

CALL TO ACTION CONFERENCE

October 24 • 2 Sessions
(8:30-11:30 am and 1-4:30 pm)
Spirit Mountain Casino
Rogue River Room

Venture into Polk County's Diversity

Morning Session:

•Explore the strengths and challenges of Polk County diversity.

•Participants are invited to bring their insights, experiences and concerns to share.

Afternoon Session:

•Learn skills and strategies to utilize in addressing the challenges and opportunities we have identified.

•Participants will be invited to consider ways that they can address challenges and opportunities constructively and cooperatively. For more details, call 503-623-9664.

Education Committee Seeking New Member

Tribal members interested in serving on the Education Committee, call 503-879-2275 to request an application. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2001.

\$5,000 Giveaway Towards College

Educaid is giving away \$5,000 a month for college. That's \$5,000 to one high school senior a month, every month throughout this entire year. Enter to win and look for official rules at www.educaid.com. Or contact Educaid, a First Union Company, at 1-800-EDUCAID.

Enhancing the Lives of Our Future Leaders

Deadline: February 1, 2001

The American Indian Graduate Center Scholars (AIGCS) is to the futures and education of Native American scholars by providing scholarships and other assistance. AIGCS is now a partner with the Gates Millennium Scholars initiative.

For information on the Gates Millennium Scholars Scholarship visit www.gmsp.org. The American Indian Graduate Center Scholars can help you explore your potential. For more information call 505-884-7007.

Tribal Sovereignty Class Offered

The Tribal Administration Program (TAP) at Portland State University is pleased to announce its upcoming class, entitled "Tribal Sovereignty." The course purpose is to provide Tribal leaders, administrators and staff with a thorough understanding of the legal issues about Tribal sovereignty. The class will present a comprehensive historical discussion that includes a CD-ROM for students, containing historical documents that provide the legal foundation for Indian Law in the United States. This graduate-level course reflects the necessity for Tribal leaders to understand the complex relationship between Tribes and the U.S. government.

The course is scheduled for Winter Quarter on Thursday evenings from 6:40 p.m. to 9:20 p.m., starting in January. The instructors are Celeste Whitewolf, J.D. and Glenda Durham, J.D.

TAP is a specialty area within the Division of Public Administration, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and recognizes that higher education is critical for Oregon's nine federal Tribes. TAP uses a high-speed network to link students on reservations teachers on the Portland campus. Students can engage in videoconferences, interacting with others via live broadcasts. Using state-of-the-art computer and video technology, TAP is committed to providing educational opportunities that lead to a Master of Public Administration with a specialty in Tribal administration. Post-baccalaureate courses center on public administration, but instruction also includes Tribal law, federal Indian policy and Tribal administration issues. Additionally, courses can be tailored to meet the expectations of students and administrators.

TAP was created in 1999 by Dr. Theresa Julnes Rapida, Chair and Associate Professor of public administration. Rapida wanted to expand opportunities for training to Northwest Tribes to make Tribes more proficient with self-governance skills.

"In 1989, two of every three employees working for Tribal governments across the nation were Native American," said Rapida. "By 1996, that number dropped to one in three.

"There are more jobs because of the expansion of gambling and congressional initiatives, but fewer qualified Native Americans for the jobs," said Rapida. "The majority of management positions are held by non-Tribal members, so we're getting more Tribal members who want the skills."

Rapida, who is a member of the Shoalwater Bay Tribe of coastal Washington, has linked Portland State University with the Grand Ronde, Siletz and Umatilla Reservations. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services has lent equipment to the three Tribal sites and is covering overhead costs in exchange for championing the state's proposed information network.

More information about TAP is available by calling toll free at 1-800-547-8887, ext. 5155 or ext. 8080. Online information is available at www.tribaladmin.pdx.edu.

ONABEN and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Small Business Development Center presents:

BUSINESS BASICS

(Distance Learning Program)

Setting Up Your Books

Wednesday, October 17

Will cover the basics of developing an effective and complete record keeping system that will work for you.

The Artist In Business, Legal Issues

Wednesday, October 24

Learn about small business laws for artists, your record keeping responsibilities and avoiding costly mistakes.

Market Research

Wednesday, November 7

Learn about how to research and evaluate markets that have the potential to improve your business.

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
Sheila Herber at 503-879-2492

CLASSES HELD IN
GRAND RONDE



Photo by Kim Mueller

Promoted — Kevin Hayes is now the new sergeant at the Grand Ronde Sheriff's Substation. Sergeant Jeff Van Laanen is on a leave of absence.

Family Resource Network

503-623-6105

Your one place to call for information and referrals for Polk County.

GED procrastinators

Make this an early New Year's Resolution

GED testing will be held at various Chemeketa sites:

■ **McMINNVILLE** — Ted Gross is the GED testing proctor and students need to make an appointment with him at 503-472-9483 first. He will schedule students needing to test through December. McMinnville is the closest site from Grand Ronde.

■ **SALEM** — Special dates have been set up for students to complete before the purge date. The testing dates are December 17, 18, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Otherwise, Chemeketa offers GED testing on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the 2nd Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to noon.

■ **DALLAS** — Testing is held on Thursday mornings only from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Students will only be able to complete two tests if they show up at 8:30 a.m. Testing dates are December 6, 13, 20 and 27.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

If students have been testing at another site, then their official records and a copy of receipt payment must be faxed to the new site before testing can begin.

When students test, they must have a picture ID. This can be their Tribal Enrollment card or a DMV ID card.

Students generally can get their test results the same day, except for the Writing Skills Test results require up to two-weeks.

If tests are not completed by the end of December, then students will need to start again with the new GED Test for 2002.

For more information contact Joanne Carr at 503-879-2275 at the Tribal Education Department.

Loans Made Easy: Mortgage and Small Business

INTEREST RATES ARE LOW — LIZ HAMILTON
WANTS TO HELP NATIVE AMERICANS...

Majestic Mortgage, a Portland area firm specializing in creative lending, has positioned itself as a resource for Indian Housing Authorities.

Liz Hamilton (Choctaw/Cherokee) works with first time homebuyers, plus debt consolidation and refinance clients, utilizing the first time homebuyer assistance program offered to Tribal members under HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant program.

While many lenders struggle with how to structure the NAHASDA grant money towards down payments, Majestic Mortgage has adopted program guidelines to fund quickly and efficiently. Despite credit challenges such as bankruptcy, Majestic can refinance the existing loan and pull cash out for a number of uses, such as debt consolidation, home improvements, vacation or working capital for a business. Investment properties can either be owner or non-owner occupied.

For self-employed people, Majestic has non-income verifying home loans and SBA financing available. Most pre-qualifications are done in 24 hours and there is no charge for the initial call. Majestic Mortgage is an equal opportunity lender and can originate home loans in any state where licensing laws allow.

Contact Liz Hamilton at 503-397-9769.