



TULALIP EDUCATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025

A Message from Jessica Bustad, Executive Director



What a year it's been! We couldn't be more proud of our students, from kindergarten through higher education. Their resilience and dedication truly shone through, and it's been amazing to witness their achievements.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support system surrounding them; our families, our devoted educators, and the wider community have all played vital roles. It's a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together.

Now, as we celebrate a successful school year, we're already looking ahead. We're excited to foster year-round learning opportunities and encourage family engagement throughout the summer. And of course, we're eagerly anticipating the start of another productive academic year. The future is bright for our Tulalip students!

Youth Council

Courtney Jefferson is the new Youth Council Advisor. Youth Council meetings are held weekly on **Thursdays**, and all Native youth in **grades 6-12** are welcome.

Courtney can be contacted at courtneyseldon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

Family Resource

The Family Resource Department congratulates **Aliyah Hernandez** on her new role as Finance Specialist.

The department successfully managed Graduation 2025 and ensured that student needs are met.

Graduated students have until **July 31st** to utilize funding, with an exception for diploma stipends. Private School Funding applications for 2025-26 are due by **August 2025**.

Higher Education

The Higher Education department continues to support students.

The hiring process for a **new Manager** is currently underway.



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Prevention

Zenitha Jimicum, a Tulalip tribal member, has joined the Education Division as the new Youth Prevention Project Manager. Jimicum, who previously served Native students in the Marysville School District for 17 years, will lead the development of prevention programming for the community.

Tulalip is one of five Washington State tribes, including Lummi, Colville, Jamestown S'Klallam, and Swinomish, implementing the Icelandic Prevention Model (IPM). A key aspect of this model is fostering open dialogue with the community, starting with meetings with youth and elders to gather their insights. Community members are encouraged to share their ideas in the coming months, as the commitment to wellness is lifelong. Jimicum can be reached at zjimicum@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov or **425-232-0116**. Additionally, Zee Jimicum is a former Native American liaison for the Marysville School District and has been appointed to the Washington State Native American Education Advisory Committee by OSPI Superintendent Chris Reykdal.



Positive Youth Development

Deyamonta Diaz, Interim Manager for Positive Youth Development, and Lisa Fryberg, Interim Lead Advocate, along with advocates Doug Salinas, Sandra Yon-Wagner, Zandria Velazquez, and Tony Hatch, congratulated the 5th, 8th, and 2025 graduating students on their **“moving up”** honoring events.

The Tulalip Education Division celebrated **87** graduates at the **Senior Banquet** on June 10th.

The **Summer Youth Employment program** application is open until **June 17th** for students aged 14-18.

A **“Back 2 School Back”** event is scheduled for **August 20th**.

The department highlighted four **Senior Students of the Year**: Joseph Davis (IEPC Boy of the Year), Charley Dick (IEPC Senior Girl of the Year), Keldan Pablo (Tulalip Senior Boy of the Year), and Julianna Fryberg (Tulalip Senior Girl of the Year).

Homework Support and Tutorial Program

The Homework Support team is preparing for Summer School, which will run from **July 21st to August 14th, 2025**, in two sessions: **9:00am to 12:00pm** and **1:00pm to 3:30 pm**. Students will need to sign up with the Boys & Girls Club, which provides lunches.

A Robotics Camp will take place from **July 28th to 31st**, with lunch provided on-site.

Summer School will focus on preparing students for the next grade level with individualized programs.





Lushootseed

The Lushootseed Department is partnering with Natural Resources for a **Fish Camp** from **June 17th-22nd**, and will host the **28th Annual Language Camp** over two weeks in July (**July 7th-11th and July 14th-18th**). The department has provided instruction in numerous classes across various locations, including TELA, QCT, Marshall Co-op, MP, Heritage, and NWIC. They also hosted seven **Educator/Community Engagement Nights** at Hibulb Cultural Center in April and May. The annual **Traditional Clam Bake**, incorporating traditional materials like kelp and thimbleberry leaves, was held on June 13th. The team is actively harvesting cedar bark and devil's club to maintain supplies for projects. The department is seeking dedicated language warriors for open positions.



Youth & Family Enrichment

The Tulip Youth and Family Enrichment team welcomes middle and high school youth for a summer of adventure and growth, prioritizing a safe and inclusive environment. Membership forms and permission slips are required and available at the Don Hatch Youth Center Front Desk. Summer activities include, **“Summer Start” Pre-Camp** from **June 17th-July 3rd**, and **Summer Camp** from **July 7th-August 15th**. Clinics for Lacrosse, Basketball, Football, Cheer, and art therapy will be held weekly on **Wednesdays** starting **July 2nd**.

August events include the **RaeQuan Battle Basketball Camp**, **Community Bidy Ball**, a **BINGO Celebration** on **August 15th**, and **“Salute to Native American Night at the Mariners”** on **August 26th**.

The Don Hatch Youth Center operates **Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm**, providing breakfast and lunch daily. The facility will be **closed** from **August 21st** until the **first day of school** for the Marysville School District.

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