



GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

**GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS
NEWSLETTER**

January 2021

Welcome To Winter Quarter!

Winter Quarter is underway at Grays Harbor College, and the Native Pathways students are fully engaged in their online courses of study. To begin with, the Humanities students in the Native Pathways Program kicked off the quarter while attending the first of three Evergreen Weekend Gathering events on January 9th. These gatherings that connect with the upper division Native Pathways students at Evergreen, are not only educational but culturally vibrant as students engage in collective lecture and seminar. Events featured at the January 9th Gathering included introductions, breakout meetings, seminar, report out sessions, and quality presentations by visiting Indigenous scholars. The morning presentation highlighted the poetry and songs by renowned Indigenous performer Calina Lawrence and in the afternoon Dr. Anya Montiel, the Art Curator for the NA Museum in connection with the Smithsonian Institute. She shared works of art and literature from famous Indigenous women. Follow up discussion and student written reflections wrapped up the day long activity.

NOTABLE WINTER QUARTER DATES

- 1/25- Last drop day for 50% refund
- 2/6 Evergreen Weekend Gathering
- 2/9– Advising begins for Spring Quarter
- 2/15– No classes (President’s Day)
- 2/16- Registration begins for Spring Quarter
- 2/25 “W” Day for Winter Quarter



GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE– WINTER QUARTER BEGINS AT GHC!

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Dr. Arlene Torgerson



GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE PROGRAM

In order to better accommodate our students, GHC has created an **online degree** with a complimentary **hybrid** component. The bulk of the courses for the degree are offered online complimented by face to face instruction two weekends during each quarter.

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.

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

For more information on the GHC Native Pathways Degree Program or assistance with admission processes, financial aid, and course schedules contact Degree Coordinator, Gary Arthur. (gary.arthur@ghc.edu) - (360) 538-4209.

Dr. Arlene Torgerson to Serve as Interim VP of Student Services

GHC welcomes the return of former VP of Student Services, Arlene Torgerson. After current VP, Jennifer Alt stepped down to accept a position at another college, Dr. Torgerson has graciously agreed to fill in. The administrative responsibility for this position oversees critical areas of support specific to the needs of our Native Pathways students. Her administrative strengths of organization, vision, and leadership are hailed and appreciated during this time of administrative changes at the college. Former president, Dr. Ed Brewster is also serving in an interim capacity.

NATIVE PATHWAYS FIVE STEPS TOWARD ENROLLMENT AT GHC

- 1. Apply for admission-**
The application can be printed off the GHC homepage and faxed or mailed to the college. The application may also be accessed and submitted online.
- 2. Submit all “Official Transcripts”** from other colleges you have attended to our “Admissions and Records” department.
- 3. Take college placement test** - contact Gary Arthur gary.arthur@ghc.edu (360) 538-4209
- 4. Do “entry advising”**
Meet with an advisor to plan course schedules and review an academic plan. You can see Gary Arthur for this - gary.arthur@ghc.edu (360) 538-4209
- 5. Submit the Tribal Aid Application** (if applicable) **and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** Go to (www.fafsa.ed.gov) to fill out this application.



The Native Pathways AA Degree Program

GHC SALUTES NATIVE PATHWAYS WINTER QUARTER STUDENTS

The Native Pathways Program recognizes the following students working towards their degree this quarter:

YASMINE BELLON

KELLY BILLIE

STARLA BOYER

ALYSSA CAPOEMAN

STEVIE CHARLEY

LILLY FORSMAN

KARIANA FOWLER

LIA FRENCHMAN

TAMIKA GREEN

KYLIE MC CARTER

ISAAC MCKINNEY

MALINDA MOWITCH

JASAI PETERSON

LAANAA PETERSON

The GHC Native Pathways AA Degree Program serves students from Nisqually, Quinault, Queets, Squaxin Island, Chehalis, Shoalwater Bay/ Aberdeen, Tacoma, Suquamish, Puyallup and Makah. Students from other tribal communities and urban areas are also welcome to join the 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 but articulates with The Evergreen State College Native Pathways Program. An online degree with a hybrid component and culturally relevant curriculum makes it truly unique and tailored for the students we serve.



GHC Native Pathways AA Degree students meet twice during the quarter at the Evergreen State College Longhouse with the upper division students for culturally relevant study.

Because of the Covid induced learning environment, the weekend gatherings (pictured above at the Evergreen State College Longhouse) have been held virtually the last two quarters. These gatherings feature lecture, discussion group seminar, and valued presentations from Indigenous scholars.

Joy Harjo at Peninsula CC



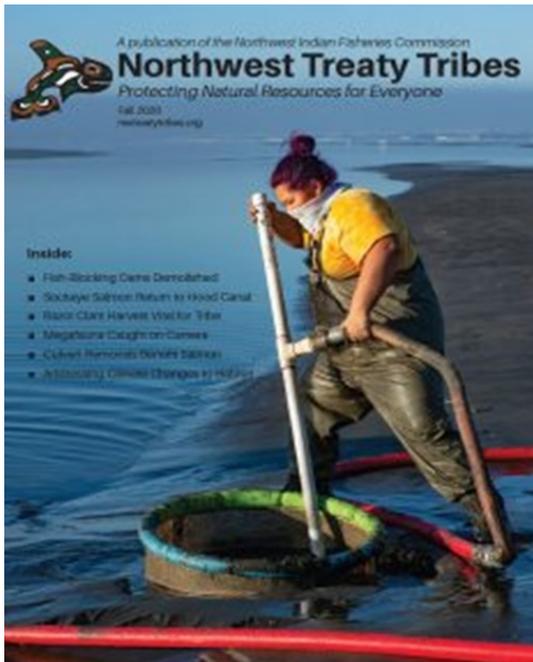
National Poet Laureate, author, and acclaimed musician, Joy Harjo, will read poetry then join in conversation with students from the First Nations Club at Peninsula College in a virtual January 28 Studium Generale, beginning at 12:30 pm.

Her edited poetry anthology, *WHEN THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD WAS SUBDUED, OUR SONGS CAME THROUGH*, is a primary course of study this quarter in The Evergreen Native Pathways Program.

ELIZABETH WOODY TO SPEAK AT WEEKEND GATHERING

Elizabeth Woody is a graduate of The Evergreen State College and was named Poet Laureate of Oregon from 2016 to 2018. She is slated to speak at the February 5th Weekend Gathering at Evergreen this quarter. GHC Native Pathways Students will be in attendance for her presentation. Her poetry is featured in the Harjo edited anthology referenced in the above article.

NW Indian Fisheries Commission



The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) is a natural resources management support service organization for 20 treaty Indian tribes in western Washington. Headquartered in Olympia, the NWIFC employs approximately 65 people with satellite offices in Burlington and Forks. NWIFC member tribes are: Lummi, Nooksack, Swinomish, Upper Skagit, Sauk-Suiattle, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Nisqually, Squaxin Island, Skokomish, Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah, Quileute, Quinault, and Hoh.

Quinault Indian Nation tribal member and fisheries technician Angel Ellis uses a pump to flush razor clams to the surface so they can be sized, counted and then returned to the sand during annual razor clam surveys. D. Preston Fall 2020

Contact Us

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GHC Native Pathways Student Support

Online learning can be challenging. In an attempt to provide availability and support during your educational journey at GHC through the Native Pathways Online Degree, drop-in zoom sessions will be available on a weekly basis during the quarter. Check email for zoom invites.

General questions regarding program information can be answered but the following areas of discussion, support, and information are topics with which you may need help .

Student Services

Admission Application Processes
Financial Aid (FAFSA)
Financial Aid appeal
Accessing 'Virtual Assistance'
Web Page helpful connections of support
Bookstore and ordering text books
Connecting GHC with tribal support

Academic support

Study Groups
Staff and Peer tutoring
Contacting your instructor
Assignment deadlines and planning
Personal study and assignment scheduling

Advisor support areas (talk to Gary Arthur)

Class scheduling
Quarterly Proposed Schedule
Transcript information
Academic Planning
Degree Audit
Drop/Add classes
Application for graduation
Bridge to Evergreen Native Pathways BA program
Bridging to other BA program options
(GHC Teacher Ed)

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