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FEBRUARY 4

Our Language grant application deadline

Apply online at doyonfoundation.com

MARCH 15

Summer 2022 scholarship application deadline

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New Team Members

We happily welcome two new members to our team in Fairbanks: Catherine Moses, our new administrative assistant, and Lucy Miller, the project manager of our new language mentor-apprentice program. Both joined the Foundation in December 2021. Read more: bit.ly/DFNewTeamMembers.

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DOYON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

341 Students Receive Spring Scholarships

We are thrilled to award a total of \$815,600 in scholarships to 341 students for the spring semester – up from 306 students in spring 2021! Our spring 2022 scholarships include 56 competitive scholarships, 113 basic scholarships to part-time students, and 171 basic scholarships to full-time students. Mark your calendar for the next scholarship application deadline on March 15, for basic scholarships for the summer 2022 semester. Learn more: bit.ly/DFspring2022.

STORYTELLER ALUMNI UPDATE



Sierra Evans Leblanc

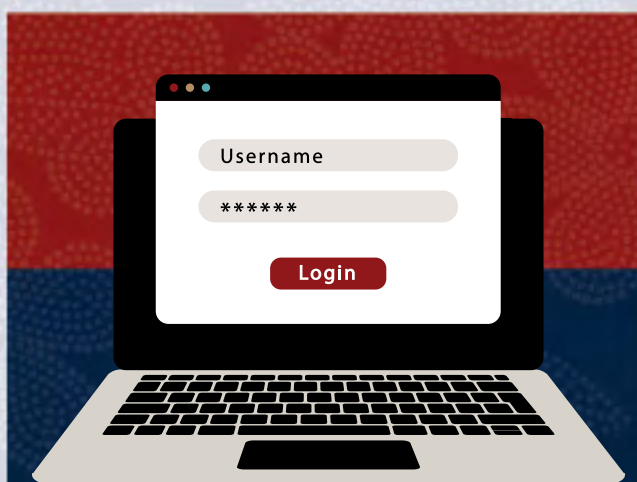
The Doyon Foundation journey doesn't end with graduation! We are so proud of our alumni, the amazing places they have gone on to, the achievements they are making, and the positive differences they are having in their communities. Each month, we will feature an update on one of our alumni. This month, we are pleased to highlight Sierra Evans Leblanc: bit.ly/SierraEvansLeblanc.

STORYTELLER STUDENT PROFILE



Danielle Stickman

We are very excited to launch our brand new Storyteller profile series, which highlights the dreams, journeys and achievements of our students, alumni and supporters. Our first episode features Foundation alumni, Danielle Stickman. An environmental scientist with a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Danielle was named Alaska State Deputy Director of The Wilderness Society in 2021. Read, watch or listen to Danielle's profile: bit.ly/DanielleStickman.



Updated scholarship application system

Important Announcement for Our Scholarship Recipients

Making things as easy, simple and efficient as possible for our students is a top priority. We have been preparing for an update of our online scholarship application system and transitioned to the updated system on January 17. All students will need to create a new account prior to applying for future scholarships. Students should create their new account well in advance of the next scholarship application deadline. We know that our students' time is valuable, and we thank all students for their understanding and assistance. Learn more: bit.ly/DFScholarshipUpdate.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE



DOYON FOUNDATION LANGUAGE

STORYTELLER LANGUAGE PROFILE



Cora Demit

A fluent speaker of Nee'aanèeg'n' (Upper Tanana), Cora Demit is an Elder from Northway who contributes to our Doyon Languages Online project. "I grew up when there was an attempt to take my language away from me," Cora shared. "From my own experience, I know what it's like to hold onto the language kicking and screaming. I know that if you can't speak to the Elders, you lose the chance to learn from them. I was determined to keep my language." A very special thank you to Cora for sharing her story in this month's language profile: bit.ly/DFCoraDemit.



NATIVE WORD OF THE MONTH

For the January Native Word of the Month, we want to share our interactive Benhti Kokhut'ana Kenaga' (Lower Tanana) flashcards, featuring artwork by Natilly Hovda and audio translations by David Engles. Switch between English and Benhti Kokhut'ana Kenaga' by hovering over each card and clicking the arrow on either side of the card: doyonfoundation.com/flashcards.

Native Language Mentor Apprentice Program

Language Mentor-Apprentice Program

Doyon Foundation received a grant from the Administration for Native Americans to fund a new Native language mentor-apprentice program, which will match interested learners with fluent speakers who will guide them to becoming proficient speakers of endangered Doyon region languages. In return, language learners who complete an apprenticeship will give back to their language community as a mentor, instructor or lesson developer. Learn more about the new program: bit.ly/ANAGrant.

OUR LANGUAGE GRANTS

Applications Due February 4

In a continuing effort to revitalize the endangered Native languages of the Doyon region, Doyon Foundation will award grants of up to \$5,000 to support language revitalization efforts. Applications for the 2022 Our Language grants are due Friday, February 4, at 5 p.m. AKST. Read more: doyonfoundation.com/grants.



Congratulations DLO On the Go Contest Winners

Thank you to all the language learners who participated in our DLO On the Go contest! We are so excited to announce the winners of the contest, which was designed to increase the number of students and the amount of time spent learning in Doyon Languages Online. See the list of winners: bit.ly/dlowinners.



Molly of Denali Cast Announced

We recently announced the selected cast members for the Molly of Denali Gwich'in episodes we're producing with WGBH Boston! We will also be producing episodes in Denaakk'e; cast selections are still being made for these episodes. The project was recently featured in a story by KTOO; check it out on their website. Learn more about our Molly of Denali project: bit.ly/GwichinMolly.

OUR LANGUAGES

Everyday Activity Book



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Native Language Activity Book

Are you looking for some fun, educational activities to keep your family busy this winter? Check out our brand new language activity book, packed with activities to help you learn and practice the Native languages of the Doyon region together! The Our Languages Everyday Activity Book is available electronically: bit.ly/OurLanguageActivityBook.

DOYON FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Do Baasee' Ts'eelaanh gidinh
Denaakk'e (Koyukon)

Dogidinh Deg Xinag

Tsina'ëë deñ tsin'j'ëë
Tanacross

Hoontr'at mähsi'
Hän

Tsenca-ji choo
Uppar
Tanana

Soogidathidhet
estlanh
Holikochuk

Tsee'in
tr'inli
Gwich'in

Na Basee' chwxi'
Beniti Kenaga
(Lower Tanana)

Tsenanh
Uppar
Tanana

**We give
THANKS**



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Thank You, Language Volunteers

We give thanks for our language volunteers who provide translations for our Native words of the month, Christmas card and many other projects throughout the year. Their knowledge and dedication allows us to share words and phrases in our Native languages with you! Join us in saying Ana Basi'. Dogidinh. Baasee'. Maasee'. Haj'ëë. Mähsi'. Xisigidasidhut. Tsín'ëë. Tsen'anh. Tsen'iji. Quyanaq. Thank you to our language volunteers! •

Merry Christmas

Naneek
Ch'ets'eholanhi
Sanni
Kokshuf'ana
Kenaga
(Lower Tanana)

Merry Christmas

Q'unodle
Chux
Dinaye
Xumeli
Deg Xinag

Merry Christmas

Christ
Hoodisahn
Deezahn
Sodolla'eyhi
Denaakk'e
(Koyukon)



HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank You, TCC and Doyon

Our 2021 – 2022 scholarships include 21 additional health competitive scholarships, which we were able to award thanks to a generous contribution from Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) and Doyon, Limited last year. •

STORYTELLER SUPPORTER PROFILE

Jonathan and Sarah Glass

Doyon Foundation is pleased to spotlight one of our newest donors: Jonathan and Sarah Glass, of Portland, Oregon. The Glass family recently made a generous \$10,000 contribution to Doyon Foundation to establish a brand new scholarship fund.



The first scholarship was presented in fall 2021 to Maiya Anderson, who is studying pre-communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Read more: bit.ly/GlassSupporterProfile. •



New Board Members

Join us in welcoming two new members to our board of directors: Benjamin Schwartz and Eileen Whitmer. Benjamin and Eileen were elected to the Foundation's nine-member board at our 2021 annual membership meeting. Read more: bit.ly/DFNewBoardMembers. •

GET INVOLVED

Our work is made possible by many individuals and organizations, who provide financial and volunteer support for our efforts. Learn more about how you can get involved: doyonfoundation.com/support. •