

2021 Youth Council

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Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Anavey Smith, I am a 15-year-old Tribal youth from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. My Indigenous heritage also includes Saint Regis Mohawk, Pyramid Lake Paiute and Mexican. My parents are Lorena Rivera and Ronald Smith. I am the granddaughter of Kelly Lazore, Martin Gonzalez, Miguel Rivera and Kathy Dyer, and the great-granddaughter of Lorene Smith, Russell Lazore and Andres Rivera. My great-great-grandparents are Lawrence Smith and Gertrude McCoy. Currently in the ninth grade, my favorite classes are Chinuk Wawa and English. I am a jingle dancer and currently Senior Miss Princess 2020-21 and candidate for Senior Miss Grand Ronde 2021-22. Spending time with my family and dog Delilah are important to me. Baking, dancing, gardening and traveling are some of my favorite things to do. I look forward to being involved with the Youth Council and developing leadership skills, uplifting youth voices and serving our community.

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My name is Benjamin Powley. I was born and raised in Grand Ronde, Ore. I'm 15 years old and I am a freshman at Willamina High School. I am an entrepreneur of sorts, trying to make a name for myself in this big world. I have recently, this last year, become a part of the Youth Council and have made a lot of friends along my journey through rivers, such as Canoe Journey and hot deserts in Arizona. I am very extroverted and a jack of all trades. So don't be shy to ask me for help or say hello now and then.

My name is Caden Meneley, son of Cory and Loretta Meneley. My siblings include Logan, Rayauna and Myles Meneley. I was born and raised in Sheridan, Ore. I'm currently going to be a freshman in high school. I have spent a year on Youth Council and it has been a positive experience and I hope to be more involved in the future. I want to be a positive influence not only for my siblings, but the community as well. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and creating memories, going to concerts, swimming in the creek, learning how to drive and many other memories.

Hello, my name is Daysia Duran, and I am the current Youth Council treasurer for Grand Ronde. My plan currently is to be more informed and helpful in our community and work toward more humanitarian-oriented goals. Gaining experience and learning better social skills that will help me later in life is high on my list. I currently play three instruments (soon to be four) and love music, as well as many other performing arts-related things. I am also very interested in educating myself and learning from listening to the people around me.

Thank you for letting me introduce myself. My given name is Lutsa Apup. My grandfather Eddie George Sr. from the Yakama Nation gave me my name. My full English name is Leo Tyee Norwest. I am named after my great-grandfather, my ancestor. I'm an enrolled member of Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and a descendant of the Yakama Nation and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. I am the son of Shannon Stanton from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Eddie George Jr. from the Yakama Nation. I have four sisters and six brothers. I'm the youngest sibling. I am 15 years old and a freshman at Sheridan High School. I like sports, football, basketball, track, wrestling and swimming. I am looking forward to going to college in business, I want to come back and work hard for my people. I see my mother working for the Tribe. She loves the community. I know I will be like her; she's my rock. This is my second term on Youth Council. I learned so much serving on Youth Council. They are like true family. We all support each other and we all have our own strong voice to be heard.

laxayam. Hello. My name is Seq'hiya Simmons. I am 15 and I am a freshman in high school. I love going on adventures and meeting new people. I'm very friendly and outgoing so never be afraid to come and say hi. Over the next few years I look forward to serving this community. I hope you are all staying safe during these uncertain times, and as always, wear your masks!



Anavey Smith



Benjamin Powley



Caden Meneley



Daysia Duran



Leo Tyee Norwest



Seq'hiya Simmons

laxayam nayka nim Lyliana Rideout and I come from the Rogue River Tribe in southern Oregon. My passions are fancy dancing, basketball, soccer and track. I attend Amity Middle School and am a part of a school service group called Warriors Serve. If I go back to school, I will help with fundraisers and the school's student store. I joined Warriors Serve to help with my leadership skills and to help benefit my school. I also joined Junior Youth Council to help with my leadership skills and to help benefit my community. These are some of the things I'm hoping to get out of being on Junior Youth Council.



Lyliana Rideout

laxayam nayka nim Madalyn Volz. Hello, my name is Madalyn Volz. I have been on Youth Council since the very beginning. I have held several positions such as treasurer, vice chairwoman and currently I am the social media representative for the year 2020-21. I attend McMinnville High School. This is my junior year. My hobbies include playing softball for the McMinnville Grizzlies, riding four-wheelers, playing with my dogs, and spending time with family and friends. After high school, I would like to join the military to be a combat medic. After the military, I would like to fulfill my dream of being a nurse. I look forward to once again representing the Youth Council for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. hayu masi.



Madalyn Volz

Shix kw'í (good day),

My name is Shawnessy Amerie Sohappy. My Indian name is laa-t-owit meaning Rosebud. I'm 15 and enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. My mother, Diana Robertson, is also. My father, Richard Sohappy, is enrolled in the Yakama Nation. This is going to be my first term on the Youth Council. I am very honored and excited to have this opportunity. I will do my best to help and lead my fellow youth. I dance traditional and have held one royalty position. I have played many sports, including rugby, basketball, softball and volleyball. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends. I also love meeting new people and starting connections with them. I see how many people are dedicated to the Grand Ronde community and how they try to make a difference. I hope I can be one of them, too. And I can see how my fellow Youth Council members are trying their best to do the best they can. And I am very excited to see what I can learn from them. Once again, I am very thankful for this opportunity and I hope I can make a difference and be a voice for those who think they are not being heard. Thank you for letting me introduce myself. Have a wonderful day! – Shawnessy Sohappy :)



Shawnessy Amerie Sohappy

laxayam nayka nim TasinaLutawin Bluehorse,

Hello, my name is TasinaLutawin Bluehorse (Red Shawl Woman). I was born in Washington and have lived in Grand Ronde for most of my life. My parents are Tessa Grant and Tony Bluehorse, and my grandparents are Faye Smith Grant and Bruce Grant.

I'm 15 years old and going into the 10th grade. This is my first year on Youth Council and it has been wonderful, but also due to COVID-19 it hasn't been good to all of us. I am also on Veterans Royalty as the Junior Veterans Queen. I've been participating on it for four years now. I enjoy everything about it.

I love traveling, going to powwows and dancing, and representing my Tribe at events. My favorite sport is playing volleyball. I've been playing for McMinnville Club Volleyball for the past two years, but it had to be cut short this year due to COVID-19. I've been a part of the Tribe for years now. I made lots of friends and traveled to so many places like Arizona, Idaho, etc.

After graduating high school, I plan on attending Chemeketa Community College and transferring to Oregon State University and then attend medical school.

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TasinaLutawin Bluehorse

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