

gained, she is ready to work in the health professions. Ms. Pearsall served part of her practicum by working at the Chemawa Indian Health Clinic fulfilling medical secretarial duties during the latter part of her training.

Currently Ms. Pearsall has gained employment in the Tri-Cities area in Washington. Mr. Pearsall is the daughter of Sherry and Edward Pearsall.

Congratulations Teresa, keep up the good work.

Angela (Childers) Bedortha

SCHOOL: Chemeketa Community College
DEGREE: Associate of Science
ACCUMULATED GPA: 2.80



On June 7th, 1991, Angela Bedortha received her diploma from Chemeketa College. She earned an Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Concluding the commencement, Angie commented that she was very proud her parents and sisters witnessed her receiving her diploma.

In summing up her thoughts Angie wrote; "My name is Angela Bedortha and I have received an Associate of Science degree Majoring in Early Childhood Education. I am aware that the Tribe has applied for a "start up" grant to establish a Head Start Program in Grand Ronde. I hope that if it is approved I can work in the capacity as head teacher. This would be a wonderful experience for me. It would also give me an opportunity to serve my people after all they have done for me. Eventually, I would like to open my own Day Care Center in the community. In the future I may decide to continue my education at Oregon State University to earn a Bachelor's degree in Education.

I would like to thank my family for their constant encouragement, support and faith in me. There were a lot of times that I felt like just giving up, but they were there to hold me up and get me going again. My parents are Jess and Candy Robertson, and my sister, Debbie Childers, were especially supportive of my educational goals. I would also like to thank Dean Azule, for all his faith in me. There were times that he knew I would make it when even I didn't think so. Last of all I would

like to thank the Tribe for offering me this great opportunity. Without their financial assistance I may have never been able to continue my education.

Now, to all of those people out there who are thinking about furthering your education. It is possible! An education is not so far out of your reach. Don't let

obstacles stand in the way. An education can open many doors for you. Once you get into school it may seem that you are there forever, but everyday you are getting closer toward building a better future for yourself."

Angie, you are an inspiration for overcoming obstacles. You exude PRIDE! Our congratulations.

EDUCATION TRUST FUND RECIPIENTS

The Tribal Education Trust Fund Scholarship Program is well underway concluding the 1990-1991 school year. The program sought to identify outstanding students in the following grade levels; High School (9-12 grades), Intermediate/Junior High School (6-8 grades) and Primary (K-5 grades). The program announced the Recognition & Achievement Awards in the May issue of the Smoke Signals. A special thank you goes out to all the title V and JOM Programs in the Willamette valley area who helped disseminate Scholarship information.

A total of 20 applications were received for all three categories. Many of the nominations were submitted by classroom teachers, principals, counselors and parents. All applications had school personnel recommendations of nominations.

Students who were awarded a Recognition & Achievement Award for the 1990-1991 school year were:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Tersa Aaron, Tyson Mercier, Valerie Pedersen, Patrick Galligher, Bryan Mercier and Chris Mercier.

INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS:
Sara Ann Daniels, Rayona Lewis and Timothy Nelson.

PRIMARY STUDENTS:

Nicholas Bailey, Miranda Cloud, Billie Sue Cunningham, Samson George, Emma Leno, Kenji Loy, Richard Loy, Erica Mercier, Joe Mercier, Sarah Nelson and Nichole Isbell.

Let's congratulate these students and their parents. Many of the teacher letters of recommendation spoke of the students hard work and parental support. All 1990-1991 Recognition & Achievement award winners, we are proud of you. We look forward to your continued progress during the 1991-1992 school year.

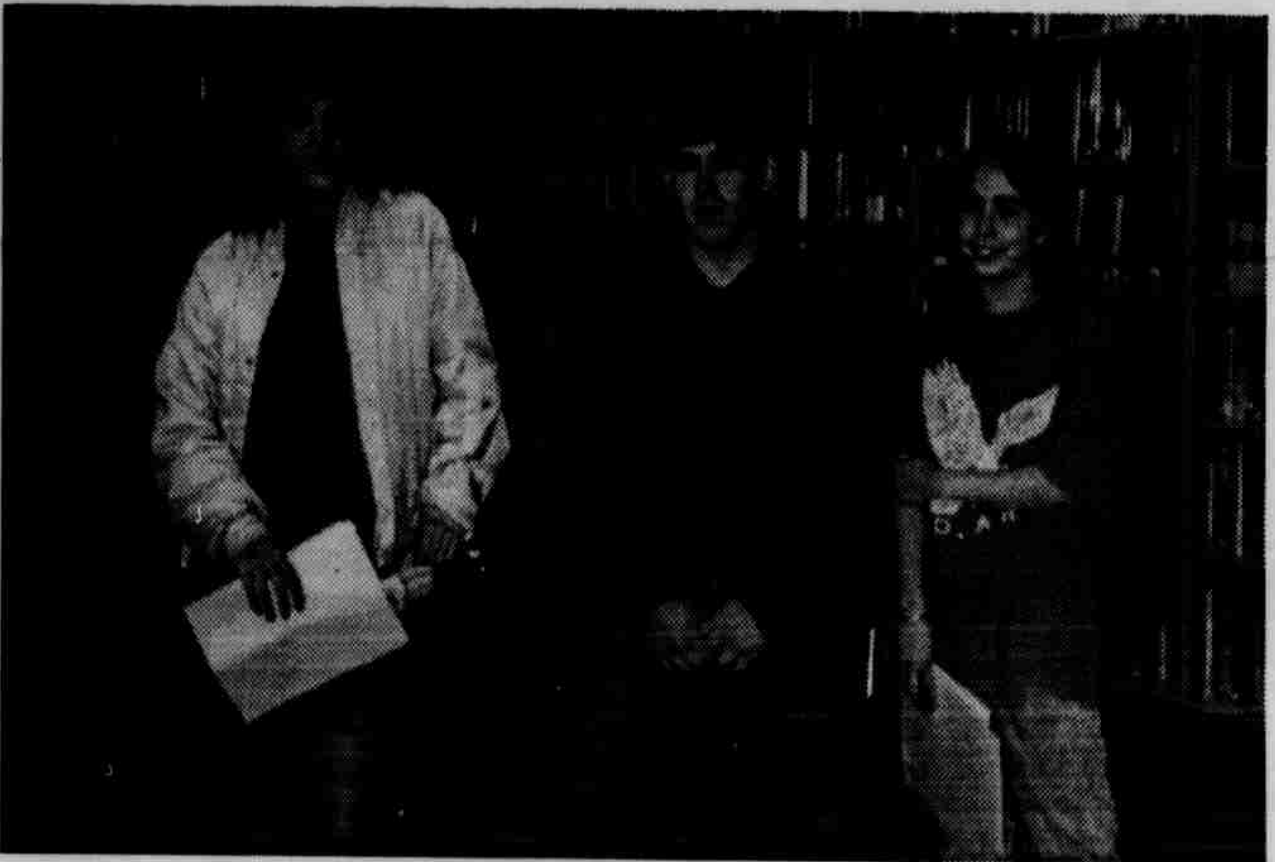


Photo above: Tersa Aaron, Tyson Mercier and Valerie Pedersen.

Far right: Chris Mercier

Right: Bryan Mercier

