



GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS NEWSLETTER

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Sharp Delivers State of Indian Nations Address

Fawn Sharp (pictured above) former Grays Harbor College Board of Trustee member and President of the National Congress of American Indians gave The State of Indian Nations address in Washington DC on February 21.

Each year, the President of the National Congress of American Indians presents the State of Indian Nations address to members of Congress, government officials, tribal leaders and citizens, and the American public. Typically delivered during the week that the President of the United States delivers the State of the Union, the State of Indian Nations is a speech that shares the positive and future-oriented vision of Tribal Nations.

ART COMMITTEE MEETS

The GHC Ad Hoc Art Committee created by The Grays Harbor College Board of Trustees met on February 27 to discuss recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the solicitation, selection, funding, installation, and maintenance of tribal and local artwork for the new Student Services/ Instruction Building (SSIB) which is currently under construction. Final decisions regarding these recommendations will be made by the Board.



The Grays Harbor College Native Pathways degree is a direct transfer Associate of Arts (AA) degree. A Degree that bridges with The Evergreen State College, this degree can also 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 for the students we serve.

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 23- W Day (last day to withdraw from single class)

*March 4 & 5
Evergreen Longhouse Gathering*

*March 20
Last Day of Instruction*

March 21, 22, 23 Final Exams

*April 10
Spring classes begin*

*Eagle Artwork
by James Delacruz*



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GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE

In order to better accommodate our students, GHC has created an **online degree** with a complimentary **hybrid** component. This means that the bulk of the courses for the degree are offered online complimented by face to face instruction two weekends during each quarter. The weekend meetings feature skills classes and seminars using breakout sessions on Indigenous topics, providing the cultural component to the degree. Weekend sessions take place at **The Evergreen State College Longhouse** (pictured below) and are referred to as **“Longhouse Gatherings”** highlighting the challenges presented in Indian Country through case studies, lecture, seminar, film, and guest speakers.



NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE FEATURES CULTURAL RELEVANCE

GHC is among the leaders at the community college level in offering a degree that connects and supports Native culture. The degree not only has courses with direct cultural relevance, but most of the core course faculty have engaged in professional development in the use of Native Case Studies that further enhance this educational dynamic.

STUDENTS SIGNING UP FOR SPRING QUARTER

GHC Native Pathways students are in the process of signing up for spring courses. Anthropology 216 is highlighted in spring. It is a course that examines current indigenous and scientific thoughts about the origins, development, and variation of Pacific Northwest cultures.



GHC Native Pathways AA Degree students (above) meet twice during the quarter at The Evergreen State College Longhouse (right) with the upper division Evergreen accenting the bridge between the two programs.



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 an option, but may affect financial aid situations.

Benefits

A few benefits of online classes are that they require little to no commuting to campus. They can be done at home. Classes are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and generally one only needs a computer and internet access in order to do the courses. Online classes are very compatible with working and changing family schedules.

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.



NATIVE CASES CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

The 2023 Enduring Legacies Native Cases Conference will build on more than eighteen years of work developing interdisciplinary teaching 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. Our 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 our 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, we will practice working through cases collaboratively to learn how to facilitate case analysis and discussion. The 2023 will feature new cases on the cutting edge of current issues in Indian Country with a special emphasis on education reform and climate change.

Native Cases Conference Particulars: The conference is located at the Doubletree Hotel in Spokane, 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 and homework 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 two day conference is \$175 per person which includes breakfast and lunch. Contact Barbara Leigh Smith for registration information. (below)



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More information about Native Cases Project
<http://nativecases.evergreen.edu/>*



NATIVE CASE STUDIES SUPPORT INCLUSION

A strong supportive element of the GHC Native Pathways Degree Program is the use of Native Case studies located on The Evergreen State College Enduring Legacies website. Many GHC core course faculty have attended the Native Cases Conference and use these cases in their classes. The use of these case studies not only supports inclusion of our Native students, but also educates non-Natives about Native culture enhancing acceptance and understanding as well as support. Of the 90 credits required for the degree, over thirty credits have direct cultural content, but many core course instructors in the Science, Social Science, Math, and Humanities have attended the Native Cases Conference and use these case studies further enhancing the cultural content of the degree. There are more than 100 case studies posted on the Enduring Legacies Website that cover over a dozen subject areas.

GHC administration, faculty, and staff who have attended the Native Cases Institute since the Institute began in 2008 are as follows: Jennifer Barber, Kathy Barker, Diane Carter, Jenel Cope, Jason Hoseny, Mohammad Ibrahim, Patrick Martin, Lorena Maurer, Chandra Miller-Starks, Mark Reisman, Tom Stearns, Shiloh Winsor, Patrick Womac, Nate Woods, Page Woods Bill Dyer, Brandy Forman, Tom Kuester, Gary Arthur, Chris Portmann, Adrienne Roush, Tia Allen, Misty Barlan, and Matt Vargas.

NATIVE NEWS BLURBS

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE PROGRAM

GHC Native Pathways Degree Program bridges with the upper division Evergreen Native Pathways Program. **The Evergreen Native Pathways Program (NPP)** promotes life-long indigenous scholarship by placing value on cultural and traditional ways of knowing, working with indigenous research methodologies, and expanding indigeneity through academia. This is an academically rigorous **12-credit program** that provides opportunities to learn through western and indigenous pedagogy, while maintaining and promoting an indigenous worldview. After completing the GHC two year degree, it is a compatible transition for students to enter the Evergreen program after having already experienced the connection to curriculum, instructors, and program administrators during the Evergreen Longhouse Weekend Gatherings two times during each quarter. For Evergreen Program information contact Dawn Barron, Director at barrond@evergreen.edu

QIN PRESIDENT GUY CAPOEMAN REPORTS ON CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Quinault Indian Nation President Guy Capoeman reports in the latest issue of the *NUGGUAM* news paper that the Governor and several cabinet agencies are taking the lead to implement various legislation to improve the state's climate resiliency. House bill 1170 and state bill 5093 direct the department of Ecology to update the Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy by July 2024.

Free Monthly Webinars Hosted by NCAI and Grow with Google

This month, NCAI is excited to continue partnering with Grow with Google for a series of monthly webinars with free training and hands-on coaching to help tribal small businesses take the next step. The webinars are hosted by Jake Foreman, Grow with Google's Indigenous Community Digital Coach. February's webinar, "Boost Your Money Management Skills, Part 2," dives deeper into organizing and managing business finances and will take place on February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. MST/8:00 p.m. EST. Register at <https://community.grow.google/s/event/a0r6R000009ZbXK/workshop-20230301>

SUPER BOWL CHAMPION KANSAS CITY CHIEFS FEATURED TWO INDIGENOUS PLAYERS

Two Native American athletes competed in this year's Super Bowl. Creed Humphrey and James Winchester, Citizen Potawatomi and Choctaw respectively, play on the now-champion Kansas City Chiefs. Winchester, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, played in his third Super Bowl for the Chiefs on Feb. 12, 2023. Creed Humphrey, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is the team's starting center. (*Indian Country Today*)

Chehalis Tribe Men's Basketball Tournament! March 10-12, 2023

A men's all Native basketball tournament is scheduled to be held in the Chehalis Tribal Community Center from March 10th to the 12th. First through fourth place teams will be recognized as well as a tournament MVP and the identification of a tournament All-Star team. For tournament information, contact Phillip Youckton at PYOUCKTON@CHEHALISTRIBE.ORG (chehalis-tribe.org)

HELP RESTORE CHINOOK FEDERAL RECOGNITION

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stand-with-chinookjustice-restore-federal-recognition?source=email&>

SHOALWATER BAY – A COMMUNITY CONNECTED

As you travel around Tokeland and Shoalwater Bay Tribe ancestral lands, you will feel connected to the greater community through interaction with our people and our business enterprises. Whether you are interested in gaming at the Shoalwater Bay Casino, dining at North Cove, relaxing at Tradewinds on the Bay, or exploring the natural world by hiking, fishing or boating, our lands will restore your wellbeing as they do ours. You are welcome here! (<https://www.shoalwaterbay-nsn.gov/>)

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