

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Do you have someone getting ready to drive? We are affordable and have classes at convenient locations, dates and times. The program and instructors are endorsed by Oregon Department of Transportation.

The goal of the program is to eliminate preventable accidents and to prepare young drivers for a complex driving environment. This traffic safety course includes 34 hours of classroom and 12 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. It will also meet 50 of the 100 documented supervised hours that are required to get a license.

The program serves students ages 15 through adult. Cost for students with an Oregon instruction permit who are under 18 is \$260, and cost for adults with an Oregon instruction permit and/or student with a license is \$360.

To register, students will need a photocopy of the front and back of their permit or license, a completed enrollment form and payment. Pre-registration is required.

Please visit our Web site at www.drivereducation.chemeketa.edu to download a registration form and get additional class date/time options or call the Chemeketa office at 503-584-7541.

Class times and location:

Grand Ronde, July 25 – Aug. 16, Monday – Thursday — 9:30 a.m. – Noon. Instructor: Tony Olliff

Oregon Native American Chamber Scholarship

Applications are now available for the 2011 ONAC Scholarships. Applicants must be enrolled with a Tribe and reside in the state of Oregon, or Clark County, Washington. This scholarship is limited to undergraduate students at an accredited community college or four-year university/college. The 2011 deadline is Sept. 14.

Download an application at www.onacc.org.

Full-time deadline for classes starting in January

The new Winter Term/Spring Semester (classes starting in January) deadline for full-time Tribal funding is now Aug. 30. If you are planning on attending classes full-time that begin in January, don't miss your chance to receive Tribal Higher Education assistance. You can download applications from the Tribal Web site at www.grandronde.org or call 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, to have one mailed to you.

Still waiting to hear how much financial aid you will receive?

If you are still waiting to hear how much financial aid you will receive from your college/university for the upcoming academic year, make sure you have submitted all of your required paperwork to the Financial Aid Office. Often times all that is missing is a simple form. Until all requirements are met, your award will be on hold. Don't wait until last minute to submit your paperwork! It generally takes several weeks to process your award once you submit all of your required paperwork. As a reminder, Tribal need based funding cannot be processed until to you are awarded with your Financial Aid Office. The easiest way to check the status of your award is to log on to your student info page with your college/university and look on the financial aid page.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Department of Interior, Office of Appraisal Services (OAS), wants to hire at least one intern for each of their 12 offices across the nation. The ideal interns would be Native Americans, currently enrolled in community or four year college, preferably with some experience, course work or at least some interest in real estate. The interns would work predominantly in the regional OAS offices, but would likely also need to spend some time 'in the field' to help appraise the Tribal properties within the jurisdiction of each particular OAS regional office. Interns are needed ASAP.

Contact Dana Durfee - durfee.dana@dol.gov, 415-625-7938, or Ingrid Nyberg, Federal Project Officer, US DOL, Employment and Training Administration, Region 6, San Francisco. 415-625-7947 or nyberg.ingrid@dol.gov.

Studying abroad opens student's eyes

By Robert Corritore

In June, I studied abroad in Italy about the life of St. Francis of Assisi in an exhilarating course offered by Xavier University.

The pilgrimage began when our class converged in the Fiumicino Airport, just outside of Rome. We then took a bus to Greccio, a small town where St. Francis created the Nativity scene. Later we ate a terrific traditional dinner at San Francesco Bar and Ristorante in Assisi, the city we stayed in for most of our journey, where we conversed and learned a lot about the life of St. Francis, the beautiful city we were in and each other.

The following day we traveled to Perugia, the city Assisi was at war with when Francis was in the military and visited the area where he was held captive for a year. On Wednesday and Thursday, we stayed in Assisi to learn about Francis' life and visited the shop his father once owned and the house he grew up in.

The main event that occurred during this two-day period was when we toured San Damiano, the church that St. Francis said God called him to rebuild after being in ruins for so many years. On Friday, we took a bus to La Verna, the site where St. Francis miraculously received his stigmata, which are identical wounds to those of Jesus after being nailed to the cross.

LaVerna was a nice and quiet area tucked away in the mountains of central Italy. We stayed there overnight and experienced firsthand what savory authentic Italian cooking is truly all about.


Sunday was our day to explore all that Assisi had to offer, which two classmates and I did by hiking to the top of the largest mountain in the area, Ali Subasio. The view from the peak of the mountain was spectacular and provided great photographic memories and an overwhelming sense of peace in nature.

On our last day in Italy, several classmates and I took the train to Rome. The architecture in Rome is beautiful and it was a humbling experience to be able to touch all of the magnificent buildings I had previously only seen in books and on television.

This experience in Italy, and Assisi in particular, opened my eyes to how immeasurable different parts of the world are and it sparked the explorer in me. I will never forget this journey, or our remarkable professor Dr. Gillian Ahlgren and her vast wisdom. I made a great many connections along the pilgrimage which I'm certain will be lifelong.

I hope to one day return to Assisi and revisit all the sites that I did as a 20-year old college student. It will forever be ingrained in my memory and I so appreciate everyone that made this lifelong lesson possible. ■





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