



GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

Grays Harbor College Native Pathways Program Newsletter

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NATIVE PATHWAYS STUDENTS ENGAGE IN SPRING CLASSES

Spring Quarter is in full swing, and Native Pathways Program students are engaged with their courses of study. Besides the pre-college level courses in Math, English, and Reading, the primary list of spring classes are English 101 & 102, Math 107, Biology 100, Art Appreciation 100, Music 105, Anthropology 216, Humanities 102 and 109. This Associate of Arts Degree articulates with the upper division Native Pathways Degree at The Evergreen State College, but is transferrable to most all four year schools.

The program cohort of 22 students this quarter are mainly from all over the Pacific Northwest, but not limited to this geographic area. The online format allows for inclusion without geographic boundaries as long as computer access is available. Another feature of this degree is that the curriculum is culturally relevant making it truly unique and suited to the students being served.



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NATIVE LEADERS FAMOUS ENVIRONMENTAL QUOTES

The following quotes seem especially appropriate during the month of April as Earth Day was observed on the 22nd. The original caretakers of the environment offered insight and knowledge with the following observations:

All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth, befalls the children of the Earth. **Chief Seattle**

The time will soon be here when my grandchild will long for the cry of a loon, the flash of a salmon, the whisper of spruce needles, or the screech of an eagle. Have I done all to keep the air fresh? Have I cared enough about the water? Have I left the eagle to soar in freedom? Have I done everything I could to earn my grandchild's fondness? **Chief Dan George**

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

The American Indian is of the soil, whether it be the region of forests, plains, pueblos, or mesas. He fits into the landscape, for the hand that fashioned the continent also fashioned the man for his surroundings. He once grew as naturally as the wild sunflowers, he belongs just as the buffalo belonged. **Luther Standing Bear**

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.

Black Elk

The old Indian teaching was that it is wrong to tear loose from its place on the earth anything that may be growing there. It may be cut off, but it should not be uprooted. The trees and the grass have spirits. Whatever one of such growth may be destroyed by some good Indian, his act is done in sadness and with a prayer for forgiveness because of his necessities. **Wooden Leg**

Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children. **Crazy Horse**



GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE

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.

The Degree Connects With GHC Mission, Vision, Core Themes, and Values.

Vision—GHC is a catalyst for positive change.

**Setting goals while reaching academic objectives in the Native Pathways Program enhances areas of accomplishment.*

Mission—GHC provides meaningful education and cultural enrichment through academic transfer, workforce preparation, basic skills and service to community. **Many Native Pathways Students go on to earn upper division degrees as well as employment upgrades. Many use acquired skills to improve and enrich tribal communities.*

Core Themes—Academic Transfer, Workforce Preparation, Basic Skills, and Service to Community. **These are concentrated areas of focus in the Native Pathways Program which articulates with Evergreen Native Pathways upper division degree.*

Values—Access to educational opportunities; Success for students, faculty, and staff; Respect for diversity of people, ideas, culture and environment; Efficient use of Resources. **Administration and faculty strive to support these values while providing support and encouragement to our Native Pathways Students.*

LINKING 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.

Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022

Last month, President Biden signed the VAWA Reauthorization Act accenting the need to address violence against women in our country. The following initiatives from this Act are particularly significant.

*Expanding special criminal jurisdiction of Tribal courts to cover non-Native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, sex trafficking, and assaults on tribal law enforcement officers on tribal lands; and supporting the development of a pilot project to enhance access to safety for survivors in Alaska Native villages.

*Increasing services and support for survivors from underserved and marginalized communities—including for LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; funding survivor-centered, community-based restorative practice services; and increasing support for culturally specific services and services in rural communities.



ORIGIN OF THE SEAHAWK LOGO

Quinault artist Marvin Oliver (above) former UW Art Professor and adjunct curator at the Burke Museum, crafted what is now the NFL Seattle Seahawks logo. He modeled his original creation after a Pacific NW Kwakiutl tribal transformation mask (below) before submitting the logo to the Seahawks. He thought his version of the logo adhered more accurately to the Northwest Coast Design principles than other submitted versions. Regarding his approach to art he said, “My works are formulated by merging the spirit of past traditions with those of the present... to create new horizons for the future.”



THE NFL CONNECTION TO NATIVE ROOTS

Besides the influence of Native artist Marvin Oliver on the Seahawk logo above, the connection between professional football and Native Americans has its historical roots with the original foundation of professional football in America. The first president of the American Professional Football League in the United States in 1920 was Jim Thorpe (Sac and Fox Nation), a great all-around athlete who played professional football and baseball. He was also an Olympic medal holder in track and field and standout athlete for the Carlisle Indian School in the early 1900’s.



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 all Native Nations or urban areas are also welcome to join the program.

Enduring Legacies Native Cases Conference

June 29, 2022

The Evergreen State College

Longhouse

Olympia, Washington

The 2022 Enduring Legacies Native Cases Conference will build on more than seventeen years of work developing interdisciplinary teaching case studies on significant issues in Indian Country and offering workshops for educators to network and learn how to use the cases. Our interdisciplinary collection of cases covers a wide range of topics applicable to all academic fields.

Native Cases Conference Particulars: The conference is located at the Longhouse on the Evergreen campus in Olympia. The conference will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A continental breakfast is at 8 a.m. with the program starting at 9 a.m. Pre-reading which is emailed to you is required. Campuses and organizations are invited to bring teams or attend the conference as individuals. Space is limited and registration is first come, first served. The registration fee for the one day conference is \$50/ per person which includes breakfast and lunch.



Students in Evergreen's Native Pathways Program are discussing a case in small groups and then sharing perceptions and insights. Native cases have been an essential part of GHC curriculum. The cases are being used by over 100 other colleges and universities.

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NATIVE CASE STUDIES SUPPORT CURRICULUM

A key component to program content is the support of Native Case Studies on the Evergreen Enduring Legacies website. Professional development in the use of these case studies is routinely provided to educators nationwide, but GHC and Evergreen instructors have regularly attended, and use these cases as part of their curriculum. The use of the case studies are especially significant to the Native Pathways Programs.