



# Higher Education **E-News**

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## GRADUATION BANQUET 2013

The Graduation Banquet was held on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Tulalip Resort Casino Hotel. The theme was “Dress to Impress” and honored our current years graduates, GED through PhD. This luxurious experience provided by Tulalip Resort Casino Banquets was memorable. The variety in the menu selections was extensive as well as delicious. The decorations were very creative, featuring the gold fish bowls with red Beta fish in each bowl. The color scheme was black, red and white – Tulalip Tribes’ signature colors.

Meaningful graduation gifts were provided for each student. The gifts were awarded by Wendy Fryberg, Manager of Higher Education Department, noting the degree achieved. Friends and family spent the evening honoring their student.

The entertainment highlights of the evening were speakers, Mel Sheldon (chairman of Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors) and Phino Fernandez, our student speaker. Both speakers illuminated on the value of education from their own point of view. As a first time speaker, Phino did an excellent job.

Special Native American Hoop Dancing was performed by Terry Goedel. A description of Hoop Dancing informs us that during the dance, shapes are formed in storytelling ritual such as the butterfly, the eagle, the snake and the coyote, with the hoop symbolizing the never-ending circle of life.

The Graduation Banquet is one way we are able to honor our graduating students each year taking special note of their personal accomplishment, as well as contributing to the creation of a healthy and culturally vibrant Tulalip Tribes community.

*“Man’s mind stretched to a new idea  
never goes back to it’s original dimensions.”*  
Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

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## HIGHER ED REQUIREMENT REMINDER!

Below is a list of requirements for all Higher Education students requesting funding for fall 2013.

- Complete Higher Ed Application.
- Provide proof of enrollment as a Tulalip member.
- Provide High School Diploma or GED – If you do not have either you must sign a 6 month agreement.
- Running start students must provide a letter from high school counselor.
- Provide results of Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) 2013-14.
- Provide a complete education program plan and a goal letter – Stating your academic goals, how you plan to reach those goals, projected outcomes.
- Must sign the agreement acknowledging receipt and reading the Higher Education Policy regarding student responsibilities and probationary status.
- UA results – Taken at your nearest health clinic or at Tulalip Admin Building (CDAT Program).
- Tuition invoice from college/institute of your choice.
- Class schedule.
- Diving or other (physical requirement) certificate program students must pass a UA and Physical paper work must be provided.
- Room & Board students must provide a lease agreement and W-9 from landlord.

These documents should be provided to Higher Ed staff at least two (2) weeks prior to school start date. You may submit your paperwork via email, fax, or postage.

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## Funding for your Degree Programs

If you don't have a clear career path mapped out, there are ways to help you narrow down your choices. Before you can make a career choice you will have to learn more about yourself. Your values, interests, skills in combination with certain personality traits will make some careers more or less suitable for you. As you take inventory of these attributes, you should come away with a list of careers that are appropriate for you based on what you have found out about yourself. If you need direction, call us at 360-716-4888.

At first you want to gather some basic information on each career on your list. By doing some preliminary research, you can narrow down that list. You can look at data like the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, **2010 Job Outlook** (<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/2012/spring/spring2012ooq.pdf>) to help you decide where the jobs are going to be in the future. This search could also give you inspiration looking at careers that were possibly not even on your radar. The job projections will give you a broad overview of future employment over the entire 2010-2020 decade.

One way to keep options open while choosing a program of study, would be to consider taking other courses that give you more flexibility and fun, i.e. writing, photography, art, etc. A good career path allows you to work to your strengths .

Once you have settled on your program choice and you are looking at funding options for your education, check with the Higher Education Department for the Policy Requirements needed to fund Tulalip members.

An area of that is very important but does not get a lot of press coverage is the funding of the degree program itself. The Tulalip Tribes Higher Education Policy states, "8.a. **Definitions for College/University Degree Programs:**

The Tulalip Tribes may fund students for the following degree Programs:

- College/University: AA, AAS, ATS, AGS, BA/BS, Post Graduate, Doctoral students. All schools must be accredited by an institution recognized by the United States Department of Education or their designee. Each student will be allowed One (1) Associates Degree, One (1) Bachelors Degree, One (1) Masters Degree and One (1) Post-graduate Professional Degree.

We also have a timeframe allowance in which these degrees must be acquired. So, time is of essence!!

"8. a. **Timeframe Allowance for College:**

- Full time students will be allowed to apply for a maximum of (12) quarters or (8) semesters of tribal education funding in order to achieve (1) AAS, ATS, AGS, or AA degree. Full time students will be allowed to apply for an additional (12) quarters for classes and an additional (2) years to complete the dissertation. Part time students will be allowed more time, upon submitting a written request to the Higher Education Department and approved by the Adult Services Executive Director.

If you are contemplating changing direction, please consult the Higher Education staff (360-716-4888) concerning restrictions and how this would impact funding.

## Insights from Shawneen ....

Hello, my name is Shawneen Zackuse I am the new Higher Education Manager. A little about me ...I have three children ages 18, 13, & 9. I have a Master's in Business Administration and currently working on a Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology. I have worked for the Tulalip Tribes since October 1999. I look forward to working with the Tribal Membership, to further your Educational Goals.

*Shawneen Zackuse*

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IS AT FIRST IMPOSSIBLE."***

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