

Wells Fargo Creates Scholarship Fund for American Indians

Partners with American Indian Graduate Center to Fund Qualifying Students from Tribal Nations

PORTLAND, Ore. – Wells Fargo has donated \$300,000 to permanently endow a college scholarship fund that will help up to four qualifying American Indian students fill unmet financial aid needs each year.

The scholarships will be available as of next September to undergraduate and graduate students nationwide, including Oregon and southwest Washington.

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) will administer the Wells Fargo Scholarship for Native American College Students. AIGC is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to aiding American Indian students from undergraduate through doctorate study in all fields.

Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average or better, be at least a college junior, and major in business, finance or gaming and hospitality. More information and the application form are available online at www.aigc.com.

"Wells Fargo is making a meaningful gift to support deserving American Indian students who will become the future business leaders of our Pacific Northwest tribal communities," said Chandra Hampson, a former AIGC scholarship recipient who now manages Wells Fargo's Native American Banking Services for the greater Pacific Northwest.

"AIGC's ongoing mission to advance self-sufficiency and self-determination within all Native American communities matches Wells Fargo's commitment to advance education and economic development in every community where we live, work, and do business," Hampson said.

Wells Fargo delivers capital and financial services to more than 150 tribal nations through a team of spe-

cialized relationship managers comprising its Native American Banking Services. The company also has more banking stores on Indian reservations than any other financial institution.

Through its targeted programs alone, Wells Fargo has lent more than \$1.8 billion to tribes and American Indians, is one of the primary providers of financial services in Indian Country, and is a leading lender to the tribal gaming industry.

Wells Fargo has more than 1,800 American Indian team members, with five team member resource groups for Native peoples in Alaska, Arizona, California, New Mexico, and South Dakota.

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Join in Worship, Fellowship at Native Christian Conference

The third annual Native Christian Conference, "Gathering of Eagles," will feature two days of spiritual discussions and insights about unity in the Body of Christ on March 31-April 1.

It will include American Indian dancing, praise and worship, and general fellowship.

The conference will be held at the Seven Feathers Casino Convention Center in Canyonville Ore. It begins at 1 p.m. on March 31 with Rev. Harvi Hood and Rev. Isabel Weedman as the speakers. After a dinner break, the evening will feature praise and worship and a speaker, Pastor Michael Pina.

On April 1, the program begins at 8 a.m. with praise and worship, followed by two speakers, Pastor Don Causey

and Rev. Millie Salt. After a noon lunch break, the conference will resume at 2 p.m. with a series of workshops. The closing session will start at 7 p.m. after a dinner break and Pastor Dave Booya will be the featured speaker.

The conference also includes hand-crafted items for sale. Crafts do not have to be Indian and display space is free.

For conference reservations, additional details, or to reserve craft display space, call Millie Salt at 541-791-3674, e-mail her at salt_of_the_earth513@hotmail.com, or write to Salt of the Earth Ministry, P.O. Box 1094, Albany, OR 97321.

The conference costs \$20 per person for the two days. Tickets will be available at the door.

Be Aware of Hayes Creek Bridge Closure

Please note the times and revised dates for the 36-hour closure of the U.S. 20 Hayes Creek Bridge, about two miles west of Eddyville, to set precast concrete beams:

- Closure begins at 7 a.m. on March 4.
- Bridge reopens at 7 p.m. on March 5.

Thank you for your patience.

Questions? Please contact:

- Project Information Hotline (toll-free), 1-866-780-8489
- Lou Torres, ODOT, 503-986-2880, e-mail: Lou.TORRES@odot.state.or.us
- Russ Pratt, Yaquina River Constructors, 541-875-2844, ext. 101
- Project Office: 20362 Hwy. 20 (the Alsea Mill site in Eddyville)

Knowledge River Recruiting for Fall 2006 Class

The University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) is pleased to announce it is now recruiting students for Knowledge River – a master's degree program leading to an exciting career as an information professional, focusing on the information and library needs and perspectives of Hispanics and American Indians.

Students accepted into Knowledge River will receive full tuition and a generous graduate assistantship or stipend for one academic year, in addition to other special program features.

A bachelor's degree in any field is acceptable. **The application deadline is April 1, 2006.**

Knowledge River has an innovative program design, with culturally relevant courses, professional development, academic support, and the chance to

go through the program with a large peer group.

Now starting our fifth year, we will admit 15 new students to Knowledge River for fall 2006. All eligibility requirements and application procedures can be found on our Web site – <http://knowledge.river.arizona.edu>.

Students wishing to be considered for Knowledge River must be accepted into the SIRLS graduate program. All application materials are online at the SIRLS Web site.

To contact SIRLS for information or questions, call 520-621-3565 or visit www.sir.arizona.edu.

Please contact us directly for additional information or any questions you might have concerning Knowledge River at 520-621-3958 or e-mail kriver@sbs.mail.arizona.edu.

Ag Scholarships Available

The Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) announces the availability of its Memorial Scholarship to students attending a junior college or a four-year college or university with plans to study an agriculture-related major.

The OAEF scholarship is open to new and continuing full-time students (12 or more hours per quarter or the semester equivalent). Scholarship awards may vary, depending on available funds, but usually are \$750 to \$1,300, with eight to 10 being awarded each year. It's possible to reapply for the scholarship annually.

A current application must be used when applying (academic year 06-07).

The application deadline is April 1. Applications postmarked or brought into the office after April 1 will not be considered.

Applications are available online at www.oregonfb.org (under "Programs" – "Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation" – "OAEF Memorial Scholarship") or by contacting Betty Brose at 503-399-1701, ext. 327, or e-mailing betty@oregonfb.org.

The goal of the OAEF Memorial Scholarship Project is to "support students that would have a positive impact on production agriculture and other agricultural-related fields."

For more information about OAEF, visit www.oregonfb.org, and look under "Programs" on the menu bar.