

NCAI PRESIDENT AT EVERGREEN

Improving educational success for Native Americans was the theme of a lecture by Brian Cladoosby, current president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and chairman of the Swinomish Indian Senate.

Cladoosby's lecture marks an enhanced effort by Evergreen to develop curricula and programs that meet the needs of Native students. Some 4.5 percent of current Evergreen students are Native American.

The Longhouse Education and Cultural Center is the first Native longhouse built on a public college campus in the U.S. The college also offers a master of public administration degree with a concentration on tribal governance, a program of study on Native American and world indigenous peoples, and sponsors a reservation-based program where classes are offered locally and the study topics are determined in partnership of the Coast Salish Gathering, which comprises British Columbia First Nations and Western Washington tribes. (This portion of the article was taken from the Evergreen Official Press Release).



Presidents: Les Purce– Evergreen
Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish)- NCAI

MPA Tribal Governance Concentration sees highest enrollment ever for Fall 2014.

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ENDURING LEGACIES NATIVE CASES

The 10th annual Native Cases Institute will be held at the Tulalip Resort Hotel August 24-26. The institute attracts a broad audience of college and high school teachers as well as others working on behalf of Indian people in tribes, state agencies and the legislature. At this Institute keynote speakers Senator John McCoy, Sam Deloria and Vivian Arviso will discuss emerging issues in Indian Country. Fifty people are expected to attend the Native Cases institute which is funded through generous grants from the Tulalip Tribes and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. The Native Cases address a wide range of important issues in Indian country today, such as climate change, salmon restoration, education, health, economic development, and leadership. Contact Barbara Smith at www.nativecases.evergreen.edu. The Enduring Legacies Native Cases collection includes more than 90 original cases; free to download from the website www.nativecases.evergreen.edu.

Greeners at Washington Indian Education Conference in Spokane

Micah McCarty (Makah), Special Assistant to the President for Tribal Relations at Evergreen), Cindy Marchand Cecil (Director Reservation Based Program) and Barbara Leigh Smith (Director Native Cases Initiative) attended the Washington Indian Education Association's annual conference in Spokane in early April.

McCarty gave one of the keynote addresses. Micah said Washington tribes are in the process of "repatriating our sovereignty." He stressed the resilience of Native nations and the importance of stories and "keeping the living breath of our ancestors alive." Marchand-Cecil and Smith did a workshop on Evergreen's Enduring Legacies Native Cases Project.



Patsy Whitefoot (Yakima and President of Wa Indian Ed Assoc), Micah McCarty, Barbara Leigh Smith)

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Kendra Aguilar, from an RBCD program graduate and MPA Tribal Governance alumnus to a PHD student

Kendra is part of the first ever cohort of U.S. Tribal students to pursue their Doctorate in Indigenous Development and Advancement (IDA) through Te Whare Wananga O Awanuiarangi, an Indigenous-Maori University based in New Zealand.

John McCoy, Tulalip, at Evergreen as MPA Adjunct Faculty



JOHN R. McCoy, Democrat, represents the 38th Legislative District, which includes the Tulalip, Marysville and Everett communities of Snohomish County.

Lummi Victims of Crime Unit Recognized For Providing Outstanding Advocacy, highlights MPA student, Nikki Finkbonner



MPA student and LVOC program coordinator and staff member, Nikki Finkbonner, received an award for outstanding commitment to eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault in the Native American community by Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

MPA WELCOMES MICHAEL LANE

Evergreen's MPA Program extends an excited WELCOME to new faculty member, **AND 1988 Evergreen Alumni**, Michael Lane, Menominee Nation and his family; Sharon Heta, who is Maori from Aotearoa, New Zealand, their three daughters, and their 18 month old grandson.

Michael has been a "boots on the ground" advocate for Indigenous Peoples and self-governance for 36 years. Michael is currently obtaining his PhD, in Indigenous Studies with **Trent University**. He obtained his Masters in Indigenous Studies, with First Class Honors at **Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi**, New Zealand. His thesis topic involved: Indigenous Peoples Self Government, Tribal Sovereignty, Early Treaty Making,

Aboriginal Title/Discovery Doctrine, Legal History of Self Government (Canada, New Zealand, and United States). Michael also graduated from **Arizona State University College of Law**, in 1994 with a specialty in Federal Indian Law, Juris Doctor.

At Evergreen, we ask our MPA population to use their heads, hearts and minds to put into practice the changes they would like to see in the world. Michael has proven to be a living, breathing vessel for positive change. With actions and conviction, Michael is working to improve the lives of his community. We are thrilled to learn from him and again we extend a warm welcome to Michael and his family as they settle into the beautiful Pacific Northwest.