

# Meet Alayna Farris and Whitney Gravelle – Siletz grant recipients from NARF

*From the Native American Rights Fund*

Each summer, Native American Rights Fund (NARF) hosts the summer clerkship program, a 10- to 12-week program for second-year law students.

NARF's projects are extremely challenging because NARF practices before federal, state and Tribal forums, and because most of its cases - whether at the administrative, trial or appellate level - are complex and involve novel legal issues.

This summer, the law clerk program was supported by a grant from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

This summer NARF had five law clerks – one in the Alaska office, one in the D.C. office and three in the Boulder office.

Law clerks Alayna Farris (Cherokee Nation) and Whitney Gravelle (Anishinaabe from the Bay Mills Indian Community) were chosen to be the recipients of the Siletz grant due to their tireless work ethic and their voluminous work product.

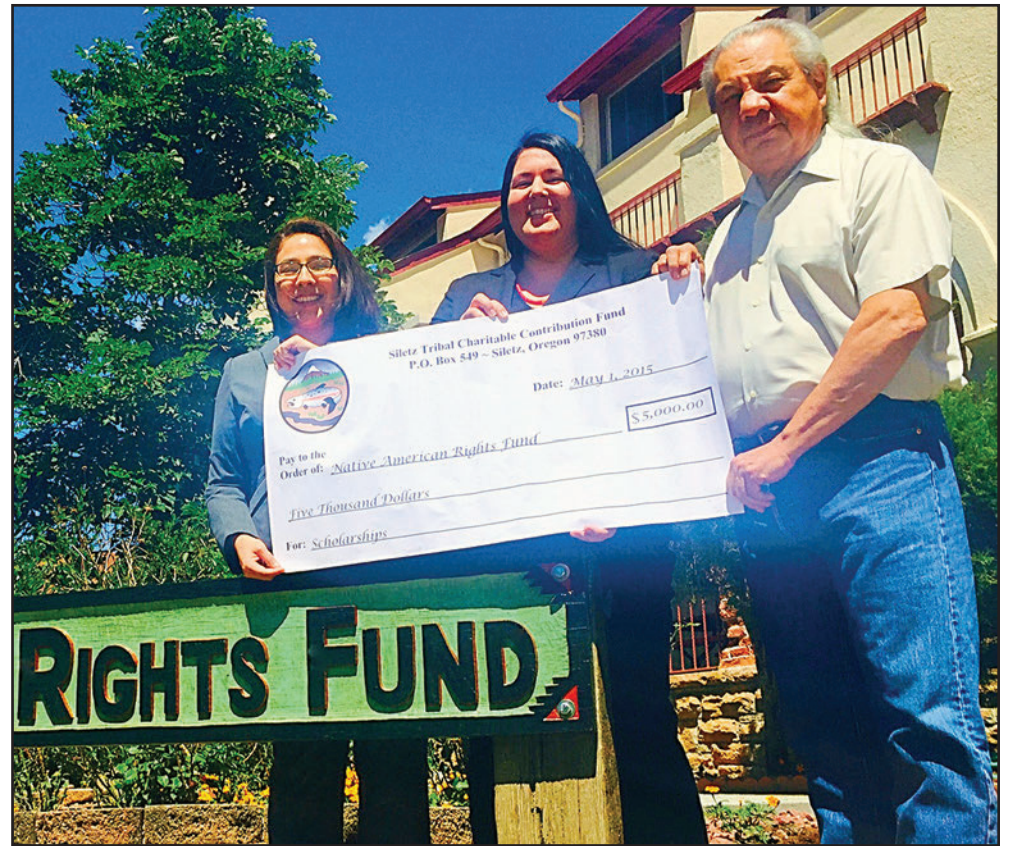
During their summer clerkship in NARF's Boulder office, Alayna and

Whitney worked on a variety of important and pertinent issues. One example of their tremendous work product is their combined efforts to revise and update *A Compilation of Federal and State Education Laws regarding Native Language in Curriculum and Certification of Teachers in Native Languages*.

This NARF publication was last updated in 2003 and acts as a valuable, general resource for Tribal, state and federal officials, schools and other interested persons.

NARF thanks the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for its grant to further the NARF law clerk program, which allows NARF to mentor Native law students like Alayna and Whitney and allows the students to make an impact on Indian law and Native people during their term at NARF.

The Siletz Grant also allows NARF to continue our mission to develop Indian law and educate the public about Indian rights, laws and issues.



Courtesy photo from NARF

Alayna Farris, Whitney Gravelle and John Echohawk, executive director of NARF

## Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

### Attention Siletz Tribal Artists

The 2016 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Committee is once again having a logo contest for the upcoming pow-wow in August 2016.

All Siletz Tribal artists are encouraged to submit a pow-wow-themed logo. The winning logo artist will receive a cash prize of \$250 and a professional banner with your logo.

The winning artist will have his/her logo highlighted on Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your artwork to the cultural education director's office at the Siletz Tribal Community Center or mail it to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

All entries must be received no later than Feb. 29, 2016

### Royalty Crown Proposals

The 2016 Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for 2016-2017 royalty crowns. Proposals are being accepted for Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Proposals for a crown are required to include art design, size of the crown and a bid for the crown or crowns of your interest. Proposals can be submitted for individual crowns, two crowns or you can submit a bid for all three crowns.

Crown proposals must be turned in to the committee no later than Feb. 29, 2016.

Proposals can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399 ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit [siletzlanguage.org](http://siletzlanguage.org).

## CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Opening Date: Oct. 2, 2015  
Closing Date: Nov. 13, 2015  
Job Title: Tribal Custodian  
Salary/Wage: \$14.17/hr  
Tribal Level: 15  
Location: Siletz, Oregon  
Classification: Full time, non-exempt  
Job Posting Number: 201558

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.

## November USDA distribution dates

### Siletz

Monday	Nov. 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Salem

Monday	Nov. 16	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 17	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 18	HOLIDAY
Thursday	Nov. 19	1 – 6:30 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 20	9 – 11 a.m.

Please note the Wednesday holiday. We will take that Wednesday off for the Tribal Restoration holiday and return on Thursday for distribution.

This really is the best ever cake. I hope you can try it.

### Best Ever Apple Cake

- ¾ cup chopped pecans
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 4 large baking apples (peeled, cored, sliced)
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter (melted)
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Heat oven to 350 F Spray a 10-inch removable bottom tube pan with non-stick spray. Sprinkle pecans evenly on bottom of pan.
2. In a large bowl, mix 2 tablespoons of the flour, ¼ cup of the sugar and cinnamon. Add apples and toss to combine.
3. In another large bowl, mix remaining flour, remaining sugar, baking powder and salt. Add eggs, oil, butter, orange juice and vanilla extract. Beat until batter is smooth.
4. Pour half of the batter (about 2 cups) into prepared pan. Top with half of the apple mixture. Spoon remaining batter over apples and top with remaining apples, placing them ¼ inch in from the tube and the border of the cake.
5. Bake 1 hour and 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cake cool in pan on wire rack for 30 minutes. Run a paring knife around the sides and center of cake and turn cake out onto wire rack. Invert cake onto another rack to cool, apple side up.

Joyce Retherford, FDP Director  
541-444-8393

Lisa Paul, FDP Clerk/Warehouseman  
541-444-8279

## Bear claws and teeth available

Periodically the Tribal Natural Resources Department has the opportunity to obtain bear parts, including paws and snouts, from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for Siletz Tribal member use in making regalia and ceremonial items.

Some of the work to remove the claws and teeth already has been done by volunteers, but some work still needs to be done to obtain useable parts for necklaces, etc.

If you are interested in obtaining some of these parts, contact the Natural Resources Department to be put on a list (Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232).

Parts will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis as they become available. Parts can only be used by Siletz Tribal members and cannot be sold.