



Q'unodle Chux dinaye xunet
Deg Xinag

Christ hooldlaanh dedzaanh sodeelts'eeyh!
Denaakk'e

Drin tsal zhit shoo ohlji!
Gwich'in

Wut'axdjhnt'eeey ts'eniin' exúnłęę dzēen'
Tanacross

Dziin Shiit Choh shiit soonayh ahłii!
Upper Tanana

Merry Christmas!
From all of us at Doyon Foundation

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Scholarship Deadlines

March 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Summer

April 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic and Competitive
Semester: Fall

November 15
Scholarship Type:
Basic
Semester: Spring

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"We are so appreciative of the individuals who chose to give a portion of their PFD to support student scholarships, and we are grateful to the Pick. Click. Give. organizers for allowing Doyon Foundation to be part of this groundbreaking program," said Doris Miller, Foundation executive director.

Statewide, the Pick. Click. Give. campaign successfully increased the number of Alaskans who donated and the total amount that was given in 2013. More than 26,000 individuals gave nearly 42,000 gifts totaling more than \$2.4 million.

On January 1, Alaskans will be able to apply for their 2014 PFD - and once again support Doyon Foundation through Pick. Click. Give. If you would like to support our students - our future - please consider contributing a portion of your PFD to Doyon Foundation through Pick. Click. Give. For more information on Pick. Click. Give., visit www.pickclickgive.org. For more information on



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Three \$6,800 scholarships, generously funded by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Alaska Native Program, are available. All Alaska Native students are eligible to apply. Applications must be received by Friday, January 3, 2014.

For more information on the academy, visit www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/lawacad/. To apply for a scholarship, visit the Foundation website to download the application. For more information, contact Doyon Foundation at 907.459.2048, 1.800.478.4755 or foundation@doyon.com.

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The training was part of the Foundation's new language revitalization program, which was established in 2012 to address the rapidly decreasing number of fluent speakers of Alaska's Interior Native languages. Doyon, Limited supported the establishment of the program last year with a \$150,000 contribution to the Foundation.

"We wanted to provide training in this first year of the program to help people take concrete action as language learners and teachers, validate their desire to work on our languages and essentially kick-start our regional effort to revitalize our languages," said Malinda Chase, the Foundation's language revitalization program director. "I think participants walked away with hope - realizing that there are language learning approaches that are 'do-able' and can work."

Evan Gardner, the developer of WAYK, facilitated the training, which covered an accelerated language-learning method where participants are not just the learners, but are also responsible for teaching others. Participants were asked to identify their next steps and commit to offering a local language event, or working directly with supportive speakers.

"What I really appreciated about this workshop was that we covered techniques for teaching. I came in thinking, 'I'm going to learn some words in my language.' However, I'm really happy that I'm learning techniques to teach our language. Even as I learn, I can still be a teacher of our language," said participant Bessie Titus of Minto.

The Foundation found out in October that Gardner was available to facilitate a November workshop, and staff moved quickly to schedule the event around other major local events, including the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention and Tanana Chiefs Conference Education Summit.

"Given our short recruitment timeline, I was definitely pleased and surprised with the level of interest and turnout. Those who attended were enthusiastic, motivated and engaged. The training had energy and strength, and was a great start," Chase said.

The Foundation offered two follow-up informational audio-conferences in December to support local efforts and work toward building a learning network. A follow-up training is expected to take place in year two.

View highlights of the workshop in a YouTube video produced by Adam Demientieff at <http://bit.ly/1b2X2MO>, and see workshop photos on the Foundation's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/doyonfoundation.

For more information on the training or the language revitalization program, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact Malinda Chase at 907-459-2162 or chasem@doyon.com.

Two Members Elected to Foundation Board

Two members were elected to the Doyon Foundation board of directors at the Foundation's annual membership meeting, which took place November 9, 2013 in Fairbanks.

Incumbent Lanien Livingston was re-elected to the board, while Sonta Roach joined the board for the first time, filling the position vacated by Teisha Simmons. Both Livingston and Roach were elected for three-year terms, ending 2016.

Roach, a Doyon, Limited board member, will serve as the second Doyon representative on the Foundation's board. Victor Nicholas also represents Doyon on the Foundation board.

The Foundation board will hold its officer elections at the next meeting in February 2014. Currently, Livingston serves as president, Allan Hayton is vice president, and Julie Anderson is secretary/treasurer.

Meet the Board Members

Lanien Livingston

"I am honored to be re-elected to the Doyon Foundation board of directors. It has been a dream of mine to find some way to give back to my corporation. Being able to assist "the next generation" reach their educational goals is very important to me.

I hope that in some small way I can inspire or share a word of encouragement with our students as they pursue their vocational or higher educational dreams. Being approachable and willing to serve others is a privilege.

In my first term, I was just "getting my feet wet." I look forward to working with the other members of the Doyon Foundation board and the staff as we continue to develop new ideas for education and language preservation. There is so much to do! As a cohesive board, we will work together to develop a strategic plan that will carry the Foundation into the future.

I would like to thank the Doyon, Limited board of directors for electing me to the Doyon Foundation board. I look forward to the future and know that we will accomplish great things in the coming year!"



Lanien Livingston

Sonta Roach

"I was a recipient of the Doyon Foundation scholarships while I was completing my undergraduate degree from UAF. Now, I feel a strong desire to give back and contribute as a board member. Education is something I believe we can continuously work on improving, whether individually, as a family, as a community, or as a region. Also, I believe when we plan and think strategically, we can move forward in several areas, like we are doing now in language. Although our region is so large, and our shareholders now are spread across our state and the nation, we can still move forward with Doyon Foundation priorities."



Sonta Roach

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One of the current scholarship recipients, Adam Paskvan, shared about the importance of the Foundation's support during his speech at the Calcutta.

"The Morris Thompson scholarship gave me the opportunity to stay at the dorms instead of living at home this past year ... Living on campus was a transitional moment in my life that helped me become more independent and really allowed me to grow as an



individual," said Paskvan, who is studying biochemistry at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and plans to attend medical school in the future.



The 2013 golf classic included a welcome reception, skills tournament, Calcutta pool, and the main golf tournament. New this year was the welcome reception, held in memory of the late Sen. Al Adams. The reception allowed golfers, sponsors, staff and volunteers alike to visit, meet and hear from the families of Sen. Adams and Morris Thompson, who were both strong supporters of Native leadership and education.

At both the reception and Calcutta, live auctions were held to raise additional scholarship funds. The auction items included a boating trip and one-night stay at the Tanana Tanakon B & B hosted by Doyon, Limited President and CEO Aaron Schutt; a framed Athabascan chief's necklace; an overnight mushing expedition with Yukon Quest and Iditarod racer Josh Cadzow; golf rounds at three Fairbanks golf courses; and a five-day Pebble Beach golfing getaway.

The tournament itself included 30 teams of four players. Tying for first place were team 11, consisting of Bill Burton, Adrian Balderrama, Brian Ridley and Rebecca Ridley, and team 22, including Rick Boyles, Thomas Haliti, Jeff Greenwood and Judd Irwin.

The 2013 event was supported by more than 50 sponsors and door prize donors, including doctorate-level sponsors Doyon Family of Companies and KeyBank. The tournament also had more than 30 volunteers who gave their time for golf ball spotting, ticketing, registration, billing, photography, gift disbursement and more. Doyon Foundation thanks the generous sponsors and dutiful volunteers who helped make this year's classic a success.

The Foundation also extends a very special thank you to Doyon, Limited Senior Vice President of Administration Geri Simon and the Doyon, Limited planning team, who took the lead on organizing the event this year, allowing the Foundation staff to focus on its primary mission - serving students and launching the new language revitalization program.

Find more information on the annual Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic, 2013 sponsors and tournament winners at www.doyonfoundation.com/static/GolfTournament/Current_Tournament.aspx.

For more information on how to sign up for next year's classic as a sponsor or participant, please contact Jordan Sanford, Doyon, Limited executive assistant, at sanfordj@doyon.com, 1.888.478.4755 (toll-free) or 907.459.2000 (in Fairbanks).

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Pictured left to right are Tom Titus, Committee Choice Competitive Scholarship Recipient; Lanien Livingston, Doyon Foundation Board of Directors President; Polly Hyslop, Rose Marie Maher Memorial Competitive Scholarship Recipient; Joshua Peter, Doyon Foundation Board Member; Jamie Marunde, Morris Thompson Memorial Competitive Scholarship Recipient; Paul Mountain, Doyon Foundation Board Member; Sarah Walker, Basic Scholarship Recipient; Sharon Hildebrand, Morris Thompson Memorial Competitive Scholarship Recipient; and Ramey Brook, Natural Resources Competitive Scholarship Recipient.

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During the ceremony, the Foundation announced it is awarding \$199,000 in scholarships to 233

students this fall. The scholarships include 157 \$800 basic scholarships for full-time students, 45 \$400 basic scholarships for part-time students, and 31 competitive scholarships ranging from \$2,500 - \$5,000.

Last year, the Foundation awarded 18 competitive scholarships totaling \$68,000. This year, the Foundation nearly doubled the amount awarded to \$110,500, and presented competitive scholarships to an additional 13 recipients.

"We're so pleased to be able to award these scholarships, and are so thankful to our donors for their support to make these scholarships possible," said Doris Miller, Foundation executive director.

The event featured a welcome and introductions by Miller and Foundation Board President Lanien Livingston, who gave special acknowledgement to the Foundation's generous individual and corporate donors. The Foundation also recognized the competitive and basic scholarship recipients, and recipients in attendance had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the audience.

Among the recipients was student speaker Sharon Hildebrand, who is originally from Nulato and was raised by her grandmother the late Ellen Peters. She shared about her experience as a single mother and moving to Fairbanks, where she enrolled for her first year of college, but dropped out and started working full-time to support her son.

Several years later, while working for Gana-A'Yoo, Hildebrand mentioned her dreams of becoming a lawyer to her husband. With his encouragement, she began working toward her goals, starting with a college degree, as she believes that education is the key. During this time, Hildebrand realized that she was encouraging her children to seek an education and found she can be a role model for her children while pursuing her own goals. Hildebrand also stressed the importance of knowing your culture and where your people came from. "The further you go back, the further forward you will go," she said.

Hildebrand, who is a 2013 Morris Thompson Memorial Scholarship recipient and a senior at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Alaska Native studies with a concentration in Alaska Native law, government and politics. After obtaining her bachelor's degree, Hildebrand and family plan to move out of state next fall as she pursues a law degree.

Hildebrand thanked Doyon, Limited and Doyon Foundation, as well as the many mentors who have helped her along the way. "We each possess a unique talent; you must be willing to tap into it. There are so many willing to help as long as you are willing to step forward," she said.

Doyon Foundation awards scholarships to Doyon, Limited shareholders and their children who are accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school, and who meet GPA and credit load requirements. Applications are accepted three times per year: March 15 for the summer semester, April 15 for the fall semester, and November 15 for the spring semester.

For more information on Doyon Foundation and the scholarship program, please visit www.doyonfoundation.com or contact 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com.

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