

Education News

College prep information

High school seniors planning to meet the March 1st admissions application deadline for most colleges need to be doing several things at this time. The following is a list of tasks all juniors and seniors can begin working on now.

- 1 Take advantage of the CIS (Career Information System) in all high school counseling offices. Based on personal interests that students key into the system, CIS provides students with career options to consider. It also gives a list of colleges and universities with addresses and contacts that offer majors and minors in fields of interest.
- 2 Utilize the Internet to gain additional information from websites to narrow choices down and to request admissions applications.
- 3 Maintain regular contact with the high school counselors and ask for scholarship information.
- 4 Request letters of recommendations from your teachers and school administrators well in advance of application deadlines.
- 5 Begin drafting an outline of your scholarship application essay. Having your essay on disk makes it easy to modify responses. Once you write a good essay you can use it for a number of scholarship applications with only minor changes to the first final copy.
- 6 Compile a summary of your extra-curricular activities, awards, certificates or verifications of volunteer work (make copies).

Broaden your skills by learning a foreign language

The Education department would like to invite everyone interested in learning Spanish or French, or students who are having difficulty learning in the classroom, to take advantage of the fantastic self-paced Rosette Stone software soon to be installed in Education's new computer lab.

By incorporating multisensory learning like we all used as babies to learn English, it makes learning easy and fun, and enables the learner to speak and read the language from beginning levels to college fluency.

Bilingual people have an advantage in qualifying for a broader spectrum of jobs, with better pay and benefits. Many employers in the service-oriented industries are looking for staff who are bilingual. Call the Education department at 879-2275 to find out how to broaden your skills, and improve your marketability to future employers!

Urgent news for GED students

It is very important for everyone who began GED tests in 1995, but have not completed all requirements for certification, to be aware that they must do so before December 31, 1999 or they will have to retake all tests and pay additional testing fees.

The Tribal Adult Education department, therefore, would like to urge everyone to share this information with anyone they think might be in this situation, particularly those who don't read *Smoke Signals* regularly. There is enough time before the deadline for students to prepare if

they begin now, particularly since the GED office is now open five and a half hours more each week.

GED office hours:

MONDAYS
10:00 to 1:00 and 1:30 to 6:30
TUESDAYS
10:00 to 1:00 and 1:30 to 3:30
THURSDAYS
10:00 to 1:00 and 1:30 to 6:30

We invite all who are interested in earning their GED to call Susan at 879-2282, or Hollie at 879-2275, or come in during office hours.

Images of Native Americans in film

A one credit hour class will be offered through Oregon State University's Statewide Education Program. Class content includes viewing old and contemporary Native American films, lecture and discussion and exercises relating to identity issues and stereotyping and analyzing video content.

Professor Kurt Peters will facilitate the class held at the Tribe's Governance Building classroom on **December 3 and 4**. Class hours are: Friday 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (students are to bring a sack lunch). To register, please call Hollie at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275.

First American Education Series

The Family

	Gov. Bldg. Grand Ronde	Chemawa Indian School	PSU Portland
Traditional Structure and Roles	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
Women's Role	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16
Indian Child Welfare	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13
Parenting: Then and Now	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27

Classes may be taken as credit (\$220 for all four) or non-credit (\$45 or one). To register: contact Bee Jai Repp at (503) 315-4587 or repb@chemeketa.edu.

Scholarship & Financial INFO

1 The University of Oregon now has the Diversity Building Scholarship Application packets available. The Diversity Building Scholarship awards full to partial tuition, renewable for up to five academic years, to students selected by the DBS Selection Committee. Similar scholarships exist at each Oregon public institute of higher education.

The deadline to submit a completed application is February 1, 2000.

To request an application if you plan to attend the University of Oregon, call the Education department at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2284.

2 The Intertribal Timber Council is pleased to invite all interested Native American/Alaskan students to apply to the Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program. The scholarship was established to support students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. Fourteen scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors (4 at \$1,200 each) and to currently enrolled students (10 at \$1,800 each). **Interested students must provide a completed application packet by March 3, 2000.** Call the Timber Council Education office at (503) 282-4296.

3 Any American Indian undergraduate student who is a resident of Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, or Clark County and who is majoring in a math, science, engineering or computer science field may apply for a Howard Vollum Scholarship. The scholarships are for \$3,000 per year and are awarded for up to five years. The student may attend any college/university of his/her choice. For specific information regarding the Vollum scholarships call 1-800-452-8807 or www.osac.state.or.us.

4 The Morris K. Udall Foundation offers undergraduate scholarships for students in programs related to environmental public policy, and for Native American/Alaska Natives in fields relating to tribal policy or health policy. For more information on these programs, please contact the Foundation by calling (520) 670-5529 or www.udall.gov.

5 Oregon State Scholarship Commission has a new name — it is now called the Oregon Student Assistance Commission. This agency awards millions of dollars in need based grants, privately funded scholarships and guarantees students loans each academic year. The agency's website, (www.osac.state.or.us) contains links to free scholarship-search databases and websites for nearly 40 Oregon colleges. These programs can also help students attend colleges as well as vocational institutions elsewhere in the US. **The deadline for applications is March 1, 2000.** Copies of the OSAC booksets will be available in all high school counseling offices in December. For grants and scholarship information, call 800-452-8807.

6 The following people will be able to assist you with information about available scholarships at their respective universities:

Eastern Oregon State University — contact Christian Steinmetz
Western Oregon University — contact Anna Hernandez
Portland State University — contact Eduardo Martinez
Southern Oregon State University — contact Cecilia Zapata
Oregon State University — contact Joy Yokum
Oregon Institute of Technology — contact John Duarte
University of Oregon — contact Patricia Lopez

7 The Tribal Education Trust Fund Scholarship applications are available at the Education office. Scholarship awards vary from \$3,000 to \$7,000. **The deadline to apply is April 30, 2000.** Categories include:

Graduate — both full-time and part-time

Undergraduate — both full-time and half-time

Vocational Training — both full-time and half-time

Eula Petite Memorial — for junior level students majoring in education

8 Many of the Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training Program and the Scholarship Program students have not submitted a copy of their class schedule. Be aware that **funding will not be sent** to your school next term unless your file contains all required documents.

9 FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES — It is almost time again! Federal financial aid applications are now available at many of the institutions. Students enrolled in the Tribe's Higher Education program and Adult Vocational Training program are required to submit a copy of their completed financial aid application to the tribal Education department by February 15, 2000.

Many students experienced a delay of funding this academic year due to filing for financial aid much later in the year than the February 15th date. (Some people waited until July to file and funding is still pending.) The Higher Education program will sponsor a financial aid application workshop in January. Specific date to be announced.

Students may also call the Education department and schedule to meet with Marion Mercier to complete the application on an individualized basis. Parents, be reminded that if your son or daughter was born after January 1, 1976, you will need to provide tax information on the financial aid application. **Do not mail the completed application until January 1, 2000.** (It will be returned to you if you do.) And always remember to make copies of your completed application before mailing it off.

If you are even considering attending school as a full-time student any time during or between Fall Term/Semester 2000 (August/September) and the conclusion of Spring Term/Semester 2001 (May/June) please fill out the financial aid application in January 2000.