



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TITLE VII / INDIAN EDUCATION ACT PROJECT
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TITLE VII STUDENT RECRUITMENT

If you know of any American Indian/Alaska Native families who are new to Portland Public Schools or who may not know about the Title VII Indian Education Project, please encourage them to contact our office to enroll their school-age student in our program. Not only does enrollment in our Project provide students and families with numerous services and connections to a wealth of resources, it generates federal funds for Portland Public Schools to provide culturally-specific support services to increase AI/AN student achievement in our district. Over the past fourteen years, with the supplementary support of Title VII staff, AI/AN student achievement has risen from being the lowest achieving ethnic group in our district to being the third highest achieving.

Enrollment in Title VII affords Project students the opportunity to connect with AI/AN peers, to connect with their Native cultural heritage, and to take advantage of many free opportunities such as family nights, cultural arts workshops, field trips, preparation for life after high school, scholarships, internships, summer school, tutoring, night school, Saturday Academy classes, NW Children's Theater productions, and more. This year we have begun a Children's Playgroup and a Homework Club, both held on Wednesdays from 4 – 6 PM. Please help us to better support our AI/AN students' school achievement by connecting families with Title VII staff and services.

NATIVE ACHIEVERS

Indian Education students Raelynn and Chase Lyons gave a memorable performance in the Holiday Ice Skating program held at Valley Ice Arena in December. Both work hard to perfect their skating skills, and practice daily before going to school. Congratulations to these students for their ongoing accomplishments on and off the rink!

~ Karen Kitchen (Osage), Project Manager ~

~ Christine Bruno (Comanche), Community Agent ~ Tina Baldomaro (Standing Rock Sioux), Student Support Specialist ~

~Sunshine Guzman (Shoshone-Bannock) Tutor ~ Pam Smith, Project Secretary ~

www.indianed.pps.k12.or.us/departments/indian-education

GRATITUDE

The Title VII Indian Education Act Project wishes to thank the following people and programs for their ongoing support of our students and families:

Jefferson HS senior **Erica Maranowski**, for assisting with our Children's Playgroup, Homework Club, and a variety of office tasks!

Dean Azule, PSU student **Jade Taylor** and the **Healing Feathers** group for their generosity and compassion. Jade created and distributed food baskets to four Title VII families, helping to make their holidays brighter. Each family was very appreciative of this heartfelt contribution!

Sylvia Ollegaard for the donation of trees to distribute to Native families across the Metro area!

NAYA Family Center Staff for hosting the November Native Youth Network Meeting, and the NIVA Children's Holiday Party!

Wren Christopher for her generous donation of a Pendleton blanket to help fund arts education in our Summer ACE program!

Clarice Charging for providing dinner to Title VII staff before our Open House event in November!

Norrine Smokey-Smith for organizing the fall Parent Committee Fundraiser!

Katy Holland and Siletz Education Department, **Amanda Middleton** of the NELA Center, and **Dean Azule** of Portland State University for assisting with our Financial Aid Workshop in December!

Marty Holder for helping with our Open House!

Cleveland student **Ben Lujan** for sharing his artwork at our Open House!

Wilson student **Stefan Lefebvre** for volunteering to help with our Open House!

Judy Wiley of OPTI for facilitating two fall workshops on Special Education!

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Oregon Community Foundation** annually awards \$6 million in scholarships and reaches 2,400 Oregon students through our state-wide scholarship program. Two of these scholarship programs are targeted specifically to Native American students:

Verl & Dorothy Miller Native American Scholarship

Eligible students include Native American residents of Oregon attending or planning to attend an accredited trade/vocational school or community college in Oregon. Students must be planning to pursue a career in the technical or vocational fields. The awards are for \$1,500-\$3,000 / year - Students may apply and compete for the scholarship for up to four years.

Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship

Eligible students include Native American residents of Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties seeking post-secondary education or training in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The awards are for \$3,000 / year for up to five years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study.

Criteria for both scholarships: Participation in school or community activities; personal accomplishments or achievements; preference to students with demonstrated commitment & involvement in the AI/AN community; open to students with a certification of tribal enrollment or a descendant of an enrolled member.

* Students may apply at any point during their post-secondary career

How to Apply: Applications and instructions are available on OCF's Web site at <http://www.oregoncf.org/receive/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities>

Deadline: Scholarship applications are due March 1st
For additional scholarship opportunities, please check www.getcollegefunds.org.

TRUMAN D. PICARD SCHOLARSHIP

For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

Deadline: March 18, 2011, 5:00 PM

Award: \$2,000 /college students (number of awards varies per year)

\$1,500 for graduating senior high school students

Purpose: The **Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program** is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. For more information, please visit the website www.itcnet.org or call 503.282.4296 or e-mail itc1@teleport.com

PSU DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

This renewable scholarship is available to students admitted to Portland State University as freshman or college students with less than 30 credits. Eligibility: Must meet regular admissions requirements; hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status. Priority is given

to Oregon residents, those with financial need, first generation college students; students who will contribute to campus diversity goals. Scholarship provides partial to full remission of instructional fees for 3 – 15 terms for students maintaining G.P.A. and meeting other program requirements. Contact **Dean Azule at 503.725-5348** or **Rachel Cushman at 503.725.5348**. **Deadline: February 1, 2011**

COLLEGE HORIZONS

Colorado State University, June 12 – 17, 2011, Fort Collins, CO

University of Rochester, June 26 – July 1, 2011, Rochester, NY

College Horizons is a six-day "crash course" in preparing for college. Students will learn about a broad variety of colleges and universities, and establish personal relationships with admission representatives and college counselors. Expert college counselors and college admission officers will help students:

- select 10 suitable colleges to apply to
- write memorable essays and create a resume
- complete winning applications including *The Common Application*
- receive test taking strategies, resources, and information on the ACT & SAT
- navigate the financial aid/scholarship jungle, complete a preliminary FAFSA financial aid form, and learn about the Gates Millennium Scholarship Fund and other available scholarships
- attend Informational Sessions & a College Fair consisting of over 35 colleges and universities

Deadline: Complete applications must be postmarked **February 14** (note, only 1 deadline to apply by). Late applications are accepted on a space available basis and are placed behind applicants who applied on time.

Eligibility: American Indian (enrolled), Alaska Native (proof of status) or Native Hawaiian (proof of heritage); 3.00 GPA (in academic courses); current 10th and 11th grade high school students.

Application: The application consists of the Student Application & Essay, Teacher Recommendation, Counselor Recommendation, and Transcripts. Application information is available online at www.collegehorizons.org

Please note: Financial Aid Available: **Significant financial aid is available** to students in need for program fee and airfare. Each year 45% of students are awarded travel assistance. Simply apply for financial aid in the application.

Cost \$225 & Airfare: \$225 program fee includes tuition, room, meal, program materials, and ground transportation to/from the airport to campus. Airfare from student's home to program site not included.

Questions? College Horizons, Inc. PO Box 1262, Pena Blanca, NM 87041 Contact Us: Phone: 505-401-3854 Web: www.collegehorizons.org Email: info@collegehorizons.org



SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday, January 22 at PSU's Native American Student & Community Center, 710 SW Jackson.

Time: 10 AM – 12 PM

Presented by Portland State University and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, this workshop will help you learn techniques on how to write a winning essay for college scholarships. The guest speaker is Sherie Guess, PSU Diversity Scholarship Programs Coordinator. A light lunch will be served at the end of the workshop session. For more information contact Katy Holland at 503-238-1512 or Dean Azule at 503 725-5348.

PPS INDIAN EDUCATION PRESENTS FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT AT OMSI

Don't miss out! Title VII students and families are invited to participate in our annual Family Science Night at **OMSI**, on **Monday, January 24, 2011 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. The featured exhibit is **IDENTITY: An Exhibition of You**. The permanent exhibits—the Life Science Hall, the Earth Science Hall, the Science Playground, and the Turbine Hall will also be open to our families. Reminder: food, drinks, and "wheelies" on shoes are not allowed. This event is free, but families must RSVP to our office, [503-916-6499](tel:503-916-6499).

CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

Hosted by PSU's Native American Student Services & the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, this is a great event to get information about summer jobs and internships. Participating organizations and businesses include: Indian Health Service, NAYA, PGE, OHSU, CMOP, Safeway, NICWA, NIKE, INTEL, NARA NW, Wal-Mart, PSU School of Business Admin & Career Center, NW Inter-Tribal Timber, and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. A hearty and healthy lunch will be available for purchase.

Date & Location: **Thursday, January 27, 11AM – 2 PM, at the NASCC, 710 SW Jackson**, Portland, OR.

For more information, contact **Dean Azule at 503-725-5348, or Katy Holland at 503-238-1512**.

QUICK GUIDE TO UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 24: OMSI Family Science Night, PPS Indian Ed

Feb 1: Founders Day Concert, Willamette University

Feb 21: President's Day, No School

March 1: Vollum Scholarship Deadline

March 12: Social Powwow, Willamette University

March 21-25: Spring Break, No School

April 16: Inim Miyac Children's Powwow & Title VII Public Hearing

May 26: PPS Title VII Honor Day Celebration for HS Graduates

ROBERT LEWIS, CHEROKEE STORYTELLER

Cherokee storyteller, Robert Lewis will be coming to Portland on January 29, 2011. Mr. Lewis is the lead village interpreter for the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. His performances are energetic and entertaining. He includes traditional Cherokee creation stories in his repertoire and notes the important role these stories play in conveying the values of his people. You and your family are invited to experience some authentic Cherokee stories on **January 29th from 10 AM – 2 PM** at the **Wilshire United Methodist Church/Native American Fellowship**. The event is free and everyone in the community is invited to attend. A potluck lunch will follow the event, so please bring some food to share with others. Wilshire United is located at **3917 NE Shaver Street** in Portland. For more information, contact **Ellen Whitehouse at 541-980-4819** or giskwa@gmail.com

TITLE VII MOCCASIN CLASS

There are still a few slots left for this year's moccasin class. Students must attend both sessions in order to successfully complete the project. Elementary age students must be accompanied and assisted by a parent/guardian. Materials and light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, or for more information, please call 503-916-6499.

Dates: **February 1st & 8th, from 6 – 8:30 PM**.

Location: **PPS Indian Education at Jefferson HS, 5210 N. Kerby**.

2011 PARENT ACADEMY

Recently, you should have received a mailing from the Family Engagement Department at PPS regarding 30 free workshops for parents & guardians of PPS students. Please take the time to review the topics, and try to attend at least one of them. Here is a partial list of the offerings:

Reading for Life & Success: Promoting a Love of Learning in Children

Cooking and Eating Healthy on a Budget

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Winning the Homework Battle: How to Help Your Child with Homework

SPARK: Igniting Your Child's Greatness and Supporting Their Natural Gifts

Teamwork: Parents as Partners in Writing

Advocating for Your Child at School

The Parent Academy is a collaborative initiative of the PPS district and community-based partners to acknowledge, honor, support and promote family involvement in student achievement. If you would like more information, or did not receive the mailing, please contact **Reiko Williams, 503.916.2000 x71162**

2010-2011 SCHOOL CHOICE LOTTERY TRANSFER DATES

School Level	Applications Open	Applications Close
High School	February 4, 2011	February 28, 2011
Elementary/Middle Schools	February 9, 2011	March 11, 2011



GHOSTS OF CELILO MUSICAL

Jane Theater Company is proud to present a Marv Ross Production, **The Ghosts of Celilo!** **The Ghosts of Celilo** is a musical play based on true events that happened near Celilo Falls in the 1950s. Celilo was one of the world's premiere fisheries and a cultural and spiritual center for native people before it was inundated by the Dalles Dam in 1957.

Ghosts features Native American music and traditional musical theatre genres telling the story of two Indian boys kidnapped and taken to a government boarding school. There, they are befriended by the white daughter of the school's administrator. The three make a daring escape to catch their ceremonial first salmon before Celilo Falls is buried by the closing of the dam gates. This story is 'remembered' by four colorful ghosts who have been stuck at the bottom of the Columbia River for fifty years on the last remnants of fishing platforms that have been buried underwater where Celilo Falls once roared.

This dramatic musical is acted and sung by Native American and non-Native actors. The score combines Native American song and scoring with music more familiar to musical theatre. **Ghosts of Celilo** won **8 Portland Area Musical Theatre Awards** – Best Set Design, Best Light Design, Best Original Song, Best Production, Best Original Score, Best Musical Direction, Best Director, and Best Original Musical. The 2011 production of **Ghosts of Celilo** is made possible through the generous support of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Roadhouse Foundation, and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The 2011 production will run from March 4th through March 12, 2011 (9 shows).

Tickets available through Ticketmaster @ 800-745-3000. For more information visit www.ghostsofcelilo.com.

We are very proud to announce that **Indian Education Project students Jo Jo Ball, Ramzees Gallegos, Cyrus Lyday**, and former Project student **Athon George** are featured in the 2011 production!

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN

The Northside Family Support Center Insurance Sign-Up clinic.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 26th, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Location: Family Support Center at Applegate Site, 7650 N. Commercial Ave.

Assistance with food stamp applications is also available. For an appointment for insurance or food stamps, please call **503-916-5875**. You may be eligible for **FREE health insurance** for your children even if you work full time.

NAK-NU-WIT SYSTEMS OF CARE

Nak-Nu-Wit is a program designed to provide advocacy and intensive services to American Indian/ Alaska Native youth, ages 9 – 21, who are working to overcome trauma, find balance and restore their emotional, physical, mental and spiritual health. Nak-Nu-Wit is a program of the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. in partnership with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board through a grant funded by SAMHSA. To receive services or for more info contact the **"Intake Coordinator"** at **503.307.7775**.

12th ANNUAL WACIPI POWWOW, SAT. JAN. 22, NOON

PCC Sylvania Campus, Health Technology Bldg.

All are welcome to attend this free event. In addition to the Powwow, there will be a **College Fair** from noon to 4 PM. **Grand entries are at 1 PM and 7 PM.** The **Community Dinner is at 5:30 PM.** WACIPI 2011 features the following people and organizations: Master of Ceremonies – Bob Tom (Confederated Tribes of Siletz and Grand Ronde); Whip Man – Ed Goodell (Confederated Tribes of Siletz); Honor Drums – West Coast Boyz, Blue Sky; Invited Drums – Woods-men, Starhorse; Head Dancers: Lee & Angelina Sorrelhorse; Color Guard – Northwest Indian Veterans Association; Native American Merchandise Vendors; and Native Community Organization Information tables.

This event is alcohol and drug free. No tobacco products are allowed on PCC premises. American Sign Language will be available during the event. If you have a disability that requires any special materials, services or assistance, please contact the Disabilities Services at 971-722-4341 at least 72 hours prior to the event so appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

This event is made possible by generous support from the Sylvania Campus President, Powwow Planning Committee, Diversity Program Fund, Multicultural Center, College Advancement, Sylvania Women's Resource Center, Social Sciences Division, Native American Rehabilitation Association, Northwest Regional Education Service District Title VII, Sylvania ASPCC, and NAYA Youth Family Center.

COMMUNITY IS THE HEALER THAT BREAKS THE SILENCE

The Regional Health Promotion Conference for Native High School Youth from WA, ID & OR will be held on the Portland State University Campus from June 26 – July 1, 2011. This conference is hosted by **THRIVE** (a project of the NW Portland Area Indian Health Board), **NARA Northwest**, **PSU's Healing Feathers** program, and the **Indian Health Service**. The focus is prevention of suicide and drug and alcohol abuse through art and music workshops. Students will learn about videography, digital storytelling, comic book creation, and song writing and production. For more information, please contact Colbie Caughlan at ccaughlan@npaihb.org

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

The 26th annual tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held on Monday, January 17th from 11AM-6:30PM, at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan, Portland, 97213. All are invited to attend this important event. This celebration includes speakers, music, dance, and recognition of the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Honorees. This year, Ms. Ora Lee Green is the recipient of the "Best Servant Leadership Award." Ms. Green, an educator for the past 35 years, also facilitated the Ockley Green Native Students' Groups for Title VII during the early 1990's. Congratulations to Ms. Green and all of the Honorees!



JEFFERSON MIDDLE COLLEGE

Learn about the new program coming to Jefferson High School in the fall of 2011: **The Middle College for Advanced Studies**. Students will experience a vibrant, multi-cultural and academically rigorous high school with performing arts, athletics, activities AND the opportunity to earn up to 45 college credits — ranging from several classes to a full year's credit at Portland Community College (PCC) by the time they get their Jefferson diploma. Jefferson will host information nights on the following **Wednesday nights: January 19, 26 and February 2, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM**. Jefferson is located at 5210 N. Kerby.

Jefferson High School – Middle College for Advanced Studies at a glance:

- Freshmen and sophomores will focus on their core subjects at Jefferson. They will learn such skills as study habits and organization to prepare them for college coursework and will move through classes in groups — or academies — with the same set of teachers.
- As students are ready, they will move to college prep classes at Jefferson and college courses at PCC Cascade Campus, mostly in their junior and senior years.
- PCC pathways will range from preparation for a four-year college to careers such as EMT, medical assistant, fire-fighter, and heating, ventilation and cooling technician.
- College coursework is offered at no cost to Jefferson students.
- Students who receive special education services may participate in the Middle College as recommended by their individualized education plan teams.
- Students who are learning English may participate in the Middle College by taking credit-bearing ESOL courses and other courses consistent with their English language level.
- Counselors and advisers at PCC and Jefferson will closely support students as they progress.
- Self Enhancement, Inc., a youth-development nonprofit, will provide such core support services as tutoring and mentoring to all Jefferson students.
- Students will earn a high school diploma from Jefferson as well as 12 to 45 college credits from PCC that are fully transferrable to other colleges and universities.

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following high school students who achieved a **3.0 - 4.0 GPA** for the first quarter of the 2010-11 school year!

Makenzie Aaby ~ Mystic Ackerman ~ Cosmo Alto
Alyssa Bahe ~ Rebecca Ball ~ Sade Beasley
Conchita Beaulieu-Medina ~ Cody Becker
Jackson Berger ~ Kelsey Binam ~ Alexis Blevins
Junior Briseno ~ Layla Buffalo ~ Leah Butters (4.0)
Xavier Chiago ~ Nathan Cochran ~ Kiandra Cole (4.0)
Zack Close ~ Alexandria Cooper ~ Annelise Cummings
Karinne Dadigan ~ Mariah Daugherty ~ Skyler Donald
Hannah Eddings ~ Jacquelynn Edwards ~ Myisha Fairley
Megan Hall (4.0) ~ Davianna Hallstead ~ Eric Hansen
Nataylee Hoffmann ~ Ruben Joe ~ Dreonna Johnson
Rebecca Kirk ~ Derek LaGrew ~ Anaya La Marr
Cassidy Lial ~ Ethan Livermore ~ Keegan Livermore (4.0)
Kevin Lofland ~ Jeri Lum ~ Austin Macy
Daphne Martin ~ Danielle Mattfeld ~ Clarissa McCloud
Nathon Melbourne ~ Brennen Miller ~ Hanna Mills
Haley Minkler ~ Shadow Moon ~ Kendra Mynatt
Sierra Norwest ~ Alexis Phillips ~ William Overton
Joseph Palin ~ Mercedes Quilantan ~ Darion Ralstin
Kelsey Rodriguez ~ Rebecca Sandy ~ Anna Schachner
Jude Schimmel ~ Majia Schurter ~ Aria Shannon
Chance Starr ~ Dyami Thomas ~ Brook Thomson
Angelo Tupper ~ Kristine Vail ~ Ashley Watkins
Weylin Wheeler ~ Kayla Wilkins
Willow Wohglemuth (4.0)
Brian Wojan

"Recognizing and validating the cultural, social and linguistic needs of American Indians is critical to guaranteeing the continuity of their communities... We believe with good faith collaboration that we can provide our children with an education that honors their Native identities while simultaneously preparing them for successful futures by providing them with opportunities to incorporate into the curriculum their rich cultural heritages, languages, and traditions."

-- Dr. Willard Sakiestewa Gilbert, Former President of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA).

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Northwest Children's Theatre Presents:



Robin Hood

Wednesday, January 26th, at 7:00 pm

Please contact our office at 503-916-6499 if you are interested in receiving tickets for this wonderful show. Robin Hood is a long play and most suitable for children second grade and above. Parents who bring in young children must remove them to the lobby if they are unable to sit still or be appropriately quiet. Cell phone use will not be tolerated during the show. Both of these expectations are common courtesies in all live performances,