

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, upper right, participated in the annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit held Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 1-2. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, pictured below Kennedy, also attended.



Smoke Signals screenshot

Tribal-State Summit held virtually on Dec. 1-2

The annual Oregon State-Tribal Government-to-Government Summit was moved to Zoom this year and held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 1-2.

The annual event brings together leaders from Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes with the governor, legislators and directors of state agencies. The event is usually attended by approximately 400 people and provides state agency and Tribal participants with an opportunity to meet, network and build relationships.

This year, the event was split into two days with sessions on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy represented the Tribe and was one of six Tribal chairs who are female. Along with Gov. Kate Brown, representatives from all nine Tribes made opening remarks.

Tuesday's general sessions included panels on COVID-19 and emergency management in 2021, Tribal gaming and a vision for water use in the coming century. Wednesday sessions discussed how to address climate change, wildfires and recovery, and opportunities for economic development.

The summit ended with closing remarks from Brown.

"Thank you Tribal chairs for virtually coming together for the annual Government-to-Government Summit," Brown said on her Instagram account. "2020 has been challenging, but the summit provides an opportunity to renew common purpose toward collective action. I hope that we can connect in person in the years to come." ■

CTGR Academic Advising and Coaching Important Services Update

The program has assessed the amount of requests for academic coaching and advising services and believe we have the capacity to expand these services to CTGR Tribal descendants and other Native students at our local schools we serve. Please contact the Youth Education Program for more information or to request services.

Also note that the current Internet classroom held at the Tribal gymnasium has adjusted and expanded hours of operation to serve our youth better.

Contact information: Administrative Assistant – 503-879-2101 or Devon.Mercier@grandronde.org

We look forward to hearing from you. ■

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Whew, here we go again ... already! 2021 is right around the corner! If you know any enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members, no matter where they live (in or out of the service area), who are in need of assistance with the following services:

- Dental Care
- Glasses/Vision Exam
- Hearing Aid
- Braces
- Lasik Eye Surgery
- Residential Drug & Alcohol Treatment

Please spread the word and have them contact one of the following staff members to discuss being added to our deferred services list for assistance in 2021.

Some services do have longer wait times and some limitations apply, but we will be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

Please call or e-mail:

- Leah Bailey at 503-879-2197 or leah.bailey@grandronde.org
- Erica Mercier at 503-879-2080 or erica.mercier@grandronde.org
- Kayla Leno at 503-879-1406 or kayla.leno@grandronde.org
- Melody Baker at 503-879-2011 or melody.baker@grandronde.org

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taxayam solchas-man ~ Hello Veterans!
From the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO)
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Veterans Corner



Dear Veterans,

Sending you best wishes for a wonderful holiday season full of warmth and cheer.

Stay safe. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Merry Christmas Veterans!

~ Ramona (TVSO)



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Tribal Veterans Spotlight CTGR Tribal Veterans 2020 Honoring Our Veterans



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Respectfully,
Ramona Quenelle,
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