



# GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS

**GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER**

**December 2019**



## Joe Delacruz Day—December 5th

The Quinault Nation honored the memory, accomplishments, and leadership of past tribal president, Joe Delacruz on December 5th. He also served as president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, The National Tribal Chairman's Association, and the National Congress of American Indians.

## GHC NOTABLE WINTER QTR. DATES

\*Jan 6, First Day of Classes  
Login to Canvas Classrooms

\*Weekend Gathering Dates (Jan. 11 & 12);  
(Feb 8 & 9); (March 14.)

\*January 10, Last Day for 100% Refund

\*January 25, Last Day for 50% Refund

\*Jan 17, W Day, Last Day to Withdraw  
From Classes

\*March 23, Last Day of Instruction

\*March 31, Grades available online

## GHC Native Pathways Students Preparing for Winter Quarter

GHC Native Pathways Students are gearing up for winter quarter. Checking class schedules, buying text books, and other preparation tasks are on students' minds as January 6th marks the beginning of winter quarter.

The basic online delivery of the curriculum favors place based students as well as those who have family and work schedules to contend with. The curriculum is also unique in that it offers cultural relevance through the Electives and Humanities distributions. Also those faculty who have attended the Native Cases Institute and who teach mainstream courses use Native Case Studies from the Evergreen Enduring Legacies website to further support areas of cultural relevance.

**THE EVERGREEN CONNECTION** The GHC Native Pathways Program is also referred to as the Bridge Program connecting to the upper division Native Pathways Program at Evergreen where all students meet at the Evergreen Longhouse for lecture and seminar twice during the quarter.



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**STUDENT QUOTES:** The following student quotes were shared from the Weekend Gatherings at the Evergreen Longhouse. Quote content lends insight regarding weekend academic activities.

**Austin Goodface**, “The Reading Bonanza forum we did as a class today was very interesting. I learned more about Indigenous history but also want to learn more.”

**Elena Mayoral**, Concerning the Mascot Case Study, “These mascots are a misrepresentation of the Native American that is not only confusing and damaging to our young, but also gives non-Indians the wrong idea of Native American traditions.”

**Sky Upham**, “During the Salish Sea presentation, hearing the Indigenous language being spoken was so inspirational. I was glad to hear that the tribe is being pro-active in helping develop school curriculum.”

**Annie Broncheau**, “I liked the presentation about Native Elders and how we should be very respectful to them, and how we need to listen to them when they speak.”

**Julia Wood**, “I appreciated the opportunity during this writing exercise to use an Indigenous perspective/lens. Symbolic meanings can be shared in a courteous and respectful way.”

**Kylie McCarter**, “I enjoyed learning about The Hero’s Journey and brainstorming images. It was interesting to see what everyone envisioned and how you could picture yourself in that setting and make it relatable.”

**Page Pettibon**, “This was a great storytelling prompt. I liked the directed brainstorming with peers. It was really nice to get instant feedback on my imagery and have someone interpret symbolism.”

**Maybelle Hoebucket**, “I enjoyed the brainstormed story writing. It was cool to hear others’ thoughts about the same images, but how different everyone’s responses were.”



### **GHC Native Pathways Service Area**

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

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### **GHC Native Pathways Degree**

#### **Course Load**

A full time course load for the quarter would include two online courses plus the Weekend session courses. 12 to 13 credits are considered a full time load. Scheduling is flexible according to student personal and work schedules. A part time schedule of less than 12 credits is also on option, but may affect financial aid situations.

#### **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 any-time during the day. Features include reading information, inputting responses to instructors or classmates, printing host documents, testing and emailing.

Online classes are very compatible with working and changing family schedules and place based students who cannot travel to campus.



## Native American Classic Basketball Tournament at Grays Harbor College

GHC featured a men's basketball tournament on November 16th and 17th with Northwest Indian College, Wenatchee College, and Southeastern University participating. Grays Harbor College went undefeated during the competition. It is the annual GHC Native American Classic Tournament.

The GHC Native Pathways Program was a sponsor for the tournament and GHC Men's Coach, Matt Vargas and his team put on a skills clinic during the tournament for kids, grades K through twelve.



# Navajo Nation to create its own managed health care entity in New Mexico

By **The Associated Press**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) — The Navajo Nation is seeking to become one of the first Native American tribes to create its own managed health care entity, the tribe recently announced.

The tribe said it plans to contract with Molina Healthcare to work toward a managed health care offering under New Mexico's Centennial Care Medicaid program.

Under provisions established by the federal government, each state is allowed to structure and tailor their Medicaid programs. In 2017, New Mexico's Medicaid program received approval by Centers for Medicaid and Medicare to collaborate with Indian Managed Care Entities, including a pilot project with the Navajo Nation.

New Mexico state health officials estimated that the proposed entity could generate up to \$468 million in annual payments to the Navajo Nation if 50,000 people enroll.

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## Squaxin Island Tribe Hosts Pacific Salmon Summit And 30th Annual Centennial Accord

KLA-CHE-MIN (A publication of the Squaxin Island Tribe)

The Squaxin Island Tribe was proud to serve as the host of the Billy Frank Jr. Pacific Salmon Summit on November 5th and the 30th anniversary of the Centennial Accord November 6th and 7th, both held at Little Creek Casino Resort Event Center.

The Salmon Defense web site states, "Billy Frank spent a lifetime championing Indian treaty fishing rights, the recovery of salmon and the need to protect our environment which supports salmon and all the natural world that the people who live in this region value. We are here today to remember and honor his vision to 'tell your story' and 'tell the truth' as we chart a path to 'stay the course' towards successfully recovering salmon in this region. We need to call on the strength of his leadership, which remains with us forever, to make it happen."

