

EOU NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

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ABOUT THE NAP

We are Eastern Oregon University's Native American Program! Our goal is to help Native American and other Indigenous students to find a community here at EOU and better promote Indigenous cultures and identities. With our newsletter, we hope to inform you of events and opportunities, as well as getting to know our members!



SPEEL-YA NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT COUNCIL



OFFICERS

President: Jordan Patt
Vice-President: Haylee Swiger
Secretary: Jan Ng

ADVISORS

NAP Advisor: Katie Harris Murphy

Faculty Advisor: Linda Jerofke

<https://www.eou.edu/nap/speel-ya-club/>

MEET THE OFFICERS!

Pictured top left to right: Katie, Taylor (member), Joseph (member), Linda. Bottom left: Jordan, Jan, Haylee.

The Speel-Ya Native American Club is the longest running club here at EOU. Throughout the year Speel-Ya members work together to host fundraisers, learn event planning, opportunities to participate in group activities (trips, trapshooting, group crafts, etc), and plan the annual EOU Indian Arts Pow Wow.

"Our mission is to raise awareness, educate and promote the cultures of Native American people by working with other EOU clubs and organizations in the promotion of diversity. Speel-Ya aims to assist new Native American student in the transition of being a new college student and to promote cultural pride, academic success and leadership for all students participating in Speel-Ya."

KATIE MURPHY

Speel-Ya Advisor

Located in Hoke 217, Katie Murphy is the Native American Program Coordinator and one of the two Speel-Ya Club advisors. Katie is additionally a Student Diversity and Inclusion team member. Being a past Speel-Ya member and now advisor, Katie continues to promote a great group of individuals here at EOU. In Speel-Ya we get to help the next generation of leaders learn management skills, leadership skills, collaborative skills and see them grow into professionals. Katie has 5 horses, 2 dogs, 1 cat, many chickens, and a goat. Her hobbies include: traveling, gardening, hunting, fishing, riding her horses/starting horses, branding, listening to podcasts, swan dancing, being in the mountains and beading.



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LINDA JEROFKE

Speel-Ya Faculty Advisor

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WY'EAST PATHWAY

The Wy'east Pathway is designed as a post-baccalaureate pathway for American Indian and Alaska Native students to prepare them for successful application for medical school and to excel as medical students and physicians.

Preparing American Indian/Alaska Native students to excel as physicians.

“We’re trying to inspire people to serve those who need it most” – Dr. Erik Brodt, Anishinaabe



WY'EAST INAUGURAL COHORT

Wy'east Post-Baccalaureate Pathway

Wy'east is a post-baccalaureate pathway for American Indian and Alaska Native students to prepare them to excel as medical students and physicians. Wy'east is intended for individuals who were not accepted to medical school or who do not possess a qualifying MCAT score for medical school.

Wy'east Pathway

- One year pathway (September – June)
- MCAT preparation course
- Foundations of biomedical sciences
- Population health and health disparities
- Academic skills and wellness
- Clinical observation
- Research experience
- Indigenous health and wellness
- Anatomy and physiology
- Cultural activities

Wy'east is the traditional Chinookan name for Mt. Hood, a prominent feature of the Columbia River region.

Successful completion of the Wy'east Pathway results in conditional acceptance into OHSU School of Medicine or WSU College of Medicine

Conditional acceptance is granted if a scholar:

- Possesses a qualifying MCAT for medical school
- Meets professionalism standards
- Successfully completes all course requirements

Wy'east Pathway Eligibility

- Completion of an undergraduate degree at an accredited 4-year college or university
- Overall GPA 2.6 (WSU) or 2.8 (OHSU) or greater
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Meets Washington state residency or ties to state requirements (WSU only)

Application Includes:

- Primary Application
- Secondary Application (*applicants receive secondary application if they meet the minimum eligibility criteria of the pathway*)
- Unofficial transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation

Wy'east is not an accredited academic pathway. This means:

- OHSU Financial Aid Office cannot be used to process any funding a Wy'east scholar has (such as scholarships or grants)
- No degree will be awarded

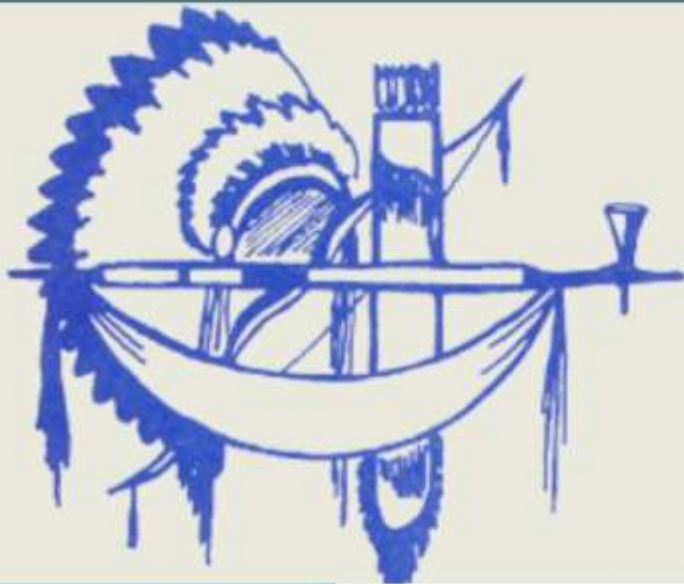


The primary application for next year's cohort opened April 1st and secondary applications are due May 31st

<https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/nnacoe/wyeast-post-baccalaureate-pathway>



BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE



Located in rural Eastern Oregon, the Burns Paiute Tribe consists of descendants of the Wadatika Band of the Northern Paiutes. The history of the Burns Paiute Tribe is seen as both tragic and inspiring to members of the tribe, and many more. As ancestors of the

ABOUT

Location:
Burns, Oregon

Language:
Wadatika

Current Pop: ~400

tribe resisted colonization of settlers, the Tribe fought to preserve their traditional ways. Although a treaty was later signed, it was never ratified. In 1869, land was set aside for the Malheur Reservation, but it was short-lived. Upon the Bannock War, the Malheur Reservation was returned to 'public domain' and those left of the Wadakita returned to Harney Valley to see that their tribe was left landless. Without land to call their own, a makeshift tribal encampment was established on the outskirts of Burns, Oregon. Later, the tribe was able to purchase the land, and are now able to call it their own. Due to the returning

survivors, the language and many traditional subsistence and cultural practices were able to be preserved. Although there were very limited resources in the makeshift encampment, the members of the tribe were able to hold their close-knit ways by relying on each other to survive. By the 1960's, tribal members began gradually shifting towards the use of the English language. Before in the 1920's, the Burns Paiute Tribe was considered as basically forgotten. Today, financial resources that help in preserving and protecting the heritage are scarce. As a result of the scarce resources, the tribe is only recently 're-established', and able to keep a Culture & Heritage Department. In this department, the teachings of the tribe's elders are held with very high and precious value. It is also a way to provide additional opportunities as a way to help families grow with strength and keep the community tied together as further work is put toward the goal of saving the Burns Paiute culture.

NAP STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



JORDAN PATT

TRIBE: Warm Springs, Colville, Yakima

MAJOR: Business Administration

MINOR: (3) Health & Wellness, Communications, & Psychology

HOMETOWN: Warm Springs, OR

HOBBIES: Sports, Eating, Procrastinating

FAVORITE FOOD: Chicken Strips & Ranch or French Toast & Strawberries

FAVORITE SPORT: Volleyball, Softball (Fast-Pitch and Slow-Pitch)



"Mindset is Everything"

¡CONÉCTATE!

SHARE | LEARN | CONNECT

ReImagined 2020



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Virtual Gathering

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM PST

<https://www.eou.edu/mc/conectate-2020/>

PET HIGHLIGHT



Meet Lucy!

Lucy is a Golden Retriever! Her favorite foods are carrots and rawhide. She's an excellent bird dog and loves to play!



EOU NAP Alumni Spotlight



Leah Harris

Tribal Affiliation: Cayuse, Nez Perce, Umatilla, Oglala Sioux

Major: B.S. Psychology

Club Involvement: Speel-Ya Club, Psychology Club

Profession: Youth Program Coordinator

As the Youth Program Coordinator, Leah plans and coordinates after-school youth activities. She also plans college/university trips throughout the year so that the students can get exposed to higher education and see the variety of schools out there. She really enjoys her job and loves getting to know the kids and being able to provide a safe environment for them.



Favorite memory at EOU:

Attending theater productions and attending homework study groups.

Favorite class taken at

EOU: A combination of Psychology classes, Sociology classes and Art classes.



Alumna L-R Julie Gulliford, Leah Harris, & Nicole Almanza



SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: EOU.NAP

INSTAGRAM: EOU.NAP

WEBSITE:

WWW.EOU.EDU/NAP



THROWBACK!

Here's another #ThrowbackThursday from the Pierce Library Archives! We have been preparing for our EOU Indian Arts Spring Powwow since before 1979! Pictured here is a NAP student working on a large dream catcher.

Next issue comes out 5/14/2020

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