

PROGRAM & EDUCATION NEWS

Tribal Golfers to attend U.S. Open!!

The United States Golf Association has extended a special invitation to members of the new Tribal Youth Golf program to attend a special 'kids day' at the Women's U.S. Open in Portland on Tuesday, July 8th. Carl Donner of the USGA office in Denver, when discussing the trip with Joe Marano, program coordinator, explained "we want to give the kids the opportunity to meet some of the Pros and have the experience of being part of the U.S. Open." The golfers will be able to meet and watch the Pros play their practice round, participate in various contests, and receive hands on lessons as part of this special day. He also explained that Judy Bell, President of the USGA will be presenting a check for \$10,000 to the Tribe to support the Junior Program. Nelsen Witt, CEO along with members of the Tribal Golf Association are planning to help escort the golfers to the tourney at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course.

Bob Tom, Higher Ed. Specialist, organized a Student Gathering for Tribal Students. III



Students who attended the gathering were (L to R) Andy Viles, Kent Strickler, Heather Walker, Elaine Lanegan, Mike Hudson, Tacey Casey, Stacey Rodriguez and Rayven Settler.



CANDI LABONTE - PHAGAENS ACADEMY



KELLY ELLIS HIGHER ED. OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Oregon State University students and Education Committee members who attended a luncheon with the OSU President: (Tracy Hendrickson, Tacey Casey, Ryan McCormick, Heather Nieme, Amy Nieme. Front Row, (L to R): Caroline Easter, Emma Russell, Lillie Butler and Elaine Thomas.



GINA HALL - LINN BENTON COMM. COLLEGE.



Lille Butler Tribal Chairman, speaking at the Student Gathering

OSU MEETING AND STUDENT COMMENTS:

Hello my name is Stacey Rodriguez, I am 21 years old and the daughter of Diane and Russell Robertson. I am currently College America in Portland. I am studying to be a dental assistant. I would like to thank Bob Tom and the Siletz Tribe for all their assistance and support.

My name is Ryan L. McCormick and I am in relation to the Logan family. I am a freshman studying civil engineering and am enjoying every minute. Attending Oregon State University has to be one of the most positive influences on my life so far. I enjoy the freedom and responsibility that comes along with College. It makes you work hard, keep on task and be able to achieve personal goals that you have to set. It also shows what you are really capable of doing. I think that everyone that has any interest in attending college should try to achieve that goal, it is well worth it. You are able to do so much and the only one that is responsible for how much enjoyment, knowledge, growth you receive from college is you.

My name is Tracy Hendrickson, the granddaughter of Everett and Margarete Lundy. I am a transfer student from Lane Community College and currently attending my first year at Oregon State University. After four years I plan to graduate as a dietitian and hopefully continue on for a Masters degree. I would like to make a special thanks to Bob Tom for all his help and encouragement. Thank you for everything.

My name is Rayven Settler, I am 19 years old and very proud of my Native American heritage and background. My parents are Dan and Denise Peterson, and I have a wonderful little brother named Roger Peterson who is 6 years old. I graduated in 1995 receiving my diploma from a night school program at Grant High School. After graduation, I continued working and it became evident that I wanted and needed something more. Going to a university and getting a degree is my long-term goal but I still have to maintain my responsibilities and going long-term isn't feasible right now. So I looked toward a trade school or community college. My choice was College America which is a trade school. The staff are a great group of people who will provide every resource they can help me achieve success. I chose the Business Management program. I feel very fortunate to have positive influences that keep me on track, reassure me when I get stressed out, and support me 100%. A special thanks to my mom, Denise Peterson, and to my aunt, Lori Johnson, for everything. My gratitude to you is endless and lifelong.

A good time was had by all the 12th annual student gathering in Siletz on May 4. There were five Tribal Council members present, the most ever to attend a tribal Education/Adult Vocational Training gathering. Those present were Lillie Butler, Tribal Chairman, Denise Peterson, Geneva Johnson, Reggie Butler and Clifford Case, the Council Representative to the Education Committee.

All of the Council members congratulated the grads and commended students and their families for their efforts in education. DeAnn Brown, Education Director, also attended as well as Caroline Easter, Chairman of the Education Committee and education Council member, Elaine Thomas who were present to congratulate the grads and other students on their accomplishments.

Elders showing support for the grads, students and the education program as a whole were Elton Butler, Maude Lane, Gladys Bolton, Madge Mason, and Joan Richardson. Gladys gave the invocation before the meal and Ann Arnett, a higher education graduate from Portland State University with a Bachelors in Sociology and a Masters in Social Work was the guest speaker.

Graduates attending the gathering with their families were Andy Viles, PhD in English from University of Oregon; Stacey Rodriguez, Dental Assisting from Concorde Career Institute; Mike Hudson, Graphic Arts from Chemeketa Community College; and Kent Strickler, Bachelors in Nutrition/Food Science and Jill Reece, Bachelors in Business Administration both from Oregon State University; Darlene Williams, Bachelors in Accounting from the University of Montana College of Technology; Michelle Ward, Hair Design from Skelton Beauty Academy; Michelle Baten, Network Technician from Vanstar Education Services and Leslie Simmons, Information Management from Columbia College. Other Higher Ed/AVT students who were able to attend were Heather Walker, Elaine Lanegan and Tacey Casey.