

## SVS Student Awards

Siletz Valley School, a newly formed charter school, has a student body of 169 students.

On the first Monday of every month at our morning assembly, we select students in grades K-8 to receive awards for attendance, academic achievements, citizenship, and positive behavior. This month we decided to do something a little different.

For the month of April, teachers selected students who were fluent readers in their ability reading groups and also maintained a B or better grade on their progress card. The classroom teachers nominated the following students:

Kindergarten: Clarinda Black, Kateri Whitehead

1st Grade: Morgan Crawford, Sierra Gerttula, Courtney Parsons, Nicole Wilson, Jenelle Potter, Austin Doty, Windy Hill, Daniel Regan, April Sied, Devon Reed

2nd Grade: Josh Rilatos, San Poil Whitehead

3rd Grade: Danielle Clark, Steven Lindstrom, Philip Edwards, Payne Phinney, Autum Roberts, Morgan Woltring, Maranda Garrett

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kassandra Rilatos, Kaylee Clark, Jazmine Thein, Jordan Young, Damion Williams, Ashliegh Ramirez, Ashley Bisson, Darian Dorman, Cody Blacketer, Kiesha Metcalf, Angelia Priest Lamadrid

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chris Crawford, Rosie Digeldein, Veronica Gerttula, Kayla Stokes, Casee Case, Kristina Smith, Andrew Coats

Middle School: Zak Bremner, Timothy Lindstrom, Natalia Coats, Chris Williams, Heather Luckini, Loy Marthaller, Jennifer Easter, Jeff Sweet, Raeloni Belgarde, Levi Grove, Tiernan Pettit, Carson Edwards, Haven Perkins, Dillon Blacketer, Chris Schuler, Mathew Ludwig, James McGaughey, Chyann Payne, Mark Tom, Jamie Uhrich, Shelby Wallace

## Thirty Siletz Tribal Youth Attend OIEA Conference

The annual Oregon Indian Education Association (OIEA) 2004 Youth Conference was held in Lincoln City this year and its success was due in large part to the 218 registered youth and adults from all over Oregon.

Thirty Siletz Tribal youth were sponsored to attend this conference. This year's theme was "We are the Future and the Future Begins With Us."

Conference planners included workshops on such things as college selection; career overviews; health issues; leadership; drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention; media training; and cultural preservation.

High school graduates, college attendees, and recent college graduates were invited to host two workshops highlighting life after high school and campus life as a Native American student. College and university admissions and Native American Student Union representatives were there to talk about campus activities.

DeAnna Pearl and the STYLE group help sponsor the media training

work-shop. It highlighted the "Smoking is a Colorful Addiction" media project while giving practical information about starting prevention activities in schools. Twenty kids participated in the workshop.

Shane Brown, Apollonia Lane, and Rhiannon Hamel encouraged the group to be unafraid to speak out and get involved. "You got to get 'em young," said Shane. "Who knows, you could possibly change the rest of their lives by what you say!"

But it the conference wasn't all serious issues. It included speech contests, talent shows, beach walks, arts and crafts, a basketball tournament, and a hip hop dance. Apollonia presented information on Miss Native American Oregon. The top two speech finalists were given all-expense-paid trips to the National Indian Education Association conference in September.

For more information, contact the Title VII coordinator at your child's school.



Back row: Greg Towner, James Cedarstrom, Nathan Fisher, and Joe McAlhany. Front row: Amber Bostrum, Lisa Norton, Trinity Hall, Josh Yell, and Sharmon Cook

## Graduating Students Honored at Annual Gathering

The Tribal Education Committee and education specialists hosted a potluck luncheon for the Annual Student Gathering on April 24, 2004, at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. The yearly event honors graduating students from Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training programs as well as other students.

Seven of the June 2004 graduates attended: Elizabeth "Lisa" Norton, Eastern Oregon University, sociology/psychology; Amber Bostrum, Portland Community College, dental hygiene; Trinity Hall, Western Oregon University, social science; Nathan Fisher, Lane Community College, electronic

technology; Sharmon Cook, Chemeketa Community College, AAOT; James Cedarstrom, Oregon State University, zoology; and Joe McAlhany, OSU, business.

Other students attending included Joseph Lane and Theresa Smith, Portland State University; Josh Yell, Lane Community College; and Greg Towner, Chemeketa Community College.

Families joined the students, committee members, and staff, as well as Delores Pigsley, tribal chairman, and council members Reggie and Lillie Butler, David Hatch, and Rosemary Landis, Tribal Council representative to the Education Committee.



Apples Lane, Miss Native American Oregon, talks to other students at the Oregon Indian Education Conference at the Shilo Inn Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.