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Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Josh Huhndorf



When Doyon Foundation student Josh Huhndorf found himself faced with a challenge, he didn't just look for a solution - he created one. While studying pre-medicine and health management/policy at Oregon State University (OSU), Huhndorf found there were few opportunities to connect with students who shared similar backgrounds and who were pursuing similar goals.

"To overcome this, I started my own student organization in order to create a collection of students pursuing work with rural and minority populations," said Huhndorf, the founder and president of Oregon State University Rural and Minority Healthcare Advocates, which works to recruit healthcare students and provide

opportunities for students to develop their future careers in rural and minority healthcare.

In addition to leading the student group, Huhndorf is also the activities director at an on-campus cultural center, and is a varsity skipper with OSU's competitive sailing team. He has also completed two summer internships - one as a surgery technician with the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation and one as a research intern at Harvard Medical School.

"I think being a successful student doesn't simply imply good academic performance, but being well-rounded in many areas," Huhndorf said. "I recommend networking with organizations relevant to your major, being open to the idea of creating opportunities for yourself and others, and staying involved with things that make you happy."

Huhndorf, originally from Nikiski, Alaska, expects to graduate from OSU in summer 2009. After his schooling is complete, Huhndorf said he dreams of returning to Alaska to work as a family medicine physician in rural villages. His degree will also allow him to work in health administration.

"It'll allow me to work as a physician in Alaska and contribute to health policies for our people," said Huhndorf, whose sister, Amber, is also pursuing a public health degree at OSU and plans to return to Alaska to work.

Huhndorf said he is appreciative of the support Doyon Foundation has offered during his educational pursuits.

"Doyon Foundation has always been very helpful and supportive. They have provided not only financial support, but encouragement and understanding," he said. "I owe it to all the people of Doyon to follow through with my goals and one day return as a physician for our people."

Huhndorf is the son of Stan and Anne Huhndorf, and the grandson of Rose Jerue, and Stan and Caroline Huhndorf.

Profile Correction

In the last issue of the Doyon Foundation e-newsletter, it was stated that Ethan Nelson was pursuing a degree with the radiologic technology program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Tanana Valley Campus. While classes are held at UAF's Tanana Valley Campus for Fairbanks-area students, the program is actually offered through the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Spring Scholarship Awards Announced

Doyon Foundation recently finalized its spring 2008 scholarship awards. This spring, the Foundation awarded scholarships to a record 352 students - an increase of 60 students from the fall semester! Among the recipients were 235 full-time students, 64 part-time students, two high school students pursuing advanced college credit, four Law Enforcement Academy students, and 51 competitive scholarship award recipients. Congratulations to all of our recipients, and best of luck for a successful semester!

Scholarship Deadlines Approaching - Apply Online Now

It's that time of year again - time for Doyon Foundation students to begin preparing their scholarships applications. Upcoming deadlines include:

- March 15 - deadline to submit basic scholarship applications for the summer 2008 semester
- April 15 - deadline to submit basic and competitive scholarship applications for the fall 2008 semester

All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships online at www.doyonfoundation.com. For more information, contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.

A Note on Scholarship Funding and Taxes

With the April 15 deadline approaching to file income taxes, students may wonder if they need to declare their scholarship funding as income. Per federal tax regulations, money received as a qualified scholarship is generally excluded from a recipient's gross income. Therefore, most scholarship recipients do not need to pay tax on their scholarship funding. Please consult your tax adviser for additional information.

Students - Take a Survey, Win a Shuffle!

Doyon Foundation and the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association are conducting a student survey to determine how the association can more effectively mentor and support Doyon Foundation students.

Current Doyon Foundation students were recently contacted via e-mail with a link to the survey. Students should submit their responses by February 15, and students who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing for an iPod shuffle!

For more information, please contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or millerd@doyon.com.

Alumni Association Meets Third Thursday of Each Month

Mark your calendar for the monthly Doyon Foundation Alumni Association meetings! The alumni association meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Doyon, Limited building at 1 Doyon Place in Fairbanks. Teleconferencing is available for those outside the Fairbanks area. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21. For more

information, contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.

Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

Looking for a summer job or internship? Need help paying for school? Here are just a few of the many opportunities currently available. Be sure to visit www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx for the full list!

- Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is seeking to fill four youth delegate chaperone positions. Primary responsibilities are to provide general supervision of youth participants throughout the TCC Youth Convention. Salary is \$12/hour. For more information, visit www.tananachiefs.org/jobs/dbjobsrs.asp#top or contact 907.452.8251 ext. 3155.
- The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center is accepting applications for its research internships. A weekly stipend, travel allowance, housing and meals will be provided. For more information, visit www.crowcanyon.org/about/research_internships.asp or contact hresources@crowcanyon.org or 970.565.4859. Applications due February 8, 2008 (for laboratory 1 and 2 internships) and March 21, 2008 (for all other internships).
- Secure your summer job at the 2008 CIRI Job Fair! The fair will be held February 8, 2008 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Cook Inlet Tribal Council building at 3600 San Jeronimo in Anchorage. For more information, visit www.alaskaheritagetours.com/employment or call 907.263.5123.
- ICC-Alaska has been invited to nominate an Inuit youth candidate for an opportunity to observe science on-board a Canadian Coast Guard ship in the Beaufort Sea from July 15 - 27, 2008. Interested students are encouraged to submit an application, which will be forwarded to the program selection committee. For more information, visit www.arcticnet-ulaval.ca/index.php?fa=SB.content&focus=2 or contact 907.247.9058 or robin_gislason@umanitoba.ca. Applications due February 8, 2008.
- The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium offers five undergraduate and five graduate scholarships of \$5,000 to full-time students who are Alaska Native or American Indian and are permanent Alaska residents. For more information, visit www.anthc.org. Applications due February 8, 2008
- Need money for college? The first step is filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Get help completing this important form from financial aid experts at College Goal Sunday, which will be held on February 10, 2008 at 20+ locations statewide. For more information, visit www.alaskacollegegoalsunday.org or call 800.441.2962.

Tips for Success

If you're interested in a summer internship, this is the time to start thinking, planning - and applying. Here are five tips to help you shine during the application process. Then, watch for the next issue of our e-newsletter, which will feature tips on how to succeed during your internship!

1. **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 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.
2. **Compile application materials.** After you've created a list of internships you're interested in, read over the application instructions very carefully - and then follow them! While each internship will have unique requirements, most will require you to submit a cover letter, resume 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.

3. **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.
4. **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 internship.
5. **Get the job.** When you are offered an internship, accept the offer both verbally and in writing. Ask if there is anything you can do in advance to prepare for the job. 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 internship 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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