

# OnTrack resource for students

Gordon Scott is the school community liaison for the OnTrack program in Warm Springs.

OnTrack, an education program of the Oregon Health Sciences University, is about helping young people learn about careers in health care.

Warm Springs OnTrack at first focused mostly on high school students.

The program now begins working with students at the Warm Springs Academy.

“The goal of the program is to grow, and get new students into the program,” Gordon says.

The Tribal Health Scholars internship is one of the important components of the program.

Warm Springs OnTrack hosts community outreach projects. Gordon will be meeting with students at the Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue, for instance.

OnTrack works with students every step of the way in the pursuit of education and a health care career. The help is from grade school though high school,



Gordon Scott by his office on campus. Courtesy W.S. OnTrack

college and beyond.

Gordon’s office is on campus, in the trailer next to the Children’s Protective Service building. Warm Springs OnTrack has a Facebook page, and information is available at ohsu.edu

Students are encouraged to contact Gordon with any questions about OnTrack.

### Tribal Health Scholars

Some comments on this summer’s OnTrack Tribal Health Scholars:

“St. Charles Outpatient Rehab in Madras, Prineville and Redmond had an incredible opportunity to partner with EC Works to provide invaluable observation experiences for two young women—Lynden Harry and Kaliyah Iverson—who are Tribal

Health Scholars, looking to pursue career paths in health care.

“This partnership allowed the women to experience all aspects of rehabilitation and several other medical lines of services within the St. Charles Health system.

“There is no greater education experience than direct observation with clinical specialists. We wish Lynden and Kaliyah all the best in their studies, and hope they return to join our team, serving all of community members and helping us provide better services for those who reside in Warm Springs.”

— Courtney Parea, St. Charles Prineville Outpatient Rehabilitation

# OnTrack: Promising careers in health care

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“I wanted to get away from Warm Springs. I think everyone should leave the reservation at some time. You get to experience so much more.”

During their first years at college, Lynden and Kaliyah kept in contact with Katie Lenahan at OHSU OnTrack, keeping her up to date as to the particular medical fields they were interested in.

As it turned out, Katie was able to get them positions this summer with St. Charles Medical Center. East Cascade Works added their resources, in partnership with the Central Oregon Inter-Governmental Council, allowing for a full summer program.

As mentioned earlier, Kaliyah is interested in the specialty of Pediatric Oncology, and Lynden in Physical Therapy. So their summer programs were geared to these specialties.

Lynden spent time at Physical Therapy units at St. Charles Madras, Redmond and Prineville: There are many kinds of Physical Therapy—neurological, orthopedic, speech, etc.—and she wanted to compare different approaches.

Kahlia spent her time specifically at St. Charles Madras. She wanted to witness the full hospital experience: From when the patient checks in, to trauma and ER, administration, billing—“everything, to see how it all comes together,” Kaliyah says...

As they get ready now to

go back to college, Lynden and Kaliyah wish to thank OnTrack, OHSU, St. Charles, and everyone who has given support. Asked what advice they may have for younger students wondering what to do in life:

“If you see an opportunity, take it—You just never know what doors will open.”

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