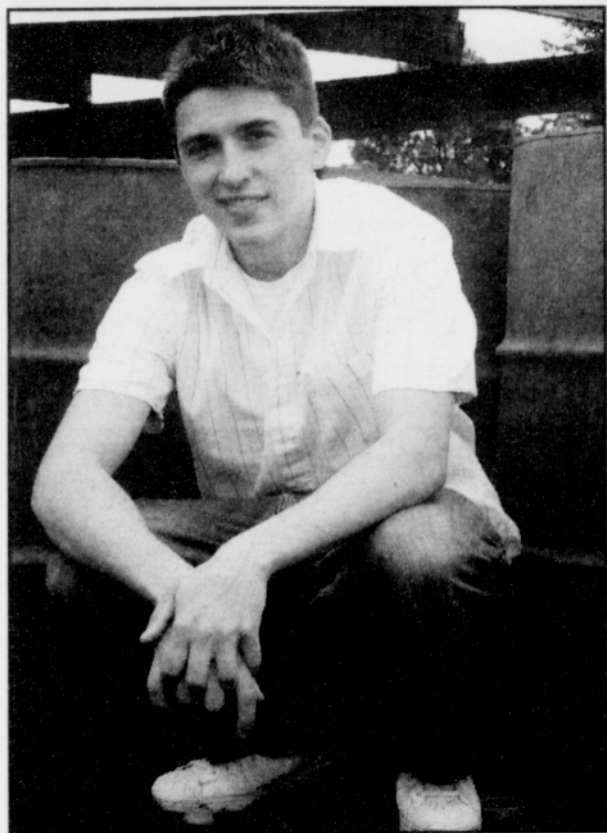


TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

Graduates!



Steve Arden
David Douglas HS

Steve Arden graduated from David Douglas High School on June 7 2006. He is the son of Clay Arden, grandson of Amos Arden and great-grandson of Clayborne Arden.

He plans to attend Mt Hood Community College, continuing to study for a degree in hospitality and tourism that he began in high school. From there, he will go to the University of Nevada Las Vegas to complete his degree.

Everyone in his family is extremely proud of the exceptionally fine young man he is.

Tylan Moore
Bohemia Elementary

from Mom, Rheanna, Billy Dee, Jennifer, Cheyenne, and your Dad
Congratulations to Tylan Moore of Cottage Grove, who graduated from Bohemia Elementary on June 14. He will attend Lincoln Middle School in the fall.

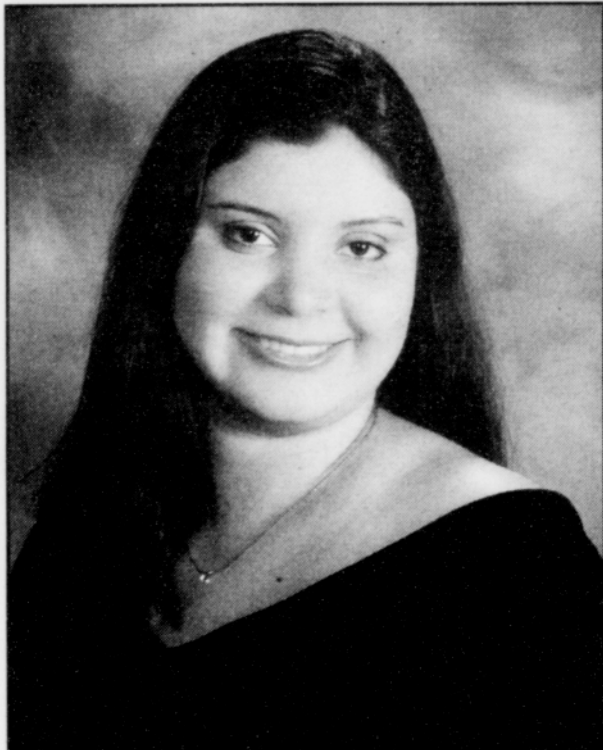
Hard to believe you are already going into junior high. We are all proud of you. Keep up the hard work.



Antonette Washington
Siletz Tribal Head Start

Love, Alana (Antonette's mom and Haley's aunt)

Congratulations to Antonette Washington, who graduated from Siletz Tribal Head Start in Portland on June 1. Also, congratulations to Haley



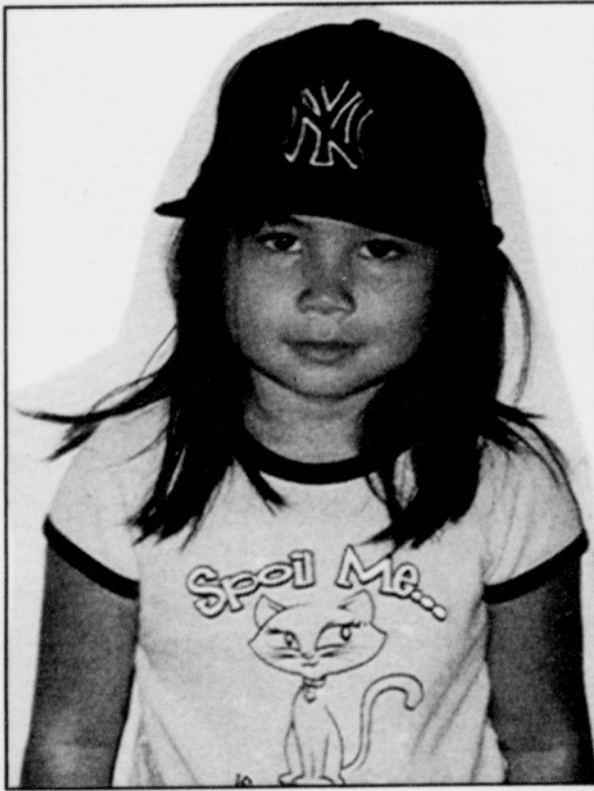
Jennifer Delores Ben
River City HS

Congratulations to Jennifer Delores Ben! She graduated from River City High School in West Sacramento, Calif. She was one of 15 students to be valedictorian of her graduating class.

Jennifer will attend Sacramento State University.

She is the daughter of Edmond and Alice Ben Jr., and the granddaughter of Edmond and Delores Ben.

Best wishes from the Ben families!



Haley Riding In
Kindergarten

Riding In, who graduated kindergarten, also in Portland, this year.

Good job to these two cousins who worked very hard!

Siletz Tribal Women Graduate from Portland State



Rebecca Johnson Saunders, daughter of Illeanna (Simmons) and Kenneth Blacketer, is graduating with a bachelor's in family studies. Rebecca, or "Becka" as she is known with family and friends, returned to college after a more than 20-year absence from her education.

She began her first two years at Portland Community College and then transferred to Portland State University. While at PSU, she earned such scholarships as PSU's Diversity Recognition Scholarship and the Fred Meyer Scholarship.

Becka also has spent countless hours with PSU's Native American Community Center and served on PSU's Native American Community Advisory Board while assisting Rose Hill, PSU's Native American advisor. Becka spent last summer doing a practicum at the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp for people with disabilities.

Her journey has involved a commitment to her education, hours of studying and attending classes, and much work. We would like to congratulate Becka on **all** of her accomplishments.



Sharmon Cook, daughter of Jim Cook, is graduating with a bachelor's of science in social science with a minor in sociology. A Salem resident, she also was a returning student after a long absence.

Sharmon first attended Chemeketa Community College. After earning her associate's degree, she transferred to PSU's Salem Center. While a full-time college student, she also worked full time for the Siletz Tribe.

First, she worked with the Salem Area Head Start Program as the family provider and currently is working with the Salem Area Employment Service Program. All this while raising three children!

Sharmon says, "If you have a dream and you take that step to achieve that dream, your life becomes more meaningful!"

Congratulations, Sharmon, on reaching your dream. We know we will hear more from you. We also would like to congratulate Sharmon on becoming a grandma as well as her recent marriage to her new husband, Stephan.



Winona Butler, daughter of Ceon Person and Snoball Butler, is graduating with a bachelor's of social science with a minor in women's studies and a human resource certificate. She returned to school after working through many hardships.

She began her college days at Chemeketa Community College and then transferred to PSU's Salem Center. Being a single mother with three daughters and one son, Winona's college journey was never easy. Yet she stayed committed to the end.

Winona says, "Education is a gift, and my tribe assisted me in numerous ways. I got a second chance at life – a second chance that brought happiness and spirituality into it. I am a lucky woman and I hope that my hardships will become a tool for my path and inspire others as well."

Winona, the Siletz Tribe is so proud of your accomplishments and all you have achieved.

Congratulations to all graduates!

May the future bring you happiness, success, and the opportunity to change the world you live in.