



# GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS

**GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER**

**August 2024**

**SUMMER QUARTER ENDS, FALL QUARTER NEARS**



Grays Harbor College (above) is home to the GHC Native Pathways Degree Program. Summer Quarter at GHC ended on August 8. Many Native Pathways Students are in the process of now preparing for Fall Quarter which begins on September 23. Assessing credit totals, registration, securing text books and financial aid are among the tasks Native Pathways students are undertaking at this time in preparation for fall quarter.



## **Naming the tulalW Student Center**

Since opening in spring, 2024, the new tulalW Student Center has also created a welcoming gateway to campus and an easy entry point for those looking for help starting their college journey. During construction of the new building, GHC reached out to local Native Tribal Nations for guidance in choosing a name with Native cultural relevance for the new building. The Quinault Nation responded to the request, a committee was formed, and a meeting was arranged with Quinault President Guy Capoeman. The name President Capoeman chose to share with the College was tulalW, meaning “together.” Thursday, September 19th at 3 PM will be the Grand Opening Ceremony.

## **NOTABLE UPCOMING DATES**

**\*Aug. 26, Tuition due date for Fall Quarter**

**\*Sept. 23, First Day of Fall Quarter Classes**

**\*Oct. 5 & 6, First Longhouse Gathering for Fall (First Year Experience 102 and Humanities classes)**

**\*Nov. 9 & 10, Second Longhouse Gathering (First Year Experience 102 and Humanities classes)**

**\*Dec. 7 & 8 Third Longhouse Gathering (First Year Experience 102 and Humanities classes)**

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## The Evergreen State College Longhouse

Three weekends during the quarter, GHC Native Pathways Students gather at the Evergreen Longhouse (above) in Olympia, Washington with the upper division Evergreen Native Pathways students for lecture and seminar on Indigenous current events and issues. The Longhouse Gatherings Fall quarter are in October, November, and December.



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### 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, but students, though, from all tribal sites or urban areas are also welcome to join the program.

## THE GHC NATIVE PATHWAYS DEGREE PROGRAM

*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. An online degree with a hybrid component makes it truly unique and tailored to the students we serve.*



## 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 three weekends during each quarter. The weekend meetings feature skills classes and seminars using breakout sessions on Indigenous topics, providing a cultural component to the degree. Weekend sessions take place at **The Evergreen State College Longhouse** and are referred to as “**Longhouse Gatherings**” highlighting cultural components presented in Indian Country through case studies, lecture, seminar, film, and guest speakers.





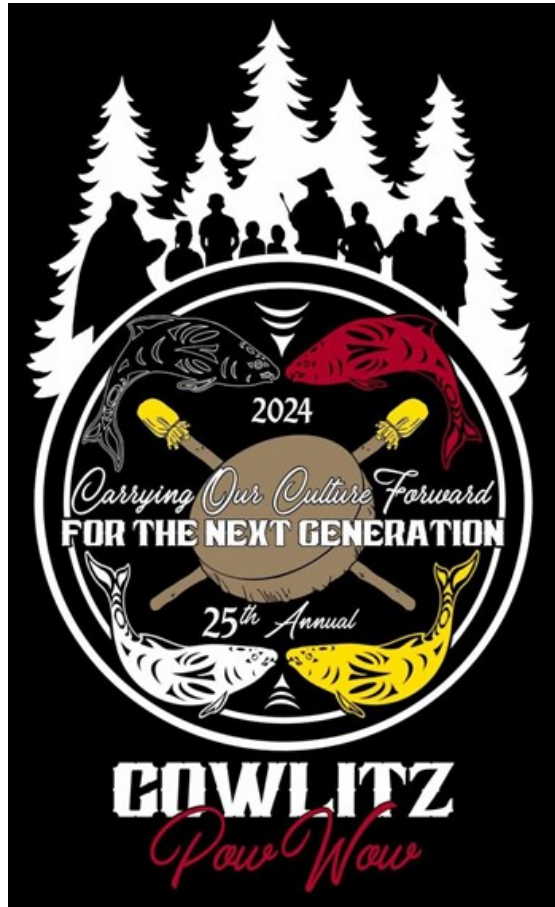
## GHC Native Pathways Degree

### REASONS TO CHOOSE THE GHC NPP DEGREE

- 1.) Culturally relevant curriculum. 40% of the 90 credits you need for the degree have cultural relevance.
- 2.) An advisor is immediately available for assistance with admissions, class selection, academic support and more.
- 3.) The degree articulates with the upper division Native Pathways program at Evergreen, but it is transferrable to most all four year colleges.
- 4.) Weekend gatherings with upper division Evergreen Native Pathways students enriches the course of study and is an avenue of introducing GHC students in a welcoming way to a four-year curriculum.

### TIA ALLEN INSTRUCTS IN NATIVE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Tia Allen (MA) will continue during fall quarter to instruct the Program Humanities courses that support the cultural relevance to the degree. Students in these courses meet with upper division Evergreen students for lecture, film, and seminar on culturally relevant topics.



## THE COWLITZ 25TH ANNUAL POWWOW

Join the Cowlitz Indian Tribe for their 25th Annual Powwow! This year's theme is "Carrying Our Culture Forward for The Next Generation." On Saturday September 14, grand entries are at 12pm (noon) and 7pm. Salmon dinner will be served at 5pm. For questions or additional information, send an email to [powwow@cowlitz.org](mailto:powwow@cowlitz.org) This event is open to the public and will be held in Longview at the Cowlitz County Events Center..

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### BARLAN COMPLETES TRAINING

GHC Native Pathways Clerical Assistant, Misty Barlan, is also Native Ed. Coordinator for the Aberdeen School District. She has just been awarded a certificate of completion for the Strengthening Tribal Consultation training held on August 13. This training was delivered through the Office of Native Education at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and was awarded on August 22.







### **KAMALA HARRIS PLEDGES TO HONOR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

Vice President Kamala Harris, the freshly minted Democratic nominee for president, is making a clear pitch for the Native vote. “I will always honor tribal sovereignty and respect tribal self-determination,” she declared during a rally last week at the Desert Diamond Arena in Glendale, Arizona. “Her statement reflects continuity with the Obama-Biden and Biden-Harris administrations, which have been the best presidential administrations for Indian Country in history,” said Kevin Washburn, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma and former assistant secretary of Indian affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. (Indian Country Today)

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### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP THE FOCUS OF 2024 CANOE JOURNEY**

Elders passed on traditions to keep them alive for generations to come, as youth from over 100 Native Nations took the lead at this year’s annual Pacific Northwest canoe journey that culminated on August 5th. Introducing each canoe family in their traditional language when asking to come ashore is an important part of protocol for this event. (Indian Country Today)

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FUNDS SUPPORT CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

The Washington State Department of Commerce awarded \$52 million dollars in grant funding to support climate resilience for 28 federally recognized tribes within Washington. This funding was made possible by the Climate Commitment Act co-designed with Tribal Nations to ensure funds could be put to their highest and best use. (Nugquam)

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### **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE REACHES WATER AGREEMENT**

The Squaxin Island Tribe and Taylor Shellfish Farms celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony for a new water line early this summer. The long awaited project was possible through collaboration involving Taylor Fish Farms, Planning and Community Development, Executive Services, Natural Resources, Legal Council, Department of Housing and Urban Development, BIA, Indian Health Services, and Department of Health. This new water connection will meet projected water supply demands. (KLAH-CHE-MIN - Squaxin Island Tribe publication)

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### **HISTORIC AGREEMENT ON TREATY RIGHTS AND TERMINAL EXPANSION**

Earlier this summer, The Port of Grays Harbor authorized Executive Director to finalize and execute a monumental agreement relating to The Quinault Indian Nation’s treaty rights as a component of Ag Processing, Inc. a cooperative (AGP) and the Port’s Terminal expansion and Redevelopment Project. (Nugquam)

