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## **Doyon Foundation Wishes Students Good Luck with Finals**

As the semester draws to a close, the Doyon Foundation staff would like to congratulate all of our students for their hard work and wish them the best of luck on their upcoming finals. Be sure to read our "tips for student success" article later in this e-newsletter for advice on how to do your best during finals week!

As always, we remind students that we are here for their success. If there is anything the Foundation can do to support you in your academic endeavors, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Good luck!

- The staff of Doyon Foundation



*Pictured left to right are Doyon Foundation staff members Doris Miller, Lindsay McClintock, Seeyaa' Charpentier and Sharon McConnell Gillis.*

## **Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Derrick Turner**

Derrick Turner, a 2003 graduate of Frank A. Degnan High School in Unalakleet, was named to the Dean's list at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) for spring semester 2007. Turner, who is majoring in construction management, is in his final year at UAA.

Without the financial support of companies and organizations including Doyon Foundation, Turner said he may not have been able to attend UAA.

"We wish to thank them for their continued support. We will always be grateful for the support they have given to students throughout the state," said Turner, who received a basic, full-time, Doyon Foundation scholarship for the fall 2007 semester.

Turner is the son of George and Elvina Turner of Unalakleet, and is the grandson of Emma Moses and the late Jesse Moses of Bethel, and the late Harry and Lucy Turner of Holy Cross.

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## BP Employees Show Support of Doyon Foundation

Thanks to BP employees Jorge and Edna Silva, Stewart Joseph, Tony Peter and Leon Huntington, Doyon Foundation recently received approximately \$2,000 in donations from BP America, Inc. The contributions came through BP's Fabric of America Fund, which allows each BP employee to select a nonprofit organization to receive a company donation of up to \$500.

"My husband and I both are fortunate to work for BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc., a company that allows its workers to donate time and money to worthy causes and, in this instance, a personal choice of where our corporate giving can be distributed. We chose to give our portion to the Doyon Foundation," said Edna Silva, who is an original certified Doyon shareholder enrolled to the village of Nenana.

The contributions from BP will go to support Doyon Foundation's general scholarship fund, which is used to award basic scholarships to part-time and full-time higher education students.

For more information on BP's Fabric of America Fund, visit [fabricfund.bp.com](http://fabricfund.bp.com).

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## Support the Foundation Fundraising Campaign

Doyon Foundation is currently in the midst of its annual fundraising campaign to raise money for competitive and basic scholarships. There are several ways to help support the work of the Foundation. For example, you can become a:

- Corporate donor
- Individual donor
- Nee Ts'e Neyh (We all give or help) member

Learn more about these opportunities by visiting [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com), or contacting Sharon McConnell Gillis, Doyon Foundation's executive director, at 907.459.2051 or [gilliss@doyon.com](mailto:gilliss@doyon.com). With the Foundation's newly updated Web site, you can even make a secure, online donation!

Thank you for your support.

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## Law Enforcement Academy Scholarships Available

Interested in attending the Law Enforcement Academy at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Tanana Valley Campus? Doyon Foundation is currently accepting applications for \$7,000 scholarships to attend the next academy, which will be held February 18 - May 15, 2008. The scholarships, which are funded by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Alaska Native Program, are open to all Alaska Natives.

To download an application packet, visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com). Applications are due by **Friday, January 4, 2008**. For more information, contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at [millerd@doyon.com](mailto:millerd@doyon.com), 907.459.2050 or 1.888.478.4755, ext. 2050.

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## Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

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

- 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](http://www.uamyway.net) before December 15, 2007.

- The Gates Millennium Scholars provides outstanding, low-income, minority students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate degree in any discipline they choose. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2008 - 2009 academic year. For more information on the nomination and application process, and to download the necessary materials, visit [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org). Paper applications due by December 31, 2007. Online applications due by January 11, 2008.
- 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](http://www.aigcs.org) or call 800.628.1920. Applications will be available in January 2008.
- First Alaskans Institute is offering the spring 2008 Leadership Plus Program to provide entry-level and mid-level Alaska Native professionals with networking opportunities and educational seminars. The curriculum is presented in half-day sessions delivered from January - April 2008. For more information or an application, visit [www.firstalaskans.org](http://www.firstalaskans.org), call 907.677.1700, or e-mail [info@firstalaskans.org](mailto:info@firstalaskans.org). Applications due January 4, 2008.

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## Tips for Student Success

Finals week doesn't have to stress you out. Here are a few tips to help you survive the exam-packed end of the semester:

- Plan out your schedule. Be sure to include study time, study breaks, classes, work, exercise - and sleep!
- Prioritize. Figure out what exams you need to spend the most time studying for and focus on those first.
- Talk to others. If you're having trouble with a particular subject, stop by a study group or make an appointment to talk with the professor.
- Limit your activities. During finals week, ask your boss if you can cut back on your hours. Also, put off shopping trips, and let your friends and family know you're not available for social activities.
- Don't stress out. Yes, finals are important, but they're not worth making yourself sick over. In fact, excessive stress can actually hurt your performance on exams! So plan ahead, do your best and stop worrying.
- Pick the study skill method that works best for you - and use it.
- Arrive early for the exam. Screeching in at the last minute will only add to your anxiety.
- Don't compare yourself. While you're taking a test, don't worry about other students finishing before you. Just because they finished first doesn't mean they did better on the exam. Take the time you need to do your best.
- Move on. After the exam is over, don't overanalyze how you did. If you're really worried about something, go meet with the teacher to discuss your concerns.

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## Update on Top 40 Under 40 Recipients

In the previous issue of the Doyon Foundation e-newsletter, we highlighted several Doyon shareholders who have been honored with Top 40 Under 40 awards from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and Alaska Journal of Commerce.

However, we didn't mention several other important past recipients, including Terzah Tippin Poe (2004), Carrie Irwin Brown (2001), Sophie R. Minich (2001), and Anna M. Pickett Chamberland (2000). We congratulate these award-winners for their accomplishments, and thank them for setting

such a strong example for our students.

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