

Four employees receive Associates of Arts degrees

By Jane Kirkpatrick

You may have heard them shout last Friday night, June 14th, all the way from the COCC commencement ceremonies in Bend. Four employees of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs received their Associates of Arts degrees that night, an event well worth shouting about.

The four—Vivian Wewa, Gladys Squiemphen, Becky Brunoe and Nancy Yubeta—wore the cap and gown as signs of their commitment to education and their perseverance to a goal that began several years ago. With the support of their employer—the Early Childhood Education department—the Confederated Tribes, Central Oregon Community College, their families and their own efforts taking evening and summer courses, the four

completed classes in math, English, humanities and the sciences. Along the way, they took additional course work in Early Childhood Education that added to their professional competence. And they worked full time. Another tribal member, Rosa Graybael, will complete her AA degree this summer and wear the cap and gown at COCC next June.

"We are very proud of the work these ladies have done," said Warm Springs Head Start Director, Nancy Seyler. "And we thank their families for understanding when they stayed up late writing papers or drove in snow to attend night classes or were sitting in classrooms during the hot summer instead of at Bar-B-Ques or powwows." All four Warm Springs community people are employed by the Head Start Program.

Warm Springs is also boasting about the number of staff from the Early Childhood Education Center involved in the Child Development Associates degree program, a national certification program that identifies competence in thirteen areas required for quality child care and early education services. Shirelle Thomas, Althea Henry, Jamey Smith and Sylvia McCabe have completed all course work for their CDA working with children three to five years of age. Following an assessment by the national office representatives sometime this summer, they will become certified Child Development Associates.

"Their families deserve stars for encouraging these students in their efforts," said Education Coordinator Tryna Muilenberg who helped

organize classes and acted as a mentor for the CDA candidates. Two other Head Start employees, Patsy Lenbeck and Joni David, will complete their CDA programs early next year.

Several other staff serving children under three have also completed CDA courses this year beginning their certification programs. "Geri Lillie and Maria Minthorn hope to receive their Infant Toddler CDA certificates by the end of the summer," said Lola Trimble, the Infant Center Coordinator. "Geri and Maria will be the first two staff at Warm Springs to have the Infant Center CDA certification." Two more staff hope to complete the infant Toddler CDA next year. "In addition to complimenting their efforts, I also want to thank their team mates who were there for them and the children they work with while they were in Bend taking classes," noted their supervisor.

"None of this could have happened without the commitment of the Tribe and the department," said Early Childhood Education director, Julie Quaid. Head Start is more than 30 years old in Warm Springs and has supported teacher education from the beginning. The Early Childhood Education Center includes Head Start, the infant center and a school age program and is certified to serve 420 children. "Working with COCC to provide classes at Warm Springs, accessing special grants for staff development and helping individuals see the value of advancing their professional skills are all part of the success of these students," said Julie Quaid. "Perhaps most important is the increased opportunities to young children each day that well-trained staff provide in greater nurturing, excitement about learning and encouraging children to be the best that they can be."

Seeing their teachers go to school and earn degrees well beyond high school may encourage a three year old today to become a Ph.D. student in the years ahead.

Inspiring such educational goals in others will cause more shouts and celebrations for future Warm Springs graduates. The four who graduated on June 14th can be expected to join in those future celebrations.

Fourth grade honored with ceremony



Cyrille Mitchell receives completion certificate from Tony Miller during graduation.

Fourth grade students graduate from the Warm Springs Elementary School June 11 at a ceremony held in the gymnasium. Speaking at the graduation was Tony Miller and Anita Jackson.

Also speaking was Erica Foster, who presented an award to the school and shared her story of encouragement with the fourth graders. The students received a welcome from the Jefferson County Middle School principal, Scott Marquardt.

Graduating from Warm Springs Elementary are: Ashley Aguilar, Marjean Alonso, Tommy Jo Alvarez, Theo Arce, Joseph Arthur, Robert Bailey, Jr., Jaime Becerra, Eugene Bill, Sam Billy Chinook, George Boise, Mary Ann Brito, Joshua Bruce, Cecelia Brunoe, Lonnie Caldera, Dallas Camas, Harold Charley, Miko Cooper, Maurica Cortez, Socorro Cuevas, Owen Danzuka, Jr., Dominic Davis, Jr., Eileen Dick, Tommy Dickson, Ida Frank, Sarah Gilbert, Juliene Govenor, Rae Ann Graybael, Justin Greene, Laritta Greene, Shelly Greene-Boise, Dennis Halliday, Julia

Haskins, Aaron Heath, Ikie Heath, John Howe, Pearl Jack, James Jim, Jr., Leanne Johnson, Edmond Kalama, Jr., Tatum Kalama, Francis Kentura, Danni Lawrence, Cynthia LeClaire, Johnnie LeClaire, Cody Lesina, Candace Lillie, Jayleen Main, Lindsay McCovey, Terron McDonald, Noralisette McKinley, Cody Miller, Lynita Miller, Cyrille Mitchell, Jackson Mitchell, Sasha Mitchell, Tommy Napper, Rozlyn Northrup, Tony Olea, Tashayla Palmer, Clarissa Picard, LeMinnie Picard, Candi Rhoads, Candace Sahme, August Scott, Paul Scott, Austin Smith, Tashayna Sohappy, Curtis Stacona, Jordan Stacona, Rudy Stevens, Talon Stormbringer, Martina Stwyer, Pearl Stwyer, Emilena Suppah, Myrtle Suppah, Bryson Sutterlee, Charles Tewee, Isiah Tee, Walsey Thomas, Gerald Tias, Brandon Tulee, Sara Vaeth, Felicity VanPelt, Prenincia VanPelt, Don Wabaunsee, Joseph Wahsise, Turina Wallulatum, Isabel White, Leander Williams, Jr., Christina Wolfe, Leslie Yaw.



Four employees graduate from COCC June 14. Vivian Wewa, Nancy Yubeta, Gladys Squiemphen and Becky Brunoe earn their Associates of Arts degree.

Graduates recognized

Following is a list of the 1995-96 graduates. If any name is omitted, it is not intentional, contact the Education Department at 553-3311 to have the name(s) added.

Tribal Members	
Name	Name of School/College
Boise, Davis	Madras High School
Briseno, Susie	Madras High School
Graybael, Lynn	Madras High School
Henry, Tiffany	Madras High School
Hisatake, Siagigi	Madras High School
Johnson-Surface, Lisa	Madras High School
Knight, Vanessa	Madras High School
Langley, Vanessa	Madras High School
Smith, Ava	Madras High School
Smith, Marceline	Madras High School
Tom, Justin	Madras High School
Yahtin, Bernavene	Madras High School
Other Community Member Graduates	
Mininick, Michael	Madras High School
Scott, Arielle	Madras High School
Smith, Michael	Madras High School
Wingarden, Aaron	Madras High School
Other High School Graduates	
Culps, Anthony	Wishram High School
Frank, Lace	Sherman Indian School
Miller, Marlen	Chemawa Indian School
Sam, James	Sherman Indian School
Spino, Jacob	Wapato High School
GED Recipients	
Blueback, Kevin	Bruno, Cecil
Cartney, Lisa	Frank, Angeline
Fuentes, Angelo	Gilbert, Sandra
Jackson, Shawna	Katchia, John
Lopez, Maria	Martinez, Shadrack
Mitchell, Rose Marie	Mitts, Eva
Simtustus, Johnny	Smith, Eldred
Soto, Joy	Spino, Martin
Squiemphen, Leslie	Thomas, Ramone
Tohet, Harvianne	Wymen, Josephine
Other Community Members GED Recipients	
Winsor, John	
College Graduates	
Jackson, James Mark	Oregon State University
Minnick, Scheldon	Western Washington Univ.
Shaw, Bodi	Oregon State University
Wewa, Vivian	C OCC
Other Community Member College Graduates	
Brunoe, Becky	COC C
Squiemphen, Gladys	COCC
Yubeta, Nancy	C OC C
Apprenticeships	
Moses, Oliver	Plumbing
Thompson, Curtis	Carpenter
Vocational Training	
Martinez, Joel	West Coast Training
Washington Jr., Leo	West Coast Training

Please notify the
Education
Department of any
students' successes
and
accomplishments!

Head Start class graduates, heading to kindergarten in the fall

Fly With The Eagles To The Big School was the theme for the 1996 ECE graduation held June 7 at the Agency Longhouse. Many four year olds graduated from the Early Childhood Education Center to kindergarten. Their names appear below.

Melinda Tohet and Rose Aly

Andrea Cook, Chanda Howtopat, Albert Kalama, Jeremiah Miller, Kelli Moody, Salena Sahme, Thomas Sam, Leander Smith, Loreen Stormbringer, Tara Tufti, and Cynthia Whiteplume

Winona Frank and Zillah Flores

Brittany Calica, Andrew Gilbert, Veronica Jim, Candra Lawrence, KLeI Smith Strong, Hilbert Williams, and Jake Scott

Marie Tom and Reona White

Farrellyn Bellanger, Laurissa Bellanger, Martin Brown, Laura Bryant, Philip Guerin, Lillie Henry, Charlie Ann Herksan, Carl'ane Johnson, Colleen Kalama, Jessica Pederson, Leslie Robinson, Stanley Simtustus, Stefen Sutterlee, Curtis Thompson, Carlo Wallulatum

Gladys Squiemphen and Patsy Cenbek

Jason Begay, William Caldera, Ford Fuiava, Kelsey Haywahe, Challis Heath, Jordan Holliday, Devonne Rhoan, Maureen Saludo-Sanchez, Troy Sam-Smith, Tanner Yallup, Josephine Zacarias, Brandy Herkshan and Waylon Meanus

Nola Queahpama and Jamey Smith

Kevin Ball, Wade Bennett, Hazen Davis, Krystal Finnley, Jucoby Frank, Shalissa Jackson, Blake Weaselhead, Sasha Winishut and Terrance Wolfe

Elaine Clements and Toni Made

Julie Begay, Kristin Biley, Darrin Brisbois, Emerson Culpus, Maraya Culpus, Kara Katchia, Laronn

Katchia, Timothy RedDog, Jenny Redfox, Crystal Spino, Roger Stwyer, Victor Switzler, Justine Thomas, Chandla Yeo

Marcelene LeClaire, Ledenna Foster and Zelma Blackwolfe

Jolene Charley, Penny Danzuka, Stephanie Gomez, Davina Lucei, Michael McConville, Huston Moody, Carlos Reynoso, Leighton Shaw and Richard Wolfe



The Early Childhood Education 4-year-old Headstart classes and parents wait patiently to receive their diplomas and awards. Graduation was held June 7, 1996.