



GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

GHC Native Pathways Program Newsletter

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The new **Student Services & Instructional Building** (above sketch) is scheduled to be finished this upcoming fall quarter. Native art from local Native artists will be featured in the entrance area of the building. An art committee composed of GHC faculty, staff, and administration have been meeting regularly discussing strategies and procedures for procuring this artwork.

NATIVE PATHWAYS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES IS UNDERWAY

Primary course options for Native Pathways Students this fall are as follows:

FYE 101 & 102 - First year experience courses that introduce students to program direction and college level studies.

ANTHROPOLOGY 210 - The study of variations on the life ways of Native populations in America up to current times. Cultural resource management is a focus area.

HUMANITIES 103, 107 & 110 - The study of contemporary issues in Indian Country through the study and discussion of culturally relevant case studies.

ENGLISH 101 & 102 - Composition courses that address basic course degree requirements.

MATH 107 - This course satisfies the quantitative skills requirement for the degree.

EARTH SCIENCE 102 - This course provides an intro to the earth and processes that shape our planet.

BUSINESS TECH 101 - This course is designed to teach students the touch system in using the computer keyboard.

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GHC Native Pathways Service Area:

The GHC Lower division Native Pathways AA Program has served students from Nisqually, Quinault, Queets, Squaxin Island, Chehalis, Shoalwater Bay/Aberdeen, Tacoma, Suquamish, Puyallup and Makah. Students from all Native Nations or urban areas are also welcome to join the program.



GHC NPP Students gather two weekends a quarter at the Evergreen State College Longhouse (above) with the Evergreen upper division NPP students for lecture, film, and seminar.

NATIVE CASE STUDIES ENHANCE NPP CURRICULUM

The Enduring Legacies Native Cases link, located on the Evergreen State College Website, has over one hundred published Native case studies that cover many different subject areas. The use of these case studies has been an important element of support for the Native Pathways Degree at Grays Harbor College over the years. While over 30% of the course content for the degree has direct cultural relevance, many core course faculty use these case studies in their classes enhancing further the cultural relevance of the degree. Over the last ten years, twenty four GHC faculty, staff, and administrators have attended the Native Cases Institute that provides professional development strategies in the classroom use of these case studies.

NEWLY PUBLISHED CASE STUDIES

The following four recently published case studies on the Evergreen Enduring Legacies website connect with timely topics affecting Native populations.

1. [The Salmon are your brothers: A Story of the Lower Snake River Dams](#) (Kathleen Saul)
2. [Tribes Combat Climate Change: Going Back to the Burn](#) (Linda Stumpff)
3. [Who has MMIP Task Forces? Analyzing Tribal, State, and Federal actions taken for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People](#) (Emly Washines)
4. [Quinault Indian Nation: Living on the Edge](#) (Steve Robinson)

The link below will allow access to all case studies on this website:

<https://nativecases.evergreen.edu/>



GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE PROGRAM

The Grays Harbor College Native Pathways “Bridge Program” is a direct transfer Associate of Arts (AA) degree. This degree can be transferred to any four-year college or university, in most cases satisfying the general education degree requirements. An online degree with a hybrid component makes it truly unique and tailored for the students we serve.

Native Pathways Degree Connects with GHC Core Themes and Mission

GHC CORE THEMES AND MISSION – Grays Harbor College provides meaningful education and cultural enrichment through academic transfer, workforce preparation, basic skills and service to community.

**GHC core themes are concentrated areas of focus in our Native Pathways Degree program. The GHC Native Pathways Bridge Degree articulates with the Evergreen Native Pathways upper division degree, but also is generally accepted by all other four year colleges.*

**The benefits of earning the Native Pathways Degree are evident in the areas of achievement and upward mobility and support the GHC Mission. Many of our students go on to earn upper division degrees as well as jobs and/or employment upgrades. Many used acquired skills to improve and enrich their tribal communities.*

MMIW National Day of Awareness accenting Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women was on May 5th sponsored by the National Indigenous Women's Center. Since 2017, actions on May 5th to honor MMIW at the local, regional, and national level continue to grow across the United States and internationally.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS ANNOUNCES KEY SPEAKERS

NCAI is pleased to announce key speakers for the 2023 Mid Year Convention & Marketplace. Scheduled for June 4-8 at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Center. The convention will host important conversations between Tribal Nations, Native organizations, federal agencies, the Administration, and more!

Featured speakers include

Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Department of the Interior;

U.S. Senator Tina Smith;

U.S. Treasurer Marilynn Malerba;

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland;

Keith Harper, Former U.S. Ambassador United Nations Human Rights Council;

Anthony Morgan Rodman, Executive Director for the White House Council on Native American Affairs; and

Chair Brenda Mallory, White House Council on Environmental Quality.



JOE DELACRUZ NAMED TO HALL OF FAME

Joe DeLaCruz, Quinault, long-serving President of the Quinault Indian Nation (pictured above) who passed away in 2000, has been inducted into the Native American Hall of Fame. DeLaCruz built a formidable record of accomplishment, tackling such tough and long-standing issues as access to reservation lands by non-Natives, fisheries, logging management, and perhaps most notably, the status and role of Indian tribes within the American body politics. Under his leadership, the Quinault's hired their own juvenile counselors, police officers and foresters.

CHEHALIS TRIBAL DAYS

During Memorial Day Weekend, the Chehalis Tribe sponsored Tribal Days Celebrations and events. Athletic events included men's hardball, women's softball, and coed softball games with recognition of all star teams and MVP awards. The 5th annual Art Exhibit was also featured along with the 15th annual Cancer Walk.

SHOALWATER BAY TRIBE HAS DUNE RESTORATION

A restoration of a sand dune critical to the habitat and community of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe located near Tokeland, Washington has been identified as the 'Project of the Year'. A temporary haul road and culvert crossing would need to be built to cross a 700' wide saltwater slough to rebuild the southern dune next to the Pacific Ocean which has been destroyed.

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE FEATURES MAY ACTIVITIES

Notable May activity sponsored by the Squaxin Island Tribe ('People of the Water') featured 'Regalia and Necklace Making' but also engaged in workshops connected to support of the environment with 'Plant Teachings', 'Cedar Activities', and 'Spring Mushroom Foray'.

THE COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE SECURES FUNDING

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe (Tribe - CIT) has secured funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), and the NOAA Fisheries Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) for harvest and delivery of conifer logs to support the Tribe's upcoming Cispus-Yellowjacket Phase III Habitat Restoration Project in Lewis County, Washington.

CAMP BISHOP CANOE HOUSE DEDICATION

The GHC Carpentry class project, the Canoe House at Camp Bishop, was dedicated on Saturday, May 13 at 1 PM. The presentation ceremony lasted about 45 minutes. Members of the Northwest Wooden Canoe Heritage Association attended and had wooden canoes on display.



The Camp Bishop Canoe House (below) completed under the direction of GHC Instructor Adam Pratt and the GHC Carpentry Class in connection with the YMCA, finalized construction in March of this year. Direction for the project relied on tribal nation input and guidance. The four or five month long project used a model for the project that was supplied by Chinook Tribal Chair, Tony Johnson, who was also former Cultural Education Director for Shoalwater Bay. (See sketch above)



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