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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for scholarships?

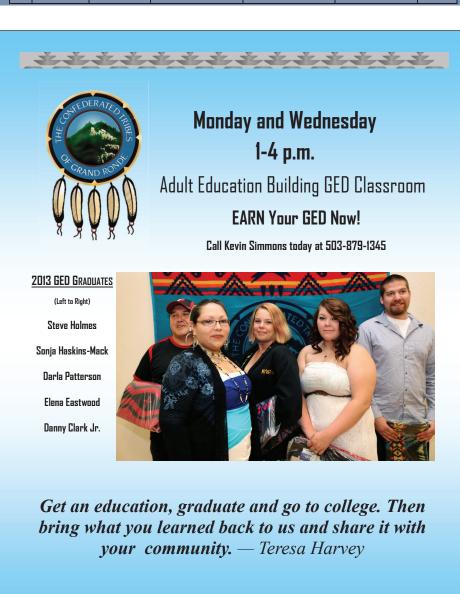
There are numerous scholarship opportunities offered for students to apply to each year. The majority of scholarships for fall term/semester are due between January and April of each year. The Tribal Higher Education programs are here to assist you in your application process. If you use a scholarship search site, be sure to read the privacy policy to ensure you are using a site that will not sell your contact information. A recommended search site to use is www.kaarme.com.

December 2014 chxi– pulak^hli

Youth Activity Nights, chxi-pulakhli, 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 two (2) on-site cultural activities that will be held in varying locations (see dates below). Beginning the week of Dec..21 to January 4, no activity nights that week. No meal on cultural nights. Dinner and raffle drawings on Dec. 18- MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Weather pending (i.e. snow, ice or equivalent), activities will be shortened or cancelled with appropriate advanced notice. For further questions, contact Kendra Steele, Recreation Assist. @503-879-1921, kendra.steele@grandronde.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 chxi- pulak*li make a date with us DINNER & A M VIE	4 chxi- pulak*li Rattle Making (Girls) 4- 7:00pm@Chachalu room	5	6
7	8	9	10 chxi- pulak ^h li	11 Singing Circle (Culture) 4-5:00 GYM chxi- pulakhli GAME NIGHT 5-7:00 @YED	12	13
14	15	16	17 chxi- pulak ^h li make a date with us DINNER&A M&VIE	18 chxi– pulakʰli Holiday Crafts/Movie	19	20
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Important notice to full-time students

All full-time students must submit verification that they have applied to a scholarship outside the Tribe before funding will be released for the term/semester. Verification can include a scholarship award or denial letter, e-mail verification that an application was submitted, a copy of the application or the financial aid award letter that lists an outside scholarship. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions. ■

CTGR Higher Education **Program deadlines set**

There are now only two Higher Education programs depending on whether you are full-time or part-time. The deadline for the Full-Time College program is at least 30 days before the start of classes. The deadline for the Part-Time College program is at least 10 days before the start of class.

Visit the Tribal website for more program information and an application. www.grandronde.org/departments/education/higher-education/



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: Movie Time will be discontinued on Tuesday evenings after December due to other family events being offered on this night by the Education Department.

Donations: Many thanks to everyone who made contributions to the library collection in 2014. We received more than 1,500 donated items this year, with about half of them added to the collection. We appreciate the generosity of our community members and friends from other areas. Wishing you all good health and prosperity in the New Year.

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

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.

Book Review: "Before I Fall"

Lauren Oliver is the writer of "Before I Fall." She was raised in Westchester, N.Y. Her parents are both literature professors and she has been making up stories for as long as she can remember.

She started school at the University of Chicago, studying literature and philosophy. She then returned to New York and attended New York University's MFA program for creative writing. She worked at Penguin Books for a few years before leaving in 2009 to begin writing full-time. Oliver is also the writer of "Delirium," which I reviewed earlier in the year.

"Before I Fall" is about a high school girl, Samantha, who relives the same day for a week. After the first day, she spends every day after that trying to better herself and make sure that it ends exactly how she thinks it should and not how it does the first night, with her death. Throughout, Samantha takes on her best friends, makes friends with her worst enemy, breaks up with her longtime crush and boyfriend, and gets together with her oldest friend. In the end, this novel doesn't conclude exactly how you think it would, especially because she does everything she can to make sure that she and the people in her life are safe.

I would definitely recommend this novel. Oliver is a wonderful writer and she leaves you wanting more. This novel keeps you on your toes the whole time and makes you wonder what's going to happen next. This novel also is kind of frustrating because you think Samantha made all the right choices, but, bam, something happens that you never expected. — Jade Colton