

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

Debra Leah Voutrin-Saenz 1952-2004

Debra Leah Voutrin-Saenz, 52, of Portland, Ore., died Dec. 30, 2004. She was born Sept. 8, 1952, to parents Mary "Manard" Voutrin and Donald Paul Voutrin in Dallas, Ore.

She was raised in the Los Angeles, Calif., area and attended school there. At age 19, she married Daniel Bostrom in Reno, Nev. In 1971, the couple moved to Portland to start a family.

In 1976, she left Portland to live with her mother in Salem, Ore. When her mother died in 1988, she moved back to Portland and worked as a telephone operator.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portland. She en-

joyed astrology and most especially enjoyed being a grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her life partner of 15 years, Gary Fellows of Portland.

She is survived by daughters, Mary Bostrom, Theresa Smith, and Amber Gutierrez, all of Portland; grandsons, Michael Bostrom, Hunter Cox, and Harrison Smith, all of Portland; granddaughter, Sophia Smith of Portland; and sisters, Marilyn Belgard of Salem and Janice Walters of California.

Memorial services were held Jan. 8 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Siletz. Interment was at the Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz.

PSU Diversity Scholars Recognized

Nine Siletz Tribal members currently are attending Portland State University, with two of them attending the Satellite PSU program in Salem.

PSU has recognized three of these students by giving them the PSU Recognition Diversity Scholarship. We understand it has taken a lot of work, persistence, and time, and the Siletz Education Program would like to applaud these students—**Joe Lane, Rebecca Johnson, and Theresa Bostrom.**

Congratulations to all of you! We are very proud of you and all of our stu-

dents who have chosen to attend college.

If you would like more information about the PSU Diversity Recognition Scholarship, please go to www.ess.pdx.edu/eeps or contact Sherie Guess, coordinator, at 503-725-4152.

All of our Siletz Tribal college-bound students are not only back to school, but also are beginning their scholarship and financial aid applications for fall 2005. If you would like more information on how the tribe can assist you, please contact your local Siletz Tribal office.

Physicians Offer Summer Opportunity for High Schoolers

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 8th annual National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI), which will be held June 18-26, 2005, in Washington, D.C.

More than 60 Native American high school students age 16-18 will be awarded scholarships to attend this weeklong intensive academic enrichment program held each summer in the nation's capital.

"NNAYI is a tremendous opportunity for Native high school students interested in pursuing a career in health," says Margaret Knight, AAIP's executive director. "NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research."

During interactive workshops, students increase their skills in leadership, communication, studying and testing, assertiveness, networking, professional behavior, interactive learning, and time management.

AAIP member physicians and health professionals serve as role models for the students and offer insights into their respective health fields, including medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, public and allied health, veterinary medicine, biomedical research, and more. Students also learn about opportunities for mentoring and shadowing with AAIP member physicians.

Native American high school students age 16-18 who have an interest

in pursuing a health profession are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA (A = 4.0). Lodging, meals, and travel expenses are provided for each student accepted into the program.

To accompany the students during the program, NNAYI is currently accepting applications for 12 counselors to serve as chaperones during the visit to Washington, D.C. Native American college students age 21 and older who currently are enrolled in health programs are encouraged to apply. Counselors receive all expenses paid, as well as a stipend at the end of the program.

Application deadline is May 13, 2005.

For more information, contact Russ Tall Chief at the Association of American Indian Physicians at 405-946-7072, or e-mail aaip@aaip.com. Applications can be downloaded from the AAIP Web site at <http://www.aaip.com/student/nnayi.html>.

See more information
on scholarships, in-
ternships, mentoring
programs, and educa-
tional opportunities
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Siletz Tribal Housing Committee members Gladys Bolton and Maria Westervelt attend the 18th annual Amerind Annual Meeting and Expo in Nashville, Tenn., in November.