

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Applicants for Superintendent's Youth Advisory Team wanted

During Susan Castillo's first campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction, the idea of a student advisory board for the Oregon Department of Education was put forward by several of her volunteers. Susan embraced the idea of giving students a way to voice their concerns about Oregon's educational future. To this end, we created a Youth Advisory Team for Superintendent Susan Castillo. This group of Oregon public school students plays an important role in changing and improving public education in Oregon.

We are in the process of recruiting approximately 20 new members for the 2009-10 year. We're looking for a diverse group of high school students ready to take on the challenge of advising the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Members must attend four to five meetings in Salem and should have an interest in using their personal experiences to advise the Superintendent and other state leaders, students, educators and community members.

Education professionals are encouraged to advise a student to apply to the Youth Advisory Team. Please feel free to visit our Web site at www.ode.state.or.us/superintendent/yat/ for more information about the Youth Advisory Team.

Applicants will be asked to address the following in their applications:

- Why you want to be on the Youth Advisory Team.
- Three things you will bring to the team.
- A brief explanation of your involvement in public school (both curricular and extracurricular activities).
- An accurate idea of your ability to attend the meetings held in Salem, given that the department cannot provide transportation.

For more information or to request an application form, contact Diane Roth at the Oregon Department of Education, 503-947-5791, or by e-mail Diane.Roth@state.or.us. All applicants will be notified of their selection by May 8, 2009.

American Indian Graduate Center Fellowships

Each year, the AIGC fellowship program provides \$1.2 million in fellowships to more than 350 Native American and Alaska Native graduate students. Graduate fellowships are monetary awards made to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate or professional degree-seeking students, who meet all eligible criteria. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Education federally funds the fellowship program. The fellowship amount is typically between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per academic year (not including summer), and varies from year to year, depending on the availability of funds and unmet financial need.

To be considered for an AIGC fellowship, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a post baccalaureate graduate or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited institution in the U.S.
- Able to demonstrate financial need.
- An enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native group, or provide documentation of descendency (possess one-fourth degree federally recognized Indian blood).

The deadline to submit a 2009-10 AY application is June 1, 2009. For more information and an application, please visit www.aigc.com/02scholarships/aigc/fellowship.htm

AISES Scholarships

The American Indian Science & Engineering Society is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

AISES Google Scholarship

Application deadline: June 15, 2009

New in 2008, the AISES Google Scholarship will fund scholarships awards to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian AISES members pursuing degrees in the computer science, computer engineering and management information systems. AISES and Google support the advancement of American Indian and Alaska Native students working towards obtaining a degree in the fields of computer science and technology so they can obtain the necessary skills to compete in today's global society.

A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: June 15, 2009

AISES' own scholarship program was established in 1983 in memory of A.T. Anderson (Mohawk), a chemical engineer who founded AISES with six other American Indian scientists. Scholarships are awarded to members of AISES who are American Indian/Alaskan Native college students pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, medicine, natural resources and math.

For more information and an application, please visit www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships.

Workshop classes in Grand Ronde

- May 12 — Adobe Acrobat I
- June 9 — Adobe Acrobat II

The workshops will be taught by Northwest Computer Learning Center and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the computer lab in the Education Building.

Cost for a workshop is \$150 and eligible Tribal members can apply to the Noncredit Program (formally Short Term Training) for assistance with registration costs. Space is limited to the first 15 who register.

To register, contact Joshua Clift, Adult Vocational Training Coordinator, at 503-879-1635 or e-mail joshua.clift@grandronde.org.

GED Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4 p.m. Education Building
Contact Joanne Carr at 503-879-2282 or joanne.carr@grandronde.org



LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Library statistics in March 2009: Eleven library cards were issued; 680 patron visits; 506 circulations; 369 donations and 186 computer sign-ins during the 24 days of service.

New staff: Please join Education Division and the Tribal Library in welcoming our new library aide, Lara O'Brady. Ms. O'Brady joined our staff in March and will be working in the Library on Saturdays and other times providing substitute coverage.

"Oregon Reads 2009" Celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday with the Oregon Library community. The challenge: Every Oregonian read the same book! The three book selections are:

- ◆ *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler: Three generations in the life of a Japanese-American family with forward by Gov. Theodore Kulongoski (adult selection).
- ◆ *BAT 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolfe: 1949 rival Oregon farm communities come together to watch their sixth-grade girls teams play softball. The narrative is comprised of firsthand reporting from girls on both sides (youth selection).
- ◆ *Apples to Oregon* by Deborah Hopkinson & Nancy Carpenter: Being the slightly true narrative of how a brave pioneer father brought apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes and cherries (and children) across the Plains (children selection).

Please join Oregon readers in their journey through these books. Books are available at the Tribal Library for check-out.

"Tiny Tots" Program: Sessions are held the first Monday of each month. Next session is May 4, 2009, noon – 1 p.m. in the library. This program is for parents, grandparents and/or caregivers of babies 0 to 3 years old. Please join in this fun new program.

Collection donations: Our appreciation goes to the following people who donated collection items to the Tribal Library in March and April 2009: Barbara Grossman, Lila Cane, Kathy Cole, Roxanne Moniz, Judy Berg, Curtis & Susan Wright, Tracy Biery, Alex Smith, Joanne Carr, Holly Caughron, Elaine Lane, Veronica Gaston, David Rice, Ronnie Pederson, David Riggs and Mark Mercier. Thanks all!

New titles to the library collection: *The Green Team* by Jon Mikkelsen and *The Amateur Naturalist* by Nick Baker. **Fiction:** *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien; *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe and *The Condition* by Jennifer Haigh. **Non-Fiction:** *What About the Big Stuff?* by Richard Carlson, Ph.D.; *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean and *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge. **Children & Young Adult:** *How I Survived Middle School* by Nancy Krulik; *Barack Obama Our 44th President* by Beatrice Gormley; *American Idol Judges* by Jim Whiting.