

Leaders in Education to meet in Albuquerque

■ Conference to be held during Gathering of Nations

The National Coalition for Indian Education (NCIE) and Tribal Education Contractor's Association (TECA) issue their Call to Conference for the 3rd Annual Joint Conference. The 1998 conference theme is "Models for Implementing Indian America Goals." The conference is being held at the Radisson Hotel in Albuquerque, NM on April 23-25, in conjunction with the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow.

WORKSHOP STRANDS INCLUDE:

- Native American Language Preservation
- Technical Assistance for Indian Education Programs
- Higher Education Scholarships, Financial Aid and Round Table Forum
- Adult Education Forum

- Johnson O'Malley Programs Overview and Forum
- Education and Legislative Update
- BIA Education Overview

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Hattie Kauffman, CBS Television News *This Morning* New York, NY
- Raymond Reyes, Gonzaga University, Department of Teacher Education
- Dr. Sherrie Allison, University of New Mexico, Health Sciences Center, and President NIEA
- Notah Begay, NIKE Tour

The purpose of NCIE/TECA is to promote tribal community education, support educational excellence, work with agencies and institutions to improve educational opportunities for Indian people,

network and exchange ideas, promote exemplary educational models and keep informed of federal legislation affecting tribal education.

For conference information and registration:

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Agenda information:

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The NCIE/TECA invite you to join us as we gather in Albuquerque! Additional activities include casino tours, Pueblo visits and the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow.

Hard sole moccasin making classes

Moccasin making classes are operating in Grand Ronde with record attendance. These are fun classes that also teach and reinforce a variety of skills which include culture, art, math, science and history.

SALEM and PORTLAND: We are still taking names if you want to sign up for Moccasin Making classes to be held in Salem and Portland. To date, we do not have enough people signed up to run a class in Salem. We also have a few spaces left for the Portland classes. To be eligible to take the classes, you must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and at least 16 years of age. Participants should plan to attend all classes. For more information and to register, call Gayla Tulensru at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2282.

Make your own Drum

The Adult Education program is taking registration for Drum-making classes in the Grand Ronde, Salem, and Eugene areas. Tentative dates for the classes are targeted for late April or May. The instructor is Clifford Latta. The supplies are included for Grand Ronde tribal members ages 16 and older. Although on-site registration may be possible, priority will be given to those who have signed up. Proof of age and tribal identity will be required for those who register on site. If you would like to attend one of these classes, please call 879-2282 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2282.

Spring GED classes

Spring term GED classes began on Tuesday, March 31. Classes are held in the Education Building, located at 28840 Salmon River Highway in Grand Ronde. These tribal classes are co-sponsored with Chemeketa Community College and convene on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Classes are open to the community.

Additional tutoring is also available for members of the Grand Ronde Tribe by scheduling an appointment with Gayla Tulensru at 879-2282.

Congratulations Nick Bailey

Nick just received notice that he has been selected for two Oregon State University scholarships. One is from the Engineering Program at OSU in the amount of \$500. The other is an OSU Achievement Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000 to be disbursed in increments of \$3,000 per year for four years. Good Job, Nick!

Education Honor and Recognition AWARDS

Achievement and Recognition Awards applications are available at the Education Office. This program was established to identify and recognize tribal youth who are enrolled and attending school in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The focus is to honor students for academic, social and leadership accomplishments. The Tribal Education Division and Tribal Council wish to acknowledge youth who make a special effort to excel in school, family and/or community activities. The Achievement and Recognition Awards are monetary and applications are available to all tribal member students.

The deadline to submit an application is May 1, 1998. The following items are required to be considered for the award:

- A completed application
- Verification of Tribal Enrollment
- Verification of school attendance/enrollment. (Letter from school official or a copy of a report card.)

- Three letters of recommendation. Two of the letters must be from a teacher, counselor or principal at the school you attend. The other letter could be from a tribal leader, tribal Elder, minister, group leader, family member, or other persons who know about you and activities you participate in.

- A personal essay from the student explaining your achievements and accomplishments in the past year. Include your educational goals and career plan.

Please call Hollie Larsen or Lisa Leno at the Tribal Education Office to request an application, or pick them up at Education office.

The Annual Honor and Recognition Dinner for tribal member graduates and their families has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

More information about this event will be available in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*.

**Education Trust Fund
Scholarship applications
are due by April 30, 1998.**

**Please contact Marion Mercier
at the Tribal Education Office
to request an application.**