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## **A Tribute to Reverend Traditional Chief Doctor David Salmon**



Doyon Foundation wishes to take a moment to remember the First Traditional Chief for the Native people of Interior Alaska, Reverend Traditional Chief Doctor David Salmon. Rev. Salmon passed away on October 11, 2007 in his hometown of Chalkyitsik at the age of 95.

Rev. Salmon will be remembered for his ministry as an ordained Episcopal priest, his storytelling, his strong support of education, and his wise leadership in the Doyon region and the statewide Native community.

Doyon Foundation is deeply saddened by his passing and extends its condolences to his family. We have truly lost a great leader.

## **Doyon Elder Celebrates 99th Birthday**

Pictured to the right, Doyon Foundation executive director Sharon McConnell Gillis visits with esteemed Doyon elder, Hannah Solomon, who celebrated her 99th birthday on October 10, 2007 in Fairbanks.

"I believe it is important for the younger generation to spend time with elders," McConnell Gillis said. "It's beneficial to everyone - the elder gets some company, while the youth will get to hear stories of the past."



Youth who are interested in visiting with elders in their communities are encouraged to contact a local senior center.

## **Two Board Members Elected at Annual Membership Meeting**

Two members were elected to the Doyon Foundation board of directors during the Foundation's annual membership meeting, held October 20 in Fairbanks. Esther Combs was elected to retain the shareholder seat she has held since spring 2007, when she was appointed by the membership to fill the seat vacated by Sarah Sherry. Victor Nicholas was also elected to fill the

Doyon, Limited seat, a position previously held by Josephine Malemute. Both board terms are for three years, expiring in 2010.

Nicholas lives in Nulato, Alaska, where he is a commercial pilot and owner of a general merchandise/grocery store. In addition to Doyon Foundation, Nicholas is also a board member for Doyon, Limited, Doyon Communications, Inc. and Doyon Properties, Inc. He also serves on the NAHASDA and shareholder relations committees, and is the Second Chief of the Nulato Traditional Council.

Doyon Foundation welcomes Nicholas and Combs to the board, and extends its deep gratitude to Malemute for her years of service.



**Esther Combs**

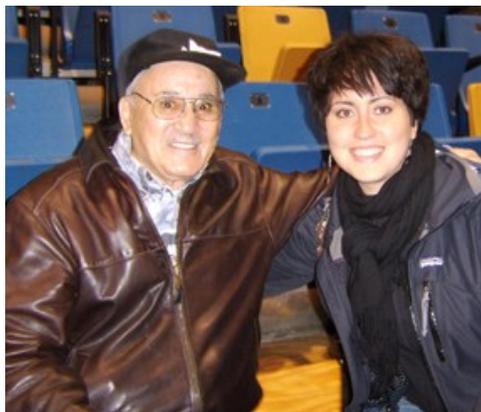


**Victor Nicholas**

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## **Elders & Youth Conference Held October 22 - 23**

The 2007 Elders & Youth Conference was held in Fairbanks on October 22 and 23. The opening day featured welcoming remarks from Doyon Foundation executive director Sharon McConnell Gillis and other Fairbanks Native leaders, as well as a keynote address by Georgianna Lincoln, chairwoman of the Doyon, Limited board of directors. Watch for a transcript of Lincoln's speech in an upcoming issue of Doyon Foundation's e-newsletter.



**Pictured, Second Traditional Chief Don Honea, Sr. of Ruby and Lena Hoffman, Doyon Foundation scholarship recipient, attend the 2007 Elders & Youth Conference in Fairbanks.**

## Doyon Foundation Student Profile: Larissa Sommer



Doyon Foundation student Larissa Sommer, originally from Galena, Alaska, is currently living in Flagstaff, Ariz., where she is pursuing a master's degree in environmental science and policy at Northern Arizona University. After graduating in 2009, Sommer said she plans to return home to work.

In addition to her studies, Sommer also teaches two environmental science labs to undergraduate students as part of a teacher assistantship. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and exploring the area where she lives. When she's at home in Alaska, she is also very involved in community activities, which she believes is a key to success.

"It helps to be a good, active citizen of your community," she said. "Whether it be picking up trash once a year, learning how to live a subsistence lifestyle and doing your part in the sustainability of the earth, voting for a candidate in which you feel comfortable of his or her ability to lead, or simply helping a person in need."

Sommer, who received a \$7,000 scholarship from Doyon Foundation this academic year, said she believes the Foundation's support has positively impacted many students over the years.

"The Foundation has contributed to many individuals throughout its existence, and those individuals' growth and success can, in part, be attributed to the help of the Foundation," said Sommer, who is the daughter of Christopher and Albertha Sommer of Galena, and the granddaughter of the late Henry and Maudry Sommer of Tanana, and Laura and the late Edward Pitka, Sr. of Galena.

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## Celebrate Thanksgiving with Doyon Foundation Alumni

Are you a University of Alaska Fairbanks student who is staying in Fairbanks for Thanksgiving? If so, members of the Doyon Foundation Alumni Association invite you to share Thanksgiving dinner with them and their families. For more information on celebrating Thanksgiving with a Doyon Foundation alum, contact Tracy Snow at [inspire\\_consulting@yahoo.com](mailto:inspire_consulting@yahoo.com).

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## Thoughts from Doyon Alumna Tracy Snow

The following is an excerpt from the 2007 Doyon Foundation scholarship award ceremony keynote address by Tracy Snow, Doyon Foundation alumna.

"When I was asked to be the keynote speaker for this celebration, I wondered what I could offer you as students. Although I know that each of you will have a unique educational experience, I would like to offer some words that may assist you along the way. There are three things that I wish I would have understood better when I was in school. These three things are setting intention, creating a support system, and enjoying the ride!"

To read the full speech, visit [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com).

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## Spring Scholarship Deadline on November 15

Don't miss the spring 2008 scholarship deadline on November 15! If you wish to receive funding for the spring semester, please submit an application or your yellow "mail back" card by November 15, 2007 at 5 p.m.

Students who received a scholarship for the fall 2007 semester should have received a yellow card with their award letter. Students who mail back the yellow card do not need to fill out another application.

Also, please remember all students are **required to submit their official transcripts** when fall grades are posted. Please note we do not accept faxes, copies or unofficial transcripts. For more information, contact Doris Miller at 907.459.2050 or [millerd@doyon.com](mailto:millerd@doyon.com).

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## Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

Looking for an internship? Need help paying for school? Check out these educational opportunities:

- Applications are currently being accepted for the BP Process Technology Scholarship, which is open to Alaska residents enrolled in the two-year process technology program at the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks or Kenai Peninsula College. For more information or to download an application, visit [www.apicc.org/students](http://www.apicc.org/students). Applications due October 31, 2007.
- The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs is offering a summer institute to prepare students for graduate study and careers in public policy and international affairs. The institute will be held June 12 - August 1, 2008. For more information or to apply, visit [www.ppiaprogram.org/app](http://www.ppiaprogram.org/app). Applications due November 1, 2007.
- The Shannon Point Marine Center at Western Washington is accepting applications for the Multicultural Initiative in the Marine Sciences, which will take place January 8 - June 13, 2008. Tuition, fees and travel costs are covered, and students also receive a \$3,205 work-study allowance. For more information, visit [www.wvu.edu/~spmcc](http://www.wvu.edu/~spmcc) or contact [Brian.Bingham@wwu.edu](mailto:Brian.Bingham@wwu.edu) or 360.650.7400. Applications due November 13, 2007.

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## Tips for Student Success

It's important to think about personal safety when you're living or attending classes on campus. Below are a few tips to keep you safer as you work toward your educational goals!

### NEVER:

- Loan your key to anyone. If your keys are lost or stolen, have your locks re-keyed.
- Walk alone at night.
- Prop your dorm room door open.
- Agree to leave your door unlocked - even if a roommate asks you to.
- Leave your ID, wallet, purse, checkbook, jewelry, camera or other valuables unattended or in plain sight.
- Be alone with someone you just met.
- Leave a drink unattended or accept a drink from a stranger.

### ALWAYS:

- Share your schedule with family and friends.
- Program your phone's speed dial with emergency numbers, and make sure your friends, roommates and family members have each other's phone numbers, in case of an emergency.
- Lock your door when you are not in your room.
- Know where emergency phones are located, especially in the areas you spend a lot of time.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Report illegal activities and suspicious behavior.
- Travel in groups, use a shuttle service, and walk in busy, well-lit areas. Stay away from shrubs, dark doorways and alleys.
- Place valuables out of sight in your car. Or, better yet, take your valuables with you!
- Trust your instincts! If you have a feeling that something is wrong, get to a well-traveled, well-lit area or head for an emergency phone, the campus police department or your dorm.

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