



Indian Education

February Newsletter

Southern Oregon Indian Education

101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

<https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/migrant-ed-ell/>

Culture & Family Nights

FREE DINNER & SUPPLIES PROVIDED!

Thursday: Feb. 22nd

22nd: Illinois Valley High School NASU-Cafeteria

CPC Co-Chair Echo Miller will teach regalia and dance!

RSVP: Jasi Swick, Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us

GOOGLE FORM: <https://forms.gle/j3tAWfFAQpfp1AaE6>

Jackson County: Medford

FREE DINNER & SUPPLIES PROVIDED!

Tuesdays 5:30-8:00PM

RSVP: Teresa Cisneros Teresa_cisneros@soesd.k12.or.us

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How to register for the program

Parents/guardians needs to fill out the **[Title VII Student Eligibility Form \(Form 506\)](#)** (PDF file) in order to register their American Indian/Alaska Native student. Please use a separate form for each student. Please return the completed form to: SOESD Indian Education, 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

Upcoming Events:

February 1st CPC Meeting 5:30PM
join on zoom!

Feb. 6th- Culture Night 5:30 PM
SOESD Medford

Feb. 13th-Culture Night 5:30 PM
SOESD Medford

Feb. 19th-Holiday offices closed.

Feb. 20th- Culture Night 5:30 PM
SOESD Medford

Feb. 22nd-Culture Night Illinois
Valley H.S. NASU 6PM

February 23rd & 24th Offer and
Needs Facilitator Training

Feb. 27th- Culture Night 5:30 PM
SOESD Medford

Complete our feedback
survey:

<https://forms.gle/FfN2A22uRKoxXCir8>



Wishing you a year filled with love,
health, happiness, and deadlines.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS!

CHAVA FLORENDO



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[HTTPS://ASHLAND.NEWS/ASHLAND-ARTIST-CHAVA-FLORENDO-EARNS-FIELDS-FELLOWSHIP/](https://ashland.news/ashland-artist-chava-florendo-earns-fields-fellowship/)

CHAVA IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS OREGON HUMANITIES FIELDS ARTIST FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in congratulating Chava Florendo! Chava has been a long-time supporter and community partner of SOESD Indian Education and is an Indigenous Educator in Ashland, Oregon!

CONGRATULATIONS!

“Chey Kuzma, the associate program officer for Arts & Culture at the Oregon Community Foundation, described Florendo as “an artist who is truly building multigenerational connections through her work.” Kuzma added that, “Through her art, storytelling and the value she places on resources within the community, she is successfully incorporating a relational worldview into her work, which can easily get lost when one is viewed as a singular artist. Her efforts will have ripple effects for years to come.”

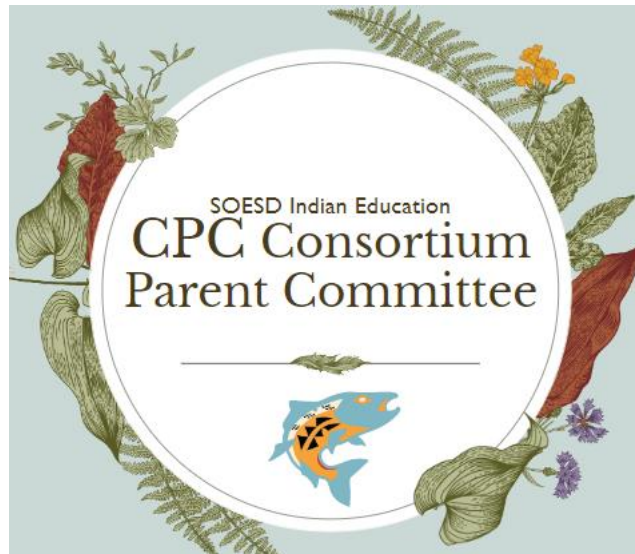
“Robert Arellano, founding director of the Emerging Media and Digital Arts program at SOU, said, “Chava’s work is deeply invested in stories, how we teach and use them and give others opportunities to carry them. And her dedication to community through programs like the Indigenous Youth Digital Collective really epitomizes what to my understanding are the criteria of excellence for a Fields Artist Fellow.”

Ashland Artist Chava Florendo Earns Fields Fellowship, Edwin Battistella, Ashland News, January 20, 2024, <https://ashland.news/ashland-artist-chava-florendo-earns-fields-fellowship/>

“Awww, Chava is the best, she deserves this! We love her!”
SOESD Indian Ed & All my Relations student, Alex, age 10

Title VI Southern Oregon Education Service District Indian Education Program Consortium Parent Committee Members (CPC) 2024-2025

Co-Chairperson Josephine County: Echo Miller
Co-Chairperson Jackson County: Luzita -Angélica Marbain (Angélica)
Secretary/Treasurer: Jacklyn Holzhauser
Jackson County Member: Randall McAllister
Jackson County Member: Lola Jackson
Josephine County Member: Stephanie Ledford
Josephine County Member: Jamaya Obie Brown
Student Leader Position Josephine County: Alyssa Lake
Student Leader Position Jackson County: Amanda Lovik Pearce



**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND
MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND POSTED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

First Monday of each month March, April, May, June 6:30-7:30 PM Monthly Zoom Meeting

- <https://soesd.zoom.us/j/96500943910>
- Meeting ID: 965 0094 3910

For public comment inquiries please contact Jasi Swick, Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us

NASU: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT UNIONS

Grants Pass High School

- Advisors: Watson & Perry
- rwatson@grantspass.k12.or.us
- fperry@grantspass.k12.or.us
- Meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 3:20PM after school in room 206 Perry's classroom

Illinois Valley High School

- Advisor: Szijjarto
- jaime.szijarto@threeivers.k12.or.us

Fruitdale Elementary School

- Advisor: Constance Palaia
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South Medford High School

- Advisors: Jensen, & Bruce
- Jennifer.Bruce@medford.k12.or.us
- Danielle.Jensen@medford.k12.or.us
- Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in room A222

Ashland Middle School

- Advisor: Hardy & Royse
- Brittany.Hardy@ashland.k12.or.us
- Andrea.Royse@ashland.k12.or.us

Ashland High School

- Advisor: Katie Barber
- Katie.Barber@ashland.k12.or.us

Walker & Hellman Elementary Schools North Medford High School

Eagle Point High School

- Advisor: Sunshine Perry
- perrys@eaglepnt.k12.or.us



Anti-Racist and Decolonial Agriculture Speaker Series

Thursdays at noon
1/18 through 2/15
Register online!

SO Southern OREGON UNIVERSITY  **Oregon State University Extension Service**  **Rogue Valley Food System NETWORK**
growing our local food system



January 18

Creating Context: Navigating Diversity in the Innovation Era, Unraveling Economic Roots and Overcoming Challenges

Mike Green, Co-founder, Common Ground Conversations on Race in America



January 25

Gentrification of Traditional Foods

Buck Jones, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission



February 1

Moving Forward in Food with Equity & Innovation: Today in the BIPOC Food Systems in Oregon

Eddie Hill, Co-Director, Food Loop NW



February 8

Roots of Learning: Cultivating Cultural Humility and Food Sovereignty in Schools

Reeba Daniel, Founder, Keep Growing Seeds & Washington Co. Farm to School Education Hub



February 15

(re)location and (re)connection with first foods

Indigenous Gardens Network

REGISTER: <https://rvfoodsystem.org/speaker-series-2>

OFFERS AND NEEDS MARKET Facilitator Training

Grants Pass, Oregon - AllCare Building

Dates: **January 27th** (opening event); **February 23rd & 24th**; **March 2nd, 2024**

Up to 16 people will receive a stipend of \$350 for their participation!

Connection **Leadership** **Reciprocity** **Community Building** **Mutual Aid** **Organizing** **Solidarity** **Community Wellbeing**

Offers-and-Needs-Market (OANM) noun:
A two-hour guided process in which community members meet to identify and exchange their passions, knowledge, skills, resources, opportunities, and needs.

Registration open Jan 27th - Feb 3rd!

Learn how to plan, promote, and run the Offers and Needs Market!
Food and childcare will be provided.



Save The Date!

April 13th - 14th

More information to come at a later date!



Bring your homework to culture night for homework help! We also love to have stories shared so bring a story to share while we eat dinner! Thanks!

SCHOLARSHIP SEASON:

How to pay for college - Scholarships for Native American students

By Dr. Amanda Cheromiah, 1 Minute Tik Tok: [VIDEO](#)

Key Information

- Funding is available for the 2022-2023 academic year for undergraduate and graduate students. Grant renewal is dependent on funding being allocated for the 2023-2024 academic year by the Oregon State Legislature
- Award will be prorated for students attending less than full-time
- Students must enroll at least half-time in an eligible Oregon institution and be in good standing in a degree/certificate seeking program
- Tribal scholarships will not reduce grant award amount
- Cost of Attendance is the estimated cost to go to school including tuition and fees, living expenses, books, supplies and miscellaneous expenses. Learn more about COA below:

www.oregon.gov/highered/plan-pay-for-college/Pages/college-costs.aspx

Oregon Tribal Student Grant



Funding is now available for undergraduate and graduate college costs for enrolled members of:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Klamath Tribes

Eligibility

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is available to new and existing students. Eligibility requirements are:

- Must be an enrolled member of an Oregon federally recognized tribe
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an Oregon college or university
- Working towards earning first associate, bachelor's or graduate degree

Awards

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is expected to pay for most or all public college-related expenses not covered by other grants for students pursuing their first **Associate, Bachelor's, or Graduate degree**. Award amounts will vary depending on where the student attends school and the degree pursuing.

Undergraduate Public Colleges or Universities:

Award will be calculated based on the Average Cost of Attendance (COA) reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Undergraduate Private Universities:

Award will be calculated based on the average COA at the highest cost public university reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Undergraduate Other Private Institutions:

Award will be calculated based on the average COA at the highest cost public community college reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships



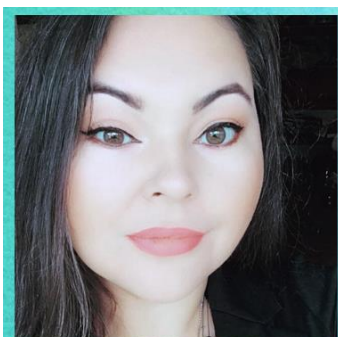
Application

- Complete a grant application
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA)
- Priority consideration for applications and FAFSA/ORSAA received by August 1st at 5pm
- See website for additional information



OregonStudentAid.Gov/Oregon-Tribal-Student.aspx

SOESD Indian Education Facilitators are here to help.



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Jaslyn Swick: (she, hers)
Lakota Oyate Cheyenne River & Standing Rock

SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION FACILITATOR

Scholarships and Awards:

- National Cobell Scholar
- National American Indian Education Foundation
- National Segal Award for Service to AmeriCorps
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Higher Education Award
- Oregon Teacher Scholar
- SOU Foundation Native American Grant
- SOU Diversity Scholarship
- SOU Native American Studies Scholarship
- State & Federal Education Grants

- We maintain a large list of scholarships for Native American, Alaskan Native, & American Indian students
- [LINK SCHOLARSHIPS HERE](#)

- ESSAY REVIEW,
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
- VOLUNTEERISM, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- INTERVIEW SKILLS

WE ARE SCHEDULING FAFSA WORKSHOPS FOR FEBRUARY AND WILL SEND OUT THE INFORMATION AS SOON AS THE DATES ARE CONFIRMED WITH ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE! APRIL IS COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHTS EVERY WEEK!



Women's Medicine is putting a new jar in the windowsill to make Moon Water...

Full Midwinter Moon, Wolf Moon, Spirit Moon
January 25, 2024,
12:54pm EST.

A Cold January Moon.

It's knowing you are safe inside and feeling empathy for those who aren't so fortunate.

It's putting your new jar of water in the windowsill and knowing that the coldest nights are also the clearest nights.

They are the nights when the ancestors are the brightest and they dance in the sky to uplift your spirits all the while Grandmother Moon shines on you and turns your water into medicine.

Women's Medicine

Excerpt from: A Little Book of Medicines and Smudge & A little Book of Women's Medicine. Free downloads of love at: Passthefeather.ca & IndigenARTSY.com
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first and original people | iroquois confederacy | mohawk | bear clan

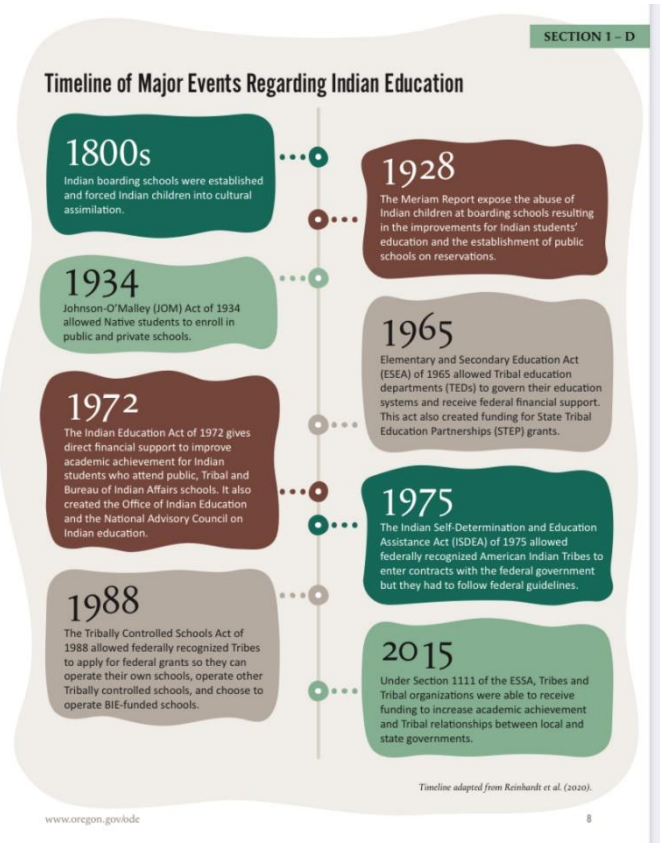
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