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Scholarship Type:
Basic and Competitive
Semester: Fall

September 15
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Basic (for vocational
students only)
Semester: Winter

November 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Spring

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Basic
Semester: Summer

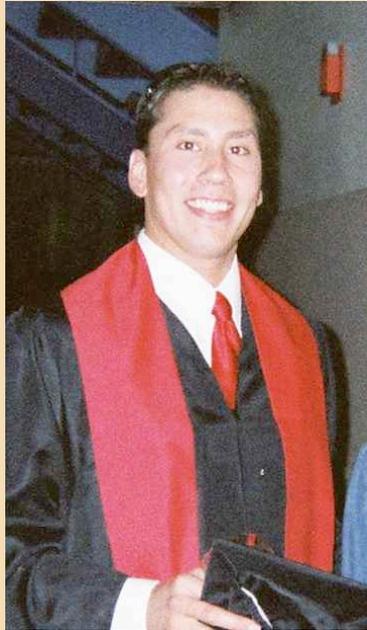
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Bringhurst, a Doyon Foundation alumnus, graduated in May 2008 from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) with a degree in management and organization. In addition to his studies, Bringhurst was involved in many university and community groups, including the UAF Native Alaskan Business Leaders, UAF School of Management Student Advisory Board, UAF Leadership Program, Model United Nations Alliance, and Interior Alaska Leadership Council.

Bringhurst, a life-long Fairbanks resident, is the son of Maxine Thibedeau and John Bringhurst of Fairbanks, and grandson of Richard "Shorty" Thibedeau of Fairbanks and the late Ruth (Mayo) Thibedeau of Rampart.

Doyon Foundation students are encouraged to contact Bringhurst with scholarship-related questions. He may be reached at 907.459.2049, 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2049, or bringhurstg@doyon.com.

Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Amanda Attla



Every summer during her childhood, Amanda Attla would drive up the Haul Road with her family to go to fish camp on the Yukon River. During each trip, she was always intrigued by the big trucks and heavy equipment she saw along the way.

"There wasn't a summer that went by that we didn't see this, and I always thought in my mind, 'that's what I want to do when I grow up,'" said Attla, who is originally from Fairbanks and is currently living in Wasilla. "I always thought, 'if a man can do it, a woman can, too.' I hope all

young ladies in Alaska can take my advice - don't hold back, go for it, it's all up to you."

Atla's childhood dreams are finally coming true. The Doyon Foundation vocational scholarship recipient recently completed her training at Northern Industrial Training, where she studied heavy equipment operation, and received certifications in first aid/CPR, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), and traffic control flagging. She also obtained her North Slope Training Cooperative (NSTC) card, commercial driver's license, and hazardous materials and tanker endorsements.

"I would like to obtain full-time, permanent employment to better myself, have a bigger and brighter future for me and my daughter, and to show all kids throughout Alaska that no matter who you are, you can complete and accomplish your dreams," said Atla, who is a single mother to her daughter, Chelsea.

In addition to her training and her family, Atla is also very involved in the community, volunteering her time with Job Corps, Kenai Peninsula Winter Games, Native Youth Olympics, and Arctic Winter Games. She is also an Alaska Native art and history tradition bearer.

"Everything that I do is to better our youth, for they are our future," she said.

Obtaining funding was the biggest challenge Atla faced in her pursuit of education.

"A lot of people think that it's hard, but the funding is out there. I would like to thank Doyon, Knik Tribal Council, and Job Service. If it wasn't for these people, I would not be fulfilling my dreams," Atla said. "I needed Doyon's help to get me to my next step in life. I greatly appreciate their generosity. There are many Doyon shareholders that need to further their education and have a future. Doyon Foundation gives us that future."

Many other people supported and encouraged Atla along the way.

"All of my instructors have told me to 'keep on keepin' on, you can make it to wherever you put your mind to, don't give up.' They are all very encouraging," Atla said. "I would also like to thank my mother and step-father for supporting me; my daughter; my dad for showing me how to be a leader; my family; my Native games kids; Sondra Stuart for believing in me; and all those people who have cared for me in my life. You all have made me a better person and I strive to just make it better."

Atla is the daughter of George Atla, and Karen and Ron Rifredi (step-father), and the granddaughter of the late George and Eliza Atla, Agnes Ostlund and the late Phillip Huhndorf, and Bob Dolan and the late Carol Dolan (step-grandparents).

Thank You to New Donor

Doyon Foundation extends our deep gratitude to our newest donor:

- **Doris Miller**, \$250 Nee Ts'e Neyh donor, in memory of Stella Miller

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.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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

- November 15 - Spring 2009 scholarship application deadline.
- November 20 - Doyon Foundation Alumni Association monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Doyon, Limited building, 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks. Those

outside of Fairbanks are invited to call in to the meeting. For call-in information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.

- November 27 - Closed for Thanksgiving.
- November 28 - Closed for Alaska Day.

Important Information About 2009 Scholarships

The application deadline for fall 2009 basic and competitive scholarships is April 15, 2009. Here is some important information about applying for scholarships next year:

- **Paperless application process.** Doyon Foundation will be implementing a paperless competitive scholarship application process for 2009 - 2010. This means that competitive scholarship applications will only be accepted online at www.doyonfoundation.com. To get started, students without an online account should first create one at www.doyonfoundation.com/CreateAccount.aspx. This should be done as soon as possible, as it takes one to three days to verify the request.
- **Scholarship eligibility.** To be eligible for a Doyon Foundation basic or competitive scholarship, applicants must be enrolled to Doyon, Limited or be the child of an original enrollee; be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school; and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for undergraduates, 3.0 for graduates or masters, and 3.25 for specialists or doctorates. To be considered full-time, students must be enrolled in 12 or more credits (undergraduates), or nine or more credits (graduates). To be considered part-time, students must be enrolled in one - 11 credits (undergraduates), or one - eight credits (graduates).
- **Basic scholarship application requirements.** Basic scholarships, which range from \$400 for part-time students to \$800 for full-time students, are awarded four times per year - in the spring, summer, fall and winter (for vocational students only). Applicants must submit a complete application form, proof of enrollment and official transcripts. For more information on basic scholarship guidelines and policies, visit www.doyonfoundation.com.
- **Competitive scholarship application requirements.** Competitive scholarships, which range from \$2,000 - \$7,000, are awarded once a year. Recipients, who are selected by an independent review committee, receive half of their scholarship during the fall semester and half during the spring semester. To apply, students are required to complete an online competitive scholarship application, and submit a personal essay online. They must also submit official transcripts and proof of enrollment, and arrange for two professional letters of reference to be sent directly from the author to the Foundation. For more information on competitive scholarship guidelines and policies, visit www.doyonfoundation.com.
- **Alumni Association assistance.** Members from the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association have volunteered to review students' competitive scholarship applications prior to submission. Applications should be submitted to Doris Miller at 1 Doyon Place, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 or millerd@doyon.com for review. *Please note: students should submit their applications for review prior to submitting the final application, as applications may not be changed once they have been submitted online.*

For more information, contact Doris Miller, interim executive director/scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com. Or contact Greg Bringhurst, scholarship program assistant, at 907.459.2049, 1.888.478.4755 ext. 2049, or bringhurstg@doyon.com.

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- Danette Rogers
- Roberta Ward

To join the association, 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.

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:

- **Next meeting on November 20.** The alumni association's next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, November 20 at 10 a.m. Those in the Fairbanks area are invited to attend the meeting at Doyon, Limited, 1 Doyon Place, in Fairbanks. Those outside of Fairbanks are encouraged to call in to the meeting. For call-in information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.
- **Win a blanket!** Doyon Foundation alumni, don't miss your chance to win a beautiful, wool blanket by joining the alumni association! All Doyon graduates are encouraged to visit www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni/Default.aspx and create an online alumni account. Participating alumni, as well as alumni who already have an online account, will then be entered to win a Toneedze Gheltseele (People of the Water) blanket from the Athabaskan Heritage Collection™ Spirit Keeper Series™. Accounts must be created by November 24, 2008 to be eligible for the contest.
- **Important note about online alumni accounts.** Alumni who already have a student or donor account do not need to set up a new account. Instead, they should contact the Foundation and ask to have the alumni role added to their existing account. Once the role has been added, alumni will be able to set up alumni profiles. To add the alumni role to your existing account, or for more information, contact Doris Miller at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.
- **Enter the logo contest.** The alumni association is still accepting entries for the logo contest. The winning entry will be used as the official alumni association logo, and the winner will also receive \$250. The contest is open to Doyon shareholders of any age. Logo submissions should relate to education, the Doyon Foundation and Doyon Foundation Alumni Association mission statements, and the alumni association charter, which may be viewed at www.doyonfoundation.com/OpenAlumni/Default.aspx. Entries should be delivered to Doyon Foundation at 1 Doyon Place, Suite 300, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 or e-mailed in .jpg or .tif format to millerd@doyon.com. The deadline is November 24, 2008. For more information, or to volunteer to help create and distribute a flyer promoting the contest, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.
- **Student mentorship program update.** So far this semester, three students have contacted the alumni association for information on its student mentorship program. The association is currently in the process of matching the students with appropriate mentors. The alumni association is also seeking an alumni member interested in serving as a volunteer coordinator for the program, as well as a volunteer to write a newsletter article or create a flyer promoting the program. For more information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

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- November is now National Scholarship Month. It is devoted to raising awareness of the need for scholarship support for post-secondary education. National Scholarship Month switched from May to November in 2008 to coincide with the start of the main scholarship application season. Scholarships are a form of student financial aid that does not need to be repaid. Scholarships are awarded by foundations, philanthropists, nonprofit organizations, businesses and colleges to help students pay for college. Some scholarships are awarded for academic merit, while others may focus on artistic or athletic talent or other personal characteristics. There are even a variety of unusual scholarships based on talents like duck calling or knitting! To find out more, visit <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/nationalscholarshipmonth.phtml>
- Are you interested in being paired with a Doyon Foundation alumni mentor who can give you the support, advice and encouragement you need to succeed as a student? If so, check out the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association's mentorship program by contacting Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.
- The Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships grant awards at the predoctoral, dissertation and postdoctoral levels to students who demonstrate excellence, a commitment to diversity and a desire to enter the professoriate. There are approximately 60 \$20,000 predoctoral awards, 35 \$21,000 dissertation awards, and 20 \$40,000 postdoctoral awards. For more information, visit www7.nationalacademies.org/fordfellowships/index.html, e-mail infofell@nas.edu, or call 202.334.2872. Predoctoral award applications due November 14, 2008. Dissertation and postdoctoral award applications due November 28, 2008.
- NMS Training Systems is offering a 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) course on November 17 - 21, and an eight-hour HAZWOPER refresher course on December 3. The 40-hour course is \$525, and the eight-hour course is \$125. Both courses will be held at the ABC Alaska training room at 360 W. Benson Blvd., Suite 201, in Anchorage. For more information or to register, visit www.nana-nts.com or call 907.565.3300.
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Alyeska Match Scholarship offers supplementary matching financial aid to eligible Alaska Natives, who are receiving other funds to attend college or vocational training in the fields of engineering, safety, IT, process technology, quality assurance and project management. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-completed basis. For more information, visit www.citci.com/page/44, e-mail scholarships@citci.com, or call 907.793.3578. Applications for the spring semester due December 1, 2008.
- Through its Women's Opportunity Awards, Soroptimist International offers scholarships to women who have primary responsibility for supporting their family while in college. An application and two reference forms must be sent to SI Fairbanks, attention Charlotte Bowen, 116 Kelsan Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709. For more information or an application, visit the UAF Women's Center, located in room 112 of UAF's Eielson Building, or visit www.soroptimist.org/awards/awards.html. Applications due December 15, 2008.
- The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) is offering the Honors 209 - Participatory Action Research course during the spring 2009 semester. The research focus of the class will be student success at UAA. The class will learn the basics of community research, develop leadership

skills, and work on a group-selected project aimed at improving student success at UAA. Tuition and books are covered for the course, and students do not need to be honors students to register. For more information, visit www.uaa.alaska.edu/ours/students/par.cfm or contact Dr. Diane Erickson at 907.786.4874 or afdme@uaa.alaska.edu. Applications due December 15, 2008.

- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company is now accepting applications for its summer 2009 internship program, which offers 12-week, paid internships in the fields of engineering, business, IT, project management, safety, process technology, law and natural sciences. Highly motivated college students attending an accredited university are encouraged to apply. For more information or an application, visit <http://www.alyeska-pipe.com/Employment/InternshipOpportunities.asp> or e-mail tracey.mueller@alyeska-pipeline.com. Applications due February 15, 2009.
- The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium offers five undergraduate and five graduate scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000, to full-time students who are Alaska Native/American Indian and are permanent Alaska residents. For more information, call 1.800.684.8361.
- The American Indian Graduate Center offers fellowships and financial assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate or professional degree-seeking students. For more information, visit www.aigcs.org.

Roundtable Discussion Series Held at UAA

Native Student Services (NSS) at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) is hosting an informal roundtable discussion series on one of the UAA/APU Books of the Year, "Do Alaska Native People Get Free Medical Care?"

The discussions, which are held in collaboration with the UAA/APU Books of the Year program, are designed to address questions and controversial topics like Alaska Native medical care and high rates of alcoholism in Native cultures. Topics are drawn from the book, "Do Alaska Native People Get Free Medical Care?" Chapters of the book may be downloaded at www.uaa.alaska.edu/books-of-the-year for review.

Dates and topics for the roundtable discussions include:

- **November 18** - Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Corporations
- **January 28** - Subsistence and Relationship to Land, Waters and Wildlife
- **February 12** - Tribal Government
- **February 23** - Effects of Colonialism
- **March 3** - Education and Healthcare
- **March 25** - The Future

All discussions take place from 1 - 3 p.m. at NSS in room 108 of Rasmuson Hall on the UAA campus. For more information, contact NSS at 907.786.4000 or aynss@uaa.alaska.edu.

Tips for Student Success

Here's a great tip for success - take advantage of the resources available to rural and Alaska Native students at your university! Just a few of the resources available through Rural Student Services (RSS) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Native Student Services (NSS) at the University of Alaska Anchorage are outlined below. Check them out, or research the services available at your school.

- **Tutors and Study Hours.** Check with RSS or NSS about available tutoring services or study hours. For example, through NSS, students have access to free tutoring services, while RSS offers study hours and support for topics like psychology! For more information, contact RSS at 907.474.7871 or NSS at 907.786.4000.
- **Get Involved.** RSS and NSS offer many fun events for students throughout the school year. For example, NSS is hosting a Book of the Year roundtable discussion on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Corporations on November 18, and RSS is holding an Alaska Native games competition on November 21! For information on upcoming RSS events, visit www.uaf.edu/ruralss/calendar/. For information on NSS events, visit www.uaa.alaska.edu/nss/events.cfm.
- **Learn More.** RSS and NSS can offer many other services - from academic advising and financial aid assistance, to career planning and exploring housing options. To learn more, contact RSS at www.uaf.edu/ruralss/, 1.888.478.1452, 907.474.7871 or fyrss@uaf.edu. Or contact NSS at www.uaa.alaska.edu/nss, 1.866.786.4804, 907.786-4000 or aynss@uaa.alaska.edu.

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