

Tribal member fundraising to attend Harvard Business School Native-focused program

Tribal member and Tribal Health & Wellness Department HWC Accounting Coordinator Jamie White has been accepted into a weeklong, Native-focused program at Harvard Business School and is looking for help to defray attendance costs.

The executive leadership course, “Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities Program,” is offered through a partnership between Harvard and the Native American Finance Officers Association.

NAFOA selected attendees for the program, which includes a week of Indigenous-focused speakers sharing insights and guidance in the areas of leadership, peer networking, financial management, strategic planning and community development.

“Being accepted by the selection committee at NAFOA is a great opportunity as they hand-selected those applicants who would bring in knowledge to share with other participants as well as learn from them,” White said. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in a Tribal financial management certification program, learning from other Tribal business professionals and leaders.”

The cost for the program is \$3,500. White applied for and received a \$1,750 scholarship. She is looking to raise funds to help defray additional hotel, airfare and program costs.

The program runs from Monday, March 24 to Friday, March 28 at Harvard Business School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

“Not only will this program enhance my current skill set, it will also provide a working knowledge of how governance practices can help shape the management of investments, make informed decisions about different approaches to financial management, and utilize valuation techniques for assessing future investment opportunities and financial oversight of these projects,” White said. “This program will also provide a vast array of networking with other Tribal finance mangers/leaders.”

White needs to pay the balance for her program costs by Wednesday, Feb. 5. Contributions can be made via Cash App at \$ariesqueen79 or Venmo at @Jamie-White-208. ■



Jamie White

Helping Hand winners

Every year the Spirit Mountain Community Fund recognizes three individuals, affiliated with nonprofit organizations within the Community Fund’s 11-county service area of western Oregon, with the ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award. The Community Fund requests nominations from the nonprofits in the categories of volunteer, paid non-management staff and paid management staff. The winners demonstrate dedication, commitment and unwavering effort within their organizations. On Tuesday, Dec. 17, SMCF staff presented the winners with a distinctive recognition award, a one-night stay and dinner for two at Spirit Mountain Casino and \$500. ■



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Constructing Hope Executive Director Pat Daniels, left, is presented the ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award by SMCF Executive Director Angie Sears at the Portland nonprofit on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Daniels won for the paid management category.



Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Angie Sears, left, presents Loretta Cukale an ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award at the Dougy Center in Portland on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Cukale has been a peer grief support volunteer at Dougy Center for 37 years. She won the award for the volunteer category.



Community Transitional School Transportation Coordinator/Facility Manager Aldin Porcic, left, looks at the ye?lan lima (Helping Hand) award after SMCF Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie presented him with it at the Portland nonprofit on Tuesday, Dec. 17. He won the award for paid non-management staff. In the background are SMCF Board of Trustees member Maria Rojo de Steffey, left, and SMCF Executive Director Angie Sears.



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