

Siletz Tribal Education Student Gathering

By Tiffany Stuart

The Student Gathering hosted by the Siletz Education Department and the Education Committee took place June 18 at the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem, Ore.

Nick Sixkiller and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley welcomed all in attendance. Lillie and Reggie Butler, Tribal Council members, attended and Lillie gave the blessing on the food. We enjoyed Wooden Nickel's steak and chicken tacos with all the toppings.

Each student was recognized who graduated this year from higher education. There were 28 graduates in all, including those in adult vocational training and those with associate's and bachelor's degrees.

Three graduates were in attendance – James Anello, Rosa Hernandez-Chavez and Barry Kessinger. Also among the 32 people at the event were the three Tribal Council members; Education Department staff, including Bev Youngman, Nick Sixkiller, Katy Holland and Sonya Moody-Jurado; Kaye Stainbrook, mother of graduate Desiree Stainbrook; and Marlene Stuart and her grandson, Nayson Tooya.

It was good to see all ages at this event because learning is lifelong.

"Education is key and it unlocks a lot of doors," said Sixkiller.



Jennifer Cook (Portland State University student) and her mom and dad, Gwen and Jim Cook

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More than 70 items were available as door prizes, including these beautiful handmade dentalium necklaces.



Kaye Stainbrook and Justin Brown select a bag.



Gabriel Jurado shows Lillie Butler how to play the piano on a Samsung Galaxy tablet.



James Anello (standing far right) with his grandfather, Richard Koehler, and mom and dad, Sandy and Paul Anello.



Saul Jurado with his family (left) – girlfriend Kim Roybal, brother Gabriel Jurado, mom Sonya Moody-Jurado and daughter Eva Rose Jurado

Justin Brown (below) with his mom, Lori Brown, and nephew, Lane Jonesburg

