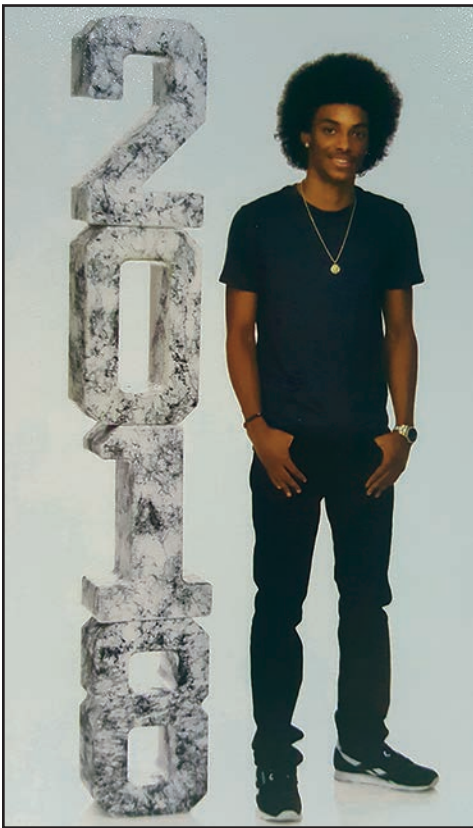


Graduates!



Mozhiah McCrae
Desert Edge High School

Congratulations, Mozhiah! The sky is the limit! "We can only be what we give ourselves the power to be." We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Dooka



Bianca Nicole Regalado
Chemeketa Community College

Congratulations on graduating medical school, class of 2018. We are so proud of you!

Love, your family

General Council Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018 • 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Siletz, Oregon

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Flag Salute
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Programs – Dental
- Tribal Members' Concerns
- Chairman's Report
- Announcements
- Adjourn

Danielle Payne: Ask for help and it will be found

By Andy Taylor

Danielle Payne was ready for a career shift in 2012 after working as a beautician for six years then proprietor after opening her own salon for an additional five years. A newly single mother of four children, she took a Work Experience (WEX) position through the 477 Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) at Portland State University in Native studies for six months.

Inspired to start going to college again and work toward her degree in accounting and business, Danielle asked Tribal Education Specialist Katy Holland for help. Utilizing the assistance of the Education Department, Danielle was able to start classes full time at Portland Community College (PCC).

In April 2015, having attended PCC, Danielle took another WEX position, this time with the Bureau of Indian Affairs until August 2015. She then moved to Siletz, finishing her position in the Tribe's Accounting Department.

After this, Danielle took the vacant temporary central office clerk job for about eight months, a position that paved a path to full-time permanent employment with Chinook Winds Casino Resort's Protégé Program, learning the business and management skills she desired.



Photo by Andy Taylor

Danielle Payne

Today, Danielle works for the Siletz Tribe as the Women's TLC coordinator, a transitional living home for women to stay in while working toward living a clean and sober future.

Reflecting on having been in the position of needing Tribal assistance and now having the opportunity to give back to the community and serving her Tribe, Danielle said, "You just have to ask for the help and it will be found. It doesn't matter if you've hit rock bottom or struggle

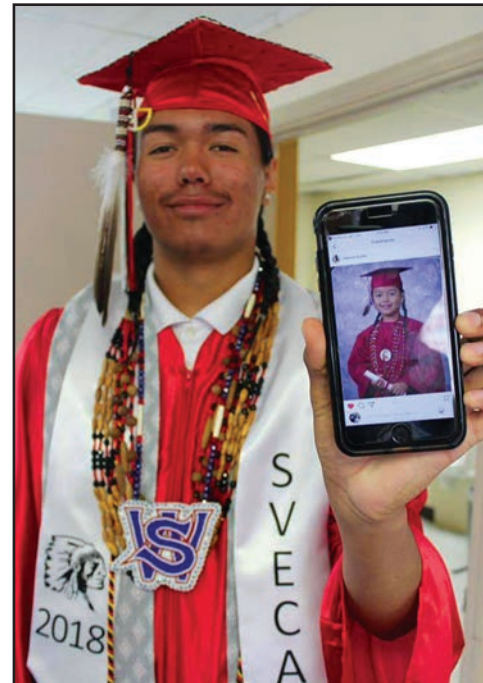
with addiction. If you work hard you can be successful with anything you put your mind to."

Participating in these programs gave her the tools necessary to be a better provider for her children, who range from 8-14 years old. It also brought her closer to family and the community, putting her only minutes from her mother, Pamela Rilatos, and her siblings as well as her nieces and nephews.

Danielle and her family spend their free time together, cheering for their kids in sports. She coaches her daughter's volleyball teams, attends pow-wows and many other Tribal functions, works on building her credit and has high hopes of buying a house soon.

Thankful for the Higher Education Department for building her confidence and the SSP program, she said, "They helped me get my foot in the door so I could show myself as a dedicated employee. They also helped me buy work-appropriate clothes. I couldn't have done that on the income I had."

The future holds excitement as Danielle sets her sights on getting into a home with her children and gears toward finishing her degree. She is grateful for the hurdles she's overcome and content with her roll in life, saying, "I just hope I can make a difference in the community and help Tribal members obtain life skills to be self-sufficient and successful!"



Isaac Butler
SVECA

Congratulations, Isaac Butler – Class of 2018. What a great role model you are to all the people around you!

You are an inspiration to us all!
Have a great time in college!

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Villegas graduates from Home Visiting Program

The Home Visiting Program is pleased to announce that Martha Villegas has graduated from our program.

She entered the program in October 2015 when her youngest child, Barbara (far left in photo above, joined by Issachar, Makya and Jarzira), was around 6 months old and graduated April 2018.

Martha stuck with the Home Visiting program as she worked to become the best parent she could be in the midst of life challenges. Those challenges included being in drug rehab, working to get her children back, graduating from drug rehab and moving with her family into the community.

"I think if you are a new mother, it would be a good resource," said Martha. Congratulations, Martha!