

IYS conference helps clients succeed, see what can be in their future

By Tiffany Stuart

The *Listening to the Past, Preparing for the Future Increase Your Success (IYS)* conference was held by the Tribal 477 Self-Sufficiency Program on July 23-25 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

IYS conferences have been conducted for more than five years and program clients are required to attend. Sixty clients attended this conference out of the approximately 100 clients being served at the time.

The 477 program provides classroom training, general assistance, WEX (work experience), on-the-job training, TANF, guardian/caretaker program, supportive services, diverted services, direct placement and emergency assistance.

Conference participants were able to gather mussels on the beach, make a

pine nut necklace, attend education workshops, play bingo, enjoy food and hotel lodging, and listen to keynote speaker Gene Tagabond.

The 477 program held this conference with federal and state funding.

Workshops presented included Native Life Skills/Historical Trauma with Jamie Bokuro and Norma Trefren; Healing Feathers with Portland State University; Connect, It's All About You/Job Readiness Skills with Jessica Gordon and Angela Martin; Positive Indian Parenting with Megan Morley and Rachelle Endres; Starting a Business Basics with the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation and ONABEN; Culture and Food with Sharla Robinson; Successful Re-Entry to the Workplace with Gary Babcock; and Flagging Certification.

Photo by Tiffany Stuart

Shawntae (Two Bears) Lucas from Portland, a 477 client, volunteered to drum for keynote speaker Gene Tagabond while he performed the Raven Dance. Lucas said the 477 program has helped him with a lot of support. Lucas would like next year's IYS conference to be at the longhouse for part of the time and to do more traditional things like net fish. He would like to pick up these skills then teach them to his children.



GRAD Lab highlights promising careers

The National Gem Consortium (GEM) is a non-profit corporation that provides graduate fellowships in engineering and science to highly qualified individuals in underrepresented minorities.

GEM's signature undergraduate program, GRAD Lab (Getting Ready for Advanced Degree Laboratory), offers underrepresented students exposure to the benefits of research and technology careers in a highly interactive one-day event.

GRAD Labs are scheduled through Nov. 2 and are located around the country. Visit gemfellowship.org for more information on GRAD Labs and GEM Fellowship programs in engineering and science.

Apply for Gates Millennium Scholarship

The application process for the Gates Millennium Scholarship will last through mid-January for the 2014-2015 academic year. This program provides up to 10 years of higher education funding at any accredited national college.

These scholarships are funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to provide outstanding minority students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest.

The American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS) is a partner for this scholarship. To schedule a GMS presentation in your community, contact AIGCS at 866-884-7007. For more information on the GMS scholarship, visit gmsp.org.



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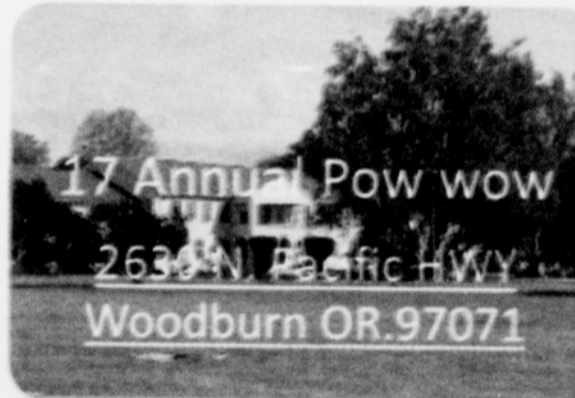
Anna Renville, Norma Trefren, Amy Santos-Lyons and Jamie Bokuro

Tribe receives AMPLifier Award for Change Team activities

In June, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians received an AMPLifier award from the Western States Center. The award was presented at the conclusion of the center's annual AMP (Activists Mobilizing for Power) conference.

The Tribe was recognized for the work the Change Team is doing for gender justice. For the last two and a half years, the Change Team has worked on a variety of different levels for gender justice. It has organized the first annual Coming Out Day in Siletz, worked on policy and service delivery changes, offered resources, attended community events and held monthly meetings for our two-spirit Tribal members and their families.

MacLaren YCF's Annual Traditional Pow wow September 14th, 2013



M.C.- Phillip Archambault

OPEN AT
10:00am

Whip Man- Ed Goodell

GRAND
ENTRY
AT 12:00
pm

Chamawa Indian
School Group

ENDS AT
4:30 pm

NARA All Nation Drum
Group

MacLaren Sacred Spirit
Drum Group

There will be Indian
Tacos

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