



# GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

**GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER**

**December 2023**

## Joe Delacruz Inducted into Native American Hall of Fame



**JOE DELACRUZ**

The memory, accomplishments, and leadership of past Quinault Nation president, Joe Delacruz was honored by his recent induction into the Native American Hall of Fame. His leadership resume included president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, The National Tribal Chairman's Association, and the National Congress of American Indians.

### NOTABLE WINTER QUARTER DATES

\*Jan 3, First Day of Classes  
Log In to Canvas Classrooms

**\*Evergreen Weekend Gathering Dates  
(Feb. 3&4; March 2&3)**

\*January 9 Last Day for 100% Refund

\* January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

\*January 22, Last Day for 50% Refund

\*March 18, Last Day of Instruction

## Grays Harbor College Native Pathways Students Prepare 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 3rd 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 The Evergreen State College where all students meet at the Evergreen Longhouse for lecture and seminar twice during the quarter. (see below) The degree is also transferrable to other four year colleges.



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## The Evergreen State College Longhouse

Two weekends during the quarter GHC Native Pathways Students gather at the Evergreen Longhouse in Olympia, Washington with the upper division Evergreen Native Pathways students for lecture and seminar on Indigenous current events and issues. The Longhouse Gatherings Winter Quarter are in February and March.

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## GHC Native Pathways Winter Curriculum

Anthropology 216, Library 101, Political Science 202,  
General Psychology 100, Health Promotion 101,  
Astronomy 100

### Humanities classes

Hum 101, Hum 105, Hum 108, Hum 111

While many core courses in the curriculum contain cultural relevance through the use of Native Case Studies, the Humanities courses have direct cultural relevance in course content.

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### NATIVE CASE STUDIES SUPPORT CULTURAL RELEVANCE

An avenue of support for the Native Pathways Program is the use of Native Case Studies. Over one hundred case studies that engage Native cultural topics are located on an open website sponsored by The Evergreen State College. Professional development in the classroom use of these case studies is held on a yearly basis, and many GHC faculty have attended these sessions and use these case studies with their classes. Not only do these case studies support Native inclusion supporting diversity and equity, but they also are an avenue for non-native students to accept and understand Native culture. This open website is located at <https://nativecases.evergreen.edu/>

## 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 an 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. 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.





Tony Johnson speaking at an event hosted by Senator Cantwell

The Chinook Nation 2019 Winter Gathering at Cathlapotle plankhouse

## CHINOOK TRIBAL CHAIR TONY JOHNSON AND FEDERAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Johnson reported a surge in petition signatures in support of Chinook Federal Recognition with “21000 signatures and counting.” He also reported productive meetings with Senator Cantwell and a new Chinook Nation Restoration Bill that is nearing completion in Representative Gluesenkamp Perez’s office.

He additionally shared that “Every winter, we embrace the traditions of our ancestors and are reminded of their resilience and teachings. It was during this season that our ancestors sheltered explorers Lewis and Clark. Our annual winter gathering along the Lower Columbia River continues this legacy of bringing our people together to practice our wintertime traditions of singing, dancing, and storytelling. These *ikanum* (our traditional stories) keep us rooted on our land, connect us to our past, and guide us towards a future where the Chinook Nation is not only recognized but also celebrated for its rich heritage.”

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### *QUINAULT NATION SACRED HEALING JOURNEY*

*A unique program of support exists with the Quinault Indian Nation. A program referred to as “Sacred Healing Journey” is a grant funded victim services program that was actually established in 2017. The program not only features crisis and medical response, but also legal advocacy and emergency financial assistance for victims of violence and abuse. Staffed shelters exist for these victims who need brief relocation and support. This program, administrated by Deana Carter, also supplies outreach and awareness events to the community and local surrounding schools.*

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## PENINSULA CC OFFERS BEADING WORKSHOPS

Peninsula College Longhouse Steward, Sadie Crowe, announced that registration is open for a series of beading workshops with Contemporary Cherokee Artist Karen Sixkiller!

Karen Sixkiller offers this beading series in collaboration with ᱦᱚᱱᱚᱛᱦᱚᱱᱚᱛ House of Learning, PC Longhouse and Community Education. Beadwork is a stunning example of art that continues to evolve and inspire people. Sixkiller's first class "Embroidered Objects" will teach students to turn precious objects into jewelry over 6 Tuesday evenings Jan 9 - Feb 13. Students 12 years and older may enroll if accompanied by an adult over 18 registered and participating in the same class.

Learn more and sign up at use [[tinyurl.com/beadingCE](https://tinyurl.com/beadingCE)][tinyurl.com/beadingCE](https://tinyurl.com/beadingCE)

For more information contact Peninsula College Community Education office at [communityed@pencol.edu](mailto:communityed@pencol.edu) or (360) 417-5683.



**NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE CONNECTS WITH GHC BACHELOR'S OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION**

Grays Harbor College presents an opportunity for aspiring educators through its Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Teacher Education program. Tailored for local students, this program focuses on Elementary Education (K-8) certification and the English Language Learner's endorsement, offering affordability and flexibility with evening classes.

**The Native Pathways Route**, a blend of Native Pathway and Education courses, sets this program apart, seamlessly transferring into the Teacher Education Program from the Native Pathways AA Program for a streamlined educational journey.

The application window for the Fall 2024 cohort opens on January 3rd and closes on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

For inquiries and assistance, contact BAS Teacher Education Director, Paige Pierog, at 360.538.4181 or [bas@ghc.edu](mailto:bas@ghc.edu).

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**QUINULT HOSTS COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR**

Carly Martin, Quinault Education Post Secondary Specialist, organized a College and Career Fair on December 7th. The event was held in Taholah and featured a variety of post-secondary venues for local area students. The Grays Harbor College Native Pathways Program was present, connecting with students and sharing program data while garnering contact information for program promotion.

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**GHC NAMES CHERIE EDWARDS TRIBAL STEWARD**

The State Board of Technical and Community Colleges sponsors what is referred to as a Tribal Steward Program. Grays Harbor College is fortunate to be a part of this initiative that promotes indigenizing college curriculum. The emphasis is connecting this approach with Natural Resources curriculum.

Cherie Edwards has been named the Tribal Steward for GHC. She currently works for the Hoquiam School District connecting with special population students and families. She also has worked for the Nisqually and Quinault tribes. She has Quinault Department of Natural Resources experience with climate and forestry and is familiar with local connections of support. An interesting side note is that she is a direct descendant of Chief Leschi.

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**Canoes and Boats**

Even though you and I are in different boats,  
You in your boat and we in our canoe,  
We share the same River of Life.  
What befalls me, befalls you.

Chief Oren Lyons (Faithkeeper, Seneca Turtle Clan)

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