

Continued learning is tradition

By Carol Craig, Yakama Nation Review

TOPPENISH, Wash. – Former Heritage University founding director for the Center for Native Health and Culture, Dr. Michelle M. Jacob has moved on to the University of Oregon.

Jacob said she is excited to begin recruiting Tribal students interested in the education field.

“Education is tradition too and we need more Tribal teachers in the classrooms,” she said.

She is the project director for the Sapsik’wala, a Tribal teacher’s education project where their knowledge, skills and cultural sensitivity will provide much-needed improvements in all grades for Tribal students.

The UO College of Education in partnership with Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes created the comprehensive model for the recruitment, support, pre-service training, and in-service mentorship of Tribal teachers serving Tribal communities.

“The [UO] College of Education prepares teachers to meet lifelong learning and developmental needs of Tribal children and adults,” she said during a short visit back to Heritage on Aug. 16. “We want to see our Tribal teachers succeed.”

The Sapsaik’wala project has supported Tribal graduate students in teacher preparation programs since 2002, according to Jacob.

The projects advisory council of representatives from a Tribal consortium and the university oversee the project activities.

The project for Oregon communities will share problems that may arise at work, learn from one another where student teachers will also find support and opportunities for their career growth.

“That would be the student’s evolution from pre-service teacher to becoming a new teacher then a teacher leader,” Jacob said.

Teacher program qualifications include having a bachelor’s degree before choosing their program of study and maintaining an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 or graduate potential. Applicants must meet federal stipulations.

The application deadline for the UO Teacher Education Project is Jan. 9, 2017.

The Special Education and Early Intervention Programs (SPED) application deadline is Feb. 15, 2017.

Jacob served as associate professor of ethnic studies at the University of San Diego prior to Heritage. She continues her scholarly and activist work that seeks to understand and work toward a holistic sense of health and well-being within indigenous communities.

Dr. Jacob’s book, *Yakama Rising: Indigenous Cultural Revitalization, Activism, and Healing*, was released by the University of Arizona Press in September 2013 as part of the First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies Series.

On the Net:
UO Teacher Education Project – education.uoregon.edu/program/uo-teach-k-12-teacher-licensure-and-master-scurriculum-and-teaching
Special Education and Early Intervention Program – education.uoregon.edu/sapsikwala

UO offers in-state tuition to Siletz Tribal students regardless of state of residency

The University of Oregon continues to offer in-state tuition benefits to enrolled Siletz Tribal members regardless of their current state of residency.

The Residency by Aboriginal Right Program was first offered in 2001 to 44 Tribes that have aboriginal territories within the state of Oregon that pre-date 1850. Out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition, a \$20,000 savings each academic year.

For more information about UO, visit uoregon.edu.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Tribal Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
Naytlh - 'a "We Carry the Children"

How has the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped you and your family since participating?

- ❖ “The home visiting program has helped prepare us for our new addition by letting us know what is to be expected before and after the baby comes and how to best deal with certain situations that come up.”
– Andrea & Robert, 4 months in the program
- ❖ “I’ve learned all the things I thought I should know that I did not know already with the help and support of the program. Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped me become a better mom.”
– Shyann, 1 year in the program
- ❖ “I feel like Siletz Tribal home visits have helped me be more on track when it comes to my child’s development. Home visits have also helped me keep a better schedule, helping my whole family.”
– Jennifer, 1 year and 9 months in the program
- ❖ “Getting the help when you’re a new parent is life-saving, to know you are doing it right and if not, finding out the right way.”
– Samantha, 1 year in the program
- ❖ “The program has helped me to realize there are a lot of different ways to parent and there is always help if you are willing to look for it. The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped make my life a little simpler just knowing I have resources to help me be the best mom I can be.”
– Chandra, 1 year and 10 months in the program
- ❖ “The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped me with my child’s growth, my motivation with being a parent and I’ve also established a friendship.”
– Brinee, 1 year and 8 months in the program
- ❖ “Home Visiting Program helped us better understand the developmental milestones that our child is at and also the reassurance that each child is unique and not to be worried. The program has been helpful, especially with different resources also.”
– Ale & Seth, 1 year and 1 month in the program
- ❖ “As a first-time mom, Siletz Home Visiting Program has been a good addition to my support system, not only emotionally, but also mentally.”
– Janet, 1 year and 1 month in the program

If you are interested in or have any questions about our Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program, please call Jessica Phillips, Program Coordinator, at 541-484- 4234.

Reminder

The Siletz Clinic would like to remind parents and guardians that if you send your child to an appointment with someone other than yourself or other legal guardian, you will need to sign a Release of Information.

This gives permission for another person to bring your child to appointments and for your child’s provider to discuss the child’s care with them.

If you have any questions, please call 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449.

Thank you!



Siletz Tribal Youth Council Meeting

Date: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16 – Siletz Tribal Youth Conference
Time: TBA
Location: B’nai B’rith Camp – Lincoln City, Ore.

**Lunch/dinner will be provided.
Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend with youth.**

Transportation:
Youth carpool from the area offices. Contact us as soon as possible if you would like to join.

Area Office Contact Numbers:
Portland: Katy Holland, 503-238-1512
Salem: Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494
Eugene: Nora Williams-Wood, 541-484-4234
Siletz: Sharla Robinson, 541-270-3212

2016 Siletz Tribal Youth Council Calendar

Meeting Date	Location	Activity Description
Saturday, Dec. 3	TBA	Meeting and fun activity TBD

Youth Council Objective:

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the Tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future Tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing Tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship.