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Energy Challenge

For American Indian/Alaskan Native Youth



The Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) has partnered with AISES to present the Energy Challenge (EC) for American Indian/Alaskan Native youth in grades 9-12. The EC is an energy-specific science fair designed to engage and encourage high school students to participate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education through a creative, hands-on, problem solving and engineering process in an environment similar to a science fair. High school students may compete as individuals, or as teams consisting of up to 3 students. All students/teams must have an adult sponsor. The sponsor can be either a parent, teacher, or mentor.



The EC occurs in two phases:

Phase 1: Research and Design (now – January 31, 2017)

1. Identify an energy-related problem that directly affects the individual, team, or their community.
2. Assess the problem and identify possible solutions.
3. Research and develop a demonstrable solution.
4. Present a solution, with a budget of up to \$2000, to build and implement their solution.

The top 5 winning students/ teams from Phase 1 move onto to Phase 2. They also will be awarded travel scholarships to attend an American Indian youth conference in the Spring.

Phase 2 Build and Implement (February 20, 2017 – May 31, 2017)

1. If selected, build project/demonstration prototype, with a budget not to exceed \$2,000.
2. Communicate experience in building and solution implementation process.
3. Present solution results.

Of the Phase 2 teams, a Grand Prize winner will be selected to travel to Washington, D.C., where the student(s) will present the final design and results!

Applications and required documents must be submitted online by January 31, 2017. For more information and project guidelines, visit: www.aises.org/ec.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Coulon via email at kcoulon@aises.org or by phone at 720-552-6123 x108.

To the editor:

In hope that you had a joyous and safe holiday season and are set for the adventures and challenges of a new year, I write not just to extend best wishes, but to draw your attention to our Tribal Council elections, which are just a month away.

I am asking to serve another term on our Tribal Council and would be honored to be considered as one of your votes. It has been a privilege to serve you and our Tribal interests, for the betterment of all, for the past 12 years. I am proud of my voting record, participation level and advocacy successes over that time period.

My near 25 years of working for our Tribe has given me a solid background in Tribal programs knowledge; federal Indian policy; the complicated history regarding our treaties, reservation establishment and losses; hunting, fishing and gathering rights; and increased understanding of Tribal members' needs and unmet needs of our Tribe and the membership.

By the time this issue of Siletz News reaches you, President Obama will have signed S. 817 into law – making it much easier for us to take original Siletz Reservation lands back into trust and recognizing our original 1855 reservation boundary for that purpose.

On Nov. 6, the House passed the version that had already passed the Senate, thereby sending it directly to the president for signature. It's a huge step in streamlining our ability to re-acquire land for housing, economic development, building up our timber and other resource base within our original reservation lands, etc.

I am proud to have been part of the lobbying team who argued the merits of this legislation. Over three Congresses, we had to educate congressional staffers as to why the opposition by neighboring Tribes was not based on any valid legal argument and that our legislation actually treats us equally to other Tribes and their respective historic reservations.

I believe that our honesty, integrity and sensible presentation of historical facts/legal justification have always been appreciated by federal, state and local government entities and definitely helped us reach the results on our legislation. I very much appreciate being an elected member of a respected Tribal government.

Many more important issues remain to continue work on, including economic development to create resources for the Tribe/meet unmet programs and Tribal member needs. We have put many building blocks into place to begin addressing historical legal issues related to devastating losses to our lands and resources that not only resulted in suffering by our ancestors, but under which circumstances we still struggle today.

I would appreciate your vote and hope that I have demonstrated my ability to represent you and the Tribe well.

Sincerely,
Robert Kentta

To the editor:

Hey Siletz people. My name is Cody Lesina. I'm from the Warm Springs Tribe, but my grandmother is from out here on the Siletz Tribe.

I went to school out here when I was in the eighth grade. I was in school at the Siletz Middle School. I had friends, such as Heather Cole, Kyle Reed, Jacob, Spencer, Angela, Levi Butler, Matt, Megan, Nicole. All these people were with me in eighth grade, seventh grade. I'm trying to get in touch with these people to write me if possible.

I was hoping to get a hold of Heather Cole, so Heather or if anybody knows her, please tell her to write me. I sure would like to talk again with her. I hope to talk to anybody out there!

I'm here in state prison for another year and would hope to hear from any of you. I'm in here with a brother from the Siletz Tribe as well. If Swift is out there, it would be nice to talk with you again.

I hope to hear from you people out there from the Siletz Tribe. So I am a little lost without you guys out at the Siletz Tribe. I know I have family out there.

Oh yeah, also I'm from the sundance. I sundance myself and go to peyote church and pray real good. I am a believer in Jesus Christ. Love you guys, all write me.

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