

American Indian Journalism Institute accepting applications

The Freedom Forum is accepting applications until March 1 for the ninth American Indian Journalism Institute summer session, the premier journalism training, scholarship and internship program for Native American college students to be held between June 5-19 at the University of South Dakota's Vermillion campus.

Students attend the institute for free and receive other financial assistance. Applications are accepted from any Native American college student preparing to become a journalist.

In its first eight years, about 165 students completed the program. Instructions and application forms are available at www.freedomforum.org or by e-mailing a request to jharris@freedomforum.org.

Graduates compete to be hired for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multimedia journalists in daily newsrooms and with the Associated Press beginning about July 1. Interns must be licensed drivers with access to reliable, legally registered vehicles.

"The intent of AIJI is to recruit, train, mentor and retain Native Americans for journalism careers," said Jack Marsh, founding director and Freedom Forum vice president for diversity programs.

"AIJI is an intense and demanding academic and internship program that opens doors for those who have the passion and the potential to succeed as professional journalists."

Program graduates will earn three hours of college credit from the University of South Dakota that they may transfer to their current school.

Students must be able to provide their own transportation to and from Vermillion and must attend the full program. Each student will have a single room in a dormitory and meals will be provided on campus.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors' annual employment census identified about 284 Native Americans among the industry's 52,600 journalists working in daily newsrooms. ■

Students' choice



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Trinity Minahan, the Tribe's Academic Adviser, receives a certificate from John Platt, director of Chemeketa Community College's McMinnville campus, on Thursday, Jan. 29, during an Education Division meeting. Minahan was awarded the Students' Choice Award Instructor for fall 2008 for the McMinnville-Grand Ronde campus. With 16 students from her Effective Learning class responding to a student feedback survey, Minahan averaged a 4.93, with a 5.0 score being excellent.

2009 Tribal Marketplace dates

- March 7 & 8
- April 4 & 5
- May 2 & 3
- June 6 & 7
- July 4 & 5

(Possibly 7/3 for the three-day holiday weekend)

Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet.

Support group starts

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority sponsors a Financial Wellness support group that meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Housing Authority conference room. The support group discusses, shares and learns ways to stretch dollars and protect the money participant's make. The group is informal and decides on the topic to be discussed and researched each week.

The Housing Authority has computers and worksheets to help people develop and track spending plans.

For more information, call Deborah Kroeker at 503-879-4522 or send her an e-mail at deborah.kroeker@grandronde.org. ■



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Feb. 17: 2 to 7 p.m.
Feb. 18: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Feb. 19: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you need assistance, call Joyce Retherford at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393.