

Museum staff profile: Alyssa Selam

Alyssa Selam is the Museum at Warm Springs maintenance and building manager. "I am in charge of assuring that the museum grounds are presented at the highest standards, which involves clearing litter and cutting back dry brush on the museum's property," Alyssa says.

"I assist wherever I am needed across the many different departments within the museum ecosystem and going through daily operational checklists and troubleshooting electronic hurdles." Alyssa can be reached at 541-553-3331, ext. 402, and email at: maintenance@museumatwarm springs.org

Question: Tell us a little bit about your background, education and experience. How did you land at the Museum at Warm Springs,

and how long have you worked here?

Answer: I'm an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I am also of Diné, Yakama and Nimiipuu descent.

Most of my childhood was spent on the Warm Springs reservation. In adulthood I moved to Seattle to pursue my education in Biological Oceanography, but I later shifted toward the Culinary Arts and trained under executive Chef Dan L. at a well-renowned country club. I only planned working for a summer in a seasonal position, but stayed for almost 12 years!

Almost all of my coworkers at the country club knew me as 'Hammer,' a nickname that kind of foretold my future in a funny way... now that I am part of the maintenance department.



Alyssa Selam

Three-and-a-half years ago life guided me back to Warm Springs. With a lot of time on my hands, I chose to volunteer during a Museum at Warm Springs clean-up

event. I really enjoyed beautifying the museum's space and working outdoors. So I volunteered for a while at the museum before getting the courage to ask if they were hiring. I have been officially hired on for almost five months now.

What interests you about Indigenous arts and cultures? What is special about it?

I love seeing the way our ancestors created tools using materials found in nature. These tools connect us to the earth and also help us find common ground with people from diverse cultures and beliefs.

What does a normal workday look like for you?

A normal workday always starts off with caffeine and a quick scan of the calendar and emails. I need to be aware if anything needs my immediate attention. After that I usually start my cleaning routine and try to finish before the doors to the museum open. Throughout the day

I walk the grounds and make note of tasks that need to be completed such as yard work, fence repair, or any general clean-up of an area. I do my best to make myself available to help out in other departments as well. I always find something to do.

What are the most important aspects of your job?

The most important aspects of my job include helping the Museum at Warm Springs to operate at its fullest potential. Also, ensuring that guests and tribal members alike have a space where they can feel comfortable learning about our history and lived experience.

What do you enjoy the most about your work at The Museum at Warm Springs?

I enjoy learning. The museum has already taught me beyond my previous work skillset and also furthering my knowledge of our tribes' history.

Employment

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time surveillance observer. Legal aid advocate (2 positions).

Gaming inspector. Internal auditor. Engineer technician. Communications officer.

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Plateau Travel Plaza: Store supervisor. Store manager. Store cashier. Security officer

Indian Head Head Casino: Player's Club ambassador. Cage manager. Server. Cage cashier. Kitchen steward.

Class III keyperson. Cook. Custodian. Attendant. Count team member. Custodial supervisor.



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Adolescent A&D Education ~ Gary W. 4-5pm	Building Relationships Thalia C. 3pm	Adult Anger Management Class w/Gary W. 3-4pm	On Second Thought Gary 4-5pm	Anxiety Group Dr. Barb 3-4pm
Naimuma Wellbriety Smurf village PSH @5:30pm	Adult A&D Education Annie K. 4-5pm	Adult Wellbriety- Stephanie/Gary 4-5pm	Embodiment Practice Group-Dr. Tam 4-5:30pm	Wellbriety Meeting 4-5pm
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