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Celebrating Our Graduates - A Message from Our Executive Director

This spring, we celebrate the accomplishments of the many Doyon Foundation students who are completing their higher educational pursuits. We are extremely proud of their achievements, and we will be recognizing them in upcoming issues of this e-newsletter. In the meantime, please enjoy the following profile of one of our recent graduates, who is already setting an excellent example for the students of tomorrow.



- Sharon McConnell Gillis, Doyon Foundation executive director

Doyon Foundation Student Joshua Gurtler Becomes Dr. Joshua Gurtler

Student Appreciates Support Throughout Schooling



After 13 years of college, Doyon Foundation student Joshua Gurtler became Dr. Joshua Gurtler. Dr. Gurtler earned his Ph.D., specializing in the study of food microbiology, from the University of Georgia in 2006.

Prior to pursuing his doctorate degree, Dr. Gurtler earned his M.S. degree, specializing in food microbiology, from Auburn University in 2001. Currently, Dr. Gurtler is a postdoctoral research associate in the department of food science and technology at the University of Georgia.

During the course of his education, Dr. Gurtler has been honored with several awards. His research into bacterial contamination in infant formula earned him first place in the 2006 Georgia Association for Food Protection Young Investigators Competition, and his work relating to the control of salmonella in eggs earned him third place in the 2000 Auburn University Graduate Student Research Forum. Dr. Gurtler also has 49 publications, including 23 peer-reviewed scientific articles, 22 abstracts and proceedings, and three book chapters.

Dr. Gurtler credits Doyon Foundation for their continued support during his education.

"The Doyon Foundation has been a source of financial and moral support for me during the past 13 years of college. I am currently exploring ways I can repay our organization and our people for their generous contributions to my education," he said.

Important News - More Scholarship Funding Available for Students!

Doyon Foundation Increases Scholarship Awards By More Than \$250,000

The Doyon Foundation board of directors approved a new scholarship plan on April 28, which will increase the amount of annual scholarships awarded by more than \$250,000 during the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year. This fiscal year, the Foundation has already awarded approximately \$310,000 to Alaska Native students pursuing higher education. During the next fiscal year, the Foundation expects to award \$558,000 in scholarships.

The main changes to the scholarship plan, which will directly benefit Doyon students, 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. A total of \$20,000 will be awarded during the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year; \$10,000 will be awarded July 1 - November 30, 2007, and \$10,000 will be awarded December 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

- Competitive scholarship awards increased by \$20,000. In addition to the 30 competitive scholarships currently awarded, several new scholarships will be added, including four \$2,000 Natural Resources Health competitive scholarships; one \$3,000 Morris Thompson Native Language and Culture competitive scholarship; one \$7,000 PhD Morris Thompson competitive scholarship; and one \$2,000 Morris Thompson Committee's Choice competitive scholarship.

Funding for the increased scholarships comes from a variety of sources including major corporate sponsor, Doyon, Limited.

For more information, please contact Sharon McConnell Gillis, Doyon Foundation executive director, at 907.459.2050 or gilliss@doyonfoundation.com, or visit www.doyonfoundation.com.

Doyon Foundation Graduation Reception on May 14

Reception celebrates graduates; honors past board member and elder

You are invited to attend the Doyon Foundation graduation reception on Monday, May 14 from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Doyon, Limited Chiefs Court at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks. In addition to recognizing the accomplishments of our graduates, we will also be honoring past board member Shane Derendoff and elder Catherine Attla, who will be receiving an honorary doctorate degree from UAF. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ellen Evans at 907.459.2050 or evanse@doyon.com.

Doyon Foundation Establishing Alumni Association

Goal is to Support Students, Acknowledge Alumni

Doyon Foundation is establishing a new alumni association to support Foundation students and programs. The next planning meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 8:30 a.m. at the Foundation office at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend.

The overall goal of the alumni association is to support current Doyon Foundation students. While a variety of ideas are being discussed, mentorships between Doyon alumni and first-year students are a top priority.

"You have to have a support network to succeed, whether that's in school or in life. We want to help create that so these students can be successful," said Tracy Snow, a Doyon alumna who is leading the alumni association effort.

The alumni association will also offer the opportunity to gather information about Doyon alumni - who they are, what their experience is and where they are today. This information could then be used for mentorships, employment opportunities and to recognize alumni achievements.

"It's important to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of Doyon alumni," Snow said.

To find out more or to get involved, visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Ellen Evans at evanse@doyon.com, 907.459.2050 or 1.888.478.4755, ext. 2050.

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:

- Fairbanks Area Forestry will be offering annually required fitness testing and fireline safety refresher classes at the forestry complex at 3700 Airport Way on May 12 and June 2, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call the EFF hotline at 907.451.2651.
- Applications are currently being accepted for participation in the Arctic Institute for Indigenous Leadership. The program is open to Alaska Native people aged 18 - 35, who are working for the health and well-being of our communities. For more information, contact Cathy Rexford at tagnak@mac.com or 907.561.2975. Applications due May 16, 2007.
- 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. Applications due June 1, 2007.

- 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. Applications due June 30, 2007.
- 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.
- 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, 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 for more information. Interested applicants should download an application at www.doyon.com, and fax the completed application to 907.334.0280, attention Amanda Keller.
- Doyon Human Resources will be hosting several upcoming employment information seminars. These will be held May 10 at Doyon, Limited in Fairbanks; May 11 in McGrath (location TBA); 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.
- Doyon Human Resources has an opening for a Fairbanks-based administrative assistant in shareholder records. A complete job description is available at www.doyon.com. Interested applicants should download an application at www.doyon.com, and fax the completed application to 907.334.0280. Applications will be accepted until May 11, 2007.
- BHP Billiton Energy Coal has a job opening for a summer student on their Western Arctic Coal Project near Point Lay, Alaska. BHP Billiton will operate an exploration drilling and geological mapping program at a remote field camp mid-June through the end of August. For more information, visit <http://bhpbilliton.com/bb/ourBusinesses/energyCoal/westernArcticCoalProject.jsp> or contact Greg MacMaster at greg.a.macmaster@bhpbilliton.com. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2007.
- 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.