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Hensci!

Spring is in the air, and I am sure many of our students are catching spring fever. The Office of Native American Programs would like to encourage everyone to try your best to stay focused over these next three months. The end of the semester will come quick. If you need help staying motivated, please check out the Native American Student Center and our upcoming spring programming. We can always use volunteers for the Pah-Loots-Puu Powwow scheduled for Saturday, April 9th. Or, if you are in need of some 1 on 1 time, come visit Joelle and I at the center. We enjoy having your company and sharing stories.

Native American Programs recognizes Black History Month and would like acknowledge our Black and Indigenous students attending WSU.

We also want to congratulate ALL Native American Graduates of 2022! It is now on to your next steps.

Everyone stay safe this semester, but enjoy it especially you seniors. Make it a good one.

Mvto.
Steven Martin



MESSAGE FROM NASS DIRETOR

STEVEN MARTIN
DIRECTOR FOR NATIVE
AMERICAN STUDENT
SERVICES





FALL SEMESTER IN REVIEW

Joelle Edwards

**NATIVE AMERICAN
RETENTION SPECIALIST**



We had an eventful fall semester at the Native American Student Center (NASC). We started the semester at our Welcome Back BBQ event. This gathering was long overdue. In fact, it was one of the first in-person events we were able to have since March 2020.

This was a welcoming back to campus event for Native American students, staff, faculty, and community members. The event provided an opportunity for folks to meet one another and build community amongst all WSU Native Cougs and campus partners. We welcome you to join us at one of our next events.



NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT RETREAT



To wrap up September we had our second annual Native Student Retreat at Heyburn State Park. We collaborated with WSU Outdoor Recreation and took students camping for the weekend. Folks were able to try out paddle boarding out on Chatcolet Lake. Students were able to form stronger relationships with one another and the retention counselor.





INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

October 11th was Indigenous People's Day. This year we put up our tipi on the campus mall and tabled throughout the day. We partnered with the Women's Resource Center to host a speaker.

During Native American Heritage Month, we had multiple events every week such as a cedar rose making workshop, dream catcher history and demonstration, and beading night with our student groups. We hosted a speaker Tazbah Rose Chavez (Bishop Paiute/Dine). She is a writer, performance poet, and works as a producer and writer on both Rutherford Falls and Reservation Dogs. We partnered with WSU Cougar Athletics and were able to celebrate NAHM at a football game.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



The Spring WSU Native American Advisory Board to the President meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. We are planning a hybrid meeting for now, meaning it will be available over zoom, but we will also invite Board members to the Pullman campus. To learn more about the WSU Memorandum of Understanding with the 12 signatory Tribes, please go to <https://native.wsu.edu/tribalrelations/>

WSU has extended the application priority deadline for Fall 2022 to March 31, 2022. If you are interested in attending WSU, go to <https://admission.wsu.edu>

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS



UPDATES: TRIBAL RELATIONS

NATIVE AMERICAN RECRUITMENT

**Sharon Mail
Kanichy**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR
TRIBAL RELATIONS AND
RECRUITMENT**



**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
COUGARS**

- 6 campuses statewide
- Over 500 native students from 100 plus tribes
- Native American Student Center
- Tribal Nations Building Leadership Program

DATE: March 1
TIME: 2 - 4 PM
MEETING ID: 993 8003 6483



* RSVP: 360-716-4888, Higher ED
or highered@tulalipribes-nsn.gov

Important Note: Both internal and external WSU111 meeting attendees must be signed into Zoom to join the meeting.

Please refer to this guide on [Joining WSU Zoom Meetings before trying to join: Joining Meetings and Best Practices](#)

Join Zoom Meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android:
<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/99380036483?pwd=U0MvSm1EN1FVMXZ3Qzd2QVhMcUhl>

Meeting ID: 993 8003 6483
Passcode: 473214

TRIBAL
NATION
BUILDING
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM



Applications are open for the 2022-2023 academic year for the Tribal Nation Building Leadership Program (TNBL) at the Washington State University. The program provides students with leadership skills and knowledge based on tribal principles and values. Participants take 1-2 classes together each semester, starting with a course designed to ease the transition to WSU and the TNBL program titled “Introduction to Tribal Nation Building”. Participation also includes guest speakers, field trips, and other special opportunities.

The newly expanded program is now open to students of all tribal affiliations and can be enrolled in from any WSU campus. Existing scholarships remain available to members of MOU tribes, and additional scholarships have been created for those with other affiliations.

Scholarships are available to TNBL students. Applications are due August 1. Limited slots are available. Apply today: <https://native.wsu.edu/applying/>.

**NEW BEGINNINGS FOR
TRIBAL STUDENTS
RESEARCH AT
WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY
PI: DR. ZOE HIGHEAGLE STRONG**

**SEEKING UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS & RECENT
GRADUATES WHO
SELF-IDENTIFY AS
AMERICAN INDIAN OR
ALASKA NATIVE**

Eligibility: 18 years+, Native American undergraduate junior, senior, or recent graduate from WSU

WE WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR:

- **DECISION TO ATTEND WSU**
- **REASONS FOR STAYING AT WSU**
- **EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION**
- **EXPERIENCES AT WSU**

Participants will be asked to attend a virtual focus-group or interview and complete an online survey.

Participants will receive a **\$25 Amazon gift card**.

To sign-up or for more information,
contact Cheryl Ellenwood
cheryl.ellenwood@wsu.edu

2022 Finalist for the Truman Scholarship

TNBL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jonnie Bray

Tribe: Confederated Tribes of Colville Indian Reservation

Home: Keller, WA

Major: Economics with Emphasis on Policy & Law

Minor: Philosophy

"I had not seriously considered going to graduate school and when I started this process, I thought, if I get it, maybe I'll go to grad school. I always thought of it as being for someone else—someone smarter, with more money, better opportunities, but not me. This scholarship would make this next part of the journey more affordable and that helps me to justify going for it. I'm not going to lie, I'll be disappointed if I don't get the scholarship, because it has allowed me to imagine what it would mean to me, my family, my tribe, and native nations if I were able to get a PhD. We can never have too many of those."

The Truman Scholarship is a \$30K fellowship awarded to aspiring college juniors. The Truman Scholarship is the premier graduate fellowship in the United States for those pursuing careers as public service leaders. WSU has not had a Truman Scholar since the early 90's. Over 700 students applied for this award in 2022. Good luck Jonnie!

WELCOME DR. RYAN BOOTH



The Office of Tribal Relations and Native American Programs is happy to welcome Dr. Ryan Booth, an enrolled member of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, to our team. Dr. Booth earned his PhD in History from WSU, in the fall of 2021. The title of his dissertation was “Crossed Arrows: The US Indian Scouts, 1866-1947.” You can learn a bit more about his scholarship by listening to an audio essay he recorded with Northwest Public Broadcasting, titled “Past as Prologue: the Complicated Relationship between Indian Scouts and the U.S. Government.”

Dr. Booth currently teaches the Tribal Nation Building Leadership Program class on American Indian History and Policy. Beginning in the fall of 2022, Dr. Booth will be joining the WSU Department of History in Pullman as a postdoctoral teaching associate. In this position, he will continue to teach the TNBL History and Policy Course.

Dr. Booth brings with him extensive teaching experience and a long list of awards. For instance, he has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru fellowship, an NEH Summer Institute Fellowship, an Arizona Historical Society Research Grant, and many more awards.

ASWSU KU-AH-MAH PRESENTS
THE 44TH ANNUAL

PAH-LOOTS-PUU

POWWOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2022
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
BEASLEY COLISEUM

PULLMAN, WA

HEAD STAFF

MC: FRED HILL

Confederated Tribes of the
Umatilla Indian Reservation

ARENA DIRECTOR: DAN NANAMKIN

Nez Perce and Confederated Tribes
of the Colville Reservation

HEAD MAN: HAHOTS SHEBALA

Nez Perce, Navajo, and Oglala Lokota

HEAD WOMAN: MEILANI DECKER

Spokane and Blood Tribe

HOST DRUM

BUFFALO HILL SINGERS

Northwest Tribes

HOTEL INFO:

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Pullman, WA 99163
509-332-4400

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1295 NE North Fairway Rd
Pullman, WA 99163
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GRAND ENTRY

SATURDAY: 12 PM & 6 PM

DANCE SPECIALS

HONORING GRADUATES
OUTGOING ROYALTY
MEN'S TRADITIONAL (18+)
WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL (18+)
OTHERS TBA

DANCE CONTEST IN
ALL CATEGORIES

DAY PAY TO FIRST 10
REGISTERED DRUMS

APPRECIATION DINNER
PROVIDED BY NAWA

VENDORS ARE WELCOME!
FOR REGISTRATION INFO:
PAYTON.SOBOTTA@WSU.EDU



EVERYONE WELCOME

FACE MASKS REQUIRED

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ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY KEITH PENN (QUILEUTE NATION)



First Friday Feed

Collaboration with NASC & CLSC plus
a chance to meet the new CLSC
Retention Counselor!

March 4th
NASC, Cleveland Hall 21B
12:00-1:30 pm

MAIN DISH: BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICHES



SAVE THE DATE

Native Student Recognition

MAY 5TH, 2022 AT 5:30 PM
ELSON S. FLOYD CULTURAL CENTER
PULLMAN, WA

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NATIVE YOUTH EXPLORING HIGHER EDUCATION NY'EHE

SAVE THE DATE

Native Youth Exploring Higher Education--*NY'EHE* Washington State University

Tentative Date: June 27th-July 1st

NY'EHE is a summer camp to excite Native American high school students about higher education and to stimulate an interest in professions they can take back to their communities.



Activities

- **Work with solar power**
- **Tribal Nation Building**
- **Cultural games**
- **Meet friends**
- **New social media workshops**
- **Health and fitness challenges and much more...**

SWAG giveaways!



f **WSU Native Center**
t **@WSUNative**
i **@WSUNativePrograms**

Objectives

- **Motivate** Native students to pursue higher education and career aspirations
- **Expose** students to cultural, social and academic learning activities
- **Connect** students to culture with Native role models and Tribal Nation Building opportunities
- **Prepare** students with the skills, experiences, and guidance to attain college and career success



REGISTRATION FOR THE PROGRAM
WILL OPEN IN MARCH

<https://native.wsu.edu/nyehe/>

TUTORING SERVICES FOR NATIVE PRE-HEALTH STUDENTS

Tutoring Available for all Native Pre-Health Students!!

HOURS:

- Mon 3-5 pm
- Fri 12-2 pm
- Wed 8-10 am; 3-5 pm
- Sun 2-5 pm (Zoom)

LOCATION:

Native American Center
Cleveland Hall, Room 21B
<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97385474313>
973 8547 4313

COURSES:

CHEM 105, 106, 345, 348
BIO 106, 107
MATH 171
HIST 105
PHYSICS 101
PSYCH 105, 265, 311, 312,
321, 328, 333, 361



Amaya Pelagio will be tutoring various subjects at the Native American Center on WSU campus. All are welcome to come during the open hours. Zoom tutoring will also be available for those who are unable to come to campus at this time. Amaya is currently a senior who is studying Psychology and is on the pre-med track. Amaya has had two previous years of experience tutoring subjects and is currently a teaching assistant for CHEM 105. If you have any questions or would like to set up an individual tutoring time, please contact Amaya at amaya.pelagio@wsu.edu



For more information contact us regarding WSU Spokane Native American Health Science, Center for Native American Health and Pre-Health pathway programs.

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