

## Congratulations to our 2016 – 2017 scholarship recipients!

Heather Adkins  
Chad Albert  
Crystal Alvarado  
Joeanna Anderson  
Madison Atta  
Yvonne Atlla-Zottola  
Angelica Baalam  
Victoria Baalam  
Hannah Bagot  
Amanda Bailey  
Christina Bailey  
Charles Baldi  
Kristina Basford  
Ryan Bates  
Justin Battles  
Zane Baxter  
Shirley Bazemore  
Chelsea Beach  
David Beardlee  
Taylor Beardslee  
Cherise Beatus  
Andrew Becker  
Monique Beetus  
Navonne Benally  
Kyle Bhatt  
Julie Biddle  
Joseph Bifelt  
Leann Bifelt  
Elijah Blackweasel  
Samantha Blake  
Krystin Bogan  
Savannah Bonfield  
Kathryn Brea  
Charlotte Brinkman  
Stacy Brottem  
Carrie Brown  
Wanda Burdick  
Lawreen Buresch  
Verniel Burk-Turner  
Russell Butler  
Ethan Cadzow  
Lance Cahoon  
Dinwoodie  
Denise Callahan  
Elena Carlo  
Janis Carney  
Katherine Carney  
Shayla Carney  
Jerry Carroll  
Nadine Carroll  
Rosebud Cespedes  
Aubrielle Champagne  
Jessica Charlie  
Melissa Charlie  
Shenina Charlie  
Gabriella Chase  
Monica Chase  
Kyler Chiago  
Jessica Clayton  
Richard Cole  
Christopher Cooper  
Jordan Craddick  
Kayla Cradock  
Danni Crombie  
Eden Cronk  
Laura Crow  
Sean Cruger  
Sarah Crumbley  
Jarynn Cunningham

Cassandra Dahl  
Lorraine Dahl  
Russell Darling  
Leah David  
Margaret David  
Travis David  
Susan Dayton  
Michael Deacon-Savage  
Jacob Deater  
Devon Deaton  
Cassandra Debauche  
Blanche Demientieff  
Debbie Demientieff  
Flora Demientieff  
Katrina Demientieff  
Kayla Demientieff  
Kaylen Demientieff  
David Demientieff  
Casondra Demit  
Kaitlyn Demoski  
Robin Demoski  
Meagan Deubler  
Delilah DeWilde  
La'ona DeWilde  
Debra Dodds  
Corrie Donovan  
John Drescher  
Logan Dugay  
Margaret Dullen  
Amy Durny  
Andrea Durny  
Morrow Duszynski  
Sonya Edwards  
Christina Edwin  
Rachel Edwin  
Peter Egrass  
Ashton Ekada  
Taniesha Emry  
Cory Ennes  
Karlie Ennes  
Orrin Ennes  
Elizabeth Ennis  
Agatha Erickson  
Landon Erickson  
Steevie Erickson  
Bruce Ervin  
Rebecca Ervin  
Danielle Esmailka  
Juanita Esmailka  
Verla Esmailka-Schuyler  
Christa Eussen  
Rachel Evans  
Paige Farmer  
Nicole Fennimore  
Collin Fields  
Shelby Fisher-Salmon  
Angela Folger  
Linda Folger  
William Frank  
Lauren Fredericks  
David Frost  
Lee Frost  
Esther Frykman  
Katherine Galang  
Michael Gardner  
Marcus Gho  
Brianna Gilmore

Jasmine Gilpin  
Gabrielle Ginnis  
Michael Gonzales  
Julia Grant  
Bethany Green  
Jaylen Green  
Kimberly Greenway  
Isaiah Greimann  
Jeremy Griffin  
Ariel Grimsley  
Daniel Groh  
Mikayla Grunin  
Jacob Gustafson  
Heather Gutierrez  
Alea Hale  
Kaylyn Hale  
Rebekah Harasick  
Joshua Hartman  
Melissa Hendrie  
Brittany Henry  
Daisy Henry  
Pearl Henry  
Sarah Henzie  
Ariana Herbert  
Brianna Herbert  
Nicholas Hertlein  
Jessica Hildebrand  
Rodney Hildebrand  
Sharon Hildebrand  
Shawna Hildebrand  
Deenaalee Hodgdon  
Dewey Hoffman  
Melody Hoffman  
Patrick Hoffman  
Taylor Hood  
Connor Hosken-Demit  
Nativity Hovda  
Sidney Huhndorf  
Chelsie Hunter  
Anna Huntington  
Dakota Huntington  
Janelle Huntington  
Kathrin Huntington  
Harmony Huntsman-Piscoya  
Jacy Hutchinson  
Olivia Irwin  
Sabrina Itta  
Savannah Ivanoff  
Madison Jackson  
Mara James  
Nicole James  
Emily Jarjoura  
Emerald Jenks  
Vanessa Jimerson  
Angel Jimmie  
Eliza Jimmie  
Trisha Jimmie  
Kaycee John  
Molly John  
Deanne Johnson  
Jenny Johnson  
Leslie Jones  
Desiree Joseph  
Shalene Joseph  
Elaina Julayha  
Francesca Kamkahpak  
Keifer Kanayurak  
Taylor Kauffman

Bridgette Keener  
Lorraine Keirn  
Lyman Ketcham  
Claire Ketzler  
Derek Ketzler  
Sarah Knudson  
Beverly Kokrine  
Justin Kokrine  
Brittany Kordatzky  
Jaylein Kriska  
Maudrey Kriska  
Patricia Kriska  
Starlene Kriska  
Robert Kruger  
Rebecca Lee  
Celeste Lefevour  
Cory Lepore  
Kariza Livingston  
Brittany Lloyd  
Julie Lloyd  
Tahnee Lloyd  
Loretta Lolnitz  
Sonya Lord  
Jonathan Lovell  
Noah Lovell  
Patrick Lovell  
Mckenna Makarka  
Celina Powers  
Skylla Powers  
Benny Mancil  
Brandon Maniaci  
Breanna Maniaci  
Logan Marshall  
Jayne Martin  
Julia Matthew  
Cassandra McAlpine  
Curtis Richardson  
Kayla Ridderbush  
Amanda Roberts  
Briteleigh Rogers  
Alysha Rose  
Anthony Sam  
Barbie Sam  
Carolyn Sam  
Selina Sam  
Shirley Sam  
Annie Sanford  
Shyanne Saunders  
Cheyenna Schafer  
Cara Schrader  
Brianna Schulz  
Christopher Sears  
Kelli Miller  
Morgan Milstead  
Leona Semaken  
John Moeser  
Amy Moses  
Ophelia Moses  
Reanna Moses  
Paul Mullenix  
Caelin Murray  
Jolie Murray  
Alexis Newby  
Drayton Newman  
Dustin Newman  
Janessa Newman  
Leann Smith  
Thomas Newman  
Kimberly Nicholas  
Jessica Nicholi  
Terrence Nicholson

Melvin Nickolai  
Connie Nollner  
Victoria Nollner  
Victoria Northway  
Vincent Nusunginya  
Amy Oates  
Robert O'Connell  
Mckenna Olanna  
Eric Ortega  
Joshua Ortiz  
Grace Packer  
Chantal Paradis  
Joseph Patrick  
Victoria Patsy  
Amelia Paul  
Kaylisa Paul  
Tessiana Paul  
Jahne Perine  
Darcy Peter  
Charlotte Peterson  
Tamara Pfund  
Christopher Pitka  
Delores Pitka  
Jennessa Pitka  
Jordanna Pitka  
Stephanie Pitka  
Weather Potdevin  
Celena Malamute  
Skylla Powers  
Alexa Prass  
Donald Proksch  
Michelle Quillin  
Melissa Reaves  
Carolyn Richards  
Curtis Richardson  
Brianna McCarthy  
Devin McCarthy  
Adam McGinty  
Maurine McGinty  
Kyle McLean  
Nazune Menka  
Britte Merculief  
Sandra Merica  
Suki Merica  
Ashley Merica-Nazuruk  
Willie Merica-Nazuruk  
Rosemary Messer  
Jessica Millard  
Cory Miller  
Jennessa Miller  
Kelli Miller  
Morgan Milstead  
Stephanie Moe  
John Moeser  
Amy Moses  
Ophelia Moses  
Reanna Moses  
Paul Mullenix  
Caelin Murray  
Jolie Murray  
Alexis Newby  
Drayton Newman  
Dustin Newman  
Janessa Newman  
Leann Smith  
Thomas Newman  
Kimberly Nicholas  
Jessica Nicholi  
Terrence Nicholson

Jenna Sommer  
Martha Sommer  
Richard Sommer  
Richard Sommer  
Jamie Stallings  
Brian Stanley  
Anastasia Starr  
Alisa Stevens  
Karl Stevens  
Brandon Stevens-Rustad  
Charles Stickman  
Michael Stickman  
Sommer Stickman  
Maleia Storum  
Brandi Strom  
Timothy Studie  
Kalie Suellentrop  
Cheyenne Swanger  
Ryan Terracino  
Stephanie Thibedeau  
Marcel Thiel  
Katrice Thomas  
Barbara Thornton  
Rachel Thurmond  
Niesje Tindall  
Kobe Titus-Milk  
Jessica Tonseth  
Erica Townsend  
Donetta Tritt  
Makayla Turner  
Daylen Tyler  
Jessica Ullrich  
Dawn Vallye  
Rebecca Vaughan  
Diva Velez  
Larene Villa  
Ashlynn Walker  
Krysten Walker  
Michael Walker  
Laura Wallis-John  
Valeen Walsh  
Stephanie Weter  
Delaney White  
Gerad Wholecheese  
Tiffany Wicken  
Clifton Wiehl  
Annie Williams  
Brooke Williams  
John Williams  
Marissa Williams  
Raquel Williams  
Sidaadza Williams  
Halie Winkelman  
Mikel Winkelman  
Brittany Wintter  
Holly Wofford  
Colton Wolter  
Jacob Wolter  
Ashley Woods  
Daniel Woods  
Madison Woods  
Chanel Simon  
Rayne Simpson  
Jessica Sims  
Kisa Sims  
Crystal Smith  
Natasha Yates  
Elizabeth Yattlin  
Clarissa Zeller  
Katlyn Zuray

# Our SUPPORTERS

## Thank You

We are extremely grateful to our many supporters, including our Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic sponsors, donors and golfers; volunteers; alumni association members; Nee Ts'ee Neyh (We All Give or Help) contributors; Pick. Click. Give. donors; and other supporters. See a list of our current donors and volunteers at [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com).



## Show Your Support

There are many different ways to show your support of the Foundation's students and language revitalization efforts:

- Pick. Click. Give. to the Foundation when you complete your 2018 PFD application.
- Support scholarships while you shop by linking your Fred Meyer rewards card to the Foundation.
- Make a secure online donation on our website.
- Consider a donation in honor or memory of a loved one.
- Become a Nee Ts'ee Neeyh (We All Give or Help) donor.
- Mail in a donation using the attached envelope.

Learn more and get involved at [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com)!

Pick.  
Click.  
Give.

## About Us

Doyon Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 1989 by Doyon, Limited. As the private foundation for Doyon, Limited, we serve the educational and cultural needs of Doyon's shareholders and their children. Our mission is to provide educational, career and cultural opportunities to enhance the identity and quality of life for Doyon shareholders.

## Our Staff

Doris Miller, Executive Director  
Nathaniel Feemster, Doyon Languages Online Project Manager  
Allan Hayton, Language Revitalization Program Director  
Maurine McGinty, Scholarship Program Manager  
Jenna Sommer, Data Entry Project Technician  
Niesje Tindall, Administrative Assistant  
Thank you to Sommer Stickman, who served as our administrative assistant until September 2017.

## Our Board

Lanien Livingston, President  
Paul Mountain, Vice President  
Julie Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer  
LaVerne Demientieff, Member  
Helena Jacobs, Member  
Joshua Peter, Member  
Sonta Hamilton Roach, Member



**DOYON FOUNDATION**  
615 Bidwell Avenue, Suite 101  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
907.459.2048  
[foundation@doyon.com](mailto:foundation@doyon.com)  
[www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com)

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/doyonfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/doyonfoundation)  
Subscribe to our blog: [www.doyonfoundationblog.com](http://www.doyonfoundationblog.com)  
Sign up for our e-newsletter: [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com)



Pick.Click.Give.

## DOYON FOUNDATION'S 2017 REPORT



STUDENTS



**OUR STUDENTS** are working toward their goals, and we are honored to support them in their efforts.

### Annie Sanford

"There is a lot to take into account when it comes to higher education, and Doyon Foundation has helped take the financial burden off of my shoulders," shared Annie, the student speaker at the 2017 Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic Alcutta reception. "I feel like Doyon Foundation is a third proud parent in my pursuit of a higher education."

Annie is a University of Alaska Fairbanks student who plans to complete her associates degree and join the university's radiologic technology program in 2018. After graduating, "I want to work to give back to the community that has given me so much," says Annie, who hopes to work at the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Clinic or Fairbanks Memorial Hospital before continuing her studies to become an ultrasound technologist.

"Early on, in high school, I knew I wanted to help people medically and not just from your typical office cubicle," Annie recalled.

*Annie's parents are Lena Blair Sanford and Dwayne Sanford, both from Tok. Her maternal grandparents are Mary Tom Tom Blair and William Blair of Snag, Yukon, Canada; her paternal grandparents are Laura Isaac Sanford of Tanacross and Walter Sanford of Chistochina. Annie's hometown is Tok, Alaska.*

ALUMNI



**OUR ALUMNI** are living out their life purpose, and giving back to the next generation of graduates.

### Crystal and Rico Demientieff-Worl

Rico graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania, while his sister, Crystal, is a 2013 graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts. Today they run Trickster Company, a graphic design and art gift shop in Juneau promoting Alaska Native creativity.

"When I graduated from college, I thought I was going to go to law school. I ended up finding my passion as a creative professional," Rico shared. "Pursuing your passion, wherever you find it, is powerful. It's important for Native people across Alaska."

"Starting Trickster Company allows us to accomplish several goals, including engaging our community through art, education, entrepreneurship and social justice," Crystal said.

"Foundation scholarships helped so much," Rico said. "To be competitive as a people, it's so important that higher education be accessible to as many of our youth as possible."

"Make your ancestors proud!" Crystal advised. "Remember who they were and what they survived so that you could have choices."

*Crystal and Rico's parents are Beverly Demientieff and Rodney Worl. Their maternal grandparents are Alice and Rudy Demientieff; their paternal grandparents are Rosita Worl and Rodolfo Rodriguez. Their stepmother is Dawn Dinwoodie. Their brother, Kyle Kaayak'w Demientieff-Worl, is also a Foundation alumnus.*

LANGUAGE



**OUR ANCESTRAL LANGUAGES** connect us to our culture and allow us to tell our stories – past, present and future – in our Native tongue.

### Ruth Ridley

Ruth is a fluent speaker of the Hän Athabascan language. Following in the footsteps of her late mother Louise Paul, Ruth's lifetime work with the language began when she was a child.

Ruth recalls spending summers at fish camp with her grandparents. "They spoke Loucheux or Gwich'in. My grandma didn't speak English, so we had to speak to her in Hän, and then she would talk back to us in Gwich'in. So that's how we learned too."

In the late 1970s, Ruth collaborated to develop the first practical writing system for Hän. She is currently working to record and transcribe basic Hän language lessons, which will be shared as a booklet and CD, and later posted online as part of the Doyon Languages Online project.

Ruth feels language is important because "you could really find out about your culture and the kind of person you are, if you could understand and speak your language. I think it's important that people learn where they come from and where they are going."

*Our "language champion" profile series honors individuals who are committed to learning and perpetuating their ancestral language. To nominate a language champion, contact [haytona@doyon.com](mailto:haytona@doyon.com) or complete our profile questionnaire at [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com).*

# Our STUDENTS

Last year we presented \$931,668 in scholarships to 407 students.

## Scholarship Types

We offer a wide range of scholarship types including:

<b>Full-Time Basic</b> <b>\$1,200</b>	<b>Competitive Doctorate</b> <b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Part-Time Basic</b> <b>\$800</b>	<b>Short-Term Vocational</b> <b>Up to \$1,000</b>
<b>Competitive Undergraduate or less</b> <b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Advanced College Credit (for high school students)</b> <b>Up to \$400</b>
<b>Competitive Graduate</b> <b>\$7,000</b>	



2016 Scholarship Award Ceremony

## Two New Scholarships in 2018

Thanks to generosity of two Doyon Foundation supporters, we are pleased to offer two new scholarships to students in 2018:

- A new competitive scholarship for “aspiring young lawyers” will be available starting in fall 2018. Doyon, Limited President and CEO Aaron Schutt and his wife, Marissa Flannery, announced the establishment of an endowment for the new scholarship last summer.
- The Mary Jane and Hugh Fate, Jr. Leadership Fund, established by their daughter, Jennifer Fate, will award a competitive scholarship in fall 2018. Students working on a degree or vocation in business, education, mental health and health, substance abuse counseling, or spiritual and cultural training are encouraged to apply.



Aaron Schutt announces new law scholarship

## Are You Eligible?

To be eligible for a Doyon Foundation scholarship, you 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
- Maintain a minimum GPA and be enrolled in a minimum number of credits



Jennifer Fate and her parents, Mary Jane and Hugh Fate, Jr.

## Scholarship Deadlines

- March 15 – Basic scholarships for summer semester
- May 15 – Basic and competitive scholarships for fall semester
- November 15 – Basic scholarships for spring
- Short-term vocational and advanced college credit scholarship applications are accepted year-round



Our popular student dinners bring together students, alumni and other supporters.

Learn more and apply at [doyonfoundation.com](http://doyonfoundation.com)!

# Our ALUMNI

Each year we commemorate the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients as they reach their graduation day, and transition from students to alumni. We celebrated our Class of 2017, which included high school, certificate, associates, bachelor's, master's and PhD students, at our annual graduate reception last spring.

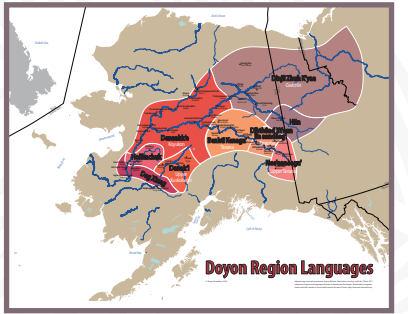
Cherise Beatus LeAnn Bifelt Wanda Burdick Lawreen Buresch Janis Carney Katherine Carney Jarynn Cunningham Leah David Deidre Dayton Kaylen Demientieff LaVerne Demientieff Delilah DeWilde	Stanford University University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks North Seattle College Century College University of Alaska Fairbanks Ilisaġvik College Colorado Mesa University University of Utah Metropolitan State University of Denver University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Anchorage Ilisaġvik College Webster University University of Alaska Southeast Florida Institute of Technology University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage	International Relations Tribal & Local Government Administration Registered Nurse Tribal Management Film Social Work Computer Science Applied Accounting Dental Health Radiologic Technology Social Work Chemistry	BA BA/AAS AAS AA BA AA AAS AAS AAS AAS PHD BS
Corrie Donovan Tashina Duttie Taniesha Emry Rachel Evans Esther Frykman Tiffany George Michael Gonzales Sharon Hildebrand Stephanie Hooper Sidney Huhndorf Janelle Huntington	University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Anchorage Ilisaġvik College University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Southeast Florida Institute of Technology University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage	Accounting Project Management Human Services Nursing Nursing Dental Health Management & Leadership Master of Public Administration Applied Behavior Analysis Petroleum Engineering Aviation Technology, Minor in Alaska Native Studies & Business Administration Applied Business Management History & International Studies	AA MS AAS AAS AAS CERT/AAS MA MA MA BS BS
Roseanne Huntington Mara James Molly John	University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Anchorage Minneapolis Community and Technical College University of Alaska Fairbanks Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks Woodland Community College Wayne State College	Human Services Rural Development Business Administration	AAS BA AA
S. Roxanne Knudson Rebecca Lee	University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks Woodland Community College Wayne State College	Mechanical Engineering Construction Management Business management Nursing PreK-12th Health & Physical Education & Exercise Science Early Childhood/Special Education Management Educational Leadership Business Business Management Business Science, Technology & Society Nursing Tribal Management Elementary Education	BS AAS AA AAS BS BA MBA PHD AA BS AAS BS AAS AA CERT
Jonathan Lovell Kyle McLean Suki Merica Jessica Nicholi Amy Oates	Valdosta State University Alaska Pacific University University of Southern California University of Alaska Fairbanks Western Governors University University of Alaska Fairbanks Stanford University University of Alaska Anchorage University of Alaska Fairbanks University of Alaska Fairbanks		
Britleigh Rogers Brian Sanford Kimberly Shinno Cheryl Silas Tonisha Simmons Hope Upicksoun Krysten Walker Laura Wallis-John Brooke Wright Liz Yatlin			

## Seeking Foundation alumni!

Have you ever received a scholarship from Doyon Foundation? Have you graduated? If so, you are Doyon Foundation alumni and we want to hear from you! Please drop us a line at [foundation@doyon.com](mailto:foundation@doyon.com) or give us a call at 907.459.2048. As an active alumni, you can network with other graduates, inspire others with your story, and show your support for current students.

# Our LANGUAGE

The 10 ancestral languages of the Doyon region, including nine Athabascan languages plus Inupiaq, represent half of the 20 Native languages in the state of Alaska. All of the Doyon region languages are severely to critically endangered. Our language revitalization program was established in 2009 and is actively supporting the revitalization of Interior Alaska's Native languages.



## Our Language Grants

Through the Our Language grant program, we awarded eight language revitalization grants totaling \$37,500 in 2017. Congratulations to our grant recipients, who are addressing many different aspects of language revitalization, from curriculum development to traditional song and dance, and youth fish camps to development of a language app:

» Chalkyitsik » Circle » Grayling » Nenana » Northway » Nulato » Ruby » Tanana



## Online Language Demos Available



Through our Doyon Languages Online project, we are in the process of creating 280 introductory online lessons for five of the Doyon region languages (Holikachuk, Denaakk'e, Benhti Kenaga, Hän and Dinjii Zhuh K'Yaa). As part of the project, we rolled out a series of demo lessons last year to provide short examples of what the project is developing. Test out demos on the Foundation website, [www.doyonfoundation.com](http://www.doyonfoundation.com).

## Doyon Languages Online II

We were thrilled last fall to receive a three-year, \$977,423 grant from the U.S. Department of Education – Alaska Native Educational Program to expand our language revitalization efforts through the Doyon Languages Online II project. The grant funds will allow us to create online lessons for four Doyon region languages: Nee'andëg' (Tanacross), Née'aaneegn' (Upper Tanana), Deg Xinag and Denak'i (Upper Kuskokwim). The funding will allow us to build on the existing Doyon Languages Online project, which is already in the process of developing online language-learning lessons for five of the Doyon region languages.

## Language Gathering Builds Momentum

Language speakers, teachers, learners and those interested in revitalizing Deg Xinag and Holikachuk languages gathered in Holy Cross last summer for a gathering hosted by Doyon Foundation. Deg Xinag and Holikachuk languages are among the most endangered in the Doyon region, and most of the remaining speakers were present at the gathering. The goal of the gathering was to create a call to action, develop practical steps toward long-range goals, and share inspiration and hope around language revitalization. A wonderful outcome was the formation of a language-learning group that will continue to meet regularly. To get involved, please contact Allan Hayton, Doyon Foundation language revitalization program director, at 907.459.2162 or [haytona@doyon.com](mailto:haytona@doyon.com).

