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Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Judith Evans



Doyon Foundation student, Judith Evans, has a lot on her plate. In addition to going to school four nights a week, Evans works full-time, raises her 10-year-old son, and is very active in the community.

Originally from Rampart, Evans currently lives in Fairbanks, where she is pursuing an associate's degree in construction management at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. After graduating in 2009, Evans plans to continue working in the construction industry. Eventually, she would like to obtain a degree in business management.

Currently, Evans works as an estimator for Kakivik Asset Management, a contractor for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. She said both companies have provided her with incredible support and opportunities. For example, she has been to the field with a survey crew and has also visited Pump Station 1, Pump Station 9, and the Copper River area.

"These were opportunities that they did not have to provide, but were happy to accommodate me in my educational journey," Evans said.

In addition to her school and work, Evans is also busy in the community. She was on the project planning team for the recent Elders and Youth Conference, and participated in the Arctic Institute for Indigenous Leadership. Evans is also participating in Doyon's Management Training program and is involved with Doyon Foundation's new alumni association.

Out of all of her activities, though, Evans said her most important job is being a mother to her son, Ryan.

"I try and go to work early so I can spend time with him prior to my classes. I have learned to be flexible and not be too hard on myself if things do not go as planned," she said.

To read more about Judith Evans, visit
www.doyonfoundation.com/static/StudentProfiles/JudithEvans.aspx.

Thank You to Doyon, Limited

Pictured below, Sharon McConnell Gillis, executive director of Doyon Foundation, meets with Ori Williams, president of Doyon, Limited. Doyon, Limited is the largest contributor to Doyon Foundation's scholarship programs, and their support is deeply appreciated. Students who would like to share their gratitude for Doyon, Limited's support are encouraged to send a card or letter to Doyon, Limited at 1 Doyon Place, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.



Doyon Shareholders Honored with President's Awards at AFN

Two Doyon shareholders, Audrey Armstrong of Anchorage and Christie Carlo of Galena, received President's Awards at the recent Alaska Federation of Natives Convention.

Armstrong, who received the President's Award for Public Service, retired in February 2007 after 35 years at the Alaska Native Medical Center, where she managed auxiliary patient services. Her biography read that "she was an invaluable asset and continuously encouraged others to donate their time to help with patient care." In addition to her job, Armstrong is also a skilled public speaker and talented with Native arts and crafts. Armstrong, who was raised by Rose and the late Harry Ambrose of Huslia, is the biological daughter of Bertha Captain, and the granddaughter of the late Sophia and Leo Captain.

Carlo, who received the Roger Lang Youth Leadership Award, is very involved in cultural activities, including beading, sewing and the Galena Native dance group. She is also very involved with community activities, including the Kokrine Bible Camp and Galena Emergency Medical Services, and is certified as an emergency trauma technician and lifeguard. Carlo, who is also a Doyon Foundation scholarship recipient, graduated from Galena High School in 2007, and plans to attend college to become a physician. She is the daughter of Harriet and Curtis Carlo of Galena.

To read more about Armstrong and Carlo, visit www.nativefederation.org/convention.

Law Enforcement Academy Scholarships Available

Doyon Foundation is pleased to announce that \$7,000 scholarships are available to Alaska Native students wishing to attend the Law Enforcement Academy at UAF's Tanana Valley Campus. The next academy will be held February 18 - May 15, 2008 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The scholarships, which are open to all Alaska Natives, are generously funded by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Alaska Native Program.

To download an application packet, visit www.doyonfoundation.com. All applications must be received or postmarked by Friday, January 4, 2008.

For more information, contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at millerd@doyon.com, 907.459.2050 or 1.888.478.4755, ext. 2050.

Doyon Foundation Board Meeting Rescheduled

The next Doyon Foundation board meeting has been rescheduled from Saturday, November 10 to Saturday, December 15. The meeting will be held at the Doyon, Limited building at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks.

Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

Looking for an internship? Need help paying for school? Check out these internships, scholarships and other educational opportunities:

- The Federal Aviation Administration is currently accepting applications for air traffic controller school. For more information or to complete an application, visit www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers.
- The Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) is expanding its pipe welding program. Beginning in November, AVTEC will be capable of graduating 30 pipe welding students a year. For more information or to apply, visit www.avtec.alaska.edu/PipeWldg.htm.
- The Shannon Point Marine Center at Western Washington is accepting applications for the Multicultural Initiative in the Marine Sciences, which will take place January 8 - June 13, 2008. Tuition, fees and travel costs are covered, and students also receive a \$3,205 work-study allowance. For more information, visit www.wvu.edu/~sPMC or contact Brian.Bingham@wwu.edu or 360.650.7400. Applications due November 13, 2007.
- First Alaskans Institute will be awarding up to \$15,000 in scholarships to Alaska Native undergraduate students who are interested in management and policy-making positions in the oil and gas industry. The scholarship funding is provided by a grant from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. For more information or to apply, visit www.firstalaskans.org or contact rickmueller@firstalaskans.org or 907.677.1712. Applications due December 3, 2007.
- Win a full year of tuition at the University of Alaska (UA) by submitting a video that shows all of the choices that UA has to offer. A total of five one-year scholarships will be awarded. To enter, submit a video to www.uamyway.net before December 15, 2007.
- The American Indian Graduate Center Fellowships and Financial Assistance is offering monetary awards to American Indian and Alaska Native students. For more information, visit www.aigcs.org or call 800.628.1920. Applications will be available in January 2008.
- The Indian Health Service is accepting applications for its externship program. For more information or an application, contact Krista Hepworth at 907.729.1348 or khepworth@anthc.org. Applications due February 4, 2008.
- The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium awards \$5,000 scholarships to five undergraduate and five graduate full-time students. For more information or an application, contact Krista Hepworth at 907.729.1348 or khepworth@anthc.org. Applications due February 8, 2008.
- The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is seeking applicants for its summer 2008 internship program. For more information or an application, contact Krista Hepworth at 907.729.1348 or khepworth@anthc.org. Applications due February 8, 2008.
- The Indian Health Service is accepting applications for its scholarship program, which encourages Alaska Natives and American Indians to enter the health profession. For more information or an application, contact Krista Hepworth at 907.729.1348 or khepworth@anthc.org. Applications due February 28, 2008.

Tips for Student Success

After putting in a couple months of hard work, many students find their motivation start to wane as mid-terms approach. While it's a common feeling, you don't have to let it affect your grades - or your future success. Here are a few tips for ramping up your motivation for the rest of the semester:

- Ask yourself why you're going to college. Money? A better job? Campus life? Whatever your reason, write it down and put it

somewhere you'll see it frequently. Whenever you're feeling less than motivated, take a moment to read your reason and remember what you're working toward.

- Create a chart where you can track your progress toward your goals. When you're feeling down, look at the chart to see how far you've already come!
- Make sure your campus life involves more than just classes and homework. Organize a study group, get an on-campus job, join a student club, attend a campus event, or volunteer with a campus organization.
- Find someone with similar interests to discuss what you're learning in your classes.
- Reward yourself. When you finish a class, a test or an assignment, treat yourself to something you'll enjoy.
- When you're down, do something that makes you happy. Turn on your favorite music, go to a movie, or call up a friend who makes you laugh.
- Take time to have fun! Making a little time for your favorite activities will ultimately help you be happier, more motivated and more productive.
- Forgive yourself for making mistakes. If you missed a class or procrastinated on an assignment, decide to act differently next time, forgive yourself and make a fresh start.
- Find a role model or a mentor who can inspire, encourage and advise you. The new Doyon Foundation Alumni Association is an excellent resource for finding an alumni supporter. Visit www.doyonfoundation.com to learn more!

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