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## Congratulations Doyon Foundation Graduates!

May 14 reception celebrated graduates

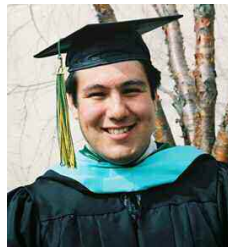


Doyon Foundation held its first annual graduation reception on May 14 at the Doyon, Limited Chiefs Court in Fairbanks. The reception celebrated the accomplishments of more than 60 Doyon Foundation students who recently completed their higher education pursuits. Recent graduates include:

Valerie Adams-Gowan, general studies associate's, UAF  
Desiree Andon, justice bachelor's, applied business associate's, UAF  
Jennifer Angaik, teaching certificate - secondary education, UAF  
Earnest Arnold, construction trades certificate, UAF  
Ashley Attaway, speech language pathology bachelor's, Texas Tech University  
Charla Bear, journalism master's, University of California Berkeley  
Sandra Bridgers, psychology bachelor's, UAA-Kachemak Bay campus  
Eva Burk, civil engineering bachelor's, UAF  
Belinda Burk-Jaeger, environmental studies/land use policy and planning bachelor's, Western Washington University  
Courtney Campbell, accounting technician certificate, UAF  
Kimberly Carlo, safety, health, environmental awareness certificate, UAF  
Monica Carlo, medical assistant certificate, Career Academy  
Karey Carney, interior design master's, Washington State University  
Casey Carroll, Law Enforcement Academy certificate, UAF  
Courtney Carroll, political science bachelor's, UAF  
Kathleen Carroll, tribal management associate's, UAF  
Leah Curtis, political science bachelor's, American Indian studies minor, University of Washington  
Donald Darling, general studies associate's, UAF  
Darrell David, construction trades certificate, UAF  
Richard David Sr., civil engineering bachelor's, UAF  
Ron Denny, electrical engineering bachelor's, University of New Mexico  
Florence Dentler, business and office technology certificate, Alaska Vocational Technical Center  
Lillian Dewilde, general studies associate's, UAF  
Karol Dixon, justice degree, University of New Mexico  
Jennifer Dozier, speech pathology master's, Louisiana State University  
Amy Durney, medical assistant associate's, UAF  
Lester Erhart, diesel/heavy equipment certificate, UAF  
Heather Generous, culinary arts associate's, UAF  
Matthew Gho, secondary education master's, UAA  
Carol Greenway, nursing bachelor's, UAA  
Joshua Gurtler, food microbiology doctorate, University of Georgia  
Sonta Hamilton, rural development bachelor's, UAF  
Leon Huntington, instrumentation certificate, UAA  
Evelyn James, general studies associate's, UAF  
Clara Journey, para-professional education association, UAF  
Merrelene Kangas, health care reimbursement certificate, UAF  
Michael Kersey, computer science bachelor's, mathematics minor, DigiPen Institute of Technology  
Wayne Lekanof-Horine, teaching certificate in secondary education with endorsement in mathematics, UAF  
Beth Leonard, interdisciplinary/cross-cultural studies doctorate, UAF  
Sonya Lord, business and office technology certificate, Alaska Vocational Technical Center

Benjamin Mallott, environmental science bachelor's, Oregon State University  
Cecil Martin, construction trades certificate, UAF  
Maureen Mayo, applied business associate's, UAF  
Kyle McMillan, sociology bachelor's, University of Washington  
Turak Newman, landscape/horticulture construction and design specialist associate's, Merit College  
Doreen Paul, justice bachelor's, applied accounting minor, UAF  
Elizabeth Peters, applied business certificate, UAF  
Jared Popp, Law Enforcement Academy certificate, UAF  
Weather Potdevin, anthropology bachelor's, Colby College  
Lynn Rylander, secondary education bachelor's, UAF  
Heather Scales, psychology bachelor's, UAF  
Jeanette Scannell, Aaska Native studies bachelor's, UAF  
Jamey Stoddard, environmental science/toxicology bachelor's, chemistry minor, Western Washington University  
Robert Strick, arts associate's, UAF  
Stephanie Sweetsir, psychology bachelor's, human services minor, UAF  
Laura Szmyd, nursing bachelor's, UAA  
Laura Thompson-Pitka, medical assistant associate's, UAF  
Vivian Thurmond-Montoya, nursing associate's, UAA  
Ava Vent, elementary education bachelor's, UAF  
Karen Virg-in, elementary education bachelor's, UAF  
Raymond Virg-in, elementary education bachelor's, UAF  
Amy Vogel, general education associate's, Riverside Community College  
William Wolfe, architectural and engineering technology associate's, UAA

If you are a recent graduate and do not see your name on this list, please let us know! Give us a call at 907.459.2050 or email [foundation@doyon.com](mailto:foundation@doyon.com).



*Matthew Gho, 2007 UAA graduate,  
master's in education, major in math, minor in Spanish*

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## Leaders Congratulate Recent Graduates

Messages from State Senator, Doyon, Limited, and Doyon Foundation Board

Leaders from the Alaska State Legislature, Doyon, Limited and Doyon Foundation wished to share their congratulations and encouragement with recent graduates. Their messages are included below:

### ***A Message from State Senator Albert Kookesh***

On behalf of the Twenty-fifth Alaska State Legislature, I would like to extend congratulations to all Doyon Foundation students who are completing their higher education.

It is a time of pride as all of you have attained a significant milestone in your careers and lifetime achievements. Even though your schooling may be complete, your education will continue. Each of you has the opportunity to make a difference and help others to make a difference as well.

Once again, congratulations to each of you for your achievements. I thank you for your hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank Doyon for identifying the importance of Native education by supporting and honoring each of the recognized individuals. I wish each one great success in all their future endeavors.

### ***A Message from Orie Williams, President, Doyon, Limited***

I encourage our young, Native people to develop their inner passion to learn and to seek out new adventures. You are the future leaders of Doyon. Congratulations to you all.

### ***A Message from Dawn Dinwoodie, President, Doyon Foundation Board of Directors***

The Doyon Foundation staff and board of directors are proud of every graduate - from the vocational graduates to the PhDs! Your efforts will undoubtedly help to build a stronger community, region, state and nation, and we wish each and every one of you the very best on the career path you have selected.

Please keep us apprised of your future endeavors and accomplishments by visiting our Web site, calling or emailing. We also encourage you to join our newly formed alumni association. Through the association, you can not only keep in touch with other Doyon Foundation alumni - you can also mentor and support the students who come behind you!

Again, we are proud of your recent accomplishments, and look forward to all of your future achievements.

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## New Scholarship Plan Offers More Funding to Students

Scholarship Awards Increased By More Than \$250,000

The Doyon Foundation board of directors recently approved a new scholarship plan, which will increase the amount of annual scholarships awarded by more than \$250,000 during the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year. Main changes to the scholarship plan include:

- **Basic scholarships doubled** to \$400 per semester for part-time students, and \$800 per semester for full-time students. In addition to the fall and spring semesters, students can also now receive funding for the summer semester.
- **New short-term, year-round vocational funding now available.** Vocational students who do not meet the criteria for part-time student status may apply at any time throughout the year to receive funding for short-term vocational courses. Students will receive funding equal to the cost of the course, not to exceed \$400, and may receive funding once per year. Funding is provided on a "first come, first funded" basis.
- **Competitive scholarship awards increased by \$20,000.** In addition to the 30 competitive scholarships currently awarded, several new scholarships will be added.

For more information, please call 907.459.2050, email [foundation@doyon.com](mailto:foundation@doyon.com) or visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com).

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## Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

Lots of options available to students

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

- The CIRI Foundation is accepting applications for the 2007 Cap Lathrop Broadcast and Telecommunications Scholarship application. Application and guidelines are available at [www.thecirifoundation.org](http://www.thecirifoundation.org). Applications due June 1, 2007.
- Doyon Human Resources will be hosting several upcoming employment information seminars. These will be held June 2 at Doyon, Limited in Fairbanks; June 16 in Tok (location TBA); and June 17 in Northway, Alaska (location TBA). For more information, visit [www.doyon.com](http://www.doyon.com).
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Alyeska Match Scholarship program is currently accepting applications. For more information, call 907.793.3578 or 877.985.5900 or email [scholarships@citci.com](mailto:scholarships@citci.com). Applications due June 30, 2007.
- Doyon Foundation is offering three scholarships, of up to \$7,000 each, for students to attend the Law Enforcement Academy at UAF's Tanana Valley Campus. All Alaska Natives are eligible to apply. Academy training dates are August 20 - November 16, 2007. Applications and more information are available by calling 907.459.2050 or 1.888.478.4755, ext. 2050, or emailing [foundation@doyon.com](mailto:foundation@doyon.com). Applications due by 5 p.m. on July 27, 2007.
- The UAF School of Management announces the Alyeska Alaska Native MBA Fellowship, a full-ride scholarship for full-time, Alaska Native, MBA students. Information on the MBA program and admissions standards is available by visiting [www.uafsom.com/qpmba.html](http://www.uafsom.com/qpmba.html), emailing [fysom@uaf.edu](mailto:fysom@uaf.edu) or calling 907.474.7461.
- The UAA Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) still has openings for its Biology Summer Bridging Program. This 10-week program includes two weeks of introduction and safety/field training, a four-week paid internship, four weeks of college prep math, and a \$3,000 scholarship to attend UAA or UAF. The program is open to high students who graduated in spring 2007. For more information or to apply, contact Michele Yatchmeneff at 907.786.1853 or [michele@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:michele@uaa.alaska.edu), or visit [ansep.uaa.alaska.edu](http://ansep.uaa.alaska.edu).
- The Alaska Native Heritage Center is seeking two individuals to work as seasonal greeters in downtown Anchorage. Responsibilities include welcoming people to the downtown area and educating them about the Dena'ina culture. This is a part-time position, four hours per day, Tuesday - Saturday. For more information or to apply, visit [www.alaskanative.net](http://www.alaskanative.net) or call 907.330.8052.
- CIRI Foundation's 2007 - 2008 Education Resource Handbook, with updated internship, fellowship and scholarship information, is now available at [www.thecirifoundation.org](http://www.thecirifoundation.org).

- As part of the Federal Aviation Administration's plan to match the number of controllers with traffic volume and workload, the agency is now recruiting air traffic controllers. For more information on the hiring or training process, visit [www.faa.gov/jobs](http://www.faa.gov/jobs).
- Doyon Human Resources currently has two summer internships available in Fairbanks. The positions include a land and resources intern and a communications intern. Interested applicants should download an application at [www.doyon.com](http://www.doyon.com), and fax the completed application to 907.334.0280, attention Amanda Keller.
- Doyon Human Resources is recruiting for all positions for Doyon Aramark and Doyon Tourism for the 2007 season in Denali National Park. Please see [www.doyon.com](http://www.doyon.com) for more information. Interested applicants should download an application at [www.doyon.com](http://www.doyon.com), and fax the completed application to 907.334.0280, attention Amanda Keller.
- Application materials for the 2007 Leadership and Entrepreneurial Apprenticeship Development (LEAD) Program are now available on First Nations Development Institute's Web site. The LEAD Program is an American Indian non-profit leadership development opportunity for motivated individuals seeking to create a stronger future for tribal or reservation-based non-profit organizations. For more information, visit [www.firstnations.org/lead20.asp](http://www.firstnations.org/lead20.asp).