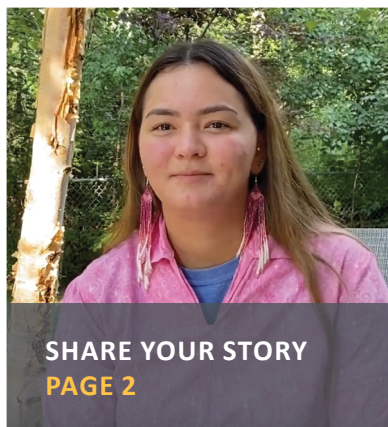


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Open House

Please join us! The Gana-A'Yoo team is hosting a Shareholder/Descendant Open House at our Anchorage office on Thursday, October 19, from 12 – 2 p.m. Come tour our new office space, spend time with fellow shareholders/descendants, and get to know your Gana-A'Yoo team. Lunch will be provided.

Office address:
3900 C Street, Suite 100,
Anchorage, AK, 99503

CEO Message

Fall greetings, shareholders!

I hope this note finds you well and that you enjoyed a successful hunting season.

We are looking for your input regarding the newsletter. Do you know a shareholder or descendant that might be interested in leading the charge on the preparation of Gana-A'Yoo's quarterly shareholder newsletter? If you have a suggestion or would like to learn more about this opportunity, please call 907.569.9599 or email newsletter@ganaayoo.com.

Gana-A'Yoo is also working closely with our communities and partner agencies to address trespassing on our lands. Thank you to Tommy Kriska and Calvin McGinty for placing signs this fall and to all who may have helped report illegal hunting on our lands.

Last but certainly not least, please join me in congratulating our over 50 scholarship recipients. Have a great school year!

Wishing you a wonderful fall,

Dena Sommer-Pedebone
Chief Executive Officer



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GANA-A'YOO *Foundation News*

The Gana-A'Yoo Foundation provides financial support to shareholders and descendants in the areas of post-secondary education, career and technical education (CTE) (formerly vocational training), and career development. Our Board of Directors and member owners have made it a strategic imperative to increase educational and training opportunities for shareholders and descendants. In the last year, the Foundation distributed approximately \$90,000 to students seeking higher education or career and technical training. The best of luck to all our students; we look forward to seeing where your journey takes you.

Scholarships

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Josephine Ambridge	Lisa Kangas	
Jodi Ambrose	Jaylein Kriska	
Trevan Bailey	Kianna Kriska	
Gavin Bailey	Maliyah Lefevour-Preston	Jasmine Shank
Jordanna David	Kayla Leu-Clark	Elizabeth Shoemaker
Hannah Ekada	Sonya Lord	Lorraine Solomon-Henry
Elsie Erickson	Robyn Ludecker	Darlene Sommer
Jamie Generous	Jolene Malamute	Katie Sommer
Bethany Grant	Skye Malamute	Ava Stoneman
Pearle Green	Darlene McAninch	Tyler Stoneman
Elizabeth Green	Nick Ostbloom	Trevor Stoneman
Sarah Gretzinger	Tia Patrick	Hailee Tanner
Jacob Hewett	Erin Patsy	Rachel Thurmond
Sharon Hildebrand	Kaylyn Riley	Amanda Tom
Dewey Hoffman	Chelsea Semaken	
Savannah Ivanoff		
Danielle Johnson		



COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Alyssa Esmailka
Erin Gingrich
Roderick Huntington
Shaye Jensen
Alexia Radman
Alyssa Radman
Tracy Ralston
Kaylee Sommer
Louise Thurmond

CTE Scholarships

The board approved four travel and expense scholarships for CTE opportunities being offered through Alaska Works from fall 2023 to spring 2024. For more information, please email foundation@ganaayoo.com.

SCHOLARSHIP Committee

Thank you to this year's scholarship committee: Shay Huntington McEwen, Betty Griffin, Vera Lestenkof and Alexis Sheeder. The committee was responsible for reviewing and ensuring the competitive scholarship applications met all requirements for this type of award.



Share **YOUR STORY**

Past, present and future students, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Shareholder Laura Ekada is scheduling video testimonials with former and current scholarship beneficiaries. If you would like to share your story, please let us know at foundation@ganaayoo.com. This project will help encourage others to apply, teach us what more we can do for student success, and inspire potential donors to contribute to the Foundation. Watch one of the student testimonial videos at youtu.be/Yj1DBF7t_fQ.

SHAREHOLDER RELATIONS *Committee*

The shareholder relations committee welcomes newly elected committee member, Jaylein Kriska of Koyukuk and Nulato! Kriska is currently a student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she is studying for her bachelor's degree in business administration. She is also a Gana-A'Yoo scholarship recipient, and a class C and E shareholder. Kriska has past experience with Doyon, Limited, where she worked in the Shareholder Relations/Human Resources Department for roughly two years.

"My background of working in shareholder relations gives me the benefit of knowing how to properly interact with shareholders, present ideas that would benefit shareholders, and finding opportunities out there for shareholders."

- Jaylein Kriska

Kriska values education and creativity, which has led her to design Athabascan art for companies based off traditional values and respect for lands, waters, animals and peoples.



Featured STUDENT ESSAY by Louise Thurmond

It is with great excitement to relay that I have successfully finished my first semester in the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program at Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON). I want to start by giving thanks and recognition to Gana-A'Yoo for awarding a general scholarship for this past semester (spring 2023) – the support is much appreciated.

As far as my academic goals, it may be obvious that I am continuing in my journey toward advancing my nursing practice as an FNP (graduation date anticipated August 2025). This year marks my 12th year as a Registered Nurse, with a majority of those years devoted to serving American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities through the inpatient and outpatient settings of Indian Health Services (IHS).

The reasons I chose to pursue higher education are multifaceted. The first reason is that I truly enjoy the field of nursing and would like to expand my knowledge and skill set. The second is that I enjoy a challenge. Nursing in itself has brought many challenges that taught me the value of being able to adapt and overcome in a humble and respectful manner. I intentionally chose a prestigious FNP program that was ranked #1 in the nation, and so far ... it is proving to be a worthy challenge. Finally, I want to give back to my Native community and family in multiple ways as an FNP. I not only want to provide high-quality healthcare but also inspire my children and community to pursue their dreams.

It is my intention to remain in Alaska as an FNP to continue serving AIAN communities, especially those in underserved areas. My areas of interest revolve around preventive care, women's health, substance use disorder, and behavioral health (BH). After gaining a foundation as an FNP, my long-term career goal is to obtain a post-master's degree as a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). This will allow me to provide healthcare in family medicine as well as BH.

Behavioral health is an area that I not only have an interest in but have noticed we have limited access to here in Alaska. It has been difficult seeing patients who are suffering and ready to address their mental health needs, yet not have any local resources available (i.e., wait times greater than six months). I am hoping to eventually help fill this gap in care.

At the end of my career, I want to retrospectively look back and feel I have done my part to make the world a better place for my family and community.



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 and that is invaluable.

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A special thank you to our employees and volunteers who have contributed time and energy to the Foundation. In July, Gana-A'Yoo held the 5th annual PTO raffle amongst our employees nationwide. Employees offered a contribution to the Foundation and were entered to win a day of paid time off. This annual event has become quite popular!

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

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19 Gana-A'Yoo Shareholder/Descendant Open House

NOVEMBER

5 Stock Will Drive Prize Drawing Deadline

10 Veterans' Day *Gana-A'Yoo offices closed*

15 Gana-A'Yoo Foundation Spring 2024 General Scholarship
Application Opens

23 Thanksgiving Day *Gana-A'Yoo offices closed*

24 Observed Holiday *Gana-A'Yoo offices closed*

DECEMBER

15 Gana-A'Yoo Foundation Spring 2024 General Scholarship
Application Closes

25 Christmas Day *Gana-A'Yoo offices closed*

Scholarship applications
will open at
ganaayoo.awardspring.com.
Contact the office with
any questions.

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
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