

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Odessa Smart
Lane County Sheriff's Office
Patrol Division
Lane Community College
Human Services: Criminal Justice

I have learned a lot about the different types of law enforcement. It's not all about patrolling the streets.

Some deputies work transporting inmates from the jail to court hearings and arraignments. Some work serving civil papers to people at their homes or place of business.

Some deputies work on homicide and missing persons cases. I have had a chance to see these deputies in action as well as see the patrol aspect of police work.

These first-hand experiences I've had will help with my future career by giving me a head start and some of the experience I'll need when I start my career in law enforcement. It's also given me a chance to see all the different types of work I can go into inside the law enforcement field. It also helps me know what to expect in my field so I'm not starting the job not knowing what it's all about.

The best part about the internship was the dynamic experiences I've had. One day, I might work in an office organizing missing persons files, the next I could meet up with the Department of Homeland Security and watch them investigate a possible terrorist, or watch someone get sentenced to prison for the crimes they committed.

I'd like to thank the Siletz Tribe and the Lane County Sheriff's Office for giving me the opportunity to have these experiences and gain knowledge into my career field.

Send Us Tribal Member News

Siletz News is looking for information about tribal members similar to the articles you see on these pages, positive news about you or someone you know.

Here's an example of what we'll include on the Tribal Member News pages: births, graduations, awards, the Armed Services, weddings, engagements, and deaths.

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Summer Internships Help Students

Nine college students took advantage of the tribe's Summer Internship Program this year. They worked at paid positions for up to nine weeks at project-specific activities in the departments in which they were placed.

Their thoughts on their experiences are printed on these two pages. Their place of internship, the college they attend, and their majors also are listed.



Buddy Lane
Siletz Tribal Culture Department
Oregon State University
Ethnic Studies

My summer internship position has allowed me to fulfill a prerequisite required for my ethnic studies degree and it also has enabled me to learn more in-depth information with regards to various customs and protocols of our ancestors.

Working with our youth during Culture Camp has been the most enjoyable and fulfilling. I feel both fortunate and appreciative that my tribe has afforded me the opportunity to get an education and work with my people.



Lynette Hibdon
Internship
Haskell Indian Nations University
Health Recreation/Physical
Education, Business

No statement submitted



Aaron McClintock
The Orthopedic & Sports Center
of Oregon
George Fox University
Biology/Pre-Med

The best part of being a summer intern at Dr. Colorito's office is that the people that he is blessed to work with are amazing. They are one of the greatest groups of people I have ever worked with or even had a chance to meet.

Being able to shadow Dr. Colorito has taught me a lot about the profession and what it has to offer. He has shown me that being a doctor doesn't just take brains and a degree. To be a doctor, you must be able to fine tune your greatest attributes and be the person that everyone feels comfortable being around. You have to be this great guy that everyone loves, plus you have to be trusted with a knife.

Dr. Colorito and his PA, Barry A. Jacoshenk, have helped guide me on my long journey in the medical field in the greatest way ever by simply doing what they do and allowing me to be a pest day after day. I thank them for this chance they have given me to soak up some of their experiences and use them to the best of my judgment.

Marcus Butler
Siletz Tribal Finance Department
Linn-Benton Comm. College
Business

The opportunity to work in a business environment and take on the responsibilities and challenges that await me after my college career has given me experience that can't be matched by any amount of time in a classroom.

I have learned many new skills thanks to Gregg, Stephanie, Debbie, and the whole Accounting Department, whether it's new computer skills working with MIP and Microsoft Access; manipulating graphs, charts, and tables to look the most presentable; or people skills that were put to use during per capita distribution – all of which I am sure will be useful in my journey into the business world.

There are so many skills, tips, and characteristics of a businessperson this whole group has helped me acquire that all of them can't be mentioned.

Learning and developing my business skills has been great; however, the best part of my internship would have to be just working with this group of people. Being able to improve relationships as well as communication skills and watching everyone work together as one cohesive unit is exciting as well as rewarding. All the other stuff is work, which at times isn't fun.



Lynda Timeus
Smith River Rancheria –
Language Program
Southwestern Oregon
Community College
Human Services

First of all, I want to thank our Tribal Council for the wonderful opportunity to participate in this year's Summer Internship Program. Through the powers that be and especially Tina Retasket, who went the extra mile to help me find a position close to home, I currently am working with the Smith River Rancheria.

I work with Marva Scott, the Language Program manager for the rancheria. Marva welcomed me aboard and put me right to work creating a reference library that includes cultural, educational, and children's selections.

At the present time (in mid-August), we are gearing up for the Smith River Rancheria's first ever Language Camp, which is titled "Living our ways through language" (Waa-saa-ghithl-'a~ nuu-wee-ya' mvlh 'aa-ghithl-xat), which runs Aug. 17-19.

I feel privileged to be part of Marva's team as she guides us through the preparations, which culminate in a three-day experience offering tribal youth the opportunity to learn their ancestral language through many fun and exciting activities.

I am currently working on my associate's of science degree in human services and intend to transfer to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology/sociology.

My goal has been to work directly with tribal members in a capacity that enhances and/or improves their quality of life. I feel that my part in this internship has the potential of doing just that.

