



# GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

GHC Native Pathways Program Newsletter

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## Dr. Carli Schiffner Selected as Grays Harbor College President

By a unanimous vote, the Grays Harbor College board of trustees selected **Dr. Carli Schiffner** to be the next president of Grays Harbor College. The announcement was made by board chair, **Dr. Harry Carthum**, at the February board meeting. She has distinguished and reputable experience in education and will succeed **Dr. Ed Brewster**, who is credited with supporting the creation of the Native Pathways Degree Program at GHC in 2006.

## GHC To Host Summit

Grays Harbor College has been chosen to host a Government to Government summit meeting to be held on April 26th. Tribal leaders, College Presidents, college board members, and state board members will be in attendance to engage in presentations and discussion in support of Tribal Sovereignty and Government to Government communication. Lynn Palmenter-Holder, State Board Director of Tribal Government Affairs, and Squaxin Island Tribal President, Kris Peters will co-lead the event.

## NATIVE PROGRAMS MEETING APRIL 5TH

A Native Ed Coordinators and Native Ed Directors meeting will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> in the GHC Diversity Equity Center. The meetings are designed to discuss and pursue strategies for Native student success in the classroom and approaches that connect them to furthering their education. One of the objectives of this body will be to submit proposals for implementation of initiatives that support these strategies in the field of education.

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## THE GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE PROGRAM

**The Grays Harbor College Native Pathways Degree 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 to the students we serve.**

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### GHC IS COMMITTED TO SERVICE OF NATIVE COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS THROUGH EDUCATION

#### THE DEGREE

The GHC Native Pathways Degree provides meaningful education and cultural enrichment through academic transfer, workforce preparation, basic skills, and service to community.

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

#### THE ONLINE COMPONENT

*Online courses at GHC are delivered through a program referred to as CANVAS.*

**Canvas** is a web-based online learning system that allows students to log in for access to their classrooms. Features include reading information, inputting responses to instructors or classmates, printing host documents, testing and emailing.

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#### GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SPRING

Spring quarter begins on April 10th and courses that are featured with cultural relevance are the Humanities 102 and 109 courses that address public speaking and lecture, seminar, and reflection essay at the Evergreen Longhouse Gatherings. The Longhouse Gatherings connect with the upper divisions Native Pathways students at the Evergreen State College Longhouse.

#### GHC Native Pathways Service Area:

The GHC Lower division Native Pathways AA program degree serves students from Nisqually, Quinalt, Queets, Squaxin Island, Chehalis, Shoalwater Bay/Aberdeen, Tacoma, Suquamish, Puyallup and Makah. Students from other reservations or urban areas are also welcome to join the program.

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### CONNECTING NATIVE PATHWAYS AA DEGREE WITH EVERGREEN

This GHC Native Pathways AA Degree Program is also referred to as the “Bridge Program” because it is designed to articulate with The Evergreen State College upper-division Native Pathways Bachelor’s Degree. The GHC Associate of Arts (AA) degree also transfers to any four-year college or university.

### THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE

The upper division Native Pathways program offered through Evergreen is open to students who have accumulated 90 credits and have Junior and Senior standing. This program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree (BA). There is also an online option available. The Evergreen program meets twice a week at five different sites and two weekends at The Evergreen Longhouse each quarter for lecture and seminar. Evergreen’s Native Pathways program is an interdisciplinary Liberal Arts program taught from a Native perspective.

**MARCH IS  
WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH**

Grays Harbor College  
Head Librarian,  
Adrienne Rousch  
shared a list of GHC  
Library  
resources celebrating  
the contributions of  
women throughout  
history and of today.

Highlighted on this list  
were E-books featuring  
women of local culture.

The E-books listed are  
the following:

*Tulalip, from my heart:*  
*an autobiographical  
account of a  
reservation community  
and  
Katie Gale: A Coast  
Salish Woman's Life on  
Oyster Bay*

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**FAMOUS NATIVE  
WOMEN LEADERS**

**Wilma Mankiller**  
First Principal Chief of  
Cherokee Nation, Social  
Worker, and Author

**Susan La Flesche  
Picotte**  
Physician, Educator,  
and Activist

**Ladonna Harris**  
Politician and activist  
for women's rights and  
environmental support

**Elizabeth Peratrovich**  
Civil rights Activist,  
Advocate for Alaska  
Native Equality

**DIVERSITY EQUITY CENTER NOW OPEN**

**MON – 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

**TUES – 2PM – 5PM**

**WED – 2PM – 5PM**

**THUR – 11:30AM – 5:30PM**

**FRI – 11:30AM – 1PM**

**SCHERMER BUILDING 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR**

**ROOM 4331 - WWW.GHC.EDU**

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**DIVERSITY AND EQUITY CENTER**

**Grays Harbor College values and respects diversity of people,  
ideas, culture, and the environment.**

**The mission of the Diversity & Equity Center at Grays Harbor  
College is to educate and advocate for awareness,  
understanding, and acceptance of fair treatment for all people,  
ideas, and cultures.**

**The Diversity & Equity Center (DEC) is located in the room  
4134 in the Schermer Building (4000).**

**The Goals of the DEC**

- To provide opportunities to learn and engage in conversations regarding diversity, inclusion, power, privilege, inequity, and social justice.
- To educate and bring awareness to all identities, such as but not limited to, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic class, age, gender, and disability.
- To celebrate differences.
- To create a campus culture accepting of all people, ideas, and culture.

*Grays Harbor College will host a Native Programs meeting of  
Native Ed. Coordinators and Directors on April 5th at noon in  
the DEC*

*(See page one for story)*

## NATIVE NEWS BLURBS

### NATIVE CASES CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

The 2023 Enduring Legacies Native Cases Conference on the 25th and 26th of April in Spokane will build on more than eighteen years of work developing interdisciplinary teaching of case studies on significant issues in Indian Country and offering workshops for staff development and for educators to network and learn how to use the cases in their classes. The interdisciplinary collection of cases covers a wide range of topics applicable to all academic fields. Problem-based learning, place-based learning, and collaborative learning are the cornerstones of the approach. Cases promote student engagement and critical thinking in the context of complex and pressing real world issues. They are a terrific way of promoting diversity. At this institute, attendants will practice working through cases collaboratively to learn how to facilitate case analysis and discussion. The 2023 conference will feature new cases on the cutting edge of current issues in Indian Country with a special emphasis on education reform and climate change.

### VATICAN REJECTS DISCOVERY DOCTRINE

The Vatican on Thursday responded to Indigenous demands and formally repudiated the "Doctrine of Discovery," the theories backed by 15th-century "papal bulls" that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property laws today. (Assoc. Press)

### INDIGENOUS LEADERS DEMAND SEAT AT WATER CONFERENCE

Indigenous leaders have demanded a seat at the table for the United Nations Water Conference, citing historic exclusion of Indigenous voices in international decision making. In a declaration sent to the UN this week, representatives from Indigenous nations, communities and organizations have requested attendees address additional points of discussion to their agendas, including violence against water protectors and protesters, the monetization and capitalization of water, and the inclusion of Indigenous leaders in water-based decisions that affect their lands and communities. (*Indian Country Today*)

### MARK TRAHANT NAMED TO NATIVE HALL OF FAME

Veteran journalist and *Indian Country Today's* Editor-at-large Mark Trahant, Shoshone-Bannock, is now a hall of famer. He has published case studies on the Evergreen State Enduring Legacies website that supports GHC Native Pathways Curriculum. Other notable members named to the Native Hall of Fame are former Quinault Indian Nation President Joe DeLaCruz, actor Will Sampson, Muscogee Creek, novelist and poet Leslie Marmon Silko, Laguna Pueblo, American Indian Lawyer Training program founder Richard Trudell, Santee Dakota and Native rights advocate LaNada Means War Jack, Shoshone-Bannock. (*Indian Country Today*)



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### FAMOUS NATIVE LEADER QUOTES

**Man did not weave the web of  
life, he is merely a strand in it.  
Whatever he does to the web,  
He does to himself.  
(Chief Seattle)**

**The earth is the mother of all  
people,  
And all people should have equal  
rights upon it.  
(Chief Joseph)**

**Love is something you and I  
must have.  
Without love our self-esteem  
weakens.  
Without it our courage fails.  
(Chief Dan George)**