

## Chinook Winds names Stanley as Superstar employee for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011

Banquets Supervisor Marie Stanley has been selected as Chinook Winds Casino Resort's Superstar for the fourth quarter of 2011.

A Siletz Tribal member and resident of Lincoln City, Stanley was nominated by a co-worker for her positive attitude and exceptional teamwork.

The nomination stated that Stanley is a fantastic leader who goes out of her way to make the staff and events run smoothly. Further, the nomination said that Stanley engages, encourages and uses the synergistic power of teamwork to achieve results and excels in developing enthusiasm and pride in her team as a whole. She has a unique energy about her that is contagious and enthusiastic.

When asked about her reaction to receiving this award, Stanley tearfully replied, "I feel honored to receive this award. I work in the most awesome

department in the casino with an amazing team. How can I not love what I'm doing when our team has the opportunity to set up fun events for people?"

Stanley went on to say she had applied for the position on the advice of her aunt, the late Sister Francella Griggs, one of the people responsible for the restoration of the Siletz Tribe to federal recognition. Her aunt advised her that as a Tribal member, she had the unique opportunity to assist her Tribe in achieving great things for future generations.

Tribal Elders, Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission staff, Chinook Winds directors and selected staff attended the Superstar ceremony on Jan. 26. Other employees nominated for this award included Mark Smith, Brenda Gilman, Yvonne Blum, Megan Shaw and Amy Curtis.

One-, five- and 10-year employees also were recognized for their service.

In recognition of her accomplishment, Stanley was presented with a check for \$1,000. A marble tile plaque, engraved with her name, will be displayed at the front entrance to the casino.

To be eligible to receive the Superstar award, actions observed must be above and beyond the employee's regular duties or include a description of an employee who consistently advocates the casino's core values and goals through excellence in their service to guests and relationships with fellow employees.

Nominations go through several reviews before a final selection is made. Both casino staff and casino guests can submit Superstar nominations. With more than 800 employees and only four of these awards given each year, it's a real honor to be chosen as the Superstar.



Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds staff

Marie Stanley

## Siletz women, all UO students, demonstrate Feather Dance at summit

By Tiffany Stuart

At the University of Oregon EMU and Many Nations Longhouse on Feb. 4, the Lyllye B. Parker Women of Color Summit was held. This summit aimed to honor the work that people have done before us in the fight for social justice by continuing to build bridges that lead to positive change.

Siletz Tribal members Leslie Lundy, Rebecca Espino and Tiffany Stuart demonstrated the Siletz Feather Dance during the summit.

This year's theme was United: Acknowledging the Past, Being Present and Creating Change. Keynote speakers were Lyllye B. Parker and Nanci Luna Jimenez.

During the Siletz women's performance, I talked about the history of the Eugene area in relation to Siletz people and how these dances were held in families' homes for many years. I also explained that it took many years of change for the U.S. government to allow the practice of Native dances.

The three Siletz Tribal women are current University of Oregon students.



Courtesy photo by Jake Espino

Tiffany Stuart, Rebecca Espino and Leslie Lundy

Lundy is a sophomore majoring in political science. She volunteers at her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and plans to go to law school.

Her parents are Noni Lundy and Issac Easter and her grandparents are

(maternal) Dan and LaRita (Morton) Lundy, and (paternal) Ralph Easter and Dixie Schaafsma. Her great-grandparents are (maternal) Everette and Margarett (Darcy) Lundy, and (paternal) Walt and Esther (Bell) Easter,

Espino is a senior majoring in history and political science with a minor in business administration. She played three years on the UO club lacrosse team and plans to go to law school.

Her parents are Paula (Lane) and Gilbert Espino and her grandparents are Alfred Lane Jr. and Clarice Lane.

I am a graduate student majoring in elementary and secondary special education. I am a UO Native American Student Union member and a grant recipient for the Sapsik'walá Project (a component of the University of Oregon Native American Initiative). I plan to teach in a Native American community.

My parents are Thomas and Marlene Stuart and my grandparents are Maxine Rilatos and the late Robert Rilatos, and great-grandparents are Archie and Victoria (Butler) Ben and Tuton and Pearl (Simmons) Rilatos.

A special thanks to Bud and Cheryl Lane, Tasha Mason, Jake Espino and Joe Warren.

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