

EDUCATION

Students give thanks to family, Tribe

KRISTI SEIDEL

I have been the recipient of a two-year grant from Grand Ronde that has helped me pay for half of my medical school tuition over the last two years. This scholarship has been an incredible blessing, as have all the notes of encouragement, Christmas cards and gifts, and the newsletter publications. I have felt closer to the Tribe during the last two years than I did when I lived in Eugene. I thank all of you for your support and hope that someday soon I can help out in our health clinic in Grand Ronde.

I am very proud to be a part of the Grand Ronde tribe.

To my family I would like to say thank you and I love you. I couldn't have made it without your continuous support.



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KRISTINA SUMMERS

I am the daughter of Claudette M. Parazoo of Portland and Albert Summers, Sr., of Chiloquin, Oregon.

I would like to thank the following for their help in my quest to get an education: the Grand Ronde Tribal Education Department, Fundee Jaxson, Dean Azule, Alfeo Minato, and Tim Dunn. Also, I want to thank my family for their support and encouragement!

As for Winter Term 1994, I completed my associate's degree in the field of Forest Service Technology at Chemeketa Community College. I am currently a Fish and Wildlife committee member for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. I see a bright future here with the Tribe and in the natural resources field.



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KAREN OLSON

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed to my college education. I would never have been able to attend college if it hadn't been for my Tribe and they value it places on its members. I am very grateful.

I look forward to what the future has to offer.

ANGELA LENO

This year I am graduating from Portland State University with a 3.12 G.P.A. This fall I will be attending Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland.

My parents are Reyn and Liz Leno, and my grandparents are Darlene Brown and Orville and Ramona Leno. I have two brothers, Shonn and Dustin.

I am very grateful to the Tribe and its Education Department for their assistance and support these past few years. I look forward to law school and someday being able to help and represent fellow tribal members.

LEONA RICKER

For the Winter semester at Barstow Community College in Barstow, California, I received a 4.0 G.P.A. and made the Dean's List. I also received an honor roll certificate of achievement from the college. The classes I took were: Psychology I, Medical Insurance, and Medical Terminology for a total of nine credit hours. I did this while working full-time and having my fifth knee surgery. I am on my way to accomplishing a lot and thank the Tribe for their help!

DAVID DEHART

This year I am graduating from Wahtonka High School in The Dalles, Oregon and plan to attend the University of Oregon in the Fall.

I have a strong interest in coaching and racial issues. With the help of the Tribe, I plan to obtain a degree in Secondary Education.

In the future I hope to work with young people of different cultural

and ethnic backgrounds. I believe that the diverse needs of a growing multi-cultural society will provide many future job opportunities in this field.

As a Native American, I am aware of the many challenges minority children will face in coming years and hope to contribute to their education and awareness of these issues.

With the encouragement of my family and support from my Tribe, I know my aspirations can come true.

ANTHONY BORQUEZ

I am in the process of attaining an associate's degree in the automotive repair/refinishing program at Clackamas Community College.

My future plans include getting ASE certification and I-CAR certification for automotive repair/refinishing.

Other goals include attaining an Oregon driver's license and purchasing theft recovery vehicles for repair and resale.

Eventually I hope to open and operate my own business of automotive repair at a location in the Portland or Vancouver area.

MATTHEW KIRKLAND

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Tribal Council and the Education Division for supporting the students in our Tribe. Without our education program I would not be graduating from college this year.

I did not discover the values of education until after I dropped out of high school. I quickly realized that my lack of education would keep me from doing the things I wanted to do. It took me a while,



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but I got my General Education Diploma and later decided to attend college. At the age of 24 I entered Chemeketa Community College and then went on to Western Oregon

State College where I will graduate June 11, 1994. I will receive a B.S. degree in Public Policy and Administration with a specialized area of study in Human Resource Management. This opportunity has changed my life.

While at college, I focused my studies on Native American issues. Whenever possible, I applied what I was learning to a Native American context.

I will continue my studies this Fall at Atkinson Graduate School of Management, Willamette University. I will continue to focus on Human Resource Management.

Again, I want to thank the Tribe for their support during my attendance at Western Oregon. Please continue to support all of our students. Our Tribe can only profit from investing in the education of its members.

MICHELE GIFFEN

This year I am graduating from Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Oregon. I have taken computer classes all four years such as Wordperfect, Lotus 1-2-3, PageMaker, and basic keyboarding.



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I have taken accounting my junior and senior years. Also, I have been involved with FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) for two years. This year I was FBLA President. FBLA is a club where kids from all over the state compete in business events.

After I graduate I plan to become a Certified Public Accountant. I will begin my education by attending a community college for two years.

I would like to thank my parents for their support in the decisions I have made.

Adult Education class schedule for June

Tuesday ---4:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. at the Family Action Conference Room (June 7, 17).

Wednesday ---4:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. at the Family Action Conference Room (June 1, 8, 15).

Thursday ---11:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. at Family Action Conference Room (June 2, 9, 16).

June 16 will be the last class until September. On June 14 and 15 we will be offering ideas on resume writing. Please contact Gayla Tulensru 879-2282 if you are interested.

Scholarship Fund

The members and staff of the Grand Ronde Tribe mourn the loss of Council member Ray McKnight and in his memory initiated the Ray McKnight Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will be used to assist a tribal member who is studying natural resource management or forestry. Contributions will be accepted and welcomed from anyone wishing to honor Ray's memory. Staff wishing to make a contribution may do so through a payroll deduction. Others may make checks payable to the Ray McKnight Scholarship Fund and forward it to the Accounting Department.

JOM cutbacks

The Johnson O'Malley Program is facing more funding cutbacks this coming school year. We are planning to do some fund-raising for youth and other cultural activities. We are considering projects like calendars, book markers, and cards as items for sale. We are asking for donations from all ages of artwork, poems, stories, and other ideas. Please submit to Shawn Hostler, Tribal Education.

Title V gathering

The Title V Indian Education Program end of the year gathering will be on June 7 at the Grand Ronde Grade School. Youth are invited to attend, and games will begin at 2:30 p.m. There will be a potluck at 6:30 p.m. after the last Family Math and Science class of the year. Parents are encouraged to bring their children, and a Native American dish if they can. If you have any questions, please contact tribal Education, 1-800-422-0232 or 879-2284.

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