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Van Noy Named 2006 Employee of the Year

Marlene Van Noy was named Employee of the Year at the Winter All-Staff meeting for the employees of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

She is the QI coordinator for the Siletz Community Health Clinic. She was nominated for her work in coordinating the clinic staff's efforts to obtain accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC).

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Marlene "rallied the troops" to complete their policies and procedures, quality improvement studies and files to prepare for the survey.

Accreditation is granted based on evidence that an organization meets, and will continue to meet, nationally accepted standards in 24 areas of performance. Our recent survey achieved substantial compliance in all applicable areas. A full three-year accreditation was granted, the highest score possible.

The entire clinic staff is to be complimented; however Marlene deserves special recognition for her untiring efforts.

See other employee awards on page 4.



Trading at the River, a conference sponsored by the Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneur Network (ONABEN), featured several Siletz Tribal business owners. The conference focused on helping American Indian entrepreneurs and business owners become successful. Representing the Siletz Tribe were (left to right) Greg and Helen Higgins of American Grounding Systems and Findyourwaybackhome.com, Loraine Butler of Coastal Native Arts, and LaVonne Butler of Siletz Valley Builders, LLC.

ONABEN Conference Features Siletz Business Owners

Several Siletz business owners were featured panelists at Trading at the River, a conference sponsored by the Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneur Network (ONABEN) recently in Portland, Ore.

The workshop "Becoming an Indianpreneur" was attended by more than 50 people and focused on how to start your own business.

Rosie Sufficool, business information counselor and Siletz Tribal Action Network (S.T.A.N.) coordinator, facilitated the workshop.

Representing the Siletz Tribal businesses were owners:

- Helen and Greg Higgins, American Grounding Systems and Findyourwaybackhome.com

- Loraine Butler, Coastal Native Arts
- LaVonne Butler, Siletz Valley Builders, LLC

"It was a great opportunity for those attending the workshop to learn what it is really like to be in business from established business owners," Sufficool said. "Our panel members were great and shared their experiences with the audience and answered many questions. I was so proud of them!"

"We were all very honored to be asked to present this workshop for ONABEN," she said. "It is the first time someone from the Siletz Tribe has been asked to present a conference workshop at Trading at the River."

See a schedule of S.T.A.N. classes and other business information on page 6.

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