



Years of Service Awards

Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

Above: 25 years of service – Mike Kennedy

Top left: Five years of service – Rosie Williams, Misty Reed, Brett Lane, Papa Williams, Tracey Bailey, Jennifer Most, Clint Muschamp, Buddy Lane and Robert Arce-Torres. Not pictured: Al Warren

Middle left: 10 years of service – Tracey Worman, Cecilia Tolentino, Erin Carrington, Delina John, Bev Baumgardt, Laura Bremner, Christina McCord, Tony Blomstrom and Stan Werth

Left: 15 years of service – Trish Daniel, Jack McCord and Violette Lafferty. Not pictured: Wendi Schamp and Stan van de Wetering

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Elder assistance, disabilities, emergency/temporary assistance and religious/cultural activities payments.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius announced a national agreement for the Department of Veterans Affairs to reimburse the Indian Health Service for services provided to Native veterans.

Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis announced the finalization of the department's consultation policy.

Throughout the summit, the administration also underscored its commitment to key Tribal priorities during the Lane Duck session, including protecting the Indian Country budget, passing a clean Carcieri fix and reauthorization of a Violence Against Women Act with Tribal priorities included.

This year's White House Summit speakers included Salazar; Vilsack; Sebelius; Wolin; Solis; Secretary Arne Duncan, Department of Education; Acting Secretary Rebecca Blank, Department of Commerce; Secretary Ray LaHood, Department of Transportation; and President Obama.

Media coverage of the event included articles on/in *The Washington Post*, *Associated Press*, *Al Jazeera*, *TheHill.com*, *Indian Country Today*, *MSNBC*, *WGBA-TV* (Green Bay, Wis.) and *Alaska Public Radio*.

Key Tribal priorities

In advance of the Tribal Nations Summit, NCAI and regional intertribal organization partners developed a briefing book outlining key Tribal priorities.

One aspect of this book is a Framing Paper of Nine Transformative Steps the president could take to advance our nation-to-nation relationship. The nine steps are as follows:

- Visit Indian Country.
- Create an Interagency Policy Council.
- Modernize the trust relationship.
- Establish an administration-wide policy on sacred places.
- Promote economic security by ensuring governmental parity between Tribes and states.
- Recognize our nation-to-nation relationship in international forums.
- Prioritize appointments that impact Indian Country.
- Direct the Census Bureau to lead a periodic Indian Country economic survey.
- Ensure Tribes are included in national policy reform efforts.

To continue this important work with the administration, NCAI will host a transition meeting on Jan. 22 in Washington, D.C., to set the agenda for Congress and the administration for the next four years.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Jan. 7 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Jan. 14 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Jan. 8 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Jan. 15 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 12 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.