

Congratulations to SVS Students of the Month

Siletz Valley Charter Schools announced the students of the month for May 2007 at our last assembly for this year. Our students K-12 are recognized for academic achievements, citizenship, and positive behavior.

As a reward, we raffle various items that local community vendors have given us for our students. Please thank our local vendors such as Noel's Market, Little Chief, Wilkison Video, Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart, and the Siletz Tribal office for their monthly donations of goodies.

Based on performance, teachers nominated the following students:

Kindergarten, Ms. Douglas: Jayden Blacketer, Keionni Goodell

1st Grade, Ms. Butler: Brendan Lal, Macon Thompson

2nd Grade, Ms. Colvin: Shaunde' Goodell, Taylor Sinsel

3rd Grade, Ms. Bowen: Chazlynn Goodell, Kateri Whitehead

4th Grade, Ms. Perkins: Morgan Crawford, Windy Hill

5th Grade, Ms. Rogers: CJ Perkins, Will Johns

6th Grade, Mr. Scott: Jesse Jodoin, Tiffany Stokes

7th Grade, Ms. Rajput: Ashley Bisson, Darian Dorman

8th Grade, Ms. McGraw: Casee Case, Roni Gerttula

High School

Mr. Akiyama, Language Arts: Spencer Hatch, Raeloni Belgarde

Mr. Baker, Math: Tasha Killscrow, Kelsey Warren

Ms. Craven, Social Studies: Brittany Mooney, Racheal Croucher

Ms. Haxel, Science: Kandi Barker, Jake Ueland

Special Award

At the end of each school year, we recognized those students with no more than one absence. As a reward, the students received money donated by Van

Peters and books donated by the Siletz Tribal office. They are as follows:

- Cheyenne Roberts – Kindergarten
- Julia Trachsel – 1st Grade
- Anthony Butler – 2nd Grade
- Joanna Lindstrom – 2nd Grade
- Daniel Lindstrom – 3rd Grade
- Morgan Crawford – 4th Grade
- Sierra Gerttula – 4th Grade
- Cheyenne Maldonado – 4th Grade
- Jennelle Potter – 4th Grade
- Analisa Walton – 4th Grade
- Jordan Young – 7th Grade
- Christopher Crawford – 8th Grade
- Kayla Stokes – 8th Grade
- Timothy Lindstrom – 9th Grade
- Matthew Sharpe – 11th Grade

Thanks to Our Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have the amount of help that we receive from our community throughout the school. **Thank you** to all of you who continue to give your time and love to our school and students. The following volunteers gave more than 100 hours of service:

- Gigi Bliss
- Jeff Christman
- Wade Newbegin
- Mary Parker
- Tammy Pullam
- Christy Simpson
- Candy Spelbrink
- Kris Whitehead

Well, we made it through another year and our first year as a high school. Yeah! We had many successes and we are looking forward to next year. It's because of our wonderful volunteers, parents, and staff that we have had a great first year.

Thank you for all of the love and support you all continue to give our children. We want you to know we will miss you all! We hope you have a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new year in September.

PSU Offers Native Studies Program

by Tim Garrison, Director of Native American Studies

Portland State University initiated its Native Studies Program in 2004 and currently offers a minor in Native American Studies.

The minor requires 32 credit hours. Students are able to choose courses that focus on Native issues from across the university. Affiliated faculty, many of whom are national experts in their field, offer Native-focused courses in such disciplines as history, literature, poetry, film, communications, psychology, art, music, and anthropology.

Portland State is particularly proud of its cooperative internship requirement, which enables students to apply the knowledge acquired in their courses in a public internship with a Native

tribal or community organization. This spring, Siletz Tribal member Cliff Higgins and Theresa Smith (Bostrom) worked with the Portland Area Siletz Education Program two days a week.

The Native American Studies Program does more than simply offer academic courses. As director of this program, I have been able to present lectures, panel discussions, and other events for the Native community and the public at large.

In recent months, this included talks by Robert Miller, distinguished professor of American Indian law at Lewis and Clark Law School; Donald Fixico, noted historian; Robert Warrior, author of *Like a Hurricane: The Indian Movement from Alcatraz to Wounded Knee*; and most



Back Row: Savanna Rilatos, Frankie Rilatos, Clarinda Black, Kateri Whitehead, Chazlynn Goodell, Makiah Woodruff, Cassidy Sinsel.
Middle Row: Analisa Walton, April Seid, Kaitlyn Bayya, Taylor Sinsel, Raydar Taylor, Tehya Woodruff, Morgan Crawford, Leslie Brown.
Front Row: Shania Driver, Joshua Leckie, Jennelle Potter, Britany Robertson, Illeana Blacketer, Alexis Fisher, Shaunde' Goodell.
Not Pictured: Chance Jones, Coach – Cova St. Onge, Assistants – Frank Aspria and Cynthia Urbach

Baton Team Completes Successful First Year

by Cova St. Onge

The Siletz Valley School (SVS) Baton Team began practicing in January to perform at the school talent show on June 5. Of the 22 students who joined in the fun, 14 followed all the way through to the end performance clad in a red and white uniform, bursting at the seams with pride.

The baton team was funded 100 percent with a donation from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

All second- through fifth-grade students interested in learning to twirl received everything needed to participate and were recognized for their efforts to develop a new talent at the final SVS Awards Ceremony.

After receiving their certificates and ribbons at the ceremony, all par-

ticipating students were treated to pizza, pop, and cupcakes to conclude the 2006-07 school year baton team. All 22 smiles were from ear to ear.

I coached the SVS Baton Team, with assistance from Frank Aspria and Cynthia Urbach. Thank you to everyone who helped make the baton team happen. It wouldn't have been so successful without you.

Thank you to all the kids for doing such a great job. And a special thank you to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for making it all possible.

For those interested (many already are asking), you can look for the SVS Baton Team to begin again next school year, TBA.

Happy Twirling!

goals include establishing a major for this program. This goal, however, requires considerable funding and as director, my most important undertaking for the future will be finding support to enable PSU to hire the faculty and acquire the other resources needed to build the major.

For a list of courses offered by NAS and affiliated faculty, and for information about the requirements for the minor, please see our Web site at www.nas.pdx.edu.

If you have any questions or input about Native American Studies at Portland State, or if you simply want to say "hello," you can contact me at garrison@pdx.edu or 503-725-3978.