

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Horizons: A Pre-Graduate School Program

For Native American, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native Students
Collaborating partners: AIGC (American Indian Graduate Center), Winds of Change magazine, the Princeton Review Foundation, University of Washington, and many of the nation's finest graduate and professional programs.

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The Graduate Horizons Program is a four-day "crash course" for Native college students, master's students or alumni to help prepare them for graduate school (master's, Ph.D. or professional school). Faculty, admission officers and deans representing hundreds of graduate disciplines and a host of graduate and professional schools will help you select programs and careers suitable for you, complete winning applications and write memorable personal statements, learn what turns an applicant into an admitted student, become a test-prep "whiz kid" on the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, & MCAT, find your way through the financial aid/scholarship jungle, explore special issues for Native students and learn graduate school survival tips.

Students will learn about a broad variety of programs and establish personal relationships with graduate school representatives that continue long after the program is over. Participants will be limited to 75 and will be Native American (enrolled members only), Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian college students, master's students or alumni. Students will be selected by application. First round, priority receipt deadline is February 1; 2nd round receipt deadline is March 1. Applications will be accepted on a space-available basis to June 1 (after May 1, please contact us to see if we still have spaces). Complete program cost is \$150 (includes tuition, room, meals, and transportation to campus from SeaTac airport). Students are responsible for their own airfare, but substantial funds are available for airfare and tuition assistance (in 2006, 70% of our students received travel awards).



Tribal Library News

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.
(closed Monday - Friday 12 - 1 P.M.)
Saturday: 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Library statistics for November: Issued 16 new cards, had 493 patron visits, there were 629 circulations, 238 donations and 42 computer sign ins in the 17 days of service.

Upcoming Events

Book Club:

Tuesday, December 26 meeting canceled for holiday season
Saturday, January 13: noon - 1 p.m.

K - 3 Saturday Activity:

December 23 activity canceled for holiday season
Saturday, January 27: noon - 1:30 p.m.

Poetry Recital/Reading:

Wednesday, January 10: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Family Literacy Night for parents and their child/children in grades K - 3 will be offered in January and February. Dates to be announced in next *Smoke Signals* issue.

Our appreciation to Julie Singer for a significant contribution to the Audio Book collection. Julie donated over 150 audio books to the Tribal Library. Thanks also to Pam Warren, Bill Simmons, Dee West and Pricilla Marlowe for their donation of books to the Tribal Library this past month.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund staff has volunteered to read to the Pre-school classes for the month of December and are doing a great job. They purchased selected titles to read and then donate the book to the Library. Thanks all!

New Collection Items Include:

- Significant number of Audio titles. The Library has cassette recorders available for Elders to check out with the audio books.
- A few new videos
- Many children books about the seasons and the holidays
- Several titles on cooking and crafts

Teens are welcome to come in and use the new Teen Homework Center in the Tribal Library. Basic supplies and materials are available for student use in the Library. Reference materials are available in the center as well as calculators & basic tools.

Winter Term Schedule of Classes

Winter term begins Monday, January 8 and continues through the week of March 19. Registration began November 28 for continuing students and December 4 for new students. For more information, contact John Harp at 503-879-4591 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 4591.

Classes taught at the Grand Ronde Education Center

ECE 154	Children's Literature and Literacy	
Thursdays	4:00-6:50	3 credits, crn 56300
		\$174+18 fee
MTH 20/60/70/95	Math Lab	
Mon/Wed, 5:30-7:20		4 credits
		\$232+24 fee
Crn: 20- 54055, 60- 50994, 70- 50995, 95- 50996		
WR 115/121/122/123	Introduction to Composition and Exposition	
Thursdays, 5:30-8:20		3 credits
		\$174+20 fee
Crn: 115- 52381, 121- 53562, 122- 53651, 123- 52378		

Telecourses broadcast to the Grand Ronde Education Center

MTH 060	Introductory Algebra	
Tues/Thurs, 11:30-1:20		4 credits, crn 55795
		\$232+16 fee
BT 085	Business English II	
Tues/Thurs, 10:00-11:20		3 credits, crn 55958
		\$174+18 fee
BT 116	Office Procedures	
Mon/Wed/Fri, 11:30-12:20		3 credits, crn 55972
		\$174+18 fee
CH 105	Chemistry for Allied Health	
Mon/Wed, 1:00-2:20		5 credits, crn 51275
		\$290+42 fee
(Must also register for lab and recitation)		
CH 110	General, Organic & Biochemistry	
Mon/Wed, 9:00-10:20		5 credits, crn 52948
		\$290+42 fee
(Must also register for lab and recitation)		

Going to College? Apply early.

Many colleges & universities have priority application deadline dates. These deadlines are also used for the school's scholarships as most schools use admissions applications for their scholarships. If you are still undecided, apply to the schools you are most likely going to attend. January 16 is the priority deadline for the University of Oregon applications. February 1 is the priority deadline for Oregon State University and Portland State University. February 15 is the priority deadline for Western Oregon University. The CTGR Education Division can help pay for up to two admission application fees for CTGR Tribal members. Contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext 2275 for more information.

Out-of-state Students Are Eligible For In-State

Tuition At Oregon University System Schools

If you are an out of state student who is a member of an Oregon Tribe, or a Tribe that had traditional and customary boundaries in Oregon, you are eligible for in state tuition at any of the Oregon University System schools. This ruling acknowledges some California, Idaho, Nevada, and Washington Tribes, as well as the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma. For more information on this Oregon Administrative Rule, visit <http://www.ous.edu/aca/diversity/NAguide2005.pdf>. You are also eligible to apply for scholarships through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission. For more information visit www.osac.state.or.us/

Time's Running Out for the Gates Millennium Scholarship

January 12 is the 2007 deadline date for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. High school seniors with a 3.3 cumulative GPA, GED students, high school graduates who have not begun college studies are eligible to apply. This scholarship pays for 100% of unmet need for college for up to nine years. For more information, visit www.aigc.com/

It's FAFSA Time!

College students must submit a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. Apply as close to January 1 as possible. Each state has its own priority deadline, with most being by March 1. Don't delay and miss out on your chance for free money for school. Applications can be obtained from your high school counselor, college financial aid office, local library, the CTGR Education Division, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov