

Congratulations from Tribal Council



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From left, Tribal Council member Kathleen George, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Secretary Jon A. George and Steve Bobb Sr. offer congratulations to the Tribe's 2021 graduates during a virtual Graduation Celebration held on Friday, June 18.

Tribe honors 78 graduates during virtual celebration

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde honored 78 graduates earning eighth-grade promotion certificates through graduate degrees during the virtual Honors and Recognition Graduation Celebration held Friday, June 18.

Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was held virtually for the second year in a row. Two videos, one featuring GED and college graduates and another featuring high school graduates and eighth-grade promotions, were streamed on the Grand Ronde Education Program's Facebook page.

The videos began with Education Department Manager Angela Fasana offering graduates congratulations.

"Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your life," she said. "It's a huge accomplishment and it is lots of work. You have given us something to celebrate this year. We hope someday your journey will bring you back to the Tribal campus, working with Tribal government, but wish you well wherever your journey leads."

Education Committee Chair Tammy Cook and other members also congratulated all of the graduates, along with Higher Education Manager Brian Langley, Youth Enrichment Manager Tim Barry, the Youth Empowerment Prevention Team and other staff members.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that this past school year has been like no other.

"This year has been a year of obstacles," she said. "You as students have gone through a time no other students have had to. For all of your hard work, you've come to this day and this time of your graduation. Tribal Council stands before you to honor you and celebrate you."

All graduates' names will be added to a plaque with other graduates that lines the wall in the Adult

Education Building.

Tribal graduates honored this year were:

Eighth grade: Owen Graham, Izzy Youso, Taytum West, Daneyella Davis, Michael Smith, Katherine Stryker, Sean Gerbrandt, Madison Grant, Matthew Trump-Torres, Austin Carrasco, Gracie Mercier, Braxton Stonebrink, Grayson Farr and Moriah Langley.

High school: Kaleb Allen, Dominik Briant, Olivia Hughes, Joshua Rye, Gabriel Keith, Liam O'Gallachoir, Sophia Morning-Star, Isabelle Grout, Jason Page, Makai Simmons, Inatye Lewis, Moses Mercier, Vivyan Lopez, Aiyanah Larsen, Mabel Brisbois, Ian Davis, Caty McCormick, Prommis Thornley and Neeko Gilbert.

GED: Dillon Gibbons.

Associate degrees: Isabell Bobb, Jessica Fore, Nathan Fugate, Kaelyn Gleason, Joseph Ham, Taylina Jeffers, Keri Kimsey, Madison Leno, Megan Love, Justin Parazoo, Tisha Pellett, Nathan Rolston, Trinity Sherwood, Mike Smith and Jessica Winder.

Bachelor's degrees: Anthony Ahedo, Taylor Bradford, Gabrielle Colton, Bailey Daniels, Samantha Furtado, Dustin Hawks, Zoey Holsclaw, Cassandra Hughes, Jesse Norton, Abigail Portwood, Michael Reyes, Samuel Riding In, Katie Schmitt, Thomas Schmitt, McKenna Thomas, Christian Trimpe, Gary Westley, Crystal Goldade and Allison Wockenfuss.

Master's degrees: Valeria Atanacio, Melinda Bonson, Bradly Dorman, Tricia Gray, Christopher Mercier, Veronica Montano, Bryanna Trevino, Lela Weeks, Lindsay McCue and Charlotte Weiss.

Those earning a GED, certificate or associate degree received a Pendleton saddle blanket. Bachelor degree graduates received a Pendleton blanket and those who earned a graduate degree received a Pendleton blanket and carved paddle. ■

Cultural Encampments slated in Linn County

SWEET HOME – Two three-day encampments in Linn County will be put on by Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Deitz Peters and family.

The first, being held July 9-11 at Sunnyside County Park near Sweet Home, will feature two tipis for viewing, leather crafts and storytelling around a campfire.

The encampment begins at 1 p.m. each day and wraps with a celebration feast scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

The second cultural encampment is slated for Aug. 27-29 at Cascadia State Park, which is east of Sweet Home off Highway 20.

It will follow the first encampment schedule.

For more information about either encampment, visit the Linn County Parks & Recreation website at linnparks.com. ■

Lamprey harvesting season runs through July 31

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has established the Pacific lamprey harvesting season as June 1 through July 31 of this year. Harvesting is allowed Fridays through Mondays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is not allowed Tuesday through Thursday.

Harvesting is confined to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the horseshoe area at the peak of the falls. Harvesters should avoid these areas.

Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only. A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit.

In addition, Tribal members may harvest for distribution to other Tribal members as long as it is done free of charge. Commercial sale of lamprey and the use of lamprey as bait in fisheries is prohibited.

A catch must be recorded on a harvest card available from the Tribe's Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW office at 17330 S.E. Evelyn St. All harvest cards must be returned by Aug. 31.

Tribal members planning to harvest lamprey should contact Natural Resources to arrange for a packet at 503-879-2424. Due to COVID-19 protocols, an appointment is required to obtain onsite services from Natural Resources. ■

2021 SUMMER STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

JUNE 15 • BASIC FINANCES

Learn how to manage money, learn more about checking accounts, credit cards and much more.

JUNE 22 • CULTURE PRESENTATION

Learn more about the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. This is one you don't want to miss!

JUNE 29 • COLLEGE & CAREERS

Learn about your next steps in life, what you can do now to prepare and opportunities you can take advantage of now.

JULY 6 • EMPLOYMENT

Learn practical tips of how to get a job and keep a job.

JULY 20 • 21 TRUST FUNDS

This workshop is for CTGR Tribal member students ages, 18 – 20.

Four professional development workshops will be offered this summer for all Native students currently in grades 9 - 12th. The fifth and last workshop will be for Tribal member students ages 18-20.

All sessions are approximately one hour and there will be a raffle prize at the end of each session! Workshops will be held at the CTGR Employment building lower floor conference rooms and all sessions start at 1 p.m. Be sure to sign up below on the link provided for one or all classes. There are limited openings in each workshop, don't delay and sign-up today. If you have questions, please email YouthEnrichment@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2101. We hope to see you there!

Please note: Students will be required to health screen in (temperature check and basic health questions) prior to entering workshop. Masks are required and social distancing for each session.



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