

ROYALTY PROFILES

Waleeska Riding In

It is a blessing and an honor to be Miss Siletz. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to represent the tribe, my family, and myself.

My name is Waleeska Riding In. My parents are Dorna Riding In and Jeff Harjo; my grandparents are Robert and Doris (Tom) Riding In and Abe and Aurilla Tom. I have four younger brothers: Chebon, Robby, Russell, and Samuel.

I am 23 years old and currently enrolled at Portland Community College in Portland, Ore., taking 15 credit hours this semester. I was born in Albuquerque, N.M., and raised all over Oklahoma. I graduated in May 1997 from Pawnee High School in Pawnee, Okla.

I have taken classes at Rogers University in Claremore, Okla.; Oklahoma City Community College in Oklahoma City; Moore Norman Technology Center in Norman, Okla.; Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.; and Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City, Okla. I will obtain an associate's degree in both public relations and political science before I pursue my four-year degree.

I love to learn and hope that anyone who desires to learn can do so. Learning is more than just getting a degree. Whatever I achieve, I want to share it with those who can appreciate it.

I enjoy spending as much time with my family as I can. Without them, I would not be who I am today. When it isn't football or basketball season, someone might find me in a library. My personal favorite sport is boxing.

I love traveling and being at dances and pow-wows. I had a wonderful summer. So far, I have had a great year and I know that there is much to come. I enjoyed the Run to the Rogue and I personally was happy to see everyone who made it. For those who could not, it was really nice and I hope to see you somewhere. I'm thinking of everyone in my thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, everyone, for all your support.

Tiffany Dawn Stuart

Hello, my name is Tiffany Dawn Stuart. I am 16 years old and Jr. Miss Siletz 2001-2002. My parents are Thomas and Marlene Stuart.

My grandparents are Maxine (Ben) and the late Robert Rilatos Sr. My great-grandparents are Archie and Victoria (Butler) Ben and Pearl (Simmons) and R.T. Rilatos. My family tribal bands are: Shasta, Chetco, Euchie, Tututni, Burnt Ranch, Galile Creek, Yamhill of the Kalapuya, Molalla, and Wasco.

I am representing my family and the tribe to the best of my abilities. I have been to three pow-wows since the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow in August: Grand Ronde Annual Pow-Wow 2001; Haskell Indian Nations University Welcome Back Pow-Wow 2001 in Lawrence, Kan.; and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation American Indian Day Pow-Wow in Mayette, Kan.

In November and December, I plan to attend six pow-wows: Veterans Pow-Wow in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Veterans Pow-Wow at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.; Siletz Restoration Pow-Wow in Lincoln City, Ore.; Anita Walker Memorial Pow-Wow in Kansas City, Kan.; Christmas Dance and Dinner in Independence, Mo.; and a pow-wow in Holt, Kan. I enjoy going to pow-wows and talking about the Siletz people.

I attend Sumner Academy of Arts & Science in Kansas City, Kan. Sumner offers a college preparatory curriculum with educational experiences that promote responsibility, adaptability, and lifelong learning to its diverse student body. I currently am a junior and have a 3.85 GPA.

I just finished a season of tennis. I am a beginner, but I played on varsity and JV teams. I'm currently the varsity football manager. My job duties include being water girl, ball girl, and taking statistics. I will start swimming in March for my school's girls swim team, "Sabrecats." I have competed on the swim team for three years and cheerleading for the past two years.

I'm in symphonic orchestra (the top orchestra at Sumner), playing the violin, and an alto in the women's ensemble choir. I am the Native American Club president, and also am in the Students Driving Sober Club, Pep Club, Teachers of Tomorrow, Asia Club, and Chess Club.



2001-2002 Siletz Royalty: Tiffany Stuart (l), Jr. Miss Siletz; Leslie Lundy-Medlin, Little Miss Siletz; and Waleeska Riding In, Miss Siletz.

I'm still taking private piano and guitar lessons. I've taken lessons for five years for piano and two years for guitar. I have a recital on Nov. 11 where I will play Patriotic Melody and Pomp and Circumstance #1 on the piano.

Between going to pow-wows, school, and extra activities, I go to church every Sunday at Glad Tidings Assembly of God. I go to youth group on Wednesday and occasionally play the piano or guitar for praise and worship. I also sing in the adult choir; our next big performance is at Christmas. I believe Christ is always first in my life.

I would like to thank the Pow-Wow Committee and the Tribal Council for this opportunity to represent the Siletz Tribe in the Midwest. I have always wanted to run for Royalty; you have opened the window for me and many girls in the future.

Thank you Pow-Wow Committee, Tribal Council, and family for your support. I'll see everyone at the Restoration Pow-Wow on Nov. 17 at Chinook Winds.

Leslie Lundy-Medlin

Hi, my name is Leslie Lundy-Medlin. I am Little Miss Siletz 2001/2002. I am 9 years old and I attend Gilham Elementary as a fourth grader.

I have been blessed with a very large family. My parents are Noni and Johnny Medlin of Eugene and Issac Easter of Newport. My grandpa and grandma are Dan and LaRita Lundy of Siletz, Ralph Easter of Siletz, and Dixie and Ken Schaafsma of Dexter. My little brother is Nakai Easter. I love them all very much.

I am proud to be Little Miss Siletz this year and hope to do a good job for you. I love going to all the pow-wows and dancing. I have made a lot of friends and met a lot of neat people. I would like to thank you for allowing me to represent you as Little Miss Siletz. God bless you all.

Restoration Celebration

Chinook Winds Casino

Nov. 17, 2001

Noon	Welcome	2:00	Siletz Head Start Program
	Invocation: Lord's Prayer		Storytelling
	Guest Speaker		Raffle Drawing
12:30	Lunch Buffet	3:30	Closing Prayer
		6:00	Pow-Wow Grand Entry