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### March 15

Scholarship Type:  
Basic  
Semester: Summer

### April 15

Scholarship Type:  
Basic and Competitive

## March 11, 2009

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Semester: Fall

**September 15**

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

**November 15**

Scholarship Type:  
Basic  
Semester: Spring

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## Four Days Left to Apply for Basic Scholarships

There are four days left to submit applications for basic scholarships for the 2009 summer semester! Applications must be postmarked by 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.
- A signed release and consent 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](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx).

Students are also reminded that April 15, 2009 is the deadline to apply for 2009 - 2010 competitive and basic scholarships. Please note that competitive scholarship applications must be submitted online.

For more information, visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com) or contact Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or [millerd@doyon.com](mailto:millerd@doyon.com).

## Thank You to New Donors

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## Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Matt Calhoun



Doyon Foundation student Matt Calhoun originally became interested in the civil engineering career field because he thought he would get to drive trains. His dreams have changed a bit, though, and today he plans to graduate and get a job teaching at the University of Alaska and working with the

Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP), where he hopes to "motivate and empower more Alaska Native students to pursue a degree in science or engineering."

Originally from Homer, Alaska, Calhoun is currently living in Boulder, Colo., where he is studying civil engineering at the University of

Colorado at Boulder. He expects to graduate with his master's degree in December 2009 and his PhD in 2012.

Calhoun, a Doyon Foundation scholarship recipient, said the support he has received from the Foundation has not only helped him personally, but will also benefit future students.

"I am thankful and grateful for the Doyon Foundation believing in their students by investing in our education," he said. "Your support in my future will not only assist me in getting through school, but will also serve as an example after graduation, as I will continue to be an advocate and voice for future Alaska Native students to pursue higher education degrees, while keeping our cultural values."

While Calhoun is primarily focused on his education, he has also found plenty of ways to give back. While living in Anchorage, Calhoun said he enjoyed volunteering to read books to young Native students through the First Alaskans Reader program.

"There is nothing that made my day better than to walk into a room full of young Native students and see their faces light up," he said.

Calhoun also enjoyed delivering food boxes for the Southcentral Elders Program.

"Prior to that, I did not realize that some Elders are here for medical reasons and do not have any family in town," he said. "Our food box drop-offs often turned into long visits, and I loved listening and learning about their amazing lives."

A self-described "thrill-seeker," Calhoun also likes traveling to developing countries, meeting new people, and "looking for the largest wave to surf, the deepest powder to snowboard and anything else that gets my blood pumping."

He is the son of adoptive parents Dennis and Charlotte Calhoun, and biological and step-parents Mike and Rose Johns, and Steve and Lulu Vollertsen.

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Doyon Foundation events and deadlines:

- **March 15** - Application deadline for summer 2009 basic scholarships. For more information, visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com) or contact Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or [millerd@doyon.com](mailto:millerd@doyon.com).
- **March 20** - Doyon, Limited Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Friends Conference Center, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- **March 28** - Student dinner, 5 - 7 p.m., Doyon, Limited Chief's Court, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- **April 15** - Application deadline for basic and competitive scholarship applications. For more information, visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com) or contact Greg Bringham at 907.459.2049 or [bringhurstg@doyon.com](mailto:bringhurstg@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](http://www.doyonfoundation.com)

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## 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:

- **Sign up for alumni news.** To sign up to receive alumni association meeting notifications and other alumni news via e-mail, please contact Tracy Snow at [inspire\\_consulting@yahoo.com](mailto:inspire_consulting@yahoo.com).
- **Join the association.** It's easy - and free - 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](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni/Default.aspx), or contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or [inspire\\_consulting@yahoo.com](mailto:inspire_consulting@yahoo.com).
- **Get involved with student mentorship program.** Interested in serving as a volunteer coordinator for the alumni association's student mentorship program? For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or [inspire\\_consulting@yahoo.com](mailto:inspire_consulting@yahoo.com).

## Summer Camp Opportunity for Students in Doyon Region



Alaska Native students who have completed the eighth grade at qualifying schools in the TCC/Doyon region have the opportunity to attend the Ageya Wilderness Education (AWE) Camp, an exciting three-week summer program in Homer, Alaska.

At AWE Camp, students will sharpen math and science skills, be involved in research, find out about career opportunities, and benefit from hands-on learning - all while having fun! During the 24-day camp, which takes place at Ageya's 80-acre homestead overlooking Kachemak Bay,

students will:

- Participate in two days of tide-pooling and marine life studies, using high-powered microscopes in a wet lab.
- Visit a local set-net site, a mussel and oyster farm, and a fish packing company.
- Tour the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, and talk with local scientists about current research.
- Learn from the staff of the Cook Inlet Keeper, an environmental organization that monitors water quality in the Kachemak Bay

and Cook Inlet regions.

- Explore the interactive natural history displays at the Pratt Museum.
- Meet with marine biologists and naturalists at the Center for Coastal Studies.
- Enjoy the Homer High School pool and gym, as well as the camp's sports fields.
- Learn traditional boat-building methods from a master boat builder, and build a umiak, a bidarka and a paddle, which they will use to travel across Kachemak Bay for a camping trip in Kachemak Bay State Park.

After the camp, students will continue to work with a Native Alaskan coach, who will offer the support needed to succeed in school.

The camp is underwritten by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, so there is no cost to participants. All food, lodging and equipment is provided free of charge.

Space is limited to 32 students, including 16 girls and 16 boys, for each camp. Two camps are scheduled in 2009. The first camp takes place June 16 - July 9, 2009. The second camp takes place July 15 - August 7, 2009.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.ageya.org](http://www.ageya.org) or contact 907.248.7140 or [patty@ageya.org](mailto:patty@ageya.org).



## **UAF's Resilience and Adaptation Program Offers Opportunities for Native Students**

Are you interested in a graduate degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), but are not sure if you could afford it? The Resilience and Adaptation Program (RAP) may be of interest to you, as it offers fellowships, tuition waivers, internships, career development opportunities and mentors.

RAP leaders are seeking more Native students to participate in this program, as the topics of research often involve villages, Native people, subsistence, wildlife and climate change in Alaska. RAP trains students, scholars, policy-makers, community leaders and managers to address issues of sustainability in an integrated fashion.

RAP prepares students to address a major challenge facing humanity - how to sustain the desirable features of Earth's social-ecological systems at a time of rapid changes in the major forces that shape

their structure and functioning. Numerous interdisciplinary research opportunities are available, particularly in the areas of:

- Climate-disturbance-human interactions
- Food security
- Adaptive resource co-management
- Forestry
- Sustainable fisheries
- Alternative energy
- Wildlife and subsistence resources

RAP is an exciting program with research topics unique to Alaska and applicable around the world. There are many interesting research opportunities in Alaska, which has demographics and geography like no other place on earth.

If you are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree (PhD) and want to know what the RAP program has to offer, visit [www.rap.uaf.edu/default.cfm](http://www.rap.uaf.edu/default.cfm) or contact Ellen Weiser at 907.474.7987 or [fnesw@uaf.edu](mailto:fnesw@uaf.edu).

## **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](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx).

### **Scholarships**

- Cook Inlet Tribal Council's (CITC) Tribal Scholarships Program is accepting applications for the Mellen Shea Scholarship, which was established to honor the memory of Mary Ellen "Mellen" Shea, a passionate educator. The scholarship provides financial assistance to Alaska Native and American Indian students who are pursuing a post-secondary degree in education. For more information, contact 907.793.3578 or [scholarships@citci.com](mailto:scholarships@citci.com). Applications due May 1, 2009.

### **Internships**

- Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) is seeking a rural planning intern. The internship will be based in Anchorage, Alaska and will take place May - August 2009. The intern will provide technical assistance to one or more Alaska villages, resulting in the development of a community plan or sustainable business plan for a specific capital project. Applicants should have at least two years of college-level work in planning, rural development or a closely related field. For more information, visit [www.ruralcap.com](http://www.ruralcap.com) or contact 907.271.4990 or [jhall@denali.gov](mailto:jhall@denali.gov). Applications due March 16, 2009.
- Applications are now being accepted for the summer 2009 White House Internship Program, which will take place May 22 -

August 14, 2009. Interns will be placed in a departmental office, such as the Office of Cabinet Affairs, Communications Department, and Office of Political Affairs. Applicants should be U.S. citizens, be at least 18 years old, and be enrolled in a college or university, or have graduated from college in the past two years. For more information or an application, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships). Applications due March 22, 2009.

### Educational Opportunities

- The Alaska Summer Research Academy (ASRA) is a two-week program offered through the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Natural Science and Mathematics. The goal is to get middle and high school students excited about careers and attending college by participating in hands-on courses in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art and math. The program will take place July 20 - 31, 2009. The New York Life Foundation is offering nine full scholarships for rural Alaska students, including travel to and from Fairbanks. For more information, visit [www.uaf.edu/asra](http://www.uaf.edu/asra) or contact 907.474.7221 or 907.474.7077. Students will begin being placed after March 15, 2009.
- The application deadline for the summer 2009 Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) has been extended to March 30, 2009. 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](http://www.uaf.edu/rahi) or contact 907.474.6886, 800.478.6886 or [fyrahi@uaf.edu](mailto:fyrahi@uaf.edu). Applications due March 30, 2009.

To view the full list of opportunities, visit [www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx).

### Tips for Student Success

Even though it's only half-way through the spring semester, it's already time to think about what you're going to do this summer. As you can see from the list of opportunities posted on our Web site, there are dozens of summer jobs and internships available to students. If you're interested in a summer job or internship, you better start thinking, planning - and applying. To help you get started, here are five tips to help you shine during the application process.

- **Plan and research.** Start by thinking about your interests and talents. Also, consider what dates you are available and what geographic area you would like an internship in. Then, begin researching available job and internship opportunities. This e-newsletter is a great place to start! You can also chat with your teachers, other students and alumni, and do some research online or at the library.
- **Compile application materials.** After you've created a list of jobs and internships you're interested in, read over the application instructions very carefully - and then follow them!

While each position will have unique requirements, most will require you to submit a cover letter, résumé and letters of recommendation. Give yourself plenty of time to pull these items together. Once you have drafts, ask a teacher, career counselor or trusted friend or family member to review and provide feedback. Finally, make sure your applications are totally complete, and that there are no spelling or grammar errors.

- **Meet the deadline.** After triple-checking your application materials, submit them in plenty of time to meet the deadline. Then, follow up with the organization shortly after the application deadline has passed.
- **Prepare for the interview.** Before an interview, do some research. Visit the organization's Web site, review newspaper articles on related topics, and brainstorm answers to questions that are likely to be asked. Also, ask a friend, family member or counselor to do a practice interview with you. Finally, invest in some professional-looking clothing to wear to the interview. After the interview, send a short note thanking the interviewer for their time and expressing your interest in the job or internship.
- **Get the job.** When you are offered a job or internship, accept the offer both verbally and in writing. Ask if there is anything you can do in advance to prepare. If needed, purchase some additional professional attire. If you're not sure what to wear, ask! A few days before you start, practice getting to the job site, so you're not late on your first day. And on the first day, arrive well-dressed, well-rested and a few minutes early.

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