Bachelor's of science in health education and a minor in physical education

What are your plans for after graduation? I am planning on seeking a career in teaching. Right now I am looking into some teaching/service opportunities with some humanitarian aid organizations. I want to continue my education and receive a master's human/social services or health administration.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? My goal when I turned 18 was to graduate college without any debt. The Doyon scholarships were a blessing to me. They helped me fulfill my goal and I finished school without any debt. Because I have no debt I am not tied down to stress. I can find a job and begin building up my savings for the future; my education was not something I took lightly because I knew that if I didn’t keep my grades up and continue to be a good student I would lose Doyon’s support. I am so grateful for the opportunities they gave me to continue my education and for the support I received from the Doyon Foundation.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Dale and Cynthia Erickson from Tanana, Alaska. My grandparents are the late Howard and Frona Erickson from Mt. Vernon, Washington and Harold and Florence Esmailka from Ruby, Alaska.

Nathan Winston Fennimore

From: Galena, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Associate's of applied science in process technology

What are your plans for after graduation? After graduation, I plan to find a job in Alaska's oil industry. I also wish to pursue further my educational goals in the future.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has greatly assisted me in my college experience, and I feel that I could not have done this without the help of Doyon Foundation.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Bruce and Carrie Fennimore. My maternal grandparents are Jenny and Dave Pelkola, and my paternal grandparents are Leroy and Alma Fennimore.

Shee'lene Sheree' Fields

From: Fort Yukon, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Certificate of construction trades technology

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan on furthering
my education to receive my AAS degree in construction trades technology. After that I want to continue on with construction management.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Kelly Fields is my mother, Mary and Jimmy Fields are my grandparents.

Teresa F. Fields

From: Birch Creek, Alaska

School: Phoenix College

Degree: Associate's of applied science in digital photography

What are your plans for after graduation? Continuing education at IAIA in Santa Fe, New Mexico to earn a BFA in studio arts concentrating in photography

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I have been using the vocational assistance grants.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Kelly Fields is my mother, Mary and Jimmy Fields are my grandparents.

Lee David Frost

From: Born in Fairbanks but raised in Anchorage.

School: West Anchorage High School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? My tentative plan after graduation is to go into law enforcement. I hope to get security training, be employed by Doyon and join the State Troopers when I'm 21 years old.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My mother is Mary Lou Lokanin, maternal grandparents: Richard (of Kodiak) and Glenda (of Nenana) Frost, grandmother: Susie Charlie (of Minto) and great grandparents: Alphonse and Mary Demientieff (both deceased), and paternal grandparents: Tom and Susan Frost (of Kodiak both deceased).

Lee's family states: "He's worked so hard for this and we're all very proud of him. Good job, Lee!"

Kimberly Ann Hamilton

From: Shageluk and Holy Cross, Alaska

School: Innoko River School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAA fall 2011, major in nursing

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: John Hamilton, Sr. and Connie Edwards; maternal grandparents: Robert and Margie Edwards; paternal grandparents: Hamilton and Lucy Hamilton

Reena Harris
Stephanie Marie Hooper

School: University of Dubuque
Degree: Bachelor’s of science in nursing

From: Clinton Twp, Michigan

What are your plans for after graduation? I'm doing the Disney College Program in the fall and applying to graduate school for the spring.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Greg and Janice Hooper

Amber R. Huhndorf

School: Western Michigan University
Degree: Bachelor in Human Resource Management and Bachelor in Psychology

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan to return to Alaska and use my experiences in areas where health disparities are prominent among Alaskan Natives/ American Indians. I hope to get into nursing school at the University of California San Francisco's master entry program, specifically in advanced community health and international nursing.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has been a supporter of my higher education for the past several years and made the financial challenges I faced very achievable.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Anne and Stanley Huhndorf, Jr. Maternal grandmother: Rose Jerue. Paternal grandparents: Caroline and Stanley Huhndorf, Sr. I would like to thank my mom and dad who have given me their unconditional love and support. I thank my grandma, Rose, who has given me the courage to keep going when times got difficult. I thank my brother, Josh, who has encouraged me to strive for the very best at all times. I thank my sister, Mariah, who was a great roommate and never failed to make me smile.

Allison Huntington

School: Oregon State University Corvallis
Degree: Bachelor’s of science in public health, with an option in allied health

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan to pursue graduate school.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Margaret and Gilbert Huntington. My maternal grandparents are Annie and late Roger Dayton. My paternal grandparents are Angela and Sidney Huntington.

Raymond Joel Huntington

School: University of Alaska Anchorage
Degree: Bachelor’s in human services

What are your plans for after graduation? Plans to pursue graduate school.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Margaret and Gilbert Huntington. My maternal grandparents are Annie and late Roger Dayton. My paternal grandparents are Angela and Sidney Huntington.
School: Sidney C. Huntington School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attending UAA in the fall, auto tech

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I have applied with Doyon for the fall semester scholarship.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Joyce Huntington and the late Stanley Huntington; maternal grandparents: Laura Pitka and the late Edward Pitka; paternal grandparents: Marion Huntington, Flora Elliott and the late Jimmy Huntington

Violet M. Huntington

From: Koyukuk, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Associate's degree in applied business, specializing in administrative management

What are your plans for after graduation? To seek full-time employment in Fairbanks

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation funded me for two years.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents Albert and Esther Dayton, grandparents Tom and Lucy Dayton (dad's side), Albert Pitka and Lucy Kennedy (mom's side)

“I’d also like to thank Louden Tribal Council, Gana-A-Yoo Limited, and Doyon Foundation for the funding; without your funding, it wouldn’t have been possible for me to pursue my education. And last but not least, thank you to my family for being patient with me. I would like to encourage those that are in college to stick with your goals and don’t let anything stop you. My words of wisdom for those that are entering college: follow your dreams, take it day by day and don’t give up.”

Karen Johnson

From: Sitka, Alaska
School: Alaska Pacific University
Degree: Bachelor's in health services administration

What are your plans for after graduation? Continue working at SEARHC as a deputy director of materials management and utilize my formal education to pursue other positions in the organization to improve and expand health care services to the IHS beneficiaries the organization serves.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I have received several scholarships over the past three and half years to help pay for my education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Marie Allen (Burk), William and Rose Burk, James (Buck) Allen, Red and Betty Allen

Shannon Johnson-
Nanalook

From: Iliamna, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Bachelor’s degree in social work

What are your plans for after graduation? I want to work in the Iliamna Lake region in the medical social work field servicing all the population at our community health center. I would also like to someday work in the occupational field as a social worker helping people with finding their way back to work or continuing to keep working to support themselves and their family. Either way, I'll always work to help others and give back to our great state that has been so good to me!

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has been a huge influence in my life in helping me to pursue my dream. With the scholarships that I have worked very hard for, I've been blessed to take courses and live in my own community to complete my social work degree program. This opportunity to further my education has given me hope that someday I will be able to continue to live and work in my hometown to work in a social service career. Basee!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? John and Flora Johnson of Ilamna. The late Edward and Elizabeth Bergman of Allakaket. Walter and his late wife Annie Johnson of Pedro Bay, Alaska.

Audrey Anne Jones

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Associate’s in Accounting

What are your plans for after graduation? Return to UAF to receive a bachelor’s in accounting.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Providing me with scholarships.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Harriet and Trapper McCotter are my parents, Helen and Chris Grant are my maternal grandparents, and Virginia and Doug McCotter are my paternal grandparents

Brandon C. Joseph

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: Metropolitan State College of Denver

Degree: Bachelor’s of arts - sport industry operations

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend graduate school to receive a master’s of science in sport management

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Cliff Joseph and the late Georgianna Joseph

Louise Kangas

From: Ruby, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Anchorage

Degree: Bachelor’s degree in nursing
What are your plans for after graduation? With the Indian Health Services scholarship, I have a service obligation of two years to work within an IHS facility. I love the obligation because it ensures that I work with Alaska Native populations. The IHS facility that I would hope to work at would be the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage, Alaska. I would also like to take a nice vacation after graduation!

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I feel very fortunate to have had the support from the Doyon Foundation! The support helped to relieve the level of financial stress and allowed me to focus more on progressing through the nursing program. For that, I thank you!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Gary and Irene Kangas. My paternal grandparents are Albert and Nora Kangas (Ruby, Alaska) and my maternal grandparents are Franklin and Martha Dayton, and the late Jane Dayton (Koyukuk, Alaska).

Merreline A. Kangas

From: Ruby, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Associate's and certificate in medical assisting

What are your plans for after graduation? After graduation I hope to find a job in the Fairbanks area as a medical assistant, primarily in family practice.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped me with all of my years of college with basic scholarships, which helped me a great deal, and I am so thankful for any contributions from them.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? I am the daughter of Ivan and Kathryn Kangas.

Kailyn Taisia Kashevarof

From: Anchorage, Alaska
School: Mt. Edgecumbe High School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Kailyn plans to attend the University of Alaska Anchorage majoring in either accounting or engineering through Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? The Doyon Foundation will become a part of my educational goals as I pursue my college education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents are Monica Chase and M. Calvin Kashevarof. Maternal grandparents are Kathy W. Chase and Leonard Chase. Paternal grandparents are Andronik and Sharon Kashevarof.

Richard Colin Keirn

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: ITT Technical Institute, Knoxville, Tennessee

Degree: Associate's of applied science degree in information technology - software applications and programming; graduated as valedictorian of his program of study

What are your plans for after graduation? Continue my education in order to receive my bachelor's in computer programming, use my skills that I have obtained to acquire a job that I will enjoy.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation was very supportive, the staff was very friendly and was able to help me cut educational costs.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Janet M. Keirn, Grandparent: Caroline Mayo Fabian

Beverly Simon Kokrine

From: Huslia/Fairbanks, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks (2010), University of Alaska Southeast (2011)

Degree: UAF: M.Ed. Language and Literacy; UAS: M. Ed. Leadership

What are your plans for after graduation? Continue working as a teacher in FNSBSD and apply for principal jobs.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has given me scholarships for UAS.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Franklin and Lillian Simon of Huslia; paternal grandparents are the late Edwin and Lydia Simon; maternal grandparents are the late Grafton and Agnes Koyukuk

Edwin Clay Kokrine

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: Effie Kokrine Charter School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? UAF

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Curt, Sr. and Beverly Kokrine, paternal grandparents: Billy and Flora Demoski of Fairbanks, maternal grandparents are Franklin and Lillian Simon of Huslia

Tiana Kraus

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: West Valley High School

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? After high school I plan on attending UAA.

What are the names of your parents,
Kyle Robert Kruger

From: Grayling, Alaska
School: Galena Interior Learning Academy
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? To attend and graduate from the Culinary Institute of America.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped my family and me financially with annual dividends.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Melody Kruger and Ronald Kruger, Sr.

Alexandria LeCapitaine

From: Tanana, Alaska/ Milwaukee, Wisconsin
School: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Degree: Master's of science in social work

What are your plans for after graduation? I am currently applying to be a graduate intern for ANTHC Epidemiology Center in Anchorage. I will also be applying for case manager positions with Indian Health Service.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to receive funding from Doyon Foundation throughout the past six years of my college education. Not only has Doyon Foundation given me the chance to afford costly textbooks, but it has also provided me with the opportunity to network with a variety of professionals and other students as well as making known available intern/career opportunities. It has been an intense few years, but I am glad to have had the privilege of being a part of such a remarkable foundation. Thank you.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Eileen Katherine Grant and Mark LeCapitaine. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Regina Grant, paternal grandparents are Vincent and Evelyn LeCapitaine.

David Lenahan

From: Anchorage, Alaska
School: Service High School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAA

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Dorothy Stevens and Dave Lenahan

Julie Kay Lloyd

From: Canyon Country, California
School: University of California Santa Barbara

Degree: Bachelor’s degree in sociology with an emphasis on global inequality

What are your plans for after graduation? Enrolled in UCLA law class in tribal law

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has provided me with financial assistance throughout the course of my college education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents’ names are Alfred Cordeiro and Lillian Selina Cordeiro; my maternal grandparents are Issac John and Margaret John of Fort Yukon.

Kathryn Clara Long

From: Theodosia, Missouri

School: Lutie R-VI Accelerated School District

Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan to attend the University of Central Missouri and start on earning my bachelor’s degree in agriculture technology: horticulture.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? They have sent me many e-mails about scholarship applications.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Mother: Paula G. Long; mother’s parents: Wilma Clara Long and Gary Paul Long; father: Charles (Chip) Mahan; father’s parents: Mary Mahan and Chuck Mahan

Sonya G. Lord

From: Fairbanks, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Degree: Associate’s of applied science in applied business in administrative management

What are your plans for after graduation? After graduating I decided to enroll in the bachelor’s degree program at UAF to pursue a degree in business administration and management and organization.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goal? Doyon has assisted me with tuition assistance through scholarships for higher education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents are Walter and Darlene Lord of Fairbanks. Grandparents are the late Walter and Etta Lord of Fairbanks, and the late George and Anna Madros of Kaltag.

Elizabeth Miller

From: Anchorage, Alaska

School: Mount Edgecumbe High School

Degree: High school diploma
What are your plans for after graduation? I plan to either work for a year as a CNA and save up money for school or I would like to attend either UAA in Anchorage or Haskell Indian Nations University.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Samuel Miller and Christine Miller, and my grandmother is Myrtal Vandoom

Michael Tyler Northway

From: Northway/Wasilla, Alaska
School: Wasilla High School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAF

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Mike Larson and Dona Northway, maternal grandparents: Roy Sam and Arvis Sam, paternal grandparents: Lud Larson and Joan Larson

Sarah Obed

From: Minto, Alaska
School: The University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
Degree: Master's of Public Policy

What are your plans for after graduation? Seeking a position in Alaska.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has assisted me financially in the pursuit of a higher education degree. Furthermore, the Foundation has been a source of continued encouragement. Furthermore, seeing other students highlighted in Foundation newsletters, seeing students seeking degrees and succeeding is a tremendous source of inspiration!

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Paul and Irene Robin Sherry. My maternal grandparents are Walter and Louise Titus of Minto, Alaska and my paternal grandparents are Edward and Eleanor Sherry of Los Gatos, Calif.

“I'd like to thank my husband Stephen Obed for his continued support as I work towards graduation!”

Ernie Leo Peters

From: Holy Cross, Alaska
School: AVTEC
Degree: Certificate for plumbing and heating

What are your plans for after graduation? Find full time employment

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents are Ernie and Donna Peter, maternal grandparents are the late Gerald and Dorothy Turner, paternal grandparents are the late Axenia and George Peters.

Aaron Pilot
School: Nenana High School
Degree: High school diploma

Gabriel Joseph Pitka
From: Kaltag, Alaska

School: Andrew K. Demoski
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Join the Marine Corps

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Father: Ronald Pitka, Sr.

Donald Richardson
From: Anvik, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Anchorage
Degree: Bachelor's of science in civil engineering

What are your plans for after graduation? Pursue my M.S. in arctic engineering. Expected to finish in May 2012.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Besides financial assistance, Doyon Foundation has also informed me of scholarships, internships and other opportunities. The staff has always been really helpful.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Gary and Renee Richardson. Maternal grandparents: Pete and Alice Turner of Holy Cross. Paternal grandparents: Alex and Margaret Richardson of Anvik.

Chrystalina Louise Roberts-Miller
From: Juneau, Alaska

School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Associate's of arts in general studies

What are your plans for after graduation? Plans on continuing education at UAF with a BA in interdisciplinary studies in Asian studies.

Parents: Dianna Roberts and Jerald Miller; maternal grandparents: Deborah and Rocky Burt; paternal grandparents: Myrtle VanDoorn

Karena Lynn Rounsaville
From: Kodiak, Alaska

School: Western Washington University
Degree: Bachelor's of science major in biological anthropology with psychology and chemistry minors

What are your plans for after graduation? I am going to take a year off to volunteer in the medical field more and apply to medical school in the fall.
How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped me financially, which has allowed me to focus more on my school work.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Darlene and Steve Rounsaville. My grandparents are Hazel Deater, Sarah and Jerry Babbit.

Diane E. Russell

From: Fairbanks Alaska
School: UAF
Degree: Associate's degree in business

Robin Sam

From: Tanana, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Associate's in applied sciences in process technology

What are your plans for after graduation? My plan after graduating is to hold down my construction job for the summer and re-assess my plans in late fall.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has assisted me in my educational goals by granting me scholarships.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Susan Miller (mother) (Late Paul Starr) and Mary Starr, Alfred Miller my grandfather

Scott Anthony Shears

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: Lathrop High School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attending UAF in fall 2011 for associate's of applied science degree in process technology. After high school graduation, I plan to work as a forestry firefighter.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has assisted me in learning what field of study I want to pursue. They offer great scholarship opportunities that I plan to utilize to further my education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are William and Janice Sam of Tanana; grandparents are Roy and the late Elizabeth Folger of Tanana, and the late Frank and Elma Sam of Alatna.

Nichole Silas

From: Nulato, Alaska
Andrew K. Demoski

School: Andrew K. Demoski
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAF and pursue a degree in political science.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? By providing the scholarship.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Michael Silas, maternal grandparents: Flora and Rudolph Esmailka, paternal grandparents: Mildred and Fabien George.

Renee Simon

From: Stevens Village
School: Stevens Village High School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Attend UAF and pursue a degree in political science.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? By providing the scholarship.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Michael Silas, maternal grandparents: Flora and Rudolph Esmailka, paternal grandparents: Mildred and Fabien George.

Elsie Sims

From: Holy Cross, Alaska
School: Strayer University Online
Degree: Associate's degree in accounting

What are your plans for after graduation? My plans after graduating are to apply for a job in the accounting field to further my experience and possibly go back to school to further my education.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped me reach my educational goals by assisting me with funding.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Harry Sims and Agnes (Gregory) Sims, my maternal grandparents are Frank (Sr.) and Mary Gregory, and my paternal grandparents are John (Sr.) and Elsie Sims.

Emily Sommer

From: Nulato, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Law Enforcement Academy Certificate

What are your plans for after graduation? Planning on going to Job Corps this fall, then when I'm 21, apply for police academy.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Michael Silas, maternal grandparents: Flora and Rudolph Esmailka, paternal grandparents: Mildred and Fabien George.

Teisha Maudrey Sommer

From: Originally from Huslia, Alaska. Lived in Fairbanks for 6+ years
School: Effie Kokrine Charter School
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Planning on going to Job Corps this fall, then when I'm 21, apply for police academy.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Michael Silas, maternal grandparents: Flora and Rudolph Esmailka, paternal grandparents: Mildred and Fabien George.
paternal grandparents? My parents’ names are Rudy Sommer from Tanana, Alaska and Maudy Kubanyi from Huslia, Alaska. My grandparents on my mother’s side are the late Billy Sam and Sophie Sam. My grandparents on my father’s side are the late Maudrey J. Sommer.

Jenna Colleen Stevens

From: Stevens Village, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Associate’s in applied sciences in process technology

What are your plans for after graduation? I plan on getting a summer internship, and by winter I hope to have a full-time job as a process technician in one of the state’s major industries.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has been a profound influence in my educational career and has assisted me with the many opportunities to achieve scholarships and excel in any academic endeavor.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Don W. Stevens and Virginia R. Smoke. My maternal grandparents are the late Horace Smoke, Sr. and Alice Smoke. My paternal grandparents are the late Benjamin and Hilda Stevens.

Danielle Elizabeth Stickman

From: Nondalton, Alaska
School: University of Hawaii at Hilo
Degree: Bachelor’s of science degree in environmental science

What are your plans for after graduation? I’m taking a year off before I go to graduate school at Bard College for a master’s degree in environmental policy.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has assisted me with several scholarships throughout my college career and I appreciate the support and encouragement. With Doyon’s help, I was able to finish school without a huge school loan debt. Thank you.

Stacey Tafoya

School: California State University East Bay
Degree: Bachelor’s in business administration

Victoria Ticknor

From: Nikolai, AK
School: Nikolai High School
Degree: High school diploma

Dwight William Titus

From: Minto, Alaska
School: Minto School
Degree: High school diploma
What are your plans for after graduation? I want to go firefighting during the summer then try to get accepted to AVTEC for the combination welding program.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? They help me pay for a better education.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Victoria Nalton and Freddrick Titus. Maternal grandparent is Rose Evans and paternal grandparents are Elsie and Robert Titus.

Clayton Ralph Turner

From: Holy Cross, Alaska
School: AVTEC
Degree: Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology

What are your plans for after graduation? Apply for jobs which pertain to what I studied.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has been there for me 100 percent, pushing me to finish school and helped me with paying my training. Thank you for all your help! I really appreciate how much you guys care for letting students go through school and getting jobs.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are LaVerne and the late Billy Turner, maternal grandparents are the late Ralph and Mary Walker, paternal grandparents are the late Harry and Lucy Turner.

Monica Ann Varner

From: Anchorage, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Anchorage
Degree: Bachelor’s of business management

What are your plans for after graduation? Finding a job that I can use my degree with and my main target is with a Native corporation that I can grow within the company.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has helped me find different programs to help with paying for schooling.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My mother is Unsoon Varner, my father is Allen Jake Varner. My grandmother is Rachel Minton and my grandfather is Doug Minto.

Tessa Wallis

From: Fort Yukon, Alaska
School: Career Education Center in Fairbanks
Degree: High school diploma
What are your plans for after graduation? Attend Haskell Indian Nations University in the fall of 2011.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I received a scholarship from Doyon to attend my first university class at UAF, English 111.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Mother: Kimberly Carlo, father: Brady Wallis, maternal grandparents: Karen Carlo and Kenny Carlo, great-grandparents: Richard and Eva Carroll and Poldine Carlo, paternal grandparents: the late Mae and Pete Wallis

Darren Wayne Whitworth

From: McGrath, Alaska
School: Oral Roberts University
Degree: Bachelor's of science in psychology

What are your plans for after graduation? Pursue a master's degree

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon has always provided an open door to pursue scholarships, friendly morale, and scholarly related tips of support. Doyon has provided up to date links to outside scholarship opportunities, as well as summer internships, and summer employment opportunities. I have gratefully received one competitive scholarship, and a few basic scholarships along the way. As an out of state degree seeking student it has always been a joy working with members of the educational department, and receiving Doyon e-newsletters. Truly, it is a blessing to be a part of the people of Doyon, I appreciate the support, thank you.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents are Carl and Marcia Whitworth, son of Rudolph and Ethel Whitworth, and daughter of John and Cecelia Andrews.

Henry W. Wiehl, III

From: Tanana/Rampart, Alaska
School: Career/Education Academy in Fairbanks
Degree: High school diploma

What are your plans for after graduation? Find employment for the summer and then further schooling.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? Parents: Kimberly Wiehl of Fairbanks and Rudy Wiehl of Minto; grandparents: Eileen Kozevnikoff and Henry and Betty Wiehl

Kristi Williams

School: University of New Mexico
Degree: Juris doctorate - law

Megan Williams

From: Anchorage, Alaska and Hillsboro, Oregon
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: Law Enforcement Academy certificate
What are your plans for after graduation? Following graduation from the Law Enforcement Academy, I would like to pursue a lifelong career in law enforcement. I would like to be hired on with a police department in the state of Alaska and serve as a police officer.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon Foundation has provided funding for me to attend the Law Enforcement Academy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, which will assist me in furthering my education and reach my career goals.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My father's name is Frank Williams and his father's name was Frank Williams and his mother's name was Caroline Fort. My mother's name is Barbara Williams and her mother's name was Virginia Alex and her father's name was James Melvin. I do not have any children, but I consider my Springer Spaniel, Adak, my fur kid.

Raquel Williams

From: Allakaket, Alaska
School: AVTEC- Alaska's Institute of Technology
Degree: Administrative Assistant certificate

What are your plans for after graduation? I am hired at Doyon Utilities as the front office coordinator.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? Doyon assisted me in receiving my certificate.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My parents were the late Joe Williams, Jr. and Rhea Williams of Allakaket, Alaska. My maternal grandparents were Frank and Elma Sam of Alatna.

Tiana Woods

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: Effie Kokrine Charter School
Degree: High school diploma

Amy Wright

From: Fairbanks, Alaska
School: University of Alaska Fairbanks
Degree: I got my GED in 1979. I have tried several times to go back to the university but life seemed to get in the way. I am now graduating with my associate’s of science and my veterinarian assistant certification in May of 2011 from the UAF. I did the majority of my schooling in Tok; I have only been in Fairbanks for this semester.

What are your plans for after graduation? I am currently applying to the UAF nursing program.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I was blessed with a $3,000 competitive scholarship last fall from Doyon. It was a huge help!
Diana Yarno

From: I was born and raised in Nebraska but have lived in Washington State since I was 14.

School: University of Phoenix

Degree: Associate's degree in health care administration

What are your plans for after graduation? My plan is to use that degree by working with senior citizens.

What are the names of your parents, and maternal and paternal grandparents? My mom is Delores Chaney, my grandmother was Bertha Butcher. My mom and grandmother were born and raised in Alaska and I have an uncle KC that still lives in Fairbanks.

How has Doyon Foundation assisted you in pursuit of your educational goals? I don't think that I would have made the decision to back to school at the age of 52 if I would not have had the support of Doyon. You guys have been awesome to work with and I appreciate it more than you could know.