

Education

Grant receives 1994 TRIO Achievers Award

Jacqueline Grant, Director of Eastern Oregon State College's Native American program since 1990, and a Grand Ronde tribal member, has been selected to receive a 1994 TRIO Achievers Award. Grant was honored, with other nominees, at the TRIO Achiever's luncheon on September 8 in Washington, D.C.

As the top nominee from the Pacific Northwest, Grant will also be honored at the Northwest Association of Special Programs (NASP) regional TRIO Achiever's luncheon during their fall conference in December at Portland.

TRIO programs are educational opportunity programs help low income, disadvantaged students enter and succeed in college.

"By the time I finally had a chance to go back to college, I had a job, a husband, and three children. I needed help and that help came from my Student Support Services Program," said Grant.

Not only did grant learn to utilize these services, but she realized she "...wanted to give something back to the program that was so beneficial to me."

Grant graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in 1989 with



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a B.S. in psychology. After a year as a counselor at Lewis and Clark State College she returned to La Grande to become the Director of the Native American program at Eastern Oregon State College. "I feel fortunate to have achieved such success in my life," Grant said. "Through the Student Support Services Program, I learned to reach out and ask for help from the system. Today, I tell my students that success is not accomplished by one individual, but rather by many caring and dedicated people. Anyone, in my opinion, can succeed if they are determined and have their support systems in place."

South Dakotan named counselor

Marty Branch, 29, an Oglala Sioux is the new academic advisor in the Education Division.

He will be dividing his time between working on campus at Chemeketa Community College in Salem and at Grand Ronde in the Education Division offices.

"We haven't decided on a schedule yet," Branch said. "We are still working things out."

Before coming to Oregon recently, he was employed as a child protection social worker and working with abused children in South Dakota. He also worked at the South Dakota State Training School.

Branch said he is looking forward to his new life in Oregon.

"My wife, Trina, grew up in Oregon City. We decided to move here and give it a try," he said.

The Branch's have a three-year-

old son.

Marty Branch is an athlete and enjoys all sports. He was coach of a girls basketball team in South Dakota.

He graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University with a bachelor of arts degree in human services.



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Twenty kids enrolled in Head Start

Twenty children are enrolled in the Grand Ronde Head Start Program this year.

The pre-school started Sept. 27. The children attend the school at the tribal pre-school center located at the rear of the Chemical Dependency Program facility.

Director Angie Bedortha said that classes are held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The children receive education in social, emotional, physical and cognitive areas.

"They learn how to interact and negotiate with other kids, and develop language skills," Bedortha said. "We prepare them for kindergarten."

This is the third year for Head Start at Grand Ronde. Because of space limitations, only 20 children can enroll in the program.

Head Start is looking for three or four year olds to formulate a waiting list in which to draw children to the class in the event current students move or are otherwise unable to attend the pre-school.

Head Start is a federally-funded pre-school designed for low-income families. A limited number of children from higher-income families can also attend, if no low-income families are on the waiting list.

The local classroom is currently full, but families interested in placing their child on the waiting list should call YCAP in McMinnville, (472-0457) to schedule an intake appointment time.



Kids participate in activities at the Head Start classroom.

Student receives scholarships

Congratulations to Perri McDaniel, who has recently been awarded two scholarships for the 1994-95 academic year. Perri will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Native American Scholarship Fund and will receive another \$1,000 award from the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). Perri was selected

as a recipient of these scholarships based on the following categories: academics, career plans, probability of future service to Indian community, commitment, and preparation. She is a junior this year. Her major is Business Administration. Perri is also recipient of the Tribal Education Trust fund scholarship.

Workshop offered

We will be conducting our annual Financial Aid/Scholarship Workshop on December 3, 1994 at Chemeketa Community College campus from 9-11 a.m. and on December 5, at the Tribal Community Center from 9-11 a.m. Call the Education office for more information: 1-800-422-0232.

Help needed for education project

Sixty-seven tribal members have earned degrees or certificates while participating in the Tribal Education Program since 1986.

We are currently gathering information and pictures to put in a ten-year annual to include all program graduates.

Graduates will be receiving an information form in the mail that we hope you will fill out and return to the Education offices. Please include a photo.

Attention Students!

Please send a copy of your class registration to the Education Program for Fall 1994. If you have a new campus address, please send that as well. We need to keep our records updated.