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Marcus Guinn, aka Emcee One



Oliver Porter of the hip-hop duo "Eagle," shows some love to the crowd.



Tribal member Eagle Eastman drops some rhyme skills for the kids at the show.



Audience participation is a key element at all social services events. Here, Chemawa student Hannah Aitken (center) raps freestyle while (left to right) Jessie Collins, Jackie Santos, Harris Reibach, Matt Haller, Tony Perkins and Emcee One wait for their turn on the mike.



Chance Rush, a Native Youth Consultant, was there to help host the show.

The Social Services Youth Prevention Program hosted a dance night at the Tribes' new gym on Friday, February 21. Over 150 Tribal youth attended the drug and alcohol free event featuring rapper Emcee One and DJ Brain Frejo.

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Tribal language Specialist Bobby Mercier (left) mixes while DJ Brian Frejo spins.



American Indian Leadership Academy Conference — Once a month for five months each year, the American Indian Leadership Academy — including the Title VII programs at the Salem-Keizer school district and at the Chemawa Indian School, along with Indian students from the Portland Public schools and the Grand Ronde area — meet to develop leadership skills and learn, as Tribal member and until recently, Youth Education Supervisor Lisa Leno said, "how to be powerful Indian leaders."

The schools rotate hosting responsibilities, and in February, the Grand Ronde group did the honors.

Some 75 members welcomed speakers including Tribal member Kevin Simmons, the Tribe's 2002-03 Mark O. Hatfield fellow and Chance Rush, a youth consultant from Oklahoma.

The Tribe has been involved with the Leadership Academy for the last four years. The academy has been growing for five years.

"The big thing it does is connecting communities, building strong relationships among Indian communities," said Leno. That takes on added significance because participants come from urban, rural and reservation settings.

"Public speaking is a huge thing," said Leno. "This is a safe place to come and gain experience."

Credit Dustin Harmon, Education Culture Specialist for facilitating the conference. A month's worth of preparation went into the program.



Sara Redheart, a Salem-Keizer student, reacts to the speaker.

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◀ Portland actor and radio personality Spider Moccasin talks about Indian government issues.