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April 15
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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

March 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic
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As we mark the beginning of a new year, the staff of Doyon Foundation extends our best wishes to all of our students for a successful year. The new year is a time of fresh beginnings and new opportunities. As our students consider the possibilities and make plans for the coming year, remember the Foundation staff gladly offers the support, encouragement and assistance our students may require. From scholarships to student dinners, and internship information to alumni mentors, we are here to connect our students with the resources they need to succeed. We look forward to working with all of our students in 2009.

- The staff of Doyon Foundation

Competitive Scholarship Applications Go Online

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Students planning to apply for 2009 - 2010 competitive scholarships must first create an online account, if they do not already have one. Accounts may be created at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx. Students should create an account at least seven days in advance of the scholarship application deadline, as it may take several days for Foundation staff to verify a student's shareholder status.

Students who have difficulties creating an account or who are unable to apply for scholarships online should contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com immediately for assistance.

This is the Foundation's first step toward a completely online scholarship application process. All scholarship applications, including basic, vocational and competitive, will need to be submitted online starting with the November 15, 2009 application deadline for spring 2010 scholarships. Additional information about this change will be provided in the coming months.

Doyon Foundation Alumnus Profile: Lee DeWilde



After being an aircraft mechanic for 10 years, Doyon Foundation alumnus Lee DeWilde decided to go back to school to become an engineer. It wasn't an easy decision - or an easy road - but today, DeWilde is a college graduate working as an engineer in the oil industry.

"The biggest challenge for me was getting enough confidence to quit my job and go back to school full-time. I had been an aircraft mechanic for 10 years, I'm married and I have four kids. To go from that to being a freshman at the university was a big shock," said DeWilde, who was 35 when he returned to school.

DeWilde overcame the challenges, though, and graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), where he was also in the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP).

Today, DeWilde is a pipeline maintenance engineer with Alyeska Pipeline

Service Company in Fairbanks. He also recently began the Doyon Management Training program, and is a member of the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association.

DeWilde said the funding he received, including several competitive scholarships from Doyon Foundation, was a big benefit.

"I appreciate that Doyon supported a non-traditional student. They gave a 35-year-old man a second chance to get a four-year degree," he said.

Pursuing his engineering degree wasn't DeWilde's first experience on a college campus. Originally from Huslia, he first came to UAF from the village as a 19-year-old.

"When I first went to college, my biggest challenges were peer pressure, funding and homesickness. I didn't do well. I partied too much. When I went back the second time, I had none of that. I was older, a semi-professional, and I had lived in Fairbanks for a while," he said.

DeWilde said his biggest piece of advice isn't for young people, but rather for adult men living in the village.

"I encourage them to pursue their dreams. They should try, even if they're older. It's not too late. Maybe we slipped up when we were younger, but the thing is to try again," DeWilde said.

By doing this, DeWilde said he hopes there will be more good role models for young people.

"I think my going back to school gave my kids a big boost - to see me graduate, make more money, and have me understand what they're going through. I can be a mentor to young people," said DeWilde, who has four children with his wife, Lillian.

While happy with where he is at in life, DeWilde said there is still one thing missing.

"The downside of all of this is I don't have a connection with home. There is no connection between the oil company and my village, so I don't go home very often," he said. "My dream is to go home more often and have a closer connection there. I'm going to find a way to do it. Maybe I'll buy an airplane."

DeWilde is the son of Lloyd and Amelia DeWilde, and the grandson of Victor and Thelma DeWilde of California, and Edwin and Lydia Simon of Huslia.

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Doyon Foundation extends our deep gratitude to our newest donors:

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Doyon Foundation events and

deadlines:

- **January 15** - Doyon Foundation Alumni Association monthly meeting, 10 a.m., via teleconference. For call-in information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.
- **March 15** - Deadline for summer 2009 basic scholarships.
- **April 15** - Deadline for fall 2009 basic and competitive scholarship applications.

Applying for a 2009 Scholarship?

April 15 is the deadline to apply for fall 2009 basic and competitive scholarships - are you ready? Be sure you're up-to-date on the application process by reviewing the following important information:

Apply online. Beginning this year, Doyon Foundation will implement a paperless competitive scholarship application process. This means that competitive scholarship applications will only be accepted online at www.doyonfoundation.com.

Get an online account. Students will need an online account to apply for scholarships online. Students without an online account can easily create one at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx. This should be done at least seven days in advance of the scholarship application deadline.

Are you eligible? To be eligible for a Doyon Foundation basic or competitive scholarship, applicants must:

- Be enrolled to Doyon, Limited or be the child of an original enrollee. Gifted or inherited shares do not make an individual eligible for scholarships.
- Be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for undergraduates, 3.0 for graduates or masters, and 3.25 for specialists or doctorates.
- Be enrolled in 12 or more credits (undergraduates), or nine or more credits (graduates) to be considered full-time students.
- Be enrolled in one - 11 credits (undergraduates), or one - eight credits (graduates) to be considered part-time students.

Want a basic scholarship? Basic scholarships, which range from \$400 for part-time students to \$800 for full-time students, are awarded four times per year - in the spring, summer, fall and winter (for vocational students only). Applicants must submit:

- A complete application form.
- Proof of enrollment.
- Official transcripts.

For more information on basic scholarship guidelines and policies, visit www.doyonfoundation.com.

Want a competitive scholarship? Competitive scholarships, which range from \$2,000 - \$7,000, are awarded once a year. Recipients, who are selected by an independent review committee, receive half of their scholarship during the fall semester and half during the spring semester. To apply, students are required to:

- Complete an online competitive scholarship application.
- Submit a personal essay online.
- Submit official transcripts.
- Submit proof of enrollment.
- Arrange for two professional letters of reference to be sent directly from the author to the Foundation.

For more information on competitive scholarship guidelines and policies, visit www.doyonfoundation.com.

Get help from alumni. Members from the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association have volunteered to review students' competitive scholarship applications prior to submission. Applications should be submitted to Doris Miller at 1 Doyon Place, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 or millerd@doyon.com for review. Please note: students should submit their applications for review prior to submitting the final application online, as applications may not be changed once they have been submitted online.

For more information on 2009 scholarships, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.

Alumni Association News and Opportunities

There's a lot going on with the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association! Read on for the latest news and opportunities:

- **Blanket contest extended!** It's not too late to create an online alumni account and be entered to win a Toneedze Gheltseele - People of the Water blanket from the Athabaskan Heritage Collection™ Spirit Keeper Series™. The deadline has been extended to Friday, January 9, 2009 and the winner will be drawn during the next alumni association meeting on January 15. Alumni may create their account at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccountStepTwo.aspx. Please note: if you already have an online student and/or donor account, you do not need to create a new account. Simply contact the Foundation to add the alumni role to your existing account.
- **Join the association.** Joining the alumni association is easy! Simply create an online account at www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni/Default.aspx, or contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com. Membership is free.
- **Next meeting on January 15.** The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, January 15 at 10 a.m. via teleconference. For call-in information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.
- **Anchorage activities.** The Anchorage alumni group is continuing to organize and offer educational workshops for UAA students. If you would like to present an educational workshop for students at UAA, please contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.
- **Student mentorship program update.** The alumni association is seeking an alumni member interested in serving as a volunteer coordinator for the student mentorship program, as well as a volunteer to write a newsletter article or create a flyer promoting the program. For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

Looking for a job or internship? Need help paying for school? Want to attend a conference or workshop? Check out these newly posted internships, scholarships and other educational opportunities, and view even more at www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx.

Scholarships

- The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium offers five undergraduate and five graduate scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000, to full-time students who are Alaska Native/American Indian and are permanent Alaska residents. For more information or an application, contact Krista

Ruesch at 907.729.1348, 800.684.8361 or kruesch@anthc.org. Applications due February 6, 2009.

Internships

- The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) awards nine-week paid, summer internships to approximately 20 high school/undergraduate students and five graduate students. Applicants must be Alaska Native or American Indian, and be permanent Alaska residents. ANTHC provides work experience in a range of medical professions and support services, including finance, human resources, health records, computer technology, engineering, maintenance and housekeeping. For more information or an application, contact Krista Ruesch at 907.729.1348, 800.684.8361 or kruesch@anthc.org. Applications due February 6, 2009.
- The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) is now accepting applications for the NIDDK/OMHRC Undergraduate Summer Internship Program for Underrepresented Minorities. This program is for students interested in working at the National Institutes for Health in Bethesda, Md. or Phoenix, Ariz. It is a paid, 10-week program that runs June through mid-August. For more information, visit <http://sip.niddk.nih.gov> or contact 301.435.2988 or MartinezW@mail.nih.gov. Applications due February 15, 2009.
- The Alaska Conservation Foundation has chosen the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council (YRITWC) to be a host organization for the 2009 Conservation Intern Program. Interested college students or recent graduates are eligible for this 12-week, paid position as a science and renewable energy intern. For more information, visit www.yritwc.org or www.akcf.org, or contact 907.258.3337 or foconnor@yritwc.org. Applications available at www.akcf.org. Applications due February 15, 2009.
- The Denali Commission is offering paid summer internships open to all undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in the areas of health, energy and community planning. For more information, visit www.denali.gov or contact Janet Hall at 907.271.4990 or jhall@denali.gov. Applications due March 16, 2009.

Employment

- Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education/Alaska Advantage Programs is recruiting for two peer mentors: college/career guides to work in a new pilot program at Service High School for approximately 15 months. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of Alaska high school graduates who enroll in and complete postsecondary education. Applicants should be recent college graduates in the Anchorage area. For more information or an application, visit <http://alaskadvantage.state.ak.us/page/323>.

Educational Opportunities

- In partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), Denali - the Alaska Gas Pipeline is sponsoring two courses to train archaeology technicians who will be needed to assist contractors with archaeological field surveys over the next several years. The first course, circumpolar archaeology, will be held at UAF from January 22 - May 9. The second course, archaeological field school, will be held May 18 - June 20 at a site near Delta Junction. **Short-term Doyon Foundation scholarships are available for students wishing to take these courses.** For more information on the course, contact Ben Potter at 907.474.7567 or ben.potter@uaf.edu. For more information on the scholarships, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Doris Miller at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com. Deadline to enroll in the courses is January 30, 2009.

- The summer 2009 Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) will be held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks from May 26 - July 9, 2009. RAHI is a bridging program that assists students from rural Alaska in making the academic and social transition between high school and college. Students live and study on campus during the program. Selected students receive a \$6,000 scholarship, which covers all costs, including travel and a weekly stipend. Applicants should be college-bound, have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and plan to have finished their junior or senior year. For more information, visit www.uaf.edu/rahi or contact 907.474.6886, 800.478.6886 or fyrahi@uaf.edu. Applications due March 1, 2009.

Volunteers Needed

- Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) are recruiting Fairbanks-area residents. VIPs work hand-in-hand with Fairbanks police and local organizations to reduce and prevent crime and violence in Fairbanks. Applications are now being accepted for the January 31 training academy. For more information, visit www.ci.fairbanks.ak.us/departments/police/special_vip.htm or contact Lorna Weese at 907.450.6518.

Miscellaneous

- College Goal Sunday will be held on February 8 at 2 p.m. at various locations throughout Alaska. College Goal Sunday provides students and their families with on-site, expert assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). During the two-hour event, financial aid professionals from Alaska's higher education institutions and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education will join other volunteers to help Alaska's students overcome the paperwork. For more information, visit www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.com or contact 877.577.3367 or 907.269.7980.
- Are you interested in being paired with a Doyon Foundation alumni mentor who can give you the support, advice and encouragement you need to succeed as a student? If so, check out the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association's mentorship program by contacting Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

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- Make sure your goal is specific. Who does your goal involve? What do you want to achieve? Where will you accomplish this goal? When will you work toward your goal, and when do you plan to reach it? Why do you want to work toward this goal?
- Is your goal measureable? Think about how you will track your progress toward your goal.
- Set a timeframe. Make sure you keep moving toward your goal by setting a timeframe for achieving your goal. Also, think about timing for steps you want to complete as you work toward your goal.
- Is your goal achievable? A good goal should make you work hard and push your limits, but shouldn't be impossible.
- Reward yourself along the way. Don't wait until you reach your goal to reward yourself. Plan some ways to reward yourself as you reach

milestones along the way.

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