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INDIAN TRIBAL & EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL PROGRAM

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All Native Graduation!

Every year we have increased our number of graduates and this year was no different. Spring 2013 we watched 14 Native Students participate in commencement and Spring 2014 watched 23! Our spring commencement at HSU allows students who plan on completing in the spring or fall to participate in the one and only spring commencement walk.

At this years All Native Graduation **Into the Current**, a contemporary Reggae band with ITEPP/STEM lead singer Connor Handley, and ITEPP/STEM guitarist Dominic Moore performed for our graduates and families. Into the Current was joined by the HSU drum singers including ITEPP students Sarah Caliguri and Nicole Woodrow.



We would like to thank two ITEPP Alumni Vincent Feliz for honoring our graduates with his songs/prayers and Lonyx Landry for emceeing the event.

This year's participants were:

Adela Arenas	BA – Anthropology
Anthony Barela	BS – EMP
Sean Berry*	BA – NAS
Tayshu Bommelyn	Admin Credential
Lance “Zak” Britton*	BA – LSEE
Tammy Carpenter	BA – NAS
Valeria Chavez	BA – Communications
Jessica Goodrow	BA – Social Work
Justina Harrison	BA – Social Work
Julia Hostler	MBA
Misty Lawson	BA – Social Work
Misty Blue Masten	BA – Child Development
Daraxa Mattice	MBA
Tyler Mitchell*	BA – Recreation Admin
Justin Mitchell*	BA – NAS
Merris Obie	BA – Social Work
Celia Perez	BA – Spanish Education
Cynthia Robinson	BA – Psychology
Natalie Van Pelt*	BA – Psychology
Jessica Slayton*	BA – Art Education
Kristin Valeski	BA – Social Work
Brittany Vigil*	BA – NAS
Raven Wilder-Surber*	BA – Business Admin

* Indicates not yet completed.

This year we are looking forward to adding another 60+ Native Freshman/Transfers/Grad students to our ITEPP family. Please be watching for emails with date deadlines and our Welcome Back BBQ.





HIGHLIGHTS

Student Summer Internships:



Sean Berry – BA NAS - *“I got a summer internship with the United States Forest Service – Lassen National Forest.”*

Kiaya Charlton-Grant – Senior Anthropology Major



– “I went to the Belize Archaeology Field Program; where I learned to dig at all sorts of archaeology sites. I even got to dig a burial for two days. This was very

exciting since I would like to go into osteology! The field school also allowed me to realize that I thoroughly enjoy archaeology as well as biological anthropology, which is great since I am well on my way to getting a specialization in both. When the field school was over I joined many of my fellow students and spent two days in Guatemala and two days in Belize exploring Archaeology and touristy spots.

When I arrived home I worked for two weeks (I worked the Kate Wolf Festival and the 4th of July), then I was off to another adventure. Our friend Ryan basically gave us a tour of the many districts of San Diego. We also went to three museums. We saw the Midway, Maritime museum, and the Museum of Man. I learned so much on this trip and yet had so much fun. After this we traveled to Joshua Trees, where we camped for two nights. The scenes out in the Mojave Desert are absolutely beautiful. There are gigantic rock, beautiful Joshua Trees that are home to many animals (and provide practically the only shade out there), gorgeous views of mountain ranges etc.”

Devina Miller – Junior Sociology Major - *“This summer I am working with the youth services*



department.” Native American Health Center in Oakland.

Skylar Nading – Senior EMP Major – *“I am doing a full-time internship with Environmental Restoration Technology. I am working as an assistant to a PG&E Program Coordinator, my title being Project Coordinator Assistant.”*

Braden Nichols – Freshman Environ Resource Engineer Major – *“This summer I worked as a Student Assistant for HSU Telecommunications and Network Services (TNS) 35 hours per week almost every week.”*

Anthony Barela – BS EMP – *“This summer I am*



working for INRSEP as well as the UC Berkeley Extension Office in Eureka. My position with the UC Berkeley Extension is to design and plan gardens at local elementary schools

(specifically those in Klamath, Orick, Pecwan, Weitchpec, and Orleans) using traditional ecological knowledge from my own family in combination with TEK from the local area regarding native food species (evergreen huckleberry, hazel, etc.). At the moment, I am primarily working on designs and harvest plans for a large garden at Margaret Keating Elementary School in Klamath.

My position with INRSEP has many facets, but in part, it is to help better establish relationships between the program and Tribal organizations in the local area. I have been working with the Yurok Tribe, the UC Berkeley Extension, and (soon) a program run by Frank Lake in partnership with the Warrior Institute in Hoopa.

Aside from work this summer, I have been working in my own garden, writing a book, and helping plan an upcoming wedding for my fiancé and I in Canada this January. Last month I also traveled to see my sister graduate high school and visit with my great grandmother. I have included two photos from the family visits in this email.”





STUDENT & ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Sue Burcell – MBA 1981, MA Education 2004 – *“I’m actually retired for the most part, doing a lot of transporting of grandkids & crocheting & learning about healthy lifestyles.*

I’m a lot healthier than I was in the past five years. Finally stopped dieting & learned how to eat--lots--& weigh less than I have since 1996!

When I get bored, I volunteer to help the Karuk grant writer. “

Chrystal Johnson – Senior Mathematics – *“My spearmint and spider plant are doing really well however my apple seedlings died due to my arch-nemesis: Powdery Mildew. Other than reading quite a bit, I barely escaped the throes of extreme boredom. Oh and I went to the memorial to my friend who was a phd in physics. I don’t really have access to many pictures, so I can’t really*



help you there. Wait... I was a part of the White Tiger Lion Dance performance in the parade and some really good pictures were taken.”

Jude Marshall – BA Rec Admin 2012 – *“I am now working for the Yurok Tribe’s Planning and Community Development Department as a Planner III Grant Writer. I recently obtained my first grant for \$50,000 for the newly*



constructed Yurok Country Visitors Center. Springwind Rojas and I are now engaged and our beautiful daughter Hazel (4 years old) is Kindergarten bound.”

Frank Portillo – Alumnus 2011 – *“I did go to CIMC Entrepreneur Leadership Training recently. The program is incredible! Great people and fantastic networking*



possibilities. The training was for any size business. I am networking to partner with those with a similar passion. This will help me towards my goal of opening a wellness center one day!

I am experiencing success in Real Estate Investment and making connections to make my dream come true! I do get homes and property leads that I do pass forward to the local Tribe for any possible housing interests. I do this before I send out for maximum profit to my buyers. The homes are all over the nation and recently I offered a home to local Tribes to Crescent City area with no response except from Smith River who did look at the opportunity.”

Melanie Smokey – BA LSEE 1993 – *“I am still working with the Washoe Tribe as the GED Instructor & Educational Liaison but have been informed that they*



may close my position so I am in limbo! I am looking forward to attending college part time in the fall for plant medicine.”



We would like to invite all of our Alumni to email us with pictures and job titles. We think it would make an interesting story (or series of stories) to identify all the ITEPP grads in key positions in tribal, government and Education fields. The impact is huge! Email: mmj5@humboldt.edu



NEWS FROM THE CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

The CRC is a public lending library with over 6500 dedicated resources. Over the years, it has become a “go-to” research facility for students and faculty. Our catalogue is online and may be searched under ITEPP at <http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php>

This Spring and Summer 2014 one of our videos was used in Professor Jack Murphy’s Upper Division GE course ENV 308 Ecotopia. He received 35 pages worth of comments about the “History and Hope” video that show that our students at Humboldt State are interested & intrigued in learning about the Native American Cultures from a Native point of view.



We have added **35 new books** including Humboldt County’s Book of the Year **War Dances by Sherman Alexie**; **Native American Identities: from stereotype to Archetype in Art and Literature** by Scott Vickers; and **Tending The Wild** by Anderson.

To see a list of all the new materials including Youtube videos please go to the ITEPP webpage @ <http://www.humboldt.edu/itepp/crc.html>.

As always we would like to thank our alumni and patrons for donating dollars and used books/videos to the collection. If you, or your library, are in need of some mending techniques give us a call at 707-826-3672 to set a date.

CRC Book Repair and Creations



This summer we have updated the collection with new materials, repairing old and making hardback books out of the old paperbacks and binders.

You can now check out **Sappir’s Hupa Text** edited by Victor Golla, as well as look up Yurok words in the **Yurok Language Dictionary** both now in hardback thanks to our CRC Coordinator Marlette Grant-Jackson.



We look forward to seeing you August 25, 2014!
Have a great remainder of the summer!