

Congratulations, college graduates

The tribal Education and High Education Department, and the Confederated Tribes are honoring the following tribal members, who this year have completed their college and other higher education degrees:

- Blaine Begay**, Associate in Arts (AA), General Studies, College of the Siskiyou.
- Theda Charley**, AA, Nutrition and Food Service, United Tribes Technical College.
- Siagigi Hintsatake**, AA, Sociology, Central Oregon Community College.
- Mayanne Mitchell**, AA,

Business Administration Haskell Indian Nations University.

- Charlene Moody**, AA, Oregon Transfer/sports med, Lane Community College.
- Joni Wallulatam-Williams**, Associate in Applied Sciences, General Studies, Chemeketa Community College.
- Pi-Ta Pitt**, Bachelor of Arts (BA), Business/Economics, Columbia University.
- Keta Cline-Magers**, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies, S u l Ross State University-Rio Grande College.
- Shayla Frank**, BA, Environ-

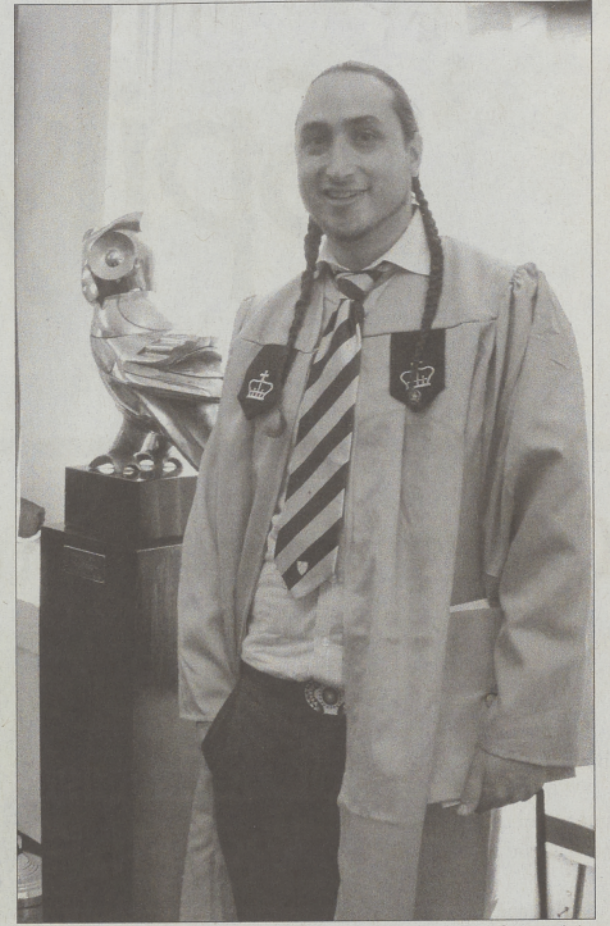
mental Science Fish and Wildlife, Salish Kootenai College.

- Melinda Polk**, BA, Business Administration, Haskell Indian Nations University.
- Valerie Switzler**, BA, American Indian Studies, Haskell Indian Nations University.
- Jefferson Greene**, Bachelor of Science (BS), Business/Management/Advertising, Portland State University.
- Dean Seyler**, BS, Health Administration, University of Phoenix.
- Glendon Smith**, BS, Liberal Studies/Intercultural, Oregon

State University Cascades.

- Joseph Thompson**, BS, Business Administration, Haskell Indian Nations University.
- Dustin Wheeler**, Culinary Arts, Scottsdale Culinary Institute.
- Billy Joe Speakthunder**, Apprenticeship/Journeyman, Willamette Carpenters Training Centers.
- Molly Fuentes**, Masters, Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School.
- Rose Krik-Ball**, AAS, Speech Language Pathology, Chemeketa Community College.

Columbia, New York great experience for recent grad



Pi-Ta Pitt at Columbia University graduation.

Pi-Ta Pitt has graduated from Columbia University in New York City. Pitt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Pitt, 28, is the son of Louie Pitt and Nancy Pitt. Pi-Ta said the course work at Columbia was more difficult than he at first expected. But he kept working and graduated this spring. His family and family friends attended the graduation in New York.

Pitt said he is happy to be back in Oregon, although, he said, living in New York was a great experience.

Pitt, who worked summers at Warm Springs Natural Resources, started his post-high school education at Portland Community College, where he earned an Associates Degree. He then transferred to Columbia. "I wanted to go somewhere big and different," he said.

He said he may in the future pursue graduate school education. "But for now," he said, "I'm going to work for a while and see what happens."

Students graduate boarding, high schools

Over 50 tribal members graduated from Madras High School this month, while many other members graduated from other high schools and boarding schools.

These tribal members are recent graduates of high school:

- Alexis Brunoe**, Reynolds High School.
- Andrea Etheridge**, Clackamas High School.
- Ashley Davis**, Evenston High School in Wyoming.
- Briana Stacona**, Hermiston High School.

Dawn Waheneka, White Swan High School.

- Edward Williams**, Walla Walla High School.
- Natasha Lucei**, Gateway High School.
- Samantha Stroschein**, CM Russell High at Great Falls, Mont.
- Savannah Courtney** and **Bradford Heath**.
- Daniel Lawrence Jr.**, John Adams High School.
- Trina Lucei**, Springfield High School.
- Josiah Thompson**, Pendleton High School.
- Sterling Sampson**, Nixyaawii

Community School.

- Clarissa Wolfe**, Ft. Simco Job Corp.
- Brett Yahtin**, Templeton High School.
- Rochell Zomara**, Culver High School.
- Spud Smith**, Culver High School.

Clements, Deborah Heath, Sharice Johnson, Erika Miller, Elizabeth Orozco, Tonya Thompson and Leidy Caldera.

Chemawa in Salem:

- Randy Switzler-Felter** and **Brandon Thompson.**

Sherman in California:

- Alexandria Anguiano, Rosa Frutos, and Colecia Moses.**

Earning their GEDs:

- Shanell Kalama, and Davis Stwyer, Jr.**

Boarding school grads

The following students are recent graduates of boarding schools:

Riverside in Oklahoma:

- Jodene Boise, Reggie**

Scholarships for 3 students

Three local students recently received scholarships from Madras High School.

Richard Harrington received the Chain Estates Scholarship. **Freddy Hernandez** received the George Wilson Memorial Scholarship. **Keshia Yaw** received the GEAR-UP Scholarship.

The students are three out of a record-breaking 177 students to graduate high school with the class of 2008.

This year tops last year's high number of 170 graduates.

Over 50 seniors from

Warm Springs participated in the graduation ceremony at Madras High School on June 7.

The tribes' and the Education Department were planning to host the Graduation Banquet at the Agency Longhouse on the evening of Wednesday, June 18 (after print deadline for this paper).

Each year, the banquet is for all tribal members who are graduating from high school, boarding school, technical school, college and graduate school, or receiving their GED.

Kah-Nee-Ta has scholarships

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is accepting applications for the 2008 male and female scholarship awards.

This opportunity is for Warm Springs tribal members choosing to further their education at an accredited four year college as a full-time or part-time student or enrolled in an accredited two year college or vocational-technical school.

Applications will be available at the Warm Springs Education Building and Kah-Nee-Ta's Human Resources Office, and must be received by the deadline of July 18 at 5 p.m. Application must include the

following items:

Official high school or secondary learning transcript or a copy of GED.

Acceptance letter to school. Letter of recommendation from a supervisor, teacher or clergy.

Personal letter of recommendation.

Personal statement, limited to one page.

Activities and accomplishments to date.

Goal and reasons for seeking higher education.

For more information contact Kah-Nee-Ta Human Resources at 553-1196, ext. 2401.

Home care worker training in W.S.

The next Home Care Worker training will be on Wednesday, June 25 at the Warm Springs Senior Center. Training starts at 1:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or need more information please call Madras Seniors and People with Disabilities at 475-6773

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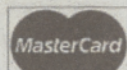
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