## CALENDAR

Application Deadline for Spring Semester Full- and Part-time Awards Apply online at doyonfoundation.com

**NOVEMBER 24 – 25** 

Doyon Foundation Office Closed In observance of Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER 26 – 27** 

Doyon Foundation Office Closed In observance of Christmas

JANUARY 2, 2023 Doyon Foundation Office Closed In observance of New Year's

#### Welcome New Executive Director

Doyon Foundation recently announced Mariah Pitka-Jenkins as our new executive



director! Mariah is a previous scholarship recipient and served on the Foundation board since 2019. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was the senior vice president and general manager for Doyon Remote Facilities & Services. Meet Mariah: *bit.ly/MariahPitkaJenkins*.



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# DOYON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

# SPRING 15 SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

#### Apply by November 15 for Spring Scholarships

The deadline to apply for Doyon Foundation scholarships for the spring 2023 semester is Tuesday, November 15, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. AKDT. We will award \$1,600 scholarships to part-time students and \$2,400 scholarships to full-time students. These are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students, so apply early! This is also the deadline for competitive award recipients to reapply for their spring semester funding. Learn more and apply, or help us spread the word: *bit.ly/DFspring2023*.





#### Diane Evans-Sommer

In this alumni update, we feature Diane Evans-Sommer, who has been a health services budget and grants manager at Tanana Chiefs Conference for the past 20 years! Diane encourages young adults to work hard and find what makes them happy, whether it be attending college, trade school, or working at a job they enjoy. Read more: *bit.ly/DianeEvansSommer.* 



Welcome to the Team We are pleased to welcome Jordan Tindall as our new office administrator. Jordan, a previous scholarship recipient and Doyon, Limited shareholder from Fort Yukon, joined us in September. Meet Jordan: *bit.ly/JordanTindall*.





Nikki Fennimore Nikki Fennimore took time out of her very busy schedule to talk with us for this student Storyteller profile. Nikki, of Galena, is currently in her fourth year of residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Oregon Health and Science University. She will complete her training next June. Watch, read or listen to Nikki's profile: bit.ly/NikkiFennimore. •

# Gratitude CORNER



#### **Matthew Gho**

Matthew Gho, of Chugiak, is not only a student pursuing his master's of mathematics at the University of Northern Colorado – he is also a math instructor at the University of Alaska, where he helps high school students in the Middle College and ANSEP programs earn college math credits! "I appreciate Doyon Foundation's financial support so I can continue to help students find success in earning their math credits for their chosen degrees," he said. •

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# DOYON FOUNDATION LANGUAGE

#### NATIVE WORD OF THE MONTH

October 10 was Indigenous Peoples Day, and we encouraged people to celebrate by sharing "Happy Indigenous Peoples Day" greetings in their Native Ianguage! Find your greeting: bit.Iy/DFIDP2022.

#### "Happy Indigenous Peoples Day!"

Ten Khwt'ana Yi Dedranh Nanik Khilanh!Benhti Kokhut'ana Kenaga' (Lower Tanana)<br/>Deg Xit'an Dinadran Xinonxididhit!Deg XinagTl'eeyegge Hut'aane Kkaa Dedzaanh Sozelts'eeyh!Denaakk'e (Koyukon)Dinadeh Shuu Dziin Xdiint'eh!Dihthaad Xt'een lin Aandĕeg' (Tanacross)<br/>Dina'ena Drana' Huzrunh!Dinaj'ena Drana' Huzrunh!Dinak'i (Upper Kuskokwim)Dinjii Zhuh Drin Shroonch'yaa!Dinjii Zhuh K'yaa (Gwich'in)<br/>Jëjezhuu Shoo Drin!Jinayoo Dzanh!HolikachukQuvianagli Iñuqqaat Nunani Uvluat!Inupiaq<br/>Dineh Shuu Xaah Dziin Saanayh!Nee'aanèegn' (Upper Tanana)





#### **Meet the MAP Teams**

In this Storyteller language profile, we're excited to introduce you to the teams in our very first Mentor-Apprentice Program (MAP) cohort! A total of 15 mentor-apprentice teams began their one-year, immersion-based language learning journey at our first MAP gathering in Fairbanks in August. Meet the MAP teams: *bit.ly/DFMAPTeams*. •

#### Mentor Apprentice Program Materials Available to All

As part of efforts to support our Mentor Apprentice Program teams and other interested language learners, we have developed a series of program materials, including a handbook, sample lessons, forms and assessments. These materials are now available at no cost to all interested language learners! Find resources: *bit.ly/DFMAPresources.*•





#### Doyon Languages Online Goes into the Classroom

We're taking Doyon Languages Online into the classroom! Our goal is to increase the capacity of schools in the Doyon region to teach Alaska Native languages, and provide more opportunities for students to learn their language. We're excited to pilot the project with our partners at Effie Kokrine Charter School! Read more: **bit.ly/DLOintheClassroom**. •



#### Learn Your Language

Doyon Languages Online offers online language-learning courses for FREE to all interested learners. Courses are currently available for:

- Benhti Kokhut'ana Kenaga' (Lower Tanana)
- Deg Xinag
- Denaakk'e (Koyukon)
- Dihthaad Xt'een lin Aanděeg' (Tanacross)
- Dinak'i (Upper Kuskokwim)
  - Dinjii Zhuh K'yaa (Gwich'in)
  - Doogh Qinag (Holikachuk)
  - Hän

A course in Nee'aanèegn' (Upper Tanana) is in the final stages of development and is expected to release soon. Learn more and sign up: *doyonfoundation.com/dlo*.•

### STORYTELLER 2 FALL 2022

# DOYON FOUNDATION SUPPORT



#### Rasmuson Foundation Grant Helps Fund Molly of Denali Project

We extend our deep gratitude to the Rasmuson Foundation, which recently awarded a \$24,600 grant to help fund our Molly of Denali dubbing project. In cooperation with WGBH Boston, we are working to translate, rehearse and record four stories from the Molly of Denali PBS TV series in Denaakk'e and Gwich'in languages. The Rasmuson Foundation grant will fund production of the two episodes in Denaakk'e. The Doyon Foundation board of directors previously approved funding to produce the two Gwich'in episodes. Read more: bit.ly/DFRasmusonGrant. •

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#### Support Scholarships While You Shop

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#### TECTONIC METALS INC.

#### Tectonic Metals Funds Resource Development Scholarships

Tectonic Metals, Inc. joined the Doyon Foundation family of donors in 2018, supporting our students with a generous financial contribution each year. The funds they donate are directed to our Level Up scholarship for non-degree-seeking students, as well as our natural resources competitive award. Read more: *bit.ly/TectonicScholarship*. •



#### **Out and About**

Our accounting technician, Jennifer Mayo-Shannon, represented Doyon Foundation at the Dialogue with Doyon meetings in Nenana, Eagle, Galena and Grayling earlier this month. She enjoyed hearing from students about their future career interests, answering questions about scholarships, and sharing about the Foundation's language revitalization opportunities, including the Our Language grants and the Mentor Apprentice Program. If you have an upcoming event you'd like Doyon Foundation to present at, please get in touch at 907.459.2048 or foundation@doyon.com! •

### STORYTELER SUPPORTER PROFILE



Cathy LeCompte, AVTEC In this Storyteller supporter profile, we speak with Cathy LeCompte, director of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward. "If you've come to AVTEC to get trained to get a job, 180 days from now, that is exactly where you will land. We are here to support you, but you have to meet us halfway. You have to get up, go to school, let us know if you're having some challenges, and together, we will get you to that goal of getting trained and getting employed," Cathy said. Watch, read or listen to Cathy's interview: bit.ly/CathyLeCompte. •

### STORYTELLER 3 FALL 2022