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Dawn Dinwoodie

At their December 10 meeting, the Doyon Foundation board of directors elected officers for 2009. Dawn Dinwoodie will remain president of the board, while Wesley Roberts Dalton will serve as vice president, and Lorraine David was elected secretary/treasurer. Dalton and David are the board's newest members, having been elected during the Foundation's annual membership meeting on October 18, 2008.

For more information on the Foundation's board members, please visit

www.doyonfoundation.com/static/bod/bod.aspx.



Lorraine David



Wesley Roberts Dalton

Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Nazune Menka



As Doyon Foundation student Nazune Menka read an e-mail from the Foundation last month, something interesting caught her eye - information on the Native American Political Leadership Program, which offers full scholarships for qualified students to spend a semester in the nation's capital, while taking classes at George Washington University. Soon after, Menka applied, was accepted and will travel to Washington, D.C. to begin the program in January.

"It's an amazing opportunity to work with congressional leaders on important issues and policies, while taking



two courses in political management. I'm hoping to take all of the great experiences I've had and share them with the communities I am a part of," Menka said.

Menka grew up in Anchorage and is currently living in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she is completing her master's in environmental technology management via online courses offered through Arizona State University. Following her graduation in summer 2009, Menka plans to pursue a PhD in environmental science, policy and indigenous advocacy. After completing her schooling, Menka hopes to return to Alaska to work.

Menka said her internship experiences helped her decide what career path she wanted to take.

"It took me a long time to decide what I wanted to study. I had to try a lot of different jobs, internships and courses first, but eventually it all came down to taking care of the land and how we can work toward creating better policies to do that," she said.

In addition to the upcoming leadership program in Washington, D.C., Menka has completed at least six other internships with organizations ranging from the Center for Disease Control to NBC. Most recently, she completed an internship with the National Park Service in Fairbanks, which she also learned about through the Foundation.

"Most of the valuable work experience I've received has been in the form of internships. They build your resume, allow you to travel to new places, meet new people and get experience without a long-term commitment. That allows you to really see what kind of work you can see yourself doing after you graduate," Menka said.

In addition to her internship experiences, Menka has also worked with several indigenous, environmental and low-income children's programs. She is currently working at a Native Hawaiian nonprofit organization in Honolulu. Menka is also closely involved with Native student associations, including Alpha Pi Omega, the first Native American sorority in the nation. She also enjoys traveling and attending educational conferences.

Menka is the daughter of Dianna Knight and Leonard Menka, and the granddaughter of Winnie Woods and James Knight, and Rita Monaghan.

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To all of our students, friends and supporters, we wish you a safe, healthy, joy-filled holiday season. Happy holidays from the staff of Doyon Foundation!

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- **December 25 & 26** - Closed for Christmas.
- **January 1** - Closed for New Year's.
- **January 15** - Doyon Foundation Alumni Association monthly meeting, 10

a.m., via teleconference. For call-in information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.

- **March 15** - Deadline for summer 2009 basic scholarships.
- **April 15** - Deadline for fall 2009 basic and competitive scholarship applications.

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 or bringhurstg@doyon.com.

Alumni Association News and Opportunities

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- **Join the association.** The Doyon Foundation Alumni Association is currently undertaking a campaign to triple its membership. 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.
- **Next meeting on January 15.** There will be no meeting of the alumni association in December. The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, January 15 at 10 a.m. via teleconference. For call-in information, contact Seeyaa' Charpentier at 907.459.2048 or charpentiers@doyon.com.
- **Anchorage activities.** The Anchorage alumni group is continuing to organize and offer educational workshops for UAA students. If you would like to present an educational workshop for students at UAA, please contact Tracy Snow at 907.451.0543 or inspire_consulting@yahoo.com.
- **Student mentorship program update.** The alumni association is seeking an alumni member interested in serving as a volunteer coordinator for the student mentorship 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.

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- The Jackson Laboratory, a research institution in Maine, has an 84-year history of engaging high school and college students in research internships in genetics, bioinformatics, and mouse models of chronic human diseases. Students work on an independent project under the mentorship of a research scientist, and live together in a waterfront mansion surrounded by Acadia National Park. For more information, visit <http://education.jax.org/summerstudent/> or <http://education.jax.org/summerstudent/admission/how-to-apply.html>. Applications due January 2, 2009.
- The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) will award two \$500 scholarships for students (graduate or undergraduate) to attend the annual meeting of the society in Santa Fe, N.M. on March 17 - 21, 2009. For more information, visit www.sfaa.net or contact info@sfaa.net. Applications due January 14, 2009.
- The National Museum of the American Indian's (NMAI) Indigenous Contemporary Arts Program offers support to a wide range of arts activities with the goal of increasing the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of contemporary Native American arts. The NMAI gives awards to projects that strengthen the scholarship in this underserved field and create opportunities for new and innovative work. Applications are accepted in the areas of exhibitions and publications, expressive arts, and artist leadership/emerging artist programs. For more information, visit <http://americanindian.si.edu> or www.americanindian.si.edu/icap/. Applications for exhibitions and publications, and expressive arts due January 15, 2009. Applications for artist leadership/emerging artist programs due April 6, 2009.
- Eighth graders in the Doyon region are encouraged to apply for the Ageya Wilderness Education Camp. Located near Homer, Alaska, this science and math camp provides upcoming high school students with a

unique experience to learn life-long natural history skills. Among the many activities, campers will build and use their own umiak, talk with scientists at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, and visit a local set net site. All travel, food, lodging, camp supplies and equipment is provided. The 2009 camps will take place June 16 - July 9 and July 15 - August 7. For more information, visit www.ageya.org or call 907.248.7140. Applications due February 1, 2009.

- The President's Commission on White House Fellowships is now accepting applications for the 2009 - 2010 Class of Fellows. White House fellows spend a year working as full-time, paid special assistants to senior White House staff, cabinet secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in roundtable discussions with renowned leaders and travel to study U.S. policy in action. For more information or an application, visit www.whitehouse.gov/fellows/about/apply.html. Applications due February 1, 2009.
- SOARS (Significant Opportunities in Atmospheric Research and Science) is an undergraduate-to-graduate bridge program for students interested in the atmospheric and related sciences. The program provides up to four years of paid summer research experience, strong mentoring, community support, as well as funding for conferences, and undergraduate and graduate education. SOARS participants spend the summer in Boulder, Colo. at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and partnering laboratories. For more information, visit www.soars.ucar.edu or contact soars@ucar.edu. Applications due February 1, 2009.
- Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) offers scholarships to GVEA household members. For more information and an application, visit www.gvea.com. Applications due February 6, 2009.
- The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) internship program provides educational opportunities for students interested in the museum profession and related programming. Interns complete projects using the resources of the NMAI and other Smithsonian offices. For more information, visit www.americanindian.si.edu/ or contact 301.238.1540 or norwoodj@si.edu. Applications for summer 2009 internships due February 6, 2009.
- The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) offers summer internships for Native American and other college students, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This program provides the opportunity for students to gain hands-on skills with EPA or other governmental and tribal environmental offices. Interns will earn \$4,000 during the 10-week experience. For more information, visit www4.nau.edu/eeop/internships/ssi_internship.asp or contact Matthew.Zierenberg@nau.edu or 928.523.8864.
- The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 12th annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative, which will be held in Washington, D.C. from June 20 - 28, 2009. Scholarships covering travel, lodging and most meals are available. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16 - 18, who have an interest in the health careers and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply.

AAIP is also accepting applications for counselors, age 21 and older, to serve as role models and chaperones. AI/AN medical and health professions students are encouraged to apply. AAIP will cover travel, lodging, meals, as well as provide a stipend upon completion of the program.

For more information or to access the online application, visit www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm. Counselor applications due March 6, 2009. Student applications due April 17, 2009.

- Two \$13,000 undergraduate scholarships are available for Native

Alaskan biology students in their sophomore or junior year, who are interested in pursuing research and graduate school in any area of biology. Students are expected to participate in undergraduate research in a lab during the tenure of the scholarship. Scholarships may be initiated as soon as spring 2009. For more information, contact matt.olson@uaf.edu or fftpc@uaf.edu.

- Cultural Survival seeks an undergraduate or graduate student intern fluent in Portuguese and English, with excellent research and writing skills, to assist with work relating to indigenous peoples in Brazil. This is an unpaid, 16 hours per week position. For more information, visit www.cs.org or contact 617.441.5400 ext. 15 or internship@cs.org.
- First Nations Grantmaking is offering a grantmaking and administrative internship. The intern will assist with managing grantee files and information, correspondence to funders and donors, organization, filing and data entry. This is a non-paying, for-credit internship. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org or contact awieland@firstnations.org.
- First Nations Development Institute is offering the Native American Philanthropy Internship. The selected intern will be working within the Strengthening Native Philanthropy program in Longmont, Colo. This is a non-paying, for-credit internship. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org or contact awieland@firstnations.org.

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- Confirm the time and location of all of your final exams - and good luck!
- Finalize your housing arrangements for the spring semester, whether you're living on-campus or off.
- If you're a scholarship recipient, make sure you've completed all the required steps to receive funding for spring.
- Worried about your GPA or class load? Consider talking with an academic adviser before you leave for the holidays.
- Double check when you need to register - and pay - for your spring semester classes.
- Find out when classes begin and make plans to return to campus in plenty of time to settle in for a successful spring!

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