

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

Mentor/Protégé Program Showing Promise

Natane Woosley, Chad McCormick, and Candi LaBonte are all part of the Mentor/Protégé Program at Chinook Winds. The purpose of the program is to offer Siletz Tribal members an opportunity for management training at the casino, hotel, and golf course.

The intent is to provide the resort with qualified Siletz Tribal members with proper management training and techniques to succeed in the gaming industry at management levels.

Natane Woosley joined the Mentor/Protégé Program in April 2006. She began her employment with Chinook Winds as a multi-games dealer in July 2002.

When the opportunity came, Natane applied and was successfully selected as one of our top candidates for the program. Like all protégés, she started in the Human Resources Department at Chinook Winds.

Natane currently is working in the Food and Beverage Department. She has been through the HR, Security, Hotel/CC Arcade, Golf and Fitness, Marketing, Slots, Games, and IT departments.

When asked what her goal was when she started the program, she said, "I wanted to find something to expand and better myself and help out the tribe at the same time. I believe that if you care how something is managed, then the

best thing to do is get in there and do it yourself. I want to be here to make sure what our tribe invests in is successful."

When asked what departments interested her most, she replied, "My top three would have to be Marketing because of the creativity and being a part of bringing customers to our resort, security because you are involved on so many different levels of the facility, and finally games because the atmosphere is great and you get to work directly with the customers."

Natane was born in Coos Bay, Ore., to Steven and Mari Woosley. She attended Marshfield High School and received her GED in 2004.

After that, she began taking business classes online through South University and is continuing to look at higher education.

Chad McCormick started the program in the Human Resources Department on May 1, 2006. He currently is working in the Player Services, Keno, and Bingo departments.

When asked why he entered the program, he said, "It gave me the opportunity to provide a better life for my family. I also want to be a part of the management staff at Chinook Winds to help better serve our tribe."

Chad's favorite department to date: "I would have to say the Games De-



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partment because it is one of the main revenue streams of our resort." He still has Finance, Facilities, and Slots to protégé.

Chad was born in Corvallis, Ore., to Jim and Robin McCormick. He lived in Independence, Ore., until the fourth grade when his family moved to Corvallis.

He graduated from Crescent Valley High School in 1997 and began college in the fall at Oregon State Univer-

sity. He graduated from OSU in 2002 with a bachelor's of science in business administration.

Candi Labonte entered the Mentor/Protégé Program in June 2006. She began her employment with Chinook Winds as a buffet runner in November 1999.

In 2001, Candi was promoted into the steward supervisor position. When the opportunity came, she applied and was successfully selected as one of our top candidates for the Mentor/Protégé Program.

She currently is in the Games Department at Chinook Winds. "I love watching people win!" Candi said.

When asked what her goal was when she started the program, she said, "I came from F&B and I originally wanted to be a manager in that department. Now I see that there is so much more to the resort that I want to get involved in. I feel like Chinook Winds has given me so much. I have come from not being able to pay my rent to buying a home."

Candi has Food and Beverage, Player Services, Keno, Bingo, and Finance left to protégé.

Candi was born in Roseburg, Ore., to Crystal Curl and Earl LaBonte. She attended Taft High School in Lincoln City, Ore., and received her GED in 1996. She began cosmetology school soon after and is continuing to look at higher education.

The Mentor/Protégé program began in May 2002. Chinook Winds has had two successful protégés promoted into supervisory positions and one promoted into management. Currently, three protégés are in their second year of the program.

For more information about the Mentor/Protégé Program, please contact the Human Resources office at Chinook Winds, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 541-996-5800 or toll-free at 1-888-244-6665, ext. 5800.

MAY 2007		Mondays: 6 p.m. Evening Session – \$200 Bing-o-lympics! Tuesdays: 1 p.m. Matinee – \$47 Gold Day! Thursdays: 1 p.m. Matinee – 3 Free Six-ons! 5/18: 1 p.m. Matinee – Senior Bingo!				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5/13 Mothers Day: 5:30 Evening – Mom's Special \$30 paper buy-in and TED buy-in \$50; Specials \$1,199; main games \$500! 5/6 & 5/20: 5:30 Evening – Indian Star \$500!		1 1 p.m. Matinee \$47 Gold Day!	2 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening	3 1 p.m. Matinee 3 Free 6-ons!	4 1 p.m. Matinee Birthday Bingo!	5 1 p.m. Matinee 5:30 Evening
6 1 p.m. Matinee 5:30 Evening Indian Star \$500	7 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening Bing-o-lympics \$200	8 1 p.m. Matinee \$47 Gold Day!	9 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening Free Square \$500	10 1 p.m. Matinee 3 Free 6-ons!	11 Closed The Four Tops & The Temps	12 Closed The Four Tops & The Temps
13 1 p.m. Matinee 5:30 Evening Mom's Special & Gift from Bingo!	14 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening Bing-o-lympics \$200	15 1 p.m. Matinee \$47 Gold Day!	16 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening	17 1 p.m. Matinee 3 Free 6-ons!	18 1 p.m. Matinee Senior Bingo! Birthday Bingo!	19 Closed Oregon Indian Week Show
20 1 p.m. Matinee 5:30 Evening Indian Star \$500	21 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening Bing-o-lympics \$200	22 1 p.m. Matinee \$47 Gold Day!	23 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening	24 1 p.m. Matinee 3 Free 6-ons!	25 Closed Gregg Allman & Friends	26 Closed Gregg Allman & Friends
27 1 p.m. Matinee 5:30 Evening All-U-Can Daub!	28 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening Bing-o-lympics \$200	29 1 p.m. Matinee \$47 Gold Day! Free Square \$500	30 1 p.m. Matinee 6 p.m. Evening	31 1 p.m. Matinee 3 Free 6-ons!	5/9 6 p.m. Evening & 5/29 1 p.m. Matinee – \$500 Free Square! 5/27: 5:30 Evening Session – All-U-Can Daub; \$20 paper buy-in; over \$7,000 in cash and prizes! 5/4 & 5/18: 1 p.m. – Birthday Bingo	

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