

EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

Students visit OSU campus

■ *Oregon State University Kaleidoscope of Colleges & Cultures Day shows youth what college is like.*

On January 16, three high school students attended the OSU Kaleidoscope event on campus in Corvallis, OR. **Erica Empey, Dustin Billings and Winfred Pakootas** participated in scheduled events such as: academic and career presentations, financial assistance, scholarships and admissions application process, student panel question and answer session, and Cultural Center tours. Some comments made by the students are:

Erica Empey: "I would recommend that Native American students check out OSU as one of their college options, there is a lot of support for

Native American students."

Dustin Billings: "The college had some pretty good education information and lots of stuff planned to do."

The students were chaperoned to and from this event by Marion Mercier from the Higher Education program. Marion will plan at least two more campus visits for high school students during this academic year. The visits offer students an insight to programs and resources available at a particular institution. Fun events are planned at the visitation as well as the academic and resources.

Higher Education Programs

Which one is right for you?

Administered by Marion Mercier

■ **Higher Education Program:** For students working toward a four year degree.

■ **Adult Vocational Training Program:** For students working toward a vocational degree or certificate.

Both Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training programs are federal and tribal funded programs. They are "need based" so it is required that students apply for Federal Financial Aid each January as soon after January 1 as possible. It is also required that students attend school full-time. Full-time attendance requires that a minimum of 12 credit hours are earned each term/semester. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA for every grading period.

■ **Education Trust Fund Scholarship Program:** Varied scholarships are offered as listed below:

• **Adult Vocational Training:** 2 full-time, \$6,000; 1 half-time, \$3,000.

• **Undergraduate:** 3 full-time, \$6,000; 1 half-time, \$3,000.

• **Graduate:** 2 full-time, \$7,000; 1 half-time, \$3,500.

• **Eula Petite Memorial Scholarship:** 1 full-time, \$7,000. Teacher Education Program Junior level.

■ **Career Path:** Presentations of college and career information at the middle school and high school Native American Club meetings. Activities include but is not limited to: college campus visits, career information systems (CIS) activities, financial aid and scholarship application workshops and summer sponsorship funding. (Some activities are co-coordinated with the Tribal Youth Education program.)

■ **Distance Education:** Class scheduling, placement testing and needs assessment on limited basis.

Parents of Native youth needed

Committee provides Educational support

The Johnson O'Malley/Youth Education programs provide supplemental educational services to Native American youth attending the Willamina/Sheridan school districts, K-12 grades. These programs include such things as tutoring, leadership, parent training, cultural enhancement and also serves as an liaison between the school, Tribe and families. If you have any questions or would like further information about these pro-

grams and services please contact Lisa Leno or Dustin Harmon at the tribal offices.

If you would like to become an involved parent by joining our parent committee feel free to contact a committee member at the tribal offices at 1-800-422-0232 or 879-5211. Committee members are: Janell Haller, Barbara Lake, Valorie Sheker, Marion Mercier, Margo Mercier, Sharon Grout, Michelle Kimsey, Cindy Martin-Butler.

Pursue your goals in '99

By Gayla Tulensru

Adult Education Coordinator

"Manana is often the busiest day of the week."

~Spanish Proverb

The new year is typically a time when people make resolutions to improve their lives. Some people decide to lose weight, take up jogging, begin body building, take a class or learn a new skill. The possibilities are endless as are the opportunities to put off working on those goals. The Adult Education program would like to offer you support for achieving those goals. We can offer concrete support for the skill development classes. In fact the Adult Education program can help with GED supplies and test tuition, college preparation classes, life-skill classes, education planning, job readiness consultation, and related workshops and seminars. If you have been thinking about any of these areas of self improvement, give us a call. After all, there's no time like the present.

We would also like to update you on tribal students who successfully completed their GEDs in 1998: **Angela Lomboy, Sophia LaBonte Poulin, Mary Ann Sharp, Wallace West, Anthony Henry, DeAnna Croy, Delmer Croy, Angela Rodenski, Kathy Cullen, Trina Erickson, Karen Knight, Bobby Mercier and Frank Grammer.** In addition, **Todd Gilliam** earned his diploma through high school completion classes. Our sincere congratulations to all of these students for a job well done!

On-site GED classes in Grand Ronde are offered through a partnership with Chemeketa Community College. The instructor is Susan Hildebrand. Classes are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and open to tribal and community members. For more information, call 879-2282.

Students: better read this! Policy Manual Changes

■ The Adult Vocational Training Program Policy Manual has two changes and they might affect you.

1. V. Training: Approval and Requirements, A. Training Approval, #6. Training Budgets shall be based on:

(add) d. Training program grant recipients are eligible for awards for a maximum of seven (7) terms or for twenty one (21) months to complete their certificate or degree program. Except that recipients seeking a degree in the medical/nursing program are allowed awards for a maximum of nine (9) terms or for twenty seven (27) months to complete their degree program.

And;

2. V. Training: Approval and Requirements, B. Training Requirements, #6. Trainees must also meet attendance policies as follows:

(add) d. Students must meet attendance policy of not missing more than five (5) days per term or of not missing more than five (5) days per a three (3) month time frame. This policy exists due to the direct link that relates academic success to attendance in class. Failure to meet attendance policy may result in the students being required to reimburse the Tribal Adult Vocational Training Program funding received to attend school or training.

Important Dates to Remember!

□ **January 1, 1999-February 15, 1999:** Apply for Federal Financial Aid 1999-2000.

□ **February 1, 1999:** Last day to submit completed application to Higher Education Program and Adult Vocational Training Program to be considered for Spring Term 1999 funding

□ **April 30, 1999:** Last day to submit completed Education Trust Fund Scholarship application. (May be postmarked on April 30, 1999.)

□ **July 1, 1999:** Last day to submit completed application to Higher Education Program and Adult Vocational Training Program to be considered for Fall Term/Spring Semester 1999 funding.

Check with the college you plan to attend for the deadline date to apply for admissions.