

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Sharla Robinson

To the editor:

My name is Sharla Robinson. I am the great-granddaughter of Mae and Roy Downey and the granddaughter of JoAnn Miller and Henry Kentta.

I am a junior at Marymount Manhattan College, a private liberal arts school on the Upper East Side in New York City. I am writing to thank the Education Department for supporting me financially through college. I am very grateful to the administration for placing so much emphasis on education; without it, I would not be able to attend college.

I am a theater arts major with a concentration in production and management. I am proud to report I have been successful at Marymount, making the Dean's List after last term. I also have

become very involved running student events and am the Campus Activities Board Performing Arts Chair.

I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to further my education in New York and experience what the city has to offer. Going to school here has been a long-lasting dream of mine and challenging myself is very important to me.

I am very focused and am enjoying the pursuit of my goals. I am proud that I can represent our tribe and state in such a diverse and multicultural institution.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for their love and encouragement. I welcome other students to contact me if they are interested in coming to New York or want guidance on how to search for a school that complements their aspirations.

A big lesson I have learned is that in order to enjoy doing a job, you have to enjoy the process of working your way up the ladder. You actually have to enjoy working hard toward a goal and all the sweat and tears that come along the way. It is hard work, but the sense of achievement is worth it.

I cannot stress enough the importance of finding a career that complements your strengths. I hope that other tribal members realize their potential enough to go to college and that education will continue to be an asset that other students can access through the tribe.

Sincerely,
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To the editor:

Dear Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and Charitable Contribution Fund,

On behalf of the Indian Leader Association, I would like to give a big "thank you" to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and the Charitable Contribution Fund for donating \$2,000 to the Haskell Indian Nations University Yearbook.

This year is the 120th anniversary for HINU in Lawrence, Kan. Your contribution will help make this special edition a bigger book and have more pages. Thanks for supporting the Haskell Yearbook.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Dawn Stuart
Haskell Newspaper "Indian Leader" and Yearbook Staff Member 2003-2005 Indian Leader Association Secretary/Treasurer



To the editor:

My name is Eddie Ehret and I had the privilege of coaching one of the 7th-9th grade co-ed all-Indian teams for this year's basketball tournament. Needless to say, we didn't win, but as always it was truly fun for me as I hope it was for my players as well.

With the losses that we took, it makes me reflect on that old saying, "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you played the game." Never before has this held so much meaning to me as it does today.

Though we lost our games, I feel as though we won in so many other ways. The players on my team handled our losses very respectfully and in this feat

alone, we are very much winners. Never before have I had a team act so mature in such a hard time as I did with this team this year.

It was very humbling for me to accept these losses, but I can't help but be proud of my team as they proved to be such a fine bunch of young adults. It makes me proud to know that these young adults will be the future of our people and that even in a time of loss, they still know how to be winners.

Thanks Julia Austin, Cassandra Thompson, Rachele (Buffa) John, Jennifer Easter, Robert Taylor, Tygem Butler, Matt Sharpe, and Chris Butler.
Eddie Ehret

To the editor:

My time in CHS servicing tribal members has been my honor. After 16 years of employment with the tribe, I feel I've done all I can and my time here is complete.

I'd like to thank the people who helped me and gave me the opportunity to prove my passion for helping Indian people. Only some "oldies" will remember what it was like before the tribe stepped in and took over CHS.

Sharon and Cheryl – your confidence in me inspired me to keep going when things looked bad. Thank you for always being there for me. Mother, your prayers

and unconditional love never failed me. My sister, Fonda – Your faith in me is never-ending. Thank you for all your love and support.

God is opening a door for me that I never thought possible and is so unexpected. My last words of inspiration I'd like to say – Don't ever give up on yourself and believe in the power of prayer, but be ready for God's plan.

Best of wishes to all. I'll see you around, no goodbyes.

Shannon Case

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