**MPA Student/Alumni Panel**

**Alumni**

**Dawnadair Lewis (Quinault) – 2014 alum, CDPT**

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Associate Director for The Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Dawnadair received her Business Administration Degree from South Puget Sound Community College in 2009. Dawnadair earned her undergraduate degree in Human Services from The Evergreen State College in 2011 and recently earning her master’s degree in Public Administration concurrently earning her Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee (CDPT) certification

While earning an undergraduate degree, Dawnadair was hired to manage a domestic violence and sexual assault program for a local tribe. She provided domestic violence & sexual assault education for students at the Oakville school district. Dawnadair has been instrumental in coordinating services with law enforcement and school officials to bring a new bullying curriculum to the school that lacked funding for such services. She actively works with survivors of generational trauma and gained first-hand knowledge of challenges faced by individuals in and out of the state/tribal court process.

In addition, of her work directly related with survivors of domestic violence she works to assist with the development of Tribal programs and working to help tribes gain equal access to funding resources.

Dawnadair’s commitment towards ending domestic violence has provoked her to join the *Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence (ATCEV).* A coalition is made up of other Tribal coalitions organized to impact service delivery systems to tribal programs to help end violence against native women and their families.

Most recently Dawn attended a High level 2014 World Conference for Indigenous People held at the UN Headquarters New York City. Dawn’s focus is to strengthen laws and policies to protect the rights of Native Americans and their families.

**Pam Peters (Oklahoma Pawnee) – 2006 alum**

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Pam has taught in the Master of Public Administration Program at The Evergreen State College for the past 7 years. Pam teaches predominately in the areas of Human Resources Management and has taught other MPA curriculum as well. She has more than 20 years of Human Resource experience with specific expertise in Employee Relations, Training and Development, Talent Management, and Organizational Development. During her career, she has worked for Federal, State, County, City and Tribal Governments which gives her a unique perspective on doing Human Resources Management. Pam currently manages her own HR consulting business providing human resource consulting and training services to Tribes and the Public Sector.

**Patrick Sattler – 2014 alum**

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 Patrick is active advocate for adults with disabilities and volunteers his time through the L.E.A.D. program at both The Evergreen State College and at St. Martin's campus. In his spare time he is job hunting and putting together a research group to possibly pursue a doctoral in disabilities studies centered on the idea of collaborative living systems. He is interested in issues concerning advocacy, education, and employment of individuals with disabilities. His passion to assist others succeed in the majority population with disabilities is unsurpassed by few. His strong commitment towards helping others achieve their higher education goals has been a huge asset to his cohort and others who are considering pursuing their graduate degrees.

**Marjoree J. Corless (Port Gamble S’Klallam) – 2014 alum**

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 Greetings: I am Marjoree J. Corless. I am a proud Urban Indian. I graduated in 2011 with a BA from Evergreen in the Reservation Based Community Determined program and recently in June of 2014. In 2014 I graduated with a degree in Masters of Public Administration-Tribal Governance and was elected Keynote Speaker for our graduating class. I have worked full time as a Health Professional for three years and part time as an Executive Sales-Administrator for locally owned and operated Tribal business for the last five years. I have held the title of: Supervisor, Assistant Manager, Store Manager, Receptionist, Personal Assistant, and last but not least Office Administrative Assistant. I am blessed to be the ***first member of my family to achieve a graduate degree*** and look forward to my next completion of a doctorate degree in the next three years; I am currently pursuing a PhD –BA- Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with a specialization in Management. I envision myself working directly with Tribal, Federal and /or State government agencies regarding Native American, laws and business practices. It is my hope that I will be equipped with the fundamental skills of administration, laws, business and practices of Native Americans to be employed by most branches.