

2013-14 school year



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Kyra Lockwood yells "hooray for me" after receiving her diploma and gift bag during the 2014 Grand Ronde Preschool/Head Start graduation held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds in August of last year.

Education is the 'cornerstone'



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Leslie Riggs is the Tribe's new Education Department manager. He was previously the Vocational Rehabilitation/477 Program supervisor.

Hello, my name is Leslie Riggs and I have recently accepted the position as Education Division manager. I am very proud to have been a recipient of our wonderful Education program services during my time spent at college and university.

I am a graduate of Chemeketa Community College and the University of Oregon (Go Ducks!). I have since then taken many professional development courses. For most of them, I accessed Education program services. I believe the programs and services we offer and the staff who provide them are world class.

I realize the Excellence in Education issue usually comes out much earlier than this, but I thought it better to come now than not at all. It is important to honor the success of the individuals featured within the next few pages. They have worked hard and their families have stood beside them in their quest for knowledge and education.

Some are only just beginning what will be a life spent among the academies of the world, but all will be lifelong learners. Education is the cornerstone upon which so many of our people's foundations are built. It is the key to a better quality of life.

Please assist me in congratulating our students and graduates for their achievements and continue to support them in future endeavors.

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Leslie Riggs