

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Melissa Butler

Butler Receives Teaching Honor

The family of Melissa Butler would like to congratulate her for being nominated to be honored in the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* again.

Melissa was selected for this prestigious honor because she "made a difference" in the life of one of her former students. Only 5 percent of our nation's teachers are honored each year and less than 2 percent are honored more than once.

Clearly, her former students are sending a message of how special she is, a tribute bestowed on very few teachers.

Currently, Melissa is a first-grade teacher at Siletz Valley School.



Brett Blundon

Blundon Majors in Fish and Wildlife

Tribal member Brett Blundon grew up in the Siuslaw Basin. His tribal family history comes from his mother's side – Bartow was her last name.

Brett initially pursued the medical emergency field after graduating from high school. His interests changed a few years back and he decided to become a fish and wildlife major at Oregon State University, where he is a junior.

Brett worked for the Tribal Aquatic Projects two days a week during winter quarter this year. He did a bang-up job and we are very excited about potentially having him back for a summer internship. Brett would work on the estuary salmon and oyster projects this summer.

Thanks again, Brett, for a great performance this past quarter!



Tiffany Stuart and Lynette Hibdon

Hibdon, Stuart Earn Associate's Degrees

Love from The Hibdon and Rilatos Clan

Please join us in congratulating Lynette Hibdon for receiving her associate's in liberal arts. She has been on the President's Honor Roll for the past three years at Haskell Indian Nations University, maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Lynette played for the Lady Indians basketball team for two years and volunteers for various college clubs and organizations, helping out whenever needed. She has been accepted into the Business Administration School to complete her B.S. degree next fall.

Congratulations to Tiffany Stuart, who will receive her associate's in paraprofessional education. She currently is Miss Haskell and was a cheerleader.

Tiffany is on the Dean's List at Haskell and is involved in many clubs and organizations. She has been accepted to the School of Education to finish her B.S. to become an elementary educator.

Lynette and Tiffany, you make us proud! Good luck completing your education!

Commencement Exercises

May 12, 2006 – 10 a.m.

Haskell Memorial Stadium – Lawrence, Kansas

Pow-Wow, Feather Dance, and Giveaway

A Feather Dance and giveaway to honor Miss Haskell – Tiffany Dawn Stuart, Haskell Brave – Elliot Bryant, and the Haskell graduates of 2006 will take place May 12 at 8 p.m. at the Haskell Indian Nations University pow-wow grounds.

Tiffany is the daughter of Thomas and Marlene Stuart (Kansas City, Kan.), the sister of Thomas and Cheryl Stuart (Lawrence, Kan.) and Tim Stuart (Kansas City), the granddaughter of

Maxine Rilatos (Siletz, Ore.) and the late Robert Rilatos,; and the granddaughter of the late Buddy and Jewel Stuart (Hayward, Calif./Ashdown, Ark.)

The dance will take place before the crowning of Miss Haskell and Haskell Brave 2006-2007. The grand entry for the Graduation Pow-Wow is at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited. To make reservations or ask questions, contact Tiffany at tiffany.stuart@haskell.edu.

Siletz Valley School and Siletz Valley Early College Academy are now accepting applications for next school year (2006-2007)

All grade levels have limited space and are on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register soon!

You can pick up a registration packet from Teri in the school office from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SVS Honors Students of the Month

Siletz Valley School announced the students of the month for March during our Monday assembly April 10. Students in grades 1-8 are recognized for citizenship and academic achievements based on performance.

As a reward, we raffle various items that our local community vendors give us for the students. Please thank Noel's Market, Little Chief, and Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart for their donations.

Teachers nominated the following students:

- 1st grade, Ms. Butler: Anthony Butler, Kacie Gump, Gaiten Haynes, Levi Lancaster
- 2nd grade, Ms. Hawk: Donovan Carey, Chazlynne Goodell
- 3rd grade, Ms. Bowen: Austin Doty, Cassidy Sinsel
- 4th grade, Ms. Perkins: Kai Skidmore, Savannah Worman
- 5th grade, Ms. Rogers: Jeffery Paul, Katelyn Stephens

- 6th grade, Mr. Scott: Amity Elliott, Tori Williams
- 7th grade, Ms. Rajput: Rosie Dingeldein, Ronnie Gertulla
- 8th grade, Ms. McGraw: Tristan Metcalf, Whitney Sherman

PE Awards, Mr. LaRoche

- 3rd grade: Cassidy Sinsel, Robert Williams
- 4th grade: David Marthaller, Savannah Worman
- 5th grade: Jeffery Paul, Katelyn Stephens
- 6th grade: Kiesha Metcalf-Bremner, Damion Williams
- 7th grade: Brian Metcalfe, Kayla Stokes
- 8th grade: Alec Hawk, Tristan Metcalf

Thanks to Our Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have as much help as we receive from our community. For February, we had 115 volunteers who worked 300 hours.

Thank you to all of you who continue to give your time and love to our school and students.