

# EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## Student Spotlight — Andrea Grijalva

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“Have you ever met a person who can just make your entire day feel better?” asks Youth Education Department’s Chris Bailey when asked about Willamina High School sophomore Andrea Grijalva. “Besides being a dedicated student and athlete, Andrea has shown that she cares about her community and fellow students.”

Andrea was chosen as this month’s Student Spotlight. She has one of the top five grade point averages for Native American students in the Willamina School District, proving that education is a priority in her life.

An amazing student, talented athlete and caring community member, Andrea is shining proof that Tribal youth are able to succeed despite teenage obstacles. Her favorite subject in school is English and she said she finds math to be her biggest struggle.

When asked how she is able to overcome this challenge, she says, “I wouldn’t make it through without Chris and Youth Education. Sports is another big thing. They help me a lot.”

With a love of sports, Andrea balances her education with involvement in volleyball and basketball. Her goal is to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, and pursue a degree that will “help people be active and healthy.”



Andrea Grijalva

Andrea says that one of the biggest challenges to academic success is the immense amount of peer pressure to make unhealthy choices. She has made a choice to overcome this pressure and offers advice to other youth by saying, “Don’t get caught up in it. Have your mind set on what you want. Know that high school will not last forever.”

She said that involvement in her Tribal culture and community helps her maintain a sense of self and the strength needed to know who she is and what she wants. As an active leader in the formation of a Grand Ronde Youth Council, she hopes to help youth be engaged and have a voice within the community.

Her mother, Stephanie Simmons, is incredibly proud of Andrea and all of her hard work. “She has grown into a beautiful, intelligent young lady who has a very good head on her shoulders,” Stephanie says. “She works hard to keep her grades up so she can go on to bigger and better things when she’s done with high school. I will be here for her every step of the way. I am very proud of her.”

Andrea has shown tremendous growth personally, academically and with her leadership abilities. Balancing school, sports, family, friends and her community, Andrea definitely has a full load of responsibilities. She keeps her eye on the future and is willing to take the necessary steps to reach her goals. The dedication, focus and leadership that she exhibits on a daily basis is truly an inspiration for all Tribal youth. ■

## November 2014 chxi– pulak<sup>h</sup>li

Youth Activity Nights, chxi-pulak<sup>h</sup>li, are for 6th-12th grade YED Youth. Wednesdays in the gym from 5-7:00pm and Thursdays in the Youth Education Building from 5-7:00pm. This month we are offering three (3) on-site cultural activities that will be held in the Youth Education Building, Gym, or Elder Activity Center. The culture activities are run as a series; if you attend one, expect to attend them all. Nov. 20th, boys will be drum making and girls will be crafting. The replacement Linfield College Football game will be November 1st. Meal and transportation will be provided. Must have completed and turned in a permission slip to attend. The week of Nov. 23-29, no activity nights that week. No meal on cultural nights. Pizza provided on pizza & movie night.

For further questions, contact Kendra Steele, Recreation Assist. @503-879-1921, kendra.steele@grandronde.org

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li Linfield FB 
2	3 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li Afterschool 4-5:00 @GYM 	4	5 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li 	6 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li Culture activity 5-7 @YED 	7	8
9	10	11 	12 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li 	13 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li 	14	15
16	17	18	19 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li 	20 chxi– pulak <sup>h</sup> li Drum Making (Boys) 4-7 @YED 	21 Restoration Celebration 	22
23	24	25	26 Half Day CLOSED for Holiday 	27 CLOSED for Holiday 	28 CLOSED for Holiday 	29
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Snack Drum and Rattle Making Protocol 4-5pm or Homework Assistance	4 Snack Cultural Activity or Homework Assistance Family Tutoring Night 5-7pm	5 Snack Recreation Activity or Homework Assistance Youth Basketball Night 5-7pm	6 Snack Educational Activity or Homework Assistance Youth Beading Night 5-7pm	7 Snack Free Choice or Homework Assistance
10 Snack Basketball or Homework Assistance	11 YOUTH EDUCATION CLOSED	12 Snack Recreation Activity or Homework Assistance Youth Volleyball Night 5-7pm	13 Snack OPAHEC Health Class or Homework Assistance Pizza and Movie Night 5-7pm	14 Snack Free Choice or Homework Assistance
17 Snack Basketball or Homework Assistance	18 Snack Cultural Activity or Homework Assistance Family Tutoring Night 5-7pm	19 Snack Recreation Activity or Homework Assistance Youth Basketball Night 5-7pm	20 Snack Drum and Rattle Making Class 4-7pm or Homework Assistance	21 YOUTH EDUCATION 
24 ALL DAY PROGRAM  WOU & Movie	25 ALL DAY PROGRAM  Casino & Culture	26 YOUTH EDUCATION  CLOSED	27 YOUTH EDUCATION  CLOSED	28 YOUTH EDUCATION  CLOSED

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## PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS:

Where high school students come to explore more about their future and post-high school plans

**For Who:** Native Youth 9 – 12 Grade Students & Parents/Guardians

**Date:** Tuesday, December 9 @ 5pm (Dinner will be provided for students and parents who attend)

**Location:** CTGR Adult Education Building

Pathways include:

- **Track 1: College Prep for Seniors**  
(Financial Aid, Applications, Other Key Steps)
- **Track 2: Career Guidance**  
(Trade schools, Military, Workforce)
- **Track 3: 9th-11th Grade Student Success**  
(How to prepare for your senior year)
- **Guest speakers**
- **OSAC presentation for College scholarships**



For more information contact  
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## Tribal Library News

### LIBRARY HOURS:

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

**Movie Time @ the Library:** Movies will be held through December at 5:30 p.m. Youths age 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The remaining schedule is:

- Nov. 18: “Legends of the Guardians”
- Dec. 9: “Miracle on 34th Street”

**National American Indian Heritage Month in November:** The library display will feature Native books and authors throughout the month.

**Donations:** Many thanks to the following contributors to the library collection: Ronnie Pederson and Lewis Younger. We appreciate the great additions to the library.

**Reminder:** Donated items must be clean and in good condition.

**Oregon State Library inter-library loan services:** The Tribal Library partners with Oregon State Library to offer “library to library” inter-library loan services. By completing the inter-library loan form, library patrons may request items from the Oregon State Library collection. Items will be couriered to and from the Tribal Library. OSL lending policies apply for return of items.