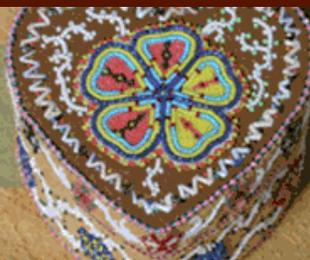


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April 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic and Competitive
Semester: Fall

October 8, 2008

Doyon Foundation Executive Director Accepts Position with Doyon, Limited

Sharon McConnell, who has served as executive director of the Doyon Foundation for the past six and a half years, recently accepted the position of vice president of communications at Doyon, Limited. McConnell will assume her new position on October 20, 2008.

"It has been my pleasure to serve as executive director for nearly seven years, carrying out the important mission of Doyon Foundation by providing basic, vocational and competitive scholarships, advancing traditional Native knowledge, and increasing Native student performance levels," McConnell said. "Higher education has a positive impact on students, their communities, regions and the state economy. I am proud to have been able to be a part of an organization that values education and strives to increase support to students."

"I have also appreciated the teamwork between the administration and board of directors, which has resulted in many accomplishments," she continued. "Scholarship awards and amounts have increased, the Effie Kokrine Charter School was established in Fairbanks, the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association was founded, and online software programs were developed and utilized to better communicate with our students, shareholders, donors and alumni. Thank you to everyone involved with the Foundation for making my job so enjoyable."

Dawn Dinwoodie, president of Doyon Foundation's board of directors, described



September 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic (for vocational
students only)
Semester: Winter

November 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Spring

March 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Summer

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Sharon's time with the Foundation as "very productive."

"It has been an amazing and productive time during her leadership. Sharon has raised the bar in Foundation activities and management," Dinwoodie said. "Sharon is highly ethical, and a gracious and a caring person. The Foundation has earned a reputation as one of the best-managed and most successful foundations, due to Sharon's oversight."

James Johnsen, Doyon, Limited's senior vice president of administration, said the company is pleased to have recruited such a highly capable person for the position of vice president of communications.

"The Doyon family of companies is growing fast. With Sharon's leadership in communications, we will tell our story and build support - among our shareholders, employees, business partners and the public - for Doyon's exciting future," Johnsen said.

In response to McConnell's upcoming departure, Doyon Foundation's board of directors has established a transition team, which is currently in the process of developing a plan to fill the Foundation's executive director position.

Effie Kokrine Charter School in Dire Need

The Effie Kokrine Charter School is in a critical situation at the moment. To receive full funding, the school must have an average of 150 students during the official count period of September 29 through October 17. At the time this announcement was released, the school needs to enroll 24 additional students by the end of this week to meet that mark. To have less than 150 students means a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and jeopardizes their contract with the school district to operate.

Doyon Foundation, Fairbanks Native Association and Tanana Chiefs Conference helped create the Effie Kokrine Charter School to offer students an alternative learning style based on traditional Native knowledge. The school's early college program provides high school students with the opportunity to get an early start with college work, receive credit and build their confidence to pursue a higher education. The school also offers low student-to-teacher ratios, cultural infusion, and teachers who focus on students' individual learning styles.

Families interested in enrolling their 7th - 12th grader in the Effie Kokrine Charter School are encouraged to contact the school immediately. For more information, visit www.northstar.k12.ak.us/index.php?i_page=250 or call 907.474.0958.

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