

NAYA Family Center NEWS



Empowering the Lives of Native Americans in the Portland Area

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The NAYA Family Center celebrated the grand opening of the NAYA Early College Academy during our Fall Gathering the evening of Friday, September 14th. We had a great turnout with over 200 people attending.

Northwest Indian Veterans Association (NIVA) opened up the evening with their Color Guard. NAYA Executive Director, Nichole Maher, introduced the evening and we were honored with Jennifer Noonan's flute playing and Becca Kirk's introduction of the "My Community Looks Like..." project on display at the event. Both Jennifer and Becca are students at the Academy and we appreciate their efforts!

Buffalo stew, salmon chowder, and bean soup were served for dinner along with side dishes brought by the community and fry bread served up by our great volunteers. **While enjoying this feast, we were enlightened and entertained by our guest speakers, Carol and Ed Edmo.** Carol told us of the early days of NAYA and Ed related a story about Snake.



Jennifer Noonan



Becca Kirk

Frank Hernandez, the Early College Academy administrator, introduced our Academy teachers and staff members and Lynn Ward introduced all of our new VISTAs. We gifted our elders with baskets filled to the brim with homemade jams, salmon, fresh vegetables, and other treats put together by NAYA staff. Many community members got to take a piece of the gathering home with them when we had so much leftover watermelon! The NIVA Color Guard closed the evening for us. **The NAYA Family Center thanks everyone who took part in the event!**

A few weeks before the Fall Gathering, Kay Eagle Staff came up with a great idea to showcase our family trees. We have such interesting and amazing ancestry in our families; she felt it would be educational and fun to make family trees to share with the community. At our Fall Gathering, Kay brought in a few posters showing her ancestors, family tree and stories from her family. If any families would be interested in making posters of their families including stories, photos and family trees, we can put them up during our gatherings so that our whole community can enjoy learning about the families that encompass Portland Metropolitan Area's American Indian and Alaska Native Community. If you would like more information please call Shilo at 503-288-8177 x224 or shilo.g@nayapdx.org

NAYA Family Center Dinner and Auction

We hope you will join us for our annual "Celebrating Native American Month" Dinner and Auction on Friday, November 16, 2007 in the Portland Art Museum's Kridel Grand Ballroom. This year's theme, "Educating Our Children, Reclaiming Our Future," honors the opening of the NAYA Early College Academy. At this event, you will savor a traditional Native dinner, bid in friendly competition for silent and oral auction items, and enjoy a Native youth dance performance while celebrating and supporting the successes of the NAYA Family Center. The cost is \$100 per plate or \$800 for a table of eight. For more information, please see our website www.nayapdx.org/events/auction-2007.php or contact Chris Dupres at ext. 240.

Wish List

Most Monday evenings at NAYA, you hear the drums start and you know it's time for the **Dance, Drum, and Regalia classes!** We are always in need supplies for regalia for our youth. Supplies that we would like include seed beads, jewelry making supplies, 2-3 yard pieces of fabric (more is great!), shiny and silky fabrics, leather, spools of ribbon, old beading looms, and fringe. If you have any regalia that your kids have outgrown, we can use it, too. **Roanne would also especially appreciate a serger!** If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off at the NAYA Family Center or call Roanne Little Light at ext. 223 for more info.

Farewell and Good Luck to Korinna Wolfe!



From Chris Tinker...

Thank you Korinna for all of yourself that you have given to NAYA. We will all be sad when we have no one to go to who has your breadth of experience in providing case management. I could always expect smart and professional guidance from you on any issue that confronted me as a case manager (or as a person). You built NAYA's foster care department and gave it the legitimacy it needed to be making a difference in hundreds of kids' lives, not to mention

your tireless effort as the manager for Youth services in general which has reached hundreds more. You were the anchor point for our case management meetings (when you weren't being pulled away by an endless line of other meetings) where you helped people to establish smart boundaries while still helping clients where they were at. You have always had staff who love and support you because you understand how to nurture and validate educated and talented people who are trying to make a difference in the Native community. For many of us, and I know you are included, working for the Native community is a spiritual path that we were given to walk; thank you for understanding what that means. With you goes a skill-set that is desperately needed and a heart for the Native community that is hard to come by. Your children will most definitely be the beneficiaries of our loss. Dah-li, Ga-ko-na (thank you, I am finished).

a-dsu-ta ton-ga dah-li mo-in
Chris Tinker

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Meet Our Newest VISTA!



Greetings! My name is Amanda Kaur and I would like to introduce myself to the NAYA Community with many warm wishes! I am the latest AmeriCorps*VISTA to join the NAYA Community as a Finance/HR Analyst for the Finance Department. I recently graduated from the University of Portland with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

I was born in India and moved with my family to California at the age of eleven. I moved to Portland in order to attend the University of Portland and have fallen in love with the city since then! Being able to work with the NAYA Family Center will allow me to serve the Portland community I adore, which I am very excited about. I am also really thankful for all the warm welcomes I have received at the NAYA Family Center. It has only furthered my excitement to work with the NAYA Community!!

Sports

After a slow start we're off and running with our 6-7th Grade Soccer Team at NAYA. **We are still looking for boys and girls to join, as well as a full time coach to take over for the rest of the season.** The season goes through Nov. 18, so contact NAYA to get involved. Our practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Games are on Saturdays, usually at Delta Park. Thanks to Joe Ball, our new VISTA Amanda Kaur, and Tracey for helping out as assistant coaches!

Upcoming Soccer Game Schedule:

Sept 22: 1:30 pm Glenhaven West
 Sept 29: 10:30 am Delta Park #3
 Oct 6: 9:00 am Delta Park #2

There have been many people wondering about basketball! **We will start having basketball practices at the end of November. If you are interested in playing for one of our teams, please call Dave Higgs at ext. 215 to get on the list.** We have teams for youth grades 4-12.

Welcome, New Board Members!



Billy Barquin (Eastern Shoshone and Oglala Lakota) was raised on his father's ranch on the **Wind River Indian Reservation** in Fort Washakie, Wyoming. He is a partner in the law firm of **Haglund Kelley Horngren Jones & Wilder LLP** and a member of the Oregon and Idaho State Bar Associations.

Bringing a wealth of legal expertise to the NAYA Board, Billy specializes in representing Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. He works extensively with tribal social services departments on enforcement of the Indian Child Welfare Act in state courts and child protection and family reunification in Tribal courts. Billy also works with tribal governments to develop their economies and protect natural, cultural, and archaeological resources. He also deals with a wide range of tribal government issues, including protection of sovereignty, jurisdictional and tax issues, and tribal court operations. Thank you, Billy, for your commitment to the NAYA Family Center!



Lois is an enrolled member of the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin. She attended schools in Wisconsin and began work as a File Clerk for her tribe. She worked in South Dakota and Oregon for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, retiring in 1990 after 36 years of service. She currently volunteers at NAYA and NICWA and is a member of the NAYA Board, the MAC Committee,

PIES-G and Elders in Action Commission. Her hobbies include cooking, baking, shawl making, and playing bingo, funds permitting. Lois has 4 sons, 1 daughter, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Grandma Lois volunteers every Thursday in the front office and we're always glad to see her smiling face!

Welcome our New School Staff!



Brandy Moran, Service Counselor

Greetings NAYA Community! My name is Brandy Moran and I am a member of the Wichita Tribe located in Anadarko, OK. I am the new Service School Counselor for the NAYA Early College Academy. I recently received my Masters Degree in Social Work from Portland State University. I have worked in Native Communities for almost three years now, beginning as an intern at NAYA for my undergraduate degree in January of 2005. I believe in the work that this organization has done and I feel extremely honored to now say that I am once again a part of this incredible organization.



Miranda Ryan, Language Arts Teacher

Hello, my name is Miranda Ryan. I am Klamath and Chippewa. I received a Bachelors Degree in English and a Masters in Education from Portland State University. I am so grateful to be the Language Arts Teacher for the NAYA Academy. I have two beautiful daughters, Siaria (6) and Jayda (2); as well as an absolutely perfect husband. I am looking forward to seeing my children grow up in the NAYA community and learning more about their Native culture. This is going to be a great adventure and I am so honored to be a part of it.



Linda Edwards, Administrative Assistant

I have lived and worked in Oregon my entire life. I spent most of my adult life in the Tigard-Tualatin community working for that school district for 26 years. On a personal level I have two grown sons, great daughter-in-law, and two grandsons! I live on the beautiful Oregon Coast in Depoe Bay! I will be splitting my time between the valley and coast! I look forward to the challenges of starting a new school, and working with parents, and staff to ensure success for all of our students. Feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself!!! I definitely believe in an open door policy for parents, students, and staff.



Rebecca Budner, Social Studies & Health Teacher

I grew up in Portland with my parents and sisters, then studied psychology and played basketball in college in Massachusetts. I moved to NYC to study social psychology, where I discovered my passion for working with teenagers and disinterest in research. I got my master's in teaching and then drove home cross-country to Portland. I most recently taught social studies and health at a drug rehab in NE Portland. I live with my partner, Ben, and spend my free time with friends and family, playing sports, and participating in Jewish activities. I am honored to teach social studies and health at NAYA Academy.



Sharon Graham, Data Management Coordinator

Retired after 27 years with Portland School District, I continued to work for the District an additional 3 years. Half of my years with PPS was as counseling and transcript secretary for Roosevelt High School. The remaining time I served as a Specialist in several administrative departments, but most recently in the Budget Office and as Deputy Clerk Specialist. I have two adult children and 2 grandchildren and an 89 lb. labradoodle named Chang the Good. I have just recently moved from Oregon, where I was born and raised, to Vancouver, Washington.



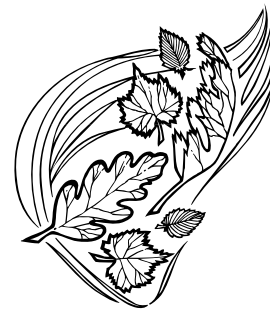
Stephanie Kelly, Mathematics & Science Teacher

I was born November 12, 1974 in Tillamook, Oregon. I graduated from Lincoln High School in 1992 and for the next six years worked on a fire crew for the Forest Service. In 2003, I graduated from Portland State University with a degree in biology and the intent to teach a different history and a different perspective on science. I returned to school and received my master's degree in teaching at Southern Oregon University this last summer. My partner Paul Rowley and I raise our son, Solomon Riel Cook who is three and prefers to be called "Lightning McQueen," together. I have two sisters and one brother; like my parents, they all live relatively close.



Tessa Sayers, Academic Counselor

Aaniin, my name is Tessa Sayers. I was born and raised on a small llama farm in Port Orchard Washington. I am a proud member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa. My undergraduate work was at Western Washington University in Sociology and American Cultural Studies. I spent three years serving the Lummi Nation as a math tutor and student advocate. In 2004, I received a scholarship to get my masters degree in school counseling at the University of Utah through the American Indian Teacher Training Program. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, photography, arts/crafts, and dancing. I am excited to be apart of NAYA and am honored to serve the students and Native community in Portland



We are still accepting students to the NAYA Early College Academy! The NAYA Early College Academy is committed to creating a positive education emphasizing student empowerment, academic excellence, and the integrity of core American Indian and Alaska Native values in partnership with parents, families, elders, and community members for generations to come. **If a high school student you know is interested in enrolling, please call Linda Edwards at ext. 274.** You can also see our website, www.nayapdx.org, for more information.

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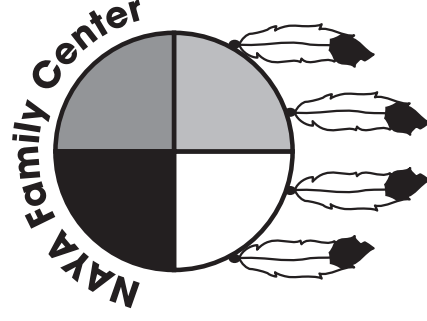
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Code	Class, Group or Event	Location	Time
DVG	Domestic Violence Support Group	varies	6:30 - 8:30pm
ESG	Employment Support Group	NAYA	6 - 8pm
HSN	High School Night	NAYA	6 - 8pm
MSTC	Middle School Talking Circle	NAYA	5 - 6:30pm
NTPM	Native Teen Parenting Meeting	NAYA	4 - 6pm
ODC	Outdoor Club Rock Climbing	NAYA **	9am
PIP	Positive Indian Parenting	NAYA	6 - 8pm
RTR	Ready-to-Rent	NAYA	4:30 - 7pm
SOCC	Soccer Practice	TBD	5 - 6:30pm
SOCC-GD	Soccer Gameday		
SRM	Strengthening Relationships - Men	NAYA	5:30 - 7pm
SRW	Strengthening Relationships - Women	NAYA	5 - 7pm

** Leaving NAYA at 9am sharp

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Say Hello to Our Newest Volunteers!

Sydney Larios is a new NAYA volunteer who contributed over 30 hours of his time in the last month. He has used his skills in construction to prepare the building and rooms for the opening of the school. Syd says, "I'm so excited to be able to help here at NAYA. I've met so many cool new people. Thank you!" Welcome Syd!



Mary Massie was born in Kentucky in 1955. **Her roots are Shawnee, Scottish, Welsh, and German.**

Mary was lucky enough to know her Shawnee grandma Ollie Cruse, a dowser and an expert starquilter. She also learned some traditional herbs and cooking from this grandma.

In 1981, Mary majored in Journalism at the University of Oregon, later in French at PSU and was a Montessori teacher for 15 years. She has been a reporter, anchor and producer for KBOO radio in Portland covering native fishing rights, women's issues and the environment. She also worked as a studio technician for Native Nations TV from 2002-2003.

Mary began attending Native American Culture Awareness Week in 1993 where she can never forget meeting Lisa Tiger and Floy Pepper. **Mary would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to say prayer for Lisa Tiger and her daughter Shelleigh who recently crossed over.**

Each week at NAYA she looks forward to Wednesday morning reception and is happy to be part of the community here. In the future she hopes to share some of her journalism skills with the Generations Project and the Early College Academy. We at NAYA are glad to have Mary helping us out every week!

Volunteers play an important role in the NAYA Family Center's success.

We simply couldn't function without the support of our volunteers who have dedicated over 2000 hours of service in the last year!

Interested in volunteering at NAYA? Please contact Lauren McCartney at ext. 227 or see our website <http://www.nayapdx.org/how-can-i-help/volunteering.php>.

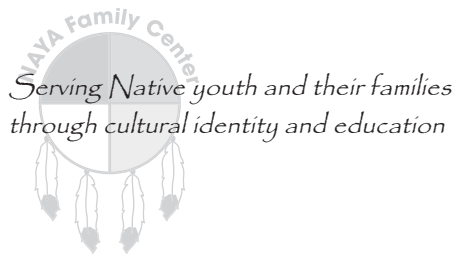
The NAYA Family Center would like to recognize the efforts of three groups that provided valuable support in preparing for the opening of the NAYA Early College Academy.

Portland YouthBuilders (PYB) provided volunteers for the installation of 24 computers in the Tutoring Center and Early College Academy computer lab. PYB is a nonprofit organization that provides educational, vocational and leadership development programs for low-income men and women aged 17-24.

The NAYA Family Center was also pleased to host 35 volunteers from **HSBC** as a part of a nationwide day of community service and outreach. The activity was coordinated with the support of **Rebuilding Together Portland**. The volunteers provided over 200 hours of service toward beautifying the Academy's building and grounds.

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Marie Ann Knight has been a client at NAYA since November 2005, when she came in to ask for employment and rental assistance. She has been actively involved with NAYA ever since, as well as a participant in Bow and Arrow activities. We are pleased to announce that Marie started **Everest College on Monday, July 16th and plans to study Accounting and Business**. Marie came into NAYA to share the good news of not only starting Everest College, but **also scoring a 182 on her entrance placement exam**. The placement exam measures math, grammar and reading abilities for students, and Marie's score was very impressive to those of us at NAYA. Marie also wanted to share that she **has been clean and sober for two years and has found a new direction to help herself and her son**. She wants to thank NAYA for all the help she has received and particularly wanted to say thank you to **Sara Libby, Tamra Russell and Donita Sue Fry**. Marie said that this move towards college will take her places that she wants to go, and we here at NAYA have no doubt that this is true. Congratulations Marie on your new path!

Just when you got familiar with finding your way around NAYA, we went and re-shuffled offices and departments! Don't let the new look fool you, good planning will allow us to better serve the community, as well as provide a safer, more accessible environment for everyone. Please come in and get re-acquainted with the NAYA Family Center, sign up for programming for you and your family, look for volunteer opportunities, donate money/materials/services, or just to say "hello" again. You're always welcome!