

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Educational Opportunities Abound with Conferences, Scholarships, Degrees

Tribal Environmental and Natural Resource Management

The Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, Wash., is currently seeking 30 students for an associate's degree in its tribal environmental and natural resource management program this fall.

This exciting program, developed in conjunction with Pacific Northwest tribes, integrates biology, chemistry, economics, politics, and resource management, all within a tribal perspective. The program is designed for those interested in natural resource management, environmental protection, fisheries, forestry, planning, tribal management, and law.

For more information, please contact Lisa Santana, NW Indian College, 2522 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226, 360-676-2772, ext. 269, or e-mail lsantana@nwic.edu.

Fifth Annual NCIE/TECA Conference

"Weaving Culture and Learning Strategies for the New Millennium" will be held on April 27-29, 2000, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

For registration and vendor information, call Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494. For agenda items and information, contact Dean Azule, 503-316-3515, PO Box 21056, Keizer, OR 97307.

National Unity Conference

The 2000 National UNITY Conference will be held in Seattle, Wash., on June 22-27, 2000. For more information, contact UNITY, Inc., PO Box 25042, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, 405-236-2800.

Sacred Landscapes

Oregon State University's Sacred Landscapes Conference, "Walking Softly on the Earth," is scheduled for May 18-19 at LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis, Ore. For more information, contact 541-737-0709 or check http://www.orst.edu/dept.ethnic_studies/sacred_lands.

Haskell Alumni Association

A celebration for Haskell alumni, parents, and friends is planned for May 11. Donations may be made to the National Haskell Alumni Association - Haskell 2000. For more information, contact Martha Houle, president, National Haskell Alumni

Association, 11415 W. 67th St., Shawnee Mission, KS 66203, 913-631-7833.

Scholarships

The Oregon Assistance Commission helps administer nearly 200 privately funded scholarship programs. Scholarship applications for 2000-2001 are now available.

For more information, contact the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, Attn: Grants Division, 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401-2146. You also can file an application through the OSAC web site at www.osac.state.or.us.

Summer Opportunities

Practicum opportunities with The Nature Conservancy of Oregon are available to students at all higher education levels. Information on internships and seasonal employment also is available.

Contact the following for more information: Hollie Pietila, 821 SE 14th Ave., Portland, OR 97214-2537, 503-230-1221, www.tnc.org.

PREP-SUMMET

The Summer Minority Engineering Training is available to eighth- and ninth-grade minority students at the Colorado School of Mines. The PREP-SUMMET's goal is to encourage minority students to attend college and to consider engineering and sciences as career options.

PREP-SUMMET is an intensive pre-college program that gives minority students the opportunity to live on campus and experience engineering, science, mathematics, and the Colorado School of Mines for four weeks. Room, board, and tuition for the entire program are paid by donations from corporate sponsors. With the exception of a security deposit, a non-refundable confirmation fee, transportation to and from the university, and any personal spending money, the program is **free**. Applications are now available.

For more information, contact your school counselor or write to PREP-SUMMET, 1616 Maple St., Golden, CO, 80401, 303-273-3286, www.mines.edu/Stu_life/mep/.

OHSU Offers Nursing Degree

In March 2000, nurses in rural Oregon will be able to earn a bachelor of science

degree from Oregon Health Sciences University on the internet. The contact for OHSU's on-line nursing program is 503-494-7725, proginfo@ohsu.edu.

PSU's Master's in Public Admin./Tribal Administration Program

Classes began in February in Siletz for an MPA in tribal administration. The first class is PA 511, Public Administration, and includes information on how to access resources such as the library from a distance. PA 555, Program Evaluation, will begin on March 28.

Students do not need to be admitted to PSU to start the program. A "quick entry" form may be used. For more information, contact Dr. Theresa Rapida, 503-725-5155, 1-800-547-8887, ext. 5155, rapidat@pdx.edu. You also can contact Bev Youngman, Siletz, 1-800-922-1399, ext. 290, 541-444-8290, bevy@ctsi.nsn.us.

Salmon Camp Follow-up Programs Scheduled for 2000

March 11 - Visit an old growth forest and tour an active forestry project to see what efforts can be taken to minimize impacts on stream systems and salmon, and what happens when care is not taken.

April 15-16 - Overnight visit to OMSI's Hancock Field Station for stream and range management activities on lands newly acquired by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

May 20-21 - Overnight visit to OMSI's Cascade Science School with a focus on eastside forestry and recreation management, with a visit to the High Desert Museum.

Students or parents must call 541-548-5473 (collect if need be) one to eight weeks prior to each field trip to reserve a space.

All enrichment activities focus on hands-on natural science and natural resource management training, instruction, and career exposure. OMSI staff works with Native American professionals or college students to share the challenges and successes they have experienced while pursuing degrees in natural resource management and the natural sciences. More information is available at omsicamp@transport.com.