

UO grant funds Native American teachers

New opportunity for Indian education is almost to good to be true

By Shannon Keaveny
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The University of Oregon in Eugene is looking for Native American students with undergraduate degrees. Accepted students will receive a free ride to the University of Oregon College of Education Teacher Education Program.

Twenty Native American stu-

dents will be chosen to utilize a \$1 million grant.

This is the Sapsik'wala Program. Sapsik'wala is Sahaptian for teacher.

The grant proposal was written by Pat Rounds, program director, assisted by Az Carmen, University of Oregon coordinator for Native American enrollment services.

The program covers tuition, fees and living expenses, and financially assists Native American graduates in their first year of teaching.

Currently, Oregon only has approximately 100 Native American teachers.

The Sapsik'wala Program is designed to benefit and train American Indian students to become professional educa-

tors. Although Natives throughout the country are eligible, a heavy focus will be made on the nine tribes of Oregon. A representative from each of the nine federally recognized Oregon tribes will serve on an advisory council to provide input and expectation to the college of education.

Julie Quaid, Essential Education director, will represent the Warm Springs Reservation.

"In light of the present tribal reductions for tribal member education, this grant comes at the right time. Tribal members need to start looking for other ways to pay for their education, and this is an opportunity to do that," said Quaid.

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edge of our community and culture, backed by a teaching education is a great asset to the reservation," she noted.

If all 20 Native Americans graduate, the percentage of Native American teachers could rise by 20 percent in the next two

years. Az Carmen said the university is seeking more funds and hopes to graduate 40-50 Indian teachers in the next two years.

Thirty-five students have already applied. Misty Moceikes, a Siletz woman from the Oregon coast and an undergraduate from the University of Oregon, expresses her gratitude for being given the opportunity to increase the number of Indian teachers in schools, and for the opportunity of becoming an Indian teacher herself.

"I feel this is an advantage, because I never had a Native American teacher perspective or a Native American role model in my school. This program will offer a non-Caucasian perspective to the public school system, benefiting all races. It will give

students different ways to look at history and social science. Education will become less linear," said Moceikes.

Qualified applicants choose an elementary, middle, or high school level Teacher Education Program at the University of Oregon College of Education.

Students will graduate with the ability to teach in 43 other states.

"I want to stress this will be a competitive process. It is not a giveaway. Students will need to have good grades, letters of recommendation, and determination," said Carmen. "This is an outstanding opportunity for Native Americans to get an education at no cost," she added. To apply call (541) 346-0681. Deadline for applications, Feb. 15.

Around the rez



CPS Supervisor Carol Parra, and Kah-Nee-Ta employees Priscilla Frank and Lisa Johnson (from left).

Kah-Nee-Ta helps brighten holiday

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort recently donated many Christmas gifts to the Warm Springs Child Protective Services (CPS).

CPS then delivered the gifts to foster homes and relatives of foster children. The gifts are suited for a variety of different ages. Candace Watson, who works in reservations at Kah-Nee-Ta, donated her time and wrapped the mound of gifts seen in the photo above. Judy Adams, Georgianna George, and Corrina Canchola, also employees of Kah-Nee-Ta, donated their time to put bows on each gift. Margie Tuckta and Lena Ike did the shopping with donated funds from the casino.

COCC planning tuition increase

Come Spring, Central Oregon Community College could be looking at some severe cuts.

Recently, Bob Barber, COCC director, announced his proposal to address a \$3 million budget shortfall. The college expects another \$500,000 slam after recent news that costs associated with state's pension system will increase by up to 37 percent. Under the budget proposal, COCC tuition will increase by 10 percent. The college will also close down distance college centers in Madras, Prineville, La Pine and Sisters.

Currently, the Warm Springs COCC branch is not at risk. Other possibilities for cuts are distance learning courses, raising the application fee to \$50, raising summer school tuition and charging for course catalogs.

The cuts would save COCC about \$750,000 next year and help the board balance their \$19 million budget. The decision on Barber's proposal won't be made until spring.

Birthday, holiday and other wishes...

I'm sending all my love and respects to someone very special and important to me, Victor, I wish you a happy Christmas and future ahead. I pray we'll share only the truest love and the greatest happiness ever. You are my one and only love. It's you who loved and cared for me unconditionally and to the fullest. You opened my eyes and showed my heart what love really is. It's you who God made especially for me. It's only you I have truly loved my whole life. No doubts about spending my every day with you. It's you Victor who I care for and love. You and I are meant to be together. I thank God He's blessed me with you. Best wishes throughout the holidays and the New Year. God bless you baby, I love you. For reals. All my love, Jolena.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to the Becerra family and Warner family, hopping you all much love and happiness.

Now and for all the days to come. And bless you. We love you. Victor and Jolene.

Happy anniversary Dec. 31, Robert and Gloria Warner. Through good and bad, you've never stopped expressing or giving us kids your love. You're special and important to us. Stay strong and always love together. We love you, Jolena, Bobby and Clint.

Happy birthday, Mom, Dec. 31. Your genuine, special, one of a kind. A beautiful woman, mother of mine. Good, bad, happy and sad you showed us love. Unconditionally. God gave us you from above. I care for you deeply, Mom, this is all true. Hope you have a happy birthday, cause I love you. Love, your daughter Jolena and boys Bobby and Clint.

Merry Christmas, my nieces and nephews, Brook, Robin, Angel, Cassandra, Sharena, Jamie, and AJ Warner. Have fun brats and put a smile on your faces. Auntie Jo thinks and prays for each of you every day. You're in my heart. I love you, little ones, very very much. Grandpa and Grandma and Uncle Bobby and

Clint. Miss and love you just the same. God bless you kids. Missing and loving you all. Auntie Jo.

I would like to wish my sister a happy birthday. So, happy 49th birthday Bev. Love you. Your bro, Eric Frank.

Dec. 15: Happy 21st birthday to Entertainment Tonight, William Nayer Jr. From Gidg. Pretty Flower, Tammy and DB1, DB2, Chubby, La Rhonda and La Wanda (DB3). Buck (ET2). Amanda, DB4. Buster, Angela, Perry, Carl, Toodie, DellaHoya. Shmoo. Mr. and Mrs. Tuffy Brown and everyone who lives on Jerry Foster Drama Street.

Happy birthday to Auntie "Pancakes" Evelyn Sam. From the ones who love you, your nieces and nephews. Gidget, Tammy, La-Rhonda, Granny, Amanda, Puckett, Chubby, Terry.

Happy birthday to Gramma Pancakes. Love you. From Lil Chunky, Sasha, Salvador, Rex, Chanda, Ariane and the rest of the grand-ones from Lower Dry Creek.

Happy 9th belated birthday Chanda Clause Robinson. Love from aunts, bros, sis, moms and Grandpa Shmoo-Ahoya.

Happy 32nd birthday. She's the bomb MIMI, Mud Girl, Baby, Wykema Robinson. 12/21/02.

Happy 12th birthday, Leslie Ray, Sugar Daddy, Little Chunky, Kiddo Robinson. 12/22/02. Love from Mom, Lawanda Bun, Shmoo-Ahoya, mudcat, Tam, uncles, aunts.

And also happy birthday to Tuffy Brown. 12/22/02. Love from nieces, nephews, grandkids.

Happy birthday to my Ma. I love you very much, and always thinking of you, always in my heart. Love lots, L.K.

Dec. 23, 2002. Happy birthday to Mom. Ella Jane Jim. Love you, from me, Gidget.

Dec. 28: Happy birthday to Wes "PA" Yahtin. From you know who. The blue house. G.R.

Dec. 22: Happy anniversary to

Perry Isadore. From your wife since 1979.

Dec. 23: Happy birthday to Auntie Ella Jane. From Dozz, Chubby, LaRhonda, Tammy, Granny, Amanda.

Would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our bro's and sisters who are locked up, doing some fine time. Love ya all. From your family here in Warm Springs.

Dec. 20. Happy birthday to Teresa McKinley. Happy birthday to Wes Y. From everyone who used to kick it on Foster Drama St.

Dec. 1. Happy birthday to Chanda Mo-chelle Robinson and Bulltail Meanus. From the Robinsons and Polks.

Dec. 21. Happy birthday to Leslie "Lil Chunky" Robinson and Uncle Tuffy Brown. From Tim and Gidget, Randy, Chubby, Tammy

and DB1 and DB2. Rhonda and DB3. Buck, Carl and Toodie, Della Hoya, Beans and Vicki, Jarrod and Vicky, Jarrod and Dosa, Amanda and DB4. Buster, Angela and Perry, Sasha, Salvador and Rex. Chanda Mo

Dec. 22. Happy birthday to Amanda "Wykema-Cucha" Robinson. From Tim and Gidget, Flower, Chubby-ity, Lacey, DB1, 2 and 3, La Rhonda, Carl and Toodie, Dalla Hoya, Beans and Vicki, Jarrod and Dosa Viente Uno, Buster, Agela and Bumble King, Tuffy and Shorgun Rider, Tush, Chanda Mo, Squiggie and the rest of the Foster Drama Street.

Happy birthday to our Mom, Wykema, Love you and miss you, from Sasha, Salvador and Rex.

Godines serving as farm loan liaison

My name is Maria Godines. I am the outreach liaison for National Farm Service Agency American Indian Credit Outreach Initiative.

The initiative is a cooperative agreement between the National Tribal Development Association and the Farm Service Agency (FSA). This program first began among the tribes of Montana, and proved to be very successful.

Based on the success in Montana, the Outreach program has expanded to other states.

As an outreach liaison, I am ready to assist potential American Indian borrowers in the development of a complete loan package.

I serve the State of Oregon. My duty is to ensure that Ameri-



Maria Godines

can Indian farmers, ranchers and youth have access to the full range of FSA credit opportunities.

Currently there are six types of loans available:

- Direct farm operating loans;
- guaranteed farm operating loans;
- direct farm ownership loans;
- guaranteed farm ownership loans; be-

ginning farmer and rancher loans; and rural youth loans (not limited to farming/ranching/agriculture).

The ultimate goal of this project is to establish a cooperative working relationship with the local FSA service providers to guarantee adequate resources are available to American Indian farmers, as well as future generations of American Indian agriculture producers.

This program helps borrowers in the following ways:

By providing trained outreach liaisons that will help during the FSA loan process;

By providing the borrower with up to date information about availability of FSA agriculture credit programs;

By offering one on one credit

application preparation assistance;

By accompanying the potential borrower to the FSA county office to help facilitate communication;

By bridging those cultural barriers that exist between American Indian borrowers and the FSA;

And by providing on-site presentations to schools and other youth organizations about the availability of the FSA Rural Youth Loan Program.

Please contact me 553-0101 to schedule a presentation, or if you have any questions. My office is located at 1107 Vernon Jackson Ave., in the Vernon Jackson House. Thank you.

Maria Godines, Outreach Liaison.

Soliz provides update on employment effort

Marcia Soliz, Warm Springs Community Employment liaison manager, has been very busy in the past couple of months, talking with tribal members and developing enhanced employment services.

Soliz provided the following update on her activities.

First, she said, it is important to keep in mind the needs that were identified early in the year.

These include: Enhancing the employability of Warm Springs tribal members; and enhancing linkages between education, training and jobs.

Also: Enhancing tribal member preference, and better matching employee skills and jobs in an effective manner, which benefits both the individual and employer while contributing to enhanced services.

Recent accomplishments from the employment liaison of-

office include:

Completed basic transitional logistics to set up the Community Employment Services office.

Completed informational news article, did a KWSO radio talk with the Chief Operations Officer, and completed brochures for both the employers and job seekers.

Reactivated the employment/unemployment report process, tracking tribal employment.

Completed a 51-year forecast intended to be a multi-use tool for planning and evaluating all services and needs on the reservation.

Developed skill bank formats to implement both employee and job seeker banks. Became an active member of the tribes' Data Team, with valuable input data and other information developed to date.

Met with and established a strong and positive partnership with the Oregon Opportunity Foundation, which has put the tribes at the table

on the front end of planning of the Madras Center. This program provides people with disabilities with training, job opportunities and other services.

Met with U.S. Forest Service Mt. Hood Branch, for the purpose of developing training and job opportunities for tribal members. It turns out that the master agreement is being developed between the tribes, the Forest Service and the BLM. This is an authority document, which should simplify contracting and other work opportunities.

Have been involved with planning meetings with prison officials for opportunities for construction jobs and regular jobs, once it is under way.

Have spent considerable time talking with tribal members of various ages, to provide one to one orientations and to receive input and feedback toward one

of my many responsibilities: to develop a master employment plan for the tribes.

Completed a draft of a master job creation chart. Have been building bridges, because the more people understand the role of Community Employment Liaison, the better for everyone.

Next focus targets: Begin scheduling tribal member job seekers in to establish themselves in the job bank. Focus on financial resources, and secure reallocated or carryover funds to establish an operating budget.

Maintain the employment/unemployment report each month. Find ways to set up daily community enhancement projects and community works projects that will benefit our jobless people.

Tribal members, I am here to help and want to help. My number is 553-3298. My office is in the Personnel Department.

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Spilyay Tymoo sends best wishes to everyone who is celebrating a birthday this month. Also, happy holidays. The next deadline for submitting birthday wishes is Friday, Jan. 3. By way of a reminder, birthday and other wishes ought to be kept to a length that is reasonable for the space available in the newspaper. Thank you, and best wishes.

