

GANA-A'YOO



“OUR VOICE” *Denadolale'*



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OPEN Enrollment

Gana-A'Yoo staff are preparing to begin opening enrollment in October. Once enrollment is open, applicants are responsible for submitting an application, original birth certificate and a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood. In anticipation of open enrollment, descendants should begin to gather the necessary documents for a quick, efficient application process.

PROTECTING OUR PAST. LEADING OUR FUTURE

Ti'eeyegge Hut'anne' *People of the Land*

CEO Message

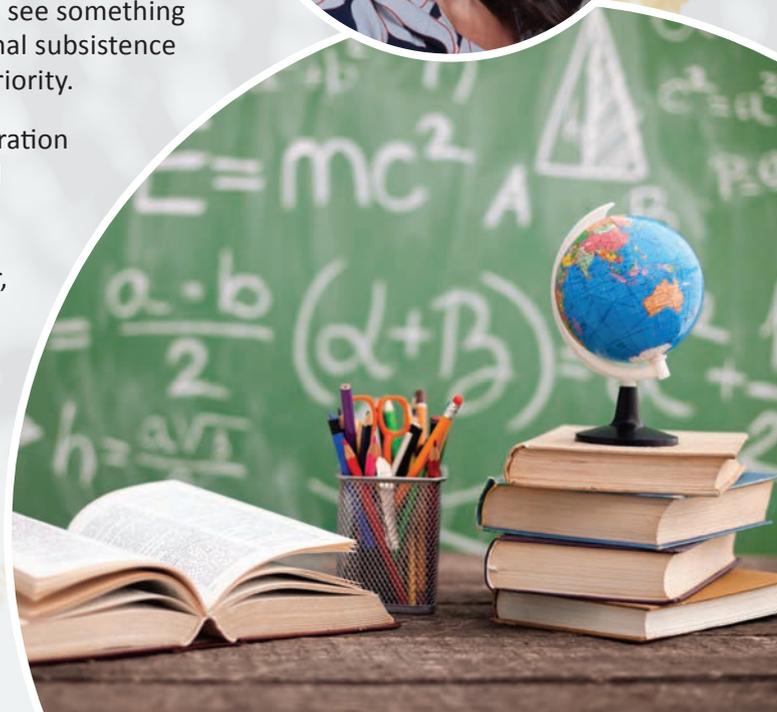
Dear shareholders,

Autumn greetings to you and your families. I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the season. The board and I would like to thank all of you that are helping mitigate misuse of our lands. Gana-A'Yoo offers cash rewards to shareholders and descendants who document known violations on our lands by non-shareholders; for example, harvesting timber, illegal hunting or other abuse of natural resources. We encourage you to reach out if you see something suspicious. The protection of traditional subsistence hunting and fishing is a Gana-A'Yoo priority.

It is a new school year, and our corporation is dedicated to increasing educational opportunities for shareholders and descendants. I am pleased to share that for the 2022-2023 academic year, the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation awarded nearly \$75,000 in scholarships to eligible students, exceeding previous years' awards by more than 50 percent! Congratulations and study hard to all our students.

Be safe!

Dena



Alaska FEDERATION OF NATIVES

The 2022 annual AFN convention will meet in person for the first time in two years at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage October 20-22. This year's theme is "Celebrating our Unity," honoring the communities, families and organizations working together in taking on the challenges of today and those that lay ahead. Gana-A'Yoo will hold an open house the week of the convention, on October 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the corporate office in Anchorage. Check our website for updated information.

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Land USE

Over the last couple of years, Gana-A'Yoo has worked with shareholders and long-time community members to construct and place large 'kiosks' in key locations on our lands. The goal is to educate others on the areas owned by Gana-A'Yoo. A kiosk was recently placed at Kala Slough, across the Yukon River from Galena. Through collaboration with Louden Tribal Council, this location was selected due to its visibility from the boat launch in Galena. Other locations include the Galena boat launch, Kaiyuh and the Koyukuk check station.

Thank you to Kim and Joe Bower; Clayton, Gary and Lenny Benson; James Honea; Alfred and Bernard Nollner; Terry Pitka; Trevon Huntington; Jeremiah Riley; and TK Sweetsir for hanging signs and assisting with kiosk assembly.



ILLINOIS Creek

Gana-A'Yoo directors Howard Darling and Thomas Neglaska, CEO Dena Sommer-Pedebone, Nulato representatives Maurice McGinty and Steve Roberts, and Kaltag Mayor Violet Burnham traveled to Illinois Creek mine over the summer. The delegation toured the site that Gana-A'Yoo previously provided food and janitorial services to. Western Alaska Minerals is focusing on its flagship, high-grade silver Waterpump Creek deposit this year, with the goal of releasing a maiden resource next year from the Illinois Creek Mining District. The company is proud to hire local shareholders from the nearby villages. More information can be found at westernalaskaminerals.com.



INTERNSHIPS

Mandee Carlo of Galena served as a summer intern at the Louden Tribal Council office where she assisted with computer tasks and office organization. Carlo heard about the internship from school where she is starting her 9th grade year. She explained, "I was happy to gain work experience through this internship while also adding to my bank account." Carlo grew up in Galena. She is the daughter of Dewan Stickman and Norman Carlo, and the granddaughter of the late Jessie and Donald Stickman, and the late Charlie and Mary Carlo.



Morgan Malemute returned this year and completed an internship with the Koyukuk tribe. Malemute helped with a number of tasks including errands, printing meeting schedules, delivering papers, posting applications and events, and helping Elders haul water. She said, "I learned useful skills in my time as an intern." Malemute was raised in Koyukuk by her parents Jason and Mary Malemute; by her grandparents Leo and Darlene Lolnitz; and by her late grandmother, Jo Ann Malemute.

Amanda Roberts of Nulato took advantage of a summer internship that assisted with all logistics in mobilizing the Nulato Hills Type II firefighting crew to wildland fires in Alaska. Roberts was responsible for all required paperwork and forms for each firefighter, transportation for the crew, and all supplies and inventory. She enjoyed her summer and encourages anyone who has the opportunity to complete an internship to take it and learn as much as they can. She said, "Even though it might seem overwhelming, stick it out and eventually you will get comfortable with what you are doing." Roberts is working on her construction management degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks with the support of her husband, Steve, and their three children.



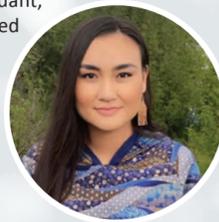
"I would like to give a huge thank you to Gana-A'Yoo and to the Nulato tribe for this opportunity. I inquired about the job one day and the next day I found myself working in this position that allowed me to gain invaluable office and work experience."

Hunting PERMITS

The 2022 moose hunting season is upon us. Non-shareholder residents in Koyukuk, Galena, Nulato or Kaltag planning to hunt on Gana-A'Yoo lands are required to complete a Conditional Land Use Permit for Non-Shareholders. The permit application is available for download on our website, ganaayoo.com. Non-shareholder resident hunters with questions on the application process may contact 907.569.9599 or lands@ganaayoo.com to request a permit or assistance.

New EMPLOYEE

Shareholder descendant, **Angel Mayo**, accepted a position as an administrative assistant at the corporate office in Anchorage. Mayo helps when needed in the human resources department, as well as in the shareholder records and accounting offices. She says she enjoys working with the employees at Gana-A'Yoo and is excited to help shareholders embark on the new open enrollment journey. Mayo's family is originally from Tanana. She is the daughter of Connie Sommer and the late Shawn Mayo; she is a descendant through her maternal great-grandmother, Agnes Sommer, and grandfather, Henry Sommer. Mayo enjoys spending time with family and friends, berry picking, hunting, fishing, hiking and kayaking.



GANA-A'YOO Foundation News

Scholarships

The intention of the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation is to financially support all Gana-A'Yoo shareholders and descendants who wish to seek higher education or vocational training. Our Board of Directors has made it a strategic priority to increase educational and training opportunities for shareholders and descendants. This year, the Foundation paid out a total of \$74,028 to students seeking higher education! The best of luck to all our students, and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

The Gana-A'Yoo Foundation implemented AwardSpring, an all-online scholarship application, processing and awarding platform. Thank you for remaining patient through the implementation.

Many thanks to this year's scholarship committee: Sharon Hildebrand, Betty Griffin, Vera Esmailka Lestenkof and Alexis Sheeder. A special thank you to outgoing director Sharon Hildebrand for her service on the Foundation's board as president. Welcome to Shay Huntington McEwen, our newest board member.



GENERAL-COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

The committee met in August and awarded scholarships to the following students:

Jamie Generous
Erin Gingrich
Elizabeth Green
Pearle Green
Shaye Jensen
Savannah Ivanoff
Jeffery Kauffman
Lisa Krol
Daveon Parton
Tia Patrick
Scott Petersen
Alexia Radman
Cody Radman
Ruby Roberts
Shandara Swatling
Rachel Thurmond

COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who receive the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation's competitive scholarship are also recipients of the general scholarship.

Roderick Huntington: \$1,575
Alyssa Radman: \$1,575
Tirzah Bryant: \$2,100
Laura Ekada: \$2,100
David Beardslee: \$2,625
Christina Edwin: \$2,625

ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY ALASKA NATIVE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded to students involved in oil and gas industry-related education and/or training programs. The award amounts are based on a 1:1 match from our general scholarship awards. We would like to thank Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for partnering with Gana-A'Yoo Foundation for the third year in a row!

Tirzah Bryant: \$2,556
Jeffery Kauffman: \$2,236
Lisa Krol: \$2,547
Shandara Swatling: \$1,979
Alyssa Radman: \$2,108

VOCATIONAL AND SHORT-TERM SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for vocational/technical and short-term scholarships are accepted throughout the year. Please visit ganaayoo.com for more information and to access the scholarship application.

Estelle Burnham
Jordanna David
Kayli Hildebrand
Anthony Jenkins-Alexie
Jaylein Kriska
Jessica Lewis
Maurine McGinty
Violet Sensmeier
Darlene Sommer
Amanda Tom

Featured STUDENT ESSAY

by Tirzah Bryant

I have been interested in biology since I was very young. Growing up in a village where you are always surrounded by wildlife has made me appreciate science and specifically steer me toward becoming a wildlife biologist. The study of animals and their environment is a never-ending field of questions. I can ask myself a question about how or why one species interacts a certain way with another and I can find the answer. Although, it is not just a study of animals. We interact with these animals. They affect us and we affect them. I can study the impact humans have on an animal's habitat and conclude whether we are being a negative or a positive influence. I can help find out how we can better interact with each other or how animals can better interact with one another. I can ask: is this new invasive species negatively impacting the inhabitants of an ecosystem? I can then ask myself: how can I fix this for the good of everyone? I can then research and find the answer and try to help.

I am one semester away from completing my BS degree in wildlife biology and I am currently setting up a master's project with multiple professors and research mentors that have shaped me to be a better researcher and biologist as an undergraduate. Because they have challenged and supported me for the past four years, they knew that I was ready for a larger master's project and we are making it happen in my village of Galena. I grew up trapping and hunting with my family. I have trapped marten and lynx for my mom to turn into warm clothes for my family. I have also snared beaver and hare for subsistence purposes. I was taught by my aunts and my mom how to process and preserve king salmon for my family every summer, so my main research focus has always been on the animals we rely on.

The Galena Mountain caribou herd is an abnormally small caribou herd that occupies the north bank of the Yukon between Galena Mountain and the Melozi hills. This herd stayed in the area even after the Western Arctic herd retreated farther north in the 1930s. Because of this, their population has remained small and fragile and hunting this population is not allowed. I am planning on studying this herd to assess their diet and home range to find out why and how they are still persisting and if it is possible to hunt them in the future for subsistence. I hope that in doing so I can show young researchers in my village how important it is to connect with our culture and the animals that we rely on. This master's project is going to answer questions about a possible subsistence food in the future, but also a way to connect with the young people in my community and in turn connect them with our land and our culture.

CAMPION AIR FORCE SITE Record of Decision

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC/CZOP) is performing environmental restoration activities at the former Campion Air Force Station near Galena. Cleanup and ongoing long-term management is being performed on both Air Force property and parcels owned by Gana-A'Yoo. Recently, the Air Force and Gana-A'Yoo agreed on land use controls and implementation of use restriction at site AL908, a suspected former rocket range. Please be mindful of signage and other landmarks and stay clear of contaminated property. The Air Force will be sharing more detailed information with Gana-A'Yoo and the local Galena community on the status of these sites and any risks associated with them. For any issues or concerns with the Air Force cleanup, please call 1.800.222.4137.



SCHOLARSHIP Donors

The Gana-A'Yoo Foundation would like to thank this year's benefactors for your donations. Your support helps contribute to our students' success, which is invaluable.

Tier I > \$250: Harrison Cramer
Tier II > \$500 (\$250-\$499): Kelly Brooks, Linda Fleury
Tier III > \$750 (\$500-\$749): Sharon Hildebrand, Shay Huntington McEwen, Melissa McGinty, Daniel Pickett
Tier IV > \$1,250 (\$750-\$1,249): Jenny Bryant, Kimberley O'Conner, Dena Sommer-Pedebone, Ruby Marine
Tier VI > \$5,000 (\$2,500-\$4,999): The Alaska Community Foundation
Tier VII > \$10,000+ (\$5,000 and above): Alyeska Pipeline, Compass Group

A special thank you to our employee and anonymous donors who contributed time and energy to the Foundation. This year's annual employee paid time off (PTO) raffle raised \$2,140! And thank you to Joyce Huntington of Galena who coordinated a donation drive on June 9 and to those who contributed to the drive, which raised a total of \$287!

If you would like to donate or get involved with the Foundation, contact the corporate office.

MARK YOUR *Calendar*

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

SEPTEMBER

30 Spring Scholarship Deadline

OCTOBER

18 Shareholder Open House
Anchorage

NOVEMBER

5 Stock Will Drive Prize
Drawing Deadline

11 Veterans' Day
Gana-A'Yoo Offices Closed

24 Thanksgiving Day
Gana-A'Yoo Offices Closed

25 Observed Holiday
Gana-A'Yoo Offices Closed

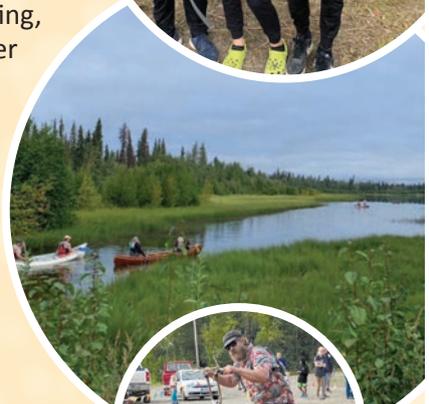
DECEMBER

3 Gana-A'Yoo Board of Directors meeting

GALENA *Mind, Body, Soul*

Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Division of Wellness and Prevention hosted three events in Galena from August 12-14 to promote a healthy mind, body and soul. The first event, Mind, was a scavenger hunt that included a helmet safety presentation as well as various activities throughout the community. The second event, Body, was a triathlon; 20 participants signed up for a canoe, bike and running race. The third event, Soul, consisted of a street fair with watercolor painting, affirmation booklets and music, as well as other booths that allowed participants to create stress-reducing projects. The mind, body and soul event was a highlight of the summer in Galena and praised by the community. If you would like guidance in hosting a similar event, you can contact Jennessa Miller at 907.452.8251 extension 5327.

Enaa Baasee' to the following sponsors for their generous support: Ayla Kalke; TCC Family Services; Gana-A'Yoo, Limited; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Picky Bars; Galena Bible Church; Galena Sports Authority; Sweetsir's Store and the A.C. Store.



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Gana-A'Yoo Branding: YOUR NEW ONLINE SHAREHOLDER PORTAL

In the spring edition of Denadolale', we shared that Gana-A'Yoo's public face (logo and website) was getting a makeover. The corporation's logo has since been revised: its iconic arm grip graphic symbolizing the relationship between our people, villages and customers is now emphasized in a timeless layout. Our website has also been refreshed! Within it you will now find a shareholder portal that was built to better filter and organize the information shareholders find most beneficial. Important announcements and event dates are easily found on the new shareholder portal home page, and other helpful material is easy to find on separate pages within that site. There is even a dedicated contact form so your questions can be addressed as quickly as possible by the right team members. You are welcome to use that form to send us suggestions for improvements and additions to your new online space. Visit the new ganaayoo.com today!

Where ARE YOU?

Visit our website or contact the office for the updated list of shareholders who we need current contact information for.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family and friends of:

William T. Johnson, 78, Nulato Stock

Edith Nicholas, 78, Nulato Stock

Richard I. Silas, 64, Galena Stock

Jessie Owens, 62, Galena Stock