

Merkley invites Oregon students to apply for Senate Page Program

WASHINGTON — Oregon's Sen. Jeff Merkley has announced that he will accept applications to the U.S. Senate Page Program through May 18. Students who will be juniors during the 2018-19 school year have an opportunity to apply to be part of the Page Program in fall 2018.

The highly competitive Senate Page Program provides students with firsthand experience of Senate operations. Pages play a critical role in the daily work of the U.S. Senate by helping to deliver correspondence, legislative material, amendments and bills around the Congressional complex and during Congressional proceedings. Only 30 page positions are available among 100 senators.

"My message to young leaders is this: Get informed and get involved in the political process to create the change you wish to see in the world. The Senate Page Program is an excellent way for young Americans to do exactly this," Merkley said. "I encourage all eligible Oregonians to apply and take advantage of this unique opportunity to come to our nation's Capital and see firsthand the inner workings of Congress."

Last summer, Merkley welcomed the first Senate page to be sponsored by his office. Joy Day is a Salem native and 4.0 student at South Salem High School who excelled in academics, dance and the performing arts.

This spring, Nicolas Avendano, a junior at Cleveland High School in Portland, served as the second Senate page sponsored by Merkley's office. He is on his school's We the People Constitution Team, plays violin and practices taekwondo.

Senate pages must be appointed and sponsored by a senator. Unlike interns who work in the senators' offices, pages work for the Senate as a whole. Pages receive a stipend, live in a dormitory near the Capitol and attend classes in addition to performing their page duties.

Interested participants should apply online and must upload the following items:

- An official copy of your high school transcript(s)
- A current résumé
- A cover letter explaining why you wish to be a Senate page
- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers
- A letter of recommendation from a supervisor familiar with your work on a job or in volunteer service
- A short essay (250-500 words) responding to the question, "Describe one major problem that the United States is currently facing and – if you were a U.S. senator from Oregon – how you would try to fix that problem."

For any questions or for further assistance, contact Merkley's office at 202-224-3753.

Indigenous Studies Academic Residential Community available to Native students at Univ. of Oregon

If you know an incoming Native freshman at the University of Oregon, please encourage them to apply to live in our Native American and Indigenous Studies Hall!

The Native American and Indigenous Studies Academic Residential Community (NAIS ARC) will be back and even better for its second year in the newly built residence hall, Kalapuya Ilihi Hall. This residential learning community is for students interested in delving into the issues and challenges facing indigenous communities, as well as exploring solutions to those challenges.

This ARC allows indigenous students to live together and learn together while connecting them to faculty, peers and resources on campus!

The NAIS ARC offers core courses, workshops, community service opportuni-

ties, mentoring, seminars and academic counseling. Students will expand and develop their understanding of Native American, Alaska Native, Pacific Islander and global indigenous peoples in an intellectually and culturally supportive space.

Students must apply to University Housing, select "Native American and Indigenous Studies" and answer the two ARC application questions in the "Community" section of the application.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2018, for priority consideration. Students may be eligible to receive a small subsidy, which will be applied to the cost of living for this residence hall.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact us at naisarc@uoregon.edu.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit siletzlanguage.org.

PSU Native Development Networking for Student Success

The NDNSS is a one-year support and mentor program for first generation, low-income, first-time students who will start at Portland State University in the fall.

The program is designed to help new students transition to PSU through academic support and community building activities. It focuses on American Indian/Alaskan Native experience and is ideal for new students who want a cultural community connection to the PSU campus.

Participants engage in a two-week Connect Program & College Success Course prior to starting fall term to get a head start, connect with new students and peer mentors, and learn about PSU resources that are essential to student success.

Central themes of this course include exploring cultural identity, establishing community among incoming students and learning strategies for academic success, such as study skills, time management, money management and effective communication. The college success course is designed specifically to address challenges that diverse students sometimes encounter.

The course will provide an overview of the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully transition to college. Students will share their educational goals, personal strengths and cultural norms; identify areas in which they may need support; and become familiar with support services and other resources on campus and in the community.

Native students who have completed their first year at PSU are invited to apply to be a mentor in the program.

Trevino Brings Plenty (Cheyenne River Sioux), coordinator of Native American Student Services, will accept applications through August. For more information, contact him at 503-725-5348 or trevino@pdx.edu.

Funded orthodontic treatment screenings set for May

The 2018 Funded Orthodontic Treatment Program is fast approaching! All interested parties should contact the dental department to be placed on a list.

The final screening dates are May 16-17, 2018. The program and amount of accepted applicants will be dependent on the funding for that year.

Applicants are selected by case severity, motivation of the patient and guardian, reliable transportation, routine dental checkups and the oral hygiene history of the patient, to name a few. We want the best results possible for the patient and thus place emphasis on these items in order to achieve it.



The unbiased selection process is performed under the guidance of an orthodontic specialist and participants are chosen through a committee.

This is open to all ages who are CHS-eligible only. You must have a scheduled screening appointment during one of the four screening days to be considered.

Each year's selection process is independent from previous years and does not carry over. Selected and treated individuals can only be selected once for the duration of the program. All applicants will be notified by mail if they have been chosen.

Please contact the Siletz Dental Clinic at 541-444-9681 or 800-648-0449, ext. 1681, to be put on the list.

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.

UO offers bachelor's and graduate degrees in 272 academic programs and is one of only 36 public universities committed to scientific exploration and interdisciplinary research.

For more information about UO, visit uoregon.edu.

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541-444-8272*