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## Geese Return to Fairbanks



The geese have returned to Fairbanks, and one of their first stops was outside the Doyon Foundation office. Two geese are pictured here on the Chena River in mid-April.

## Thank You to New Donors

Doyon Foundation extends our deep gratitude to our newest donors:

- Rick Agnew, Nee Ts'e Neyh donor
- Calista Corporation, Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsor
- EARNEST Partners, LLC, Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsor
- Great Northwest, Inc., Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsor
- Local 375 Plumbers & Pipefitters, Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsor
- Peak Oilfield Service Company, Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsor
- Scott Jepsen and Amber Babcock, Nee Ts'e Neyh donors

To learn more about how you can show support of Doyon Foundation, including Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com) or call 907.459.2048 or 1.888.478.4755, ext. 2048.



**Sharon McConnell  
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**Foundation executive director, receives a generous contribution from Tony Johansen, vice-president of Great Northwest, Inc., for the Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic. Doyon Foundation thanks Great Northwest for their support of higher education students.**

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### **Doyon, Limited Announces New President/CEO**

Doyon, Limited recently announced that the board of directors selected Norm Phillips, Jr. as the new president and CEO.

Phillips, a Doyon shareholder from Rampart, graduated from the UAF School of Mineral Engineering with a bachelor of science in geological engineering. He has been employed with Doyon, Limited for 20 years in the lands and natural resources department.

Phillips served on the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce from 2001 to 2006. During that time, he served on the board executive committee, was board chair in 2005, and was the urban/rural committee chair from 2001 to 2004. Phillips has also served on the Fairbanks Economic and Development Corporation since 2001, and was the board chair from 2005 to 2007. Presently, he serves on the Denali Commission Transportation Advisory Committee. Phillips and his wife, Nancy, have four children.

"We at the Foundation congratulate Norm on his new endeavor with Doyon, Limited," said Sharon McConnell Gillis, Doyon Foundation executive director. "He and Nancy are long-time supporters of the Foundation as individual donors, and Norm is a faithful participant in our annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic."



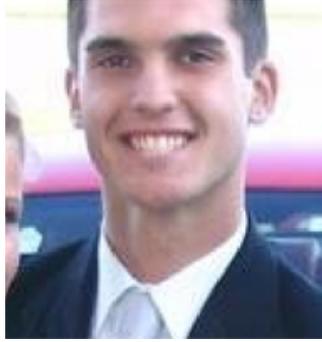
*Photo courtesy of Doyon, Limited. Photo by Patrick J. Endres.*

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### **Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Mick Aney**



Doyon Foundation student Mick Aney is one of several wonderful examples of students who are benefiting from the Morris Thompson Scholarship Fund, which is named in honor of the late Morris Thompson, who served as the



president/CEO of Doyon, Limited from 1985 until his passing in 2000. Each year, the fund provides scholarships to hard-working, higher education students studying business management and leadership.

"Knowing that the Morris Thompson scholarship is merit-based, I take it as a personal compliment on my achievements in school. Being rewarded with this scholarship fortifies the belief I have in myself that I do have the potential to be successful," said Aney, a 2007 - 2008 Morris Thompson Committee's Choice scholarship recipient.

Aney, who is from Moses Lake, Wash., is currently pursuing a degree in accounting from Washington State University. After graduating in May 2010, Aney said he plans to apply for the master's of accounting program, then sit for the certified public accountant (CPA) exam. Ultimately, he said he would like to work for one of the "big four" accounting firms.

In addition to his schooling, Aney is also involved with the accounting club, plays intramural soccer and flag football, and is in the process of starting his own company, called MoTown Tables.

His education and activities have helped him earn several honors, including the Philip and Steven Cozier Business Scholarship; Future Cougars of Color Scholarship; University Achievement Award; and Academic Achievement/Diversity Award. In addition to these, Aney has also received other awards and scholarships, including support from Doyon Foundation.

"The support I have received from the Doyon Foundation has taken a large load off my shoulders. It is hard enough studying and getting good grades. Not having to stress as much about my finances is a great relief," Aney said.

When it comes to advice for other students, Aney had a few words to share.

"Get started early. Even when people tell you you're too young or too inexperienced, keep pushing and make things happen for yourself. Success won't just happen for everyone - success comes to those who work for it," said Aney, who is the son of Mark and Viki Aney, and the grandson of Julie and Roger Smith.

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## UAA Native Student Services Hosts Graduate Celebration May 2

The UAA Native Student Services Graduate Celebration will take place on Friday, May 2, 2008 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel's Howard Rock Ballroom in Anchorage. Hors d'oeuvres, dessert and entertainment will be provided. Please call 907.786.4003 to RSVP.

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## Foundation Graduation Reception to be Held May 16

The annual Doyon Foundation graduation reception will be held Friday, May 16 from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Doyon, Limited Chiefs Court in Fairbanks. At the event, the Foundation will recognize graduates and honor former Foundation board members, Josephine Malemute and Jennifer Maguire.

Students who are graduating this spring are asked to please contact Doris Miller, scholarship program manager, at 907.459.2050 or [millerd@doyon.com](mailto:millerd@doyon.com).

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## 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](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx) for the full list!

- CITC's Tribal Scholarships Program announces a new scholarship available to Alaska Native and American Indian students. The Mellen Shea Memorial Scholarship, established to honor the memory of Mary Ellen "Mellen" Shea, provides financial assistance to Alaska Native and American Indian students who are pursuing a post-secondary degree in education. For more information, contact 907.793.3578 or [scholarships@citci.com](mailto:scholarships@citci.com). Applications due May 1, 2008.
- The National Park Service is seeking to recruit two student interns to assist with ethnographic, subsistence and cultural resource projects in and around Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and Yukon-Charley National Preserve. Applicants should have at least a bachelor's degree in the social sciences, humanities or related fields; good communication skills; and be interested in learning basic cultural documentation skills. For more information, contact 907.455.0631 or [david\\_krupa@nps.gov](mailto:david_krupa@nps.gov). Applications due May 1, 2008.
- The Galena Health Academy will be held in Galena, Alaska from June 2 - 18, 2008. During the intensive, three-week program, students will learn how to provide vital, round-the-clock emergency services to residents of their village. They will also earn six UAF college credits, and earn their emergency trauma training certificate. The program is open to 20 rural Alaska high school students in grades 10 - 12. For more information or an application, visit [www.uaf/crcdhealth](http://www.uaf/crcdhealth) or contact 907.656.4553 or [slapinerosecrans@galenanet.com](mailto:slapinerosecrans@galenanet.com). Applications due May 23, 2008.
- National Sculpture Society scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 are available to students of figurative or representational sculpture. For more information, contact [gwen@nationalsculpture.org](mailto:gwen@nationalsculpture.org). Applications due May 30, 2008.
- The Gear Up Alaska Scholarship provides up to \$7,000 each year for up to four years of undergraduate study. Applicant must be an Alaska high school senior or have a diploma or GED. For more information, visit [www.eed.state.ak.us/gearup/scholarship.html](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/gearup/scholarship.html). Applications due May 31, 2008.
- The Graduate Horizons Program, which will take place July 12 - 15, 2008 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, is a four-day "crash course" for Native college students, master's students or alumni to help prepare them for graduate school. Cost is \$150, including tuition, room, meals and transportation to campus from the Tucson airport. Students are responsible for their own airfare, but substantial funds are available for airfare and tuition assistance. For more information, visit [www.collegehorizons.org](http://www.collegehorizons.org). Applications will be accepted on a space-available basis until June 1, 2008.

To view a full list of opportunities, please visit [www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx).

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## Tips for Student Success

Getting ready to graduate? While requirements differ between schools, here are some general tips to help you make sure you've taken care of all the little details you need to complete before you collect your diploma.

1. Make sure you're formally admitted into your degree or certificate program. If you don't know if you're formally admitted or not, check with the admissions office or your academic advisor.
2. Do an initial degree check. The next step is to meet with your academic advisor to go over your classes and make sure you have met, or will meet, all the requirements to graduate.
3. Attend your school's graduation fair, if held on your campus. Order your cap, gown, invitations, class ring and other "graduation gear" in plenty of time before the commencement ceremony.
4. Complete the graduation application and submit it by the deadline. You'll usually need to pay a small graduation application fee, as well.
5. Review your official degree audit. This will usually be a letter you'll receive from the university showing a breakdown of your graduation requirements and outlining any outstanding requirements. If there is something wrong or unexpected on your audit, contact your academic advisor immediately.
6. Celebrate! Proudly attend your university's commencement ceremony, then enjoy your newfound status as a graduate!
7. Update your address. If you're moving, make sure your school has

your new mailing address, so they can remain in contact with you.  
8. Consider joining the university's alumni association, as well as the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association!

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