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March 15

Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Summer

April 15

Scholarship Type:
Basic and Competitive
Semester: Fall

September 15

Scholarship Type:
Basic (for vocational
students only)
Semester: Winter

November 15

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Basic
Semester: Spring

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We're very excited about the coming year - providing scholarships, hosting events, sharing opportunities and offering other support our students need to succeed. Continuing to work with our generous donors and volunteers on fundraising opportunities, including our 10th annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic this year. Growing our alumni association and helping them to connect with each other and our current students. Sharing important news through our Web site, e-newsletter and blog. And much more!

If you're a current or potential student looking for support, we encourage you to get in touch. If you're an alumnus wanting to reconnect, please visit our Web site to see how you can get involved. And if you're a potential donor, sponsor or volunteer who wants to find out how you can support the Foundation this year, please contact us.

We look forward to working with each and every one of you in the coming year to strengthen and move the Foundation forward in our goal to help our students succeed!

Doris Miller
Doyon Foundation Interim Executive Director

Doyon Foundation in New Location



Student Walter Nollner was the first student to visit the Foundation staff in their new office.

Doyon Foundation has a new place to call home. Last fall, the Foundation relocated from its previous location at the Doyon, Limited building at 1 Doyon Place, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 to its new office in the Jimmy Huntington Building at 714 4th Ave., Suite 302B, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

While the Foundation's mailing address changed, all other contact information, including phone and e-mail, remains the same.

Doris Miller, the Foundation's interim executive director, said the move provides more room for the Foundation staff and the students served by the Foundation. In the future, she said the Foundation may offer computers, workspace or other resources to students at its new and expanded location.

For more information and the latest updates, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or www.doyonfoundationblog.com, or contact 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com.

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Doyon Foundation students, alumni, family, friends and other supporters are invited to attend and enjoy moose soup and other delicious dinner items, as well as door prizes and networking.

Alumni who would like to bring a dish or dessert, or who would like to donate a door prize item, should contact Tracy Snow at inspire_consulting@yahoo.com or 907.451.0543.

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All Doyon Foundation students, alumni, family, friends, donors, sponsors and other supporters are invited to attend. During the event,

attendees can tour the new office; find out about scholarship programs, the alumni association and other Foundation efforts; and learn about volunteer, donor and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Foundation at 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com.

UAF Chancellor's Gala to Benefit Doyon Foundation

Doyon Foundation will directly benefit from an event at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) on Friday, February 12, 2010. The event, called Dancing with the Cars, is the UAF chancellor's gala celebration of the university and Fairbanks community partnerships. It will be held at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum from 7 - 11 p.m. The evening will feature dancing, music, food and a live auction. Funds raised at the event will benefit UAF's Arctic Innovation Competition, as well as Doyon Foundation scholarships. Tickets will go on sale soon; watch www.doyonfoundation.com for more details.

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Greg Bringhurst, Doyon Foundation's interim scholarship program manager, presents scholarship program information to Tanana Chiefs Conference youth delegates who attended the Interior Education Summit in November 2009.

Doyon Foundation Welcomes New Board Members, Elects Officers

Doyon Foundation recently welcomed two new members to its board of directors. Julie Anderson and Shane Derendoff were elected to the board at the Foundation's annual meeting in October. Anderson and Derendoff fill the seats vacated by outgoing president

Dawn Dinwoodie and outgoing board member Edward Hebert.

Anderson, originally from Fairbanks, holds a bachelor's of business administration in international management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and a master's of business administration from the American Graduate School of International Management. She is currently the engineering business manager at Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. in Anchorage. Her term runs until 2012.

Derendoff, a Koyukon Athabascan originally from Huslia, is a returning Foundation board member, having previously served from 2002 - 2006. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in computer science from UAF, and currently works as an information technology specialist with Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. in Fairbanks. His term runs until 2012.

The 2009 - 2010 Foundation board of directors, which also includes Wesley Roberts Dalton, Lorraine David and Victor Nicholas, had its first meeting in mid-November. During that meeting, Derendoff was elected board president, Dalton was elected vice president, and David was elected secretary/treasurer.

For more information, including board member biographies, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com.

Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Ramy Brooks

Husband. Father. Student. Employee. Active community member. These are just some of the hats that Doyon Foundation student Ramy Brooks is currently wearing.

"As a non-traditional student, I have had to juggle the demands of being a husband and father who has to provide for his family and also the demands of being a full-time student. The scholarships that I have received from the Doyon Foundation, along with other scholarships like the CH2MHill scholarship that I heard of through the Foundation newsletter, have made it possible for me to pursue my education," Brooks said.

Brooks is currently attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he is studying geological engineering. He expects to graduate in 2013. In the future, Brooks would like to move out of the field of heavy equipment operation, where he currently works, and into a new career in geological engineering.

There are two major challenges Brooks is facing in pursuit of his goals - money and time.

"To overcome both of these challenges, I think that it is necessary to stay focused on your studies and to get good grades so that there are scholarship opportunities available. It also takes sacrifices from your entire family to understand that you might have to do with less for awhile so that in the end you can benefit from getting a higher education," he said.

His advice for other students?

"When you need help, whether it is financial or academic, there is no stupid question. There are resources for help, and if you don't find the help that you need from the first place, look elsewhere," Brooks said, suggesting that students utilize groups like the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program, student chapters of professional organizations, and the Doyon Foundation newsletter.

Brooks is the son of Roxy Wright and Mike Brooks, and the grandson of Gareth and Miranda Wright, and Vera Strack. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, dog mushing, hunting, reading, being outdoors and working with the Alaska Mental Health Trust to raise awareness of mental health issues.

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Doyon Foundation congratulates student Charles Ralston, who was one of seven winners in the recent Native Insight: Thoughts on Recession, Recovery & Opportunity writing competition. Ralston received a \$10,000 prize for his essay, titled "Alaska Native Corporations Can Provide International Benefits Through Marketing Carbon Offset."

The writing competition was designed to tap the wisdom and ingenuity of Native communities, and encourage Native thinkers to go public with their perspectives on the current economic and political landscape. The winners were announced at the Alaska Federation of Natives 2009 annual convention, and the seven winning essays, including Ralston's, are posted at www.nativeinsight.org.

Ralston, who is originally from Juneau, Alaska, currently resides in Arcata, Calif., where he is studying English/writing practices at Humboldt State University. After graduating in spring 2010, Ralston plans to attend graduate school and is interested in studying rhetoric and composition.

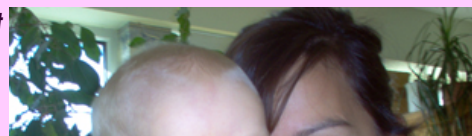
In the future, Ralston hopes to obtain a master's of teaching writing degree. After receiving the degree, he would like to teach composition at the community college-level and get involved in a college writing center. Eventually, he said he would love to be a writing center director.

Ralston said the Doyon Foundation has rewarded his hard work and focused study with generous scholarships.

"In addition, Doyon Foundation referred me to the Native Insight essay competition, which I won for \$10,000. This financial security has allowed me to concentrate on my education. For this, I cannot thank the Doyon Foundation enough," said Ralston, who is the son of Bill and Laura Ralston of Juneau, Alaska, and the grandson of Justin and Marianne Patsy from Nulato, Alaska.

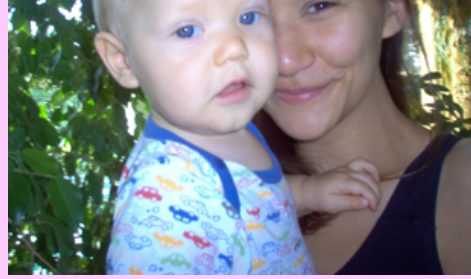
Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Amy Gustafson

Doyon Foundation student Amy Gustafson and her 3-year-old son, Noah.



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student Amy Gustafson is certainly a long way from her hometown of Fairbanks, Alaska. Gustafson is currently attending Otto-von-Guericke University in Magdeburg, Germany, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in European studies. She expects to graduate next month and plans to do an internship before beginning a master's program in European studies in October 2010.



"After I attain my master's degree, I hope to go on to work with an embassy or government organization. As I speak four languages and am open to learning another, the location of my future employment is unimportant. I am open to the United States or Germany," Gustafson said.

As a single mother away from her family and studying in a foreign country, Gustafson has faced her share of challenges while pursuing her education.

"I have had to overcome many stereotypes about single mothers in college - people thinking I would not complete my studies or that I don't take university seriously," Gustafson said.

With her upcoming graduation, several internship opportunities on the horizon, and plans to attain a master's degree, Gustafson has proven those stereotypes wrong. She credits this success to hard work and determination.

"I think that being determined is two-thirds of the work; just keeping your goals clear helps you recognize all and any problems that arise," she said.

In addition to her busy academic life, Gustafson is also a dedicated mother to her 3-year-old son, Noah; tutors other students in English; does English-German translations; and attends church. She also stays in touch with her family on the other side of the world.

"I love and miss my big family in America," said Gustafson, who is the daughter of Jon A. Gustafson and Mary Long, the step-daughter of Vern Long, and the granddaughter of Gus Gustafson, and Cliff and Joyce Burglin.

Congratulations to Doyon Foundation Grad



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For more information on the

Law Enforcement Academy, visit <http://www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/lawacad/index.html>. For information on Doyon Foundation Law Enforcement Academy scholarship opportunities, contact the Foundation at 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com.

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- Current photo of self, jpeg files preferred, 300 dpi
- Older photo of self (as a student), jpeg files preferred, 300 dpi; photo prints can also be sent to 714 4th Avenue, Suite 302B, Fairbanks, AK 99701. The Foundation will arrange to have photos scanned and returned (if sending prints, please include name, address and phone number on the back of the photo).
- Degree/training obtained (i.e. bachelor's degree in business)
- Year graduated
- School graduated from
- Current employment position, place of employment and location (i.e. executive director of the Doyon Foundation in Fairbanks, Alaska)

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- **Jorge Silva, BP Fabric of America**, \$500 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor

- **Helen Stafford**, \$150 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor
- **Beverly Staskanis**, \$50 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor, in memory of Lu Young

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All students and alumni are encouraged to sign up for automatic blog updates via e-mail, to ensure they will continue to receive the most up-to-date news and opportunities. To subscribe, visit www.doyonfoundationblog.com and enter an e-mail address in the upper right hand corner where it says "Subscribe to our Blog."

In addition to internship, scholarship and educational opportunities, the blog also features career information, award nominations, job openings, student profiles, technology news, tips for success and more. Visitors can also post comments, search for articles of interest and link to other Web sites.

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