

INROADS Offers Internship Opportunities

INROADS is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to developing and placing talented minority youth in business and industry and preparing them for corporate and community leadership.

INROADS recruits outstanding students of color, beginning in their senior year of high school, with a 3.0 GPA and 900 SAT, or college freshmen and sophomores with a 2.8 GPA who are attending or plan to attend a four-year college or university and pursue a career in business, engineering, or any technology-related major.

Interns will receive a paid multi-summer internship (competitive wages for full-time summer employment) at one of INROADS' corporate sponsors. Through INROADS, college tutorial support, corporate mentorship programs, and access to more than 900 of the nation's leading companies are available.

Students also could receive scholarships through corporate sponsors. And to top everything off, students have great potential for full-time employment after graduation with one of INROADS' corporate sponsors. Over the past five years, about eight of 10 graduates who received offers from their INROADS sponsor company accepted full-time employment with it.

INROADS college internships combine two to five summers of paid work experience at a local client organization with year-round academic instruction, training, and guidance from INROADS counselors. Corporate sponsor organizations make a commitment to provide career-related summer work experience for interns, staff involvement as mentors, supervisors and liaison with INROADS, and financial support.

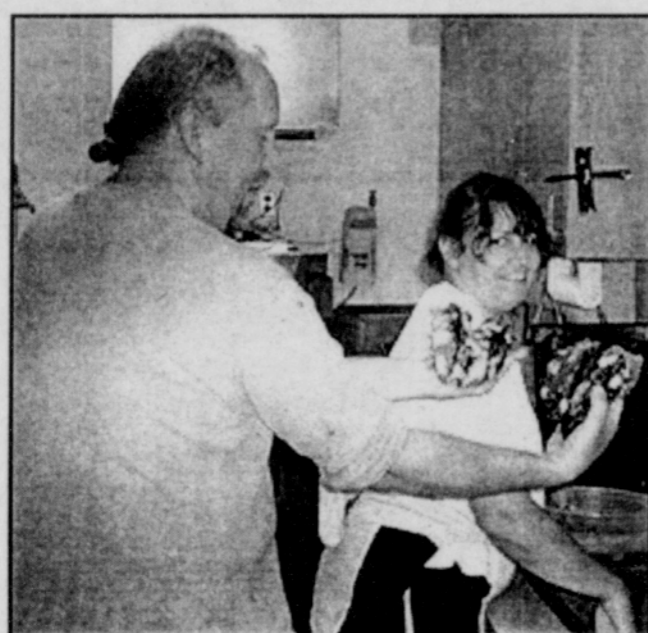
For more information about INROADS or to apply to this great program, contact Anousinh Siharath at 1-888-934-2832, ext. 12, or go to its Web site at <http://www.inroads.org>.



Memorial Day 2002 once again saw the Siletz Tribe honor its veterans and others in the local area. Ed Ben and Heather Walker (opposite page) lead the honor guard to the Veterans Memorial. Current and past Siletz Royalty (above) Waleeska Riding In, Jennifer Easter, and Sara Bell help Delores Pigsley and Shirley Walker present the wreaths as Rosemary Landis and Jane John observe.



Alfred Lane Jr. (above) addresses the crowd. Robert Kentta and Kathy Robertson prepare mussels for lunch (right).



Applications Available for Sherman Indian HS

Sherman Indian High School currently is accepting applications for the 2002-2003 academic year. Sherman is an off-reservation comprehensive boarding high school that services the needs of American Indian students.

Individuals who have graduated from elementary school through the age of 21 can apply to Sherman Indian High School. Sherman is accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the regional accrediting agency.

Sherman students have the opportunity to participate in partnerships with local community colleges and universities. It has expanded its vocational education programs and developed specific programs, such as P.A.S.S., Freshman Focus, and Academic Counseling.

If you would like a Sherman representative to visit your area, please call 909-276-6327, ext. 200, Monday through Friday. Sherman will arrange, at your convenience, a visit with your students, parents, tribal education leaders, and interested community members.



Majestic Mortgage Helps Homebuyers

Majestic Mortgage, a Portland-area firm specializing in creative lending, has positioned itself as a resource for Indian Housing Authorities.

Liz Hamilton (Choctaw/Cherokee) works with first-time homebuyers, plus debt consolidation and refinance clients, utilizing the first-time homebuyer assistance program offered to tribal members under HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant program.

While many lenders struggle with how to structure the NAHASDA grant money toward down payments, Majestic Mortgage has adopted program guidelines to fund quickly and efficiently. Despite credit challenges such as bankruptcy, Majestic can refinance the existing loan and pull cash out for a number of uses, such as debt consolidation, home improvements, vacations, or working capital for a business. Investment properties can be either owner- or non-owner-occupied.

For self-employed people, Majestic has non-income-verifying home loans and SBA financing available. Most pre-qualifications are done in 24 hours and with no charge for the initial call. Majestic Mortgage is an equal opportunity lender and can originate home loans in any state where licensing laws allow.

Contact Liz Hamilton at 503-397-9769; collect calls accepted.