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Posoh mawaw new weyak!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Shannon Chapman and I am the new Tribal Education Director. I began this position in June 2016, taking the place of Virginia Nuske, who retired after serving the community in this role for 41 years. I join Gen Tomow and Sue White in this department. Gen has been an integral part of the Education Department, having worked here for 38 years: first as Secretary, then as Administrative Assistant and now Program Assistant. Sue has operated the GED Adult Education Program for 5 years. In case you aren't aware, our offices are located on the College of Menominee Nation campus. Sue is located in the Technology Center; and Gen and I are located in Glen Miller Hall within the Student Services / Financial Aid wing of the building.

The Tribal Education office administers 3 programs:

1. Higher Education is for students seeking a bachelor's degree.
2. Adult Vocational Training is for students seeking a 1-year certificate or 2-year associates degree.
3. Adult Education Program is for GED instruction and work-related development.

We also have limited resources through Tribal Supplemental funds which assist individuals who are pursuing their master's degrees.

The Tribal Education Dept. also receives correspondence from a variety of sources: The WI Department of Public Instruction, the WI Indian Education Association, the National Indian Education Association, other tribes, colleges/universities, area school districts, etc. This department will share information with the community so that you are aware of what educational opportunities are out there, be it scholarship information, college prep camps,

internships, career and college fairs, financial aid updates, professional development opportunities, etc.

This department is one of many community resources that work together to support the vision statement of the Menominee Tribe:

We envision the Omaeqnomenewak (People of the Wild Rice) as a strong, healthy, and proud nation living in accordance with its culture and beliefs, and possessing the resources necessary to be successful in achieving our goals.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office!

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Student Checklist for Tribal Education Grants

- ◇ Apply for admission and be accepted into a degree-seeking program at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical college.
- ◇ Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ◇ Forms to complete for the Tribal Education Dept:
 - Indian Grant App.** (yearly)
 - Education Plan** (initially, and update if your major changes)
- ◇ Review Tribal Education Student Handbook funding guidelines
- ◇ Submit your grade report to the Tribal Education office each term. Students must maintain a 2.0 term GPA for continued funding.

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Words of Advice



Recently I had the opportunity to chat with our Tribal Lower Court Judge, Bridget Long. We

spoke about college opportunities and she made a comment which is good advice for anyone who is pursuing higher education. She spoke of the loan debt that was incurred in the process of pursuing her degree. In hindsight she stated that she wished she had taken the time to fill out scholarship applications in order to reduce the amounts of her loans. She states,

“Take the time to write for every scholarship that you may qualify for, these scholarship awards may help you to avoid an even greater

stress after graduation due to a high student debt amount. More importantly, less stress after graduation will allow you to have more time to focus on your career and helping your community. After all, getting your education and giving back to your community is what our Elders tell us to do.”

Bridget is a 1989 graduate of Menominee High School. She has a Bachelor’s Degree with an emphasis in First Nations from UW-Green Bay and Master’s Degree in Indian Law from the University of Tulsa.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Pursuing education in a health care profession? The WI Medical Society Foundation is offering the Amy Hunter-Wilson, MD, Scholarship to American Indian students in the health-related field.

Applications are due by February 1, 2017. The website is listed to the right of this sidebar.

Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities

Attention students! Soon it will be time to start your scholarship search for the 2017/18 academic year. Here are some scholarships to consider. Applications for the local scholarships will be made available in the Tribal Education office and website this winter.

Vietnam Veterans of America Wisconsin State Scholarship - Three \$1,500 scholarships

- Open to all high school seniors and all continuing education students
- Deadline: February 15, 2017 (entries must be postmarked no later than this date)

Annual Merit-based WIEA Scholarship - Four \$1,000 scholarships

- Open to New/Continuing Vocational/Technical/Tribal College Students; Entering Freshman to 4 year college; Undergraduate Students; Graduate Students
- Deadline: May 1, 2017

Annual Menominee Tribal Merit-based Scholarship - Four \$1,000 scholarships

- Open to Graduating high school seniors; Undergraduate Students; Vocational/Technical/Tribal College Students; Graduate Students
- Deadline: June 1, 2017

Other Scholarship Resources (right click on each to open hyperlink to webpage)

- www.wiea.org Select: “About WIEA,” “Scholarships,” then “Financial Aid & Scholarships.” You will find American Indian College Fund, American Indian Education Foundation, etc.
- <http://cobellscholar.org/>
- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.fedmoney.org
- www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org (for those pursuing health care professions)
- <http://dpi.wi.gov/weop/tip-grant> (for high school seniors/1st time college students)

Do you know about College Horizons?

College Horizons is a 6-day "crash course" in preparing for the college application process. At each site, approximately 100 Native students from across the nation work with over 70 college professionals to help students:

Experience life on a campus - dorms, food and facilities!

- Select 10 suitable colleges to apply to
- Write memorable essays and create a resume
- Complete winning applications using the Common Application
- Start a FAFSA

- Receive test taking strategies and resources for the ACT & SAT
- Navigate the financial aid and scholarship jungle
- Attend a College Fair and multiple info sessions with over 40 colleges!

Apply: Applications will be available on the website by October 15
Deadline: Completed applications due in early February 2017

Eligibility: Applicants must be American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian; maintain a 3.00 GPA (in academic courses) and be in **10th or 11th grade**

Application Components: Student Application & Essay, Teacher & Counselor Recommendations and official transcripts.

Cost of Program: \$450 cost includes tuition, room, meals, program materials, and ground transportation to/from the airport to campus. Airfare from student's home to program site is not included **but scholarships and financial aid are available for tuition/travel.**

Scholarships: Each year 50% of admitted students are awarded tuition and/or travel assistance to attend our programs

Attention 10th & 11th grade students!

College Horizons 2017 will

be hosted at:

Princeton University

New Jersey

June 16 - 23, 2017

&

Whitman College

Washington state

July 7 - 14, 2017

www.collegehorizons.org

Financial Aid for College STARTS HERE

FAFSA OPENS OCTOBER 1

To apply for federal student aid for college or career school and for most state and institutional aid, you must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year that you

attend. The quickest way is on-line using **FAFSA on the Web:** www.fafsa.ed.gov beginning **October 1st.**

Financial aid offices use FAFSA information to determine if you are eligible for different types of stu-

dent aid, such as grants, loans, and work-study. So be sure to fill it out even if you think you won't qualify. Tribal Education & CMN Financial Aid will be hosting sign-up events this fall for high school seniors and parents. Stay tuned.

Did you know?

The Tribal Education Department has been in existence since 1975. According to our database, this office has assisted in helping the following numbers of Menominee tribal members with their pursuit of higher education:

- ◆ Technical Diploma/Certificates: 424

- ◆ Associate/Bachelor's Degrees: 506
- ◆ Master's Degrees: 68
- ◆ Doctorate degrees: 10

When the office first opened back in 1975 there were 37 Menominee tribal members in college. Today there is an average of well over 200 per year.



Virginia Nuske retired after 41 years as the Tribal Education Director. She still plays an active role with the Wisconsin Indian Education Association and the CMN Board of Directors, among other interests.

GRADUATE HORIZONS

WORKSHOP 2018

Graduate Horizons is a four-day "crash course" in preparing for graduate school (masters/doctorate programs) and professional schools.

For more information

visit

www.graduatehorizons.org

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The mission of the Tribal Education Department is to cooperatively provide assistance and support to Menominee and community residents who are in need of preparation to advance in the workforce or pursue higher educational opportunities.

- Cultivate and maintain a positive and cooperative working environment among all tribal programs and departments.
- Ensure that tribal members are able to access the services they need, when they need them, without unnecessary barriers.
- Lead by example with professionalism, timeliness, friendliness and follow through.

George Washington University Native American Political Leadership Program

ALD/GED/HSED Programs

GED/HSED: Students must be 18 1/2 years old to be eligible. Instruction is offered Tuesday—Friday from 8:00 am-4:30 pm with individualized directions. Student establishes schedule with the Instructor. As of July 1st, GED and HSED students are required to pass a civics test (60 out of 100 questions).

GED/HSED Pearson Vue Testing Site is a licensed testing site located at the College of Menominee Nation CTC building. Open to the public.

Adult Alternative Education Program a self paced program which allows you to work around your schedule. This state of Wisconsin certified diploma is earned by completing 16 high school credits which consist of:

- ☑ English 4 credits
- ☑ Social Studies 3 credits
- ☑ Mathematics 3 credits
- ☑ Science 3 credits
- ☑ Health 1/2 credit
- ☑ Physical Ed. 1 1/2 credit
- ☑ Employability 1/2 credit
- ☑ Financial literacy /12 credit

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The Native American Political Leadership Program

offers full scholarships to Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian undergraduate and graduate students to study applied American politics as a part of the Semester in Washington Politics program at GW.

The scholarship includes up to 9 credits in tuition, on-campus housing, round trip air travel, and a stipend for books and living expenses.

The more than 160 students who have received this scholarship report to returning to their schools and communities with fresh perspectives, knowledge, and skills about the political process and community organizing. They find themselves better prepared to give back and take a leadership role in their communities.

Students can apply online now at:

www.naplp.gwu.edu

The Spring 2017 deadline is November 1, 2016.

The Summer 2017 deadline is March 1, 2017.

Walking down the hallways of the CMN campus during a class break, I stumbled upon a flier for an internship opportunity in Washington, D.C. George Washington University's School of Political Management has a program called Native American Political Leadership Program where you learned how to win elections, lobby, influence public opinion, and political strategy. I had an internship on Capitol Hill where I learned how to navigate Congress and learned the importance of gardening as a teaching tool in 21st century education. I brought this knowledge home and started political organizing. You might have seen my campaign signs for Menominee Indian School Board in 2010. I passed the primary and lost by 50 votes. I wouldn't have had the confidence to run for an elected office if it wasn't for NAPLP. I have lifelong friendships with a few of my classmates from the program. My advice for anyone that wants to enroll in NAPLP is go for it. There have been three Menominee who have completed the program. We need more Menominee in Washington, D.C. impacting the legislative process and networking with key policymakers. If there is one thing I took away from the program is this: It's not what you know, but who you know." - Marcus Grignon NAPLP 2009



INSPIRE Pre-College Program for Native High School Students

Summer 2017

The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is a 3-week long program centering on a full-day experiential undergraduate course, Native Politics and the American Political System, which provides Native high school students the opportunity to meet and interview influential Native advocates working in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the daily meetings and class lectures, the INSPIRE students work on individual and group research projects that focus on important local and national Native issues. At the conclusion of the program, students submit policy memos and make a 10-minute presentation on the topic of their research projects.

Students can apply online at <https://inspire.naplp.gwu.edu/>

The Summer 2017 deadline is March 1, 2017.