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Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Summer

April 15

Scholarship Type:
Basic and Competitive
Semester: Fall

September 15

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Basic (for vocational
students only)
Semester: Winter

November 15

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Basic
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Educator of the Year Award Nominations Due March 6

March 6, 2009 is the deadline to submit a nomination for Doyon Foundation's Educator of the Year Award. The award recognizes a Doyon shareholder who has proven their devotion to helping direct the future through education, by promoting Alaska Native education and supporting Alaska Native students. The award will be presented at the Doyon, Limited 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on March 20, 2009 in Fairbanks.

Nominees should be involved in Alaska Native education initiatives/programs, support Alaska Native students, be respected as a leader both within and outside of his/her institution, and have evidence of achievement.

For additional information and a nomination form, visit

www.doyonfoundation.com. Nomination forms are due to the Foundation by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2009.

For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.

Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Cecelia Grant



Doyon Foundation student Cecelia Grant, who is from Koyukuk, is currently spending a year in Yakima, Wash., where she is studying to become a physician assistant through the MEDEX Physician Assistant Training Program at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

After completing the program in May 2011, Grant plans to return home to work in a rural hub health clinic. She will likely have no problem finding work, as physician assistants have been identified as a high-demand job in Alaska. According to the Alaska Physician Supply Task Force, Alaska will need to increase the number of physician assistants in the state by 240 during the next 20 years.

Grant first became interested in this career field through her work as a community health aide.

"I loved working with patients," she said. "I realized that I was very limited with my skills and knowledge, and decided to further my education."

For Grant, the most difficult part of that decision has been leaving her family, including her husband and daughters, to attend school in Washington.

"I try to talk to my girls a couple times a day and, thanks to the Internet, my sister e-mails me pictures of them. I remind myself that this year will go by very quickly, and I use my busy schedule to keep me from getting too lonesome," she said. "I have also learned to rely on my fellow classmates. Many of us have left our families behind for the didactic year, and we learned to support each other."

Grant also appreciates the support she has received from Doyon Foundation.

"I feel more secure knowing there is an organization such as Doyon that is dedicated to assisting students financially. It's very costly attending any type of school, and the stress of worrying how you're going to pay for it and continue supporting your family can be overwhelming. This year, Doyon has done a lot to relieve some of that stress," Grant said.

In addition to Doyon Foundation, Grant said she was "astounded" by the support she received from the community of Koyukuk, other Native organizations and from her family.

"Through determination, I applied for and was awarded a lot of scholarships. It's possible for students to achieve this, and there are a lot of people out there willing to assist you," she said.

"My family has selflessly sacrificed their time away from me, and my mom, sisters and oldest daughter do everything to help my husband with

my young daughters," added Grant, who is the daughter of Benedict and Eliza Jones, and the granddaughter of the late Josie and Little Peter.

Summer 2009 Basic Scholarship Applications Due March 15

Applications for basic scholarships for the 2009 summer semester are due March 15, 2009. The scholarships range from \$400 for part-time students to \$800 for full-time students. To apply, students must submit:

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

Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships online. If students do not already have an online account, they should create one at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx. This should be done at least seven days in advance of the scholarship application deadline.

Please note that 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.

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

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- **Randy Brand**, \$500 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor
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- **Amanda Rothbarth**, \$25 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor
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To learn more about how you can show support of Doyon Foundation, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or call 907.459.2048 or 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2048.

Effie Kokrine Charter School Needs Your Support: A Message from Principal Linda Evans

Effie Kokrine Charter School needs the support of the Native community of Fairbanks in the way of enrolling their students to our school. The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District needs to know we have your support.

We want to have 175 students enrolled this spring, so we can make a plea to the school board to fully fund Effie Kokrine Charter School for next year. Currently, the school board is proposing a reduced budget for 145 students, even though we have had more than 150 students enrolled since October 2008.

If the school board approves the current proposed budget, we will have to lay off half of our certified staff this spring. We will also be forced to look for new teachers on the first day of school next August, when all the highly qualified teachers will already be hired. To avoid this, we need 175 students enrolled to Effie Kokrine Charter School this spring.

There are many benefits of attending Effie Kokrine Charter School. The school is 90 percent Alaska Native students. We are making changes in discipline and classroom instruction, and striving to implement the mission and goals of the school. We offer college credit to all students through the CNE Early College Grant, which pays full tuition for college courses. We offer smaller classes and unique opportunities for students and families to build needed relationships within our learning community. We have a wonderful parent committee that is striving to build partnerships with the community to make our school a successful learning environment for all students and staff.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events. This month, teams from our school will be making presentations on Effie Kokrine Charter School to interested students and parents at the middle school and high school. Our next general meeting will be March 28, 2009 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome, especially students and parents who are interested in enrolling to Effie Kokrine Charter School.

We believe Effie Kokrine Charter School can be an excellent school for all students. We believe in the mission and vision of the school. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 907.474.0958 ext. 105.

*Linda M. Evans
Principal, Effie Kokrine Charter School*

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:

- **Congratulations to Flora Deacon.** Flora Deacon was the lucky winner of the alumni association's recent membership drive. Deacon, whose name was selected in a random drawing, will receive a beautiful, wool, Toneedze Gheltseele (People of the Water) blanket from the Athabaskan Heritage Collection™ Spirit Keeper Series™. All Doyon alumni who signed up for an online account by November 24, 2008 were entered in the contest.
- **Alumni association meetings.** The alumni association will now be hosting meetings on an as-needed basis. To sign up to receive meeting notifications and other alumni news, please contact Tracy Snow at inspire_consulting@yahoo.com to be added to the alumni e-mail list.
- **Join the association.** It's easy to become a member of the alumni association! To join, alumni simply have to 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.
- **Student mentorship program update.** The alumni association is still seeking an alumni member interested in serving as a volunteer coordinator for the student mentorship program. For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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- **March 20** - Doyon, Limited Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Friends Conference Center, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- **April 15** - Application deadline for fall 2009 basic and competitive scholarship applications. For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.
- **June 18 - 19** - Ninth annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic, Chena Bend Golf Course, Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska. For more information, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Greg Bringhurst at 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2049, 907.459.2049 or bringhurstg@doyon.com.

Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

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Scholarships

- The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) administers the AISES Google Scholarship, which funds awards to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian AISES members pursuing degrees in computer science, computer engineering and management information systems. For more information, visit www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships. Applications due June 15, 2009.
- The National Science Foundation recently funded an undergraduate minority research proposal by the University of Alaska Fairbanks entitled "In From the Cold." This proposal targets Alaska Native undergraduate students who are past their sophomore year and are interested in pursuing graduate studies in biological sciences or a related field, such as biochemistry/molecular biology. Support includes a \$12,000 annual scholarship/internship, \$2,000 in travel funds, and \$3,000 to support undergraduate research pursuits. Two years of support is anticipated per student. The program is administered through the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) at UAF.

To apply, students should submit university/college transcript(s); a narrative describing their background, research interests and long-term career goals; and a letter of recommendation from their proposed undergraduate research mentor. Inquiries and applications may be sent to Professor Thomas Clausen, UAF Room 194 Reichardt Building, 900 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

- The University of Houston is seeking Native student applicants for two engineering scholarships. One scholarship offers a full-ride to any engineering student who is a citizen of a federally recognized tribe. The second scholarship is a \$5,000 award to a female engineering student. The scholarships are open to all disciplines in engineering. For more information, visit www.uh.edu or contact 713.743.4216 or vcomo@uh.edu.

Internships

- First Alaskans Summer Internship Program is a 10-week, paid, summer internship for college-level, Alaska Native, junior, senior or graduate students. The program runs from June 8 - August 14, 2009. The placements are statewide in both urban and rural Alaska, and offer leadership training, networking opportunities and real-world work experience in the intern's area of interest. For more information, visit www.firstalaskans.org or contact 907.677.1700. Applications due February 27, 2009.
- Doyon Emerald, a specialized provider of management and consulting services, is seeking an intern for summer 2009. The internship is based in Anchorage, Alaska. The selected intern would provide technical support to staff engineers on project work. Applicants should be enrolled in an engineering or technical-related college curriculum, with at least two years of education in civil, mechanical, chemical or environmental engineering. Applicants should also have a general understanding of engineering concepts, and be proficient in the use of Microsoft Access, Excel and Word. Experience with AutoCad 2007/AutoCad LT, Visio, Corel or other drawing/graphics software packages is a plus. For more information, call 907.258.8137 or visit www.emeraldalaska.com. Interested parties should e-mail a cover letter and resume to hr@emeraldalaska.com. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.
- The Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and Harvard University Native American Program invite applications for summer 2009 internships from undergraduate and graduate students (or recent 2009 graduates). The internships enable students to gain experience in museum activities, such as curatorial research, collections management, conservation, archives, museum education, public programming, and/or publications. The internships are for eight weeks (20 hours/week), beginning on June 8, 2009. A stipend is provided. For additional information, visit www.hunap.harvard.edu or contact smbarnes@fas.harvard.edu or 617.495.9309.

Fellowships

- The Lupus Foundation of America announces that Gina Finzi Memorial Student Summer Fellowships will be available for the summer of 2009. The award amount is \$2,000. The purpose of these awards is to foster an interest among young researchers in systemic lupus erythematosus. Undergraduate, graduate and medical students are eligible to apply; preference is given to

students with a college degree. For more information, visit www.lupus.org/finzifellowships or contact 800.875.2562 ext. 227, 301.916.4557 ext. 227 or pcsupport@altum.com. Applications due March 6, 2009.

- The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) announces the second annual NIHB Public Health Summer Fellowship Program for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Based in Atlanta, Ga., the NIHB public health fellows will be individually mentored and trained for nine weeks. Fellows will be provided with housing, meals, local transportation and travel allowances, as well as a full stipend upon completing the program. For more information, visit http://web.msm.edu/Public_Health/PHSF/PHSF_app.asp or contact 404.752.1924. Applications due March 13, 2009.

Employment

- The University of Colorado at Boulder Upward Bound program (CUUB) is seeking to fill seven resident advisor (RA) positions for the Summer Academic Institute, held June 7 - July 26, 2009. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college and possess a valid driver's license. RAs will receive \$2,500 for a seven-week period, plus room and board. For more information, visit www.colorado.edu/SASC/cuub.html or contact 303.492.2884 or Justin.Boos@Colorado.edu. Applications due March 31, 2009.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska is seeking a corporate relations manager to provide overall leadership and management of the organization's fund development efforts. Applicants should have at least a bachelor's degree and three years of senior-level fundraising/development experience. For more information, visit www.BigBrothersBigSistersAlaska.org or contact 907.263.2093 or carlton.cousin@bbbs.org.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska is seeking a director of development, who would be responsible for driving fund development on a regional level through the cultivation, recruitment and stewardship of individual and corporate donors. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree, driver's license and willingness to travel. For more information, visit www.BigBrothersBigSistersAlaska.org or contact 907.263.2093 or carlton.cousin@bbbs.org.
- The National Park Service (NPS) is currently seeking employees for temporary, seasonal and permanent jobs in Alaska, including visitor use assistants, park guides, biological science technicians, park rangers, archaeologist, budget analyst, concessionary management specialist, human resource specialist, wildlife biologist, forestry technician and maintenance positions. For more information, visit www.usajobs.gov, click on "basic search" and type in "NPS" to find a complete listing of job opportunities and application procedures. Interested applicants may also visit www.nps.gov/state/ak/ or contact 907.644.3348 or Tonyua_Abrom@nps.gov.

Educational Opportunities

- The application deadline for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Short-term Education Program for Under-represented Persons (STEP-UP) has been extended. Alaska students from under-represented ethnic minority backgrounds who are currently enrolled as high school juniors or

seniors are encouraged to apply immediately. The program, which is coordinated by WWAMI - Alaska's Medical School, will be held June 28 - August 15, 2009 at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). During the program, students will develop and complete a research topic under the mentorship of a seasoned UAA researcher. At the end of the program, STEP-UP participants travel to Washington, D.C. to present their research results. For more information or to apply, visit http://biomed.uaa.alaska.edu/niddk_step_up.html or contact 907.786.4789 or udoc@uaa.alaska.edu. Applications due immediately.

- The Alaska Native Heritage Center will be conducting training classes for Alaska Native youth, ages 14 - 26, during the months of February, March and April. Classes will cover becoming more aware of culture, customer service, mentorship, public speaking, stage presence and finding employment. There is no cost to the participants. This certificated training program started February 7, 2009 and will continue every other Saturday through April 18, 2009. The classes start at 8:30 a.m. and continue through early afternoon. To receive a certificate of completion, each youth will need to attend three sessions. For more information, contact 907.330.8000.
- WWAMI - Alaska's Medical School and the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Honors College are pleased to announce the fourth annual Alaska PreMed Summit will be held March 28, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The event will take place at Rasmuson Hall at UAA, as well as via teleconference at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Southeast - Juneau, and the Fishery Industrial Technology Center in Kodiak. Students in high school or college are invited, as well as interested parents, counselors and teachers. For more information or to register, visit http://biomed.uaa.alaska.edu/pre_med_summit.html or contact 907.786.4789 or wwami@uaa.alaska.edu.
- WWAMI - Alaska's Medical School is now accepting applications for the 2009 Della Keats/U-DOC Summer Enrichment Program at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). The six-week intensive summer program is for disadvantaged Alaska high school students who are interested in careers in medicine and other health care fields. The program will take place June 28 - August 7, 2009 at UAA. There is no fee to participate. Housing is provided, and travel assistance and a small stipend may be available. For more information or to apply, visit http://biomed.uaa.alaska.edu/dk_udoc.html or contact 907.786.4789 or wwami@uaa.alaska.edu. Applications due March 30, 2009.
- The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Summer Leadership course is a one-week summer experience designed to develop leadership skills for students finishing grades 9 - 12. Students live on campus, enjoy the academic and social atmosphere, and get a taste of college life. It will be held May 26 - June 2, 2009 at UAF. The \$425 cost includes tuition, fees, room and board, and class materials. Students will receive two credits upon successful completion. For more information, visit www.alaska.edu/uaf/nlc/Summer2009/summer2009.xml. Applications due April 10, 2009.
- The schedule and registration form for the 2009 Summer Research Training Institute for American Indian/Alaska Native Health Professionals is now available online. The program, offered by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, takes place June 15 - July 2, 2009 in Portland, Ore. Tuition and travel scholarships are

available. For more information, visit www.npaihb.org/training/page/summer_research_training_institute/ or contact 503.228.4185 or summerinstitute@npaihb.org. Applications due May 15, 2009.

To view the full list of opportunities, visit www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx.

Tips for Student Success

So you've applied for a scholarship and been selected for the award - congratulations! But don't think your work is over yet. One of the most important steps actually comes after receiving the scholarship. What is it? Thanking the person, family or organization that made the award possible! Saying thank you reflects positively on you, the scholarship recipient. A thank you is also often very meaningful to the donors.

Showing your gratitude is as easy as sending a thank you letter. Here are some tips for writing a simple, sincere, well-written thank you letter:

- Send a thank you letter soon after receiving the scholarship. Don't wait for several months to say thanks.
- Send a separate thank you letter for each scholarship you receive.
- Use plain stationery.
- Hand-written thank you letters are nice - but only if your handwriting is readable. Otherwise, type the letter.
- Avoid e-mail when sending a thank you letter.
- Address your thank you directly to the person who donated the funds. If you don't know who that is, call the donor or organization to find out.
- Follow this simple outline for your thank you letter:
 - Thank the donor for the funds they donated.
 - Tell them what it means to you personally, and how the scholarship will make a difference in your life.
 - Share a little bit about yourself - where you grew up, what you are studying, what you hope to do in the future.
 - End your letter with another thank you, and sign the note in your own handwriting.
- If you're stuck, ask your college's financial aid office if they have any forms or sample letters you can review. Also, check to see if there are any guidelines or requirements for sending thank you letters to donors.

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