



Honoring Our GRADUATES



Muckleshoot Celebrates Another Record Year for Education During the Graduation Season of 2021

By Joseph Martin

Muckleshoot Tribal Education Officer

MUCKLESHOOT – The June 2021 Muckleshoot Graduation Season represents the 20th year that I have been blessed with participating in our annual graduation season for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe! I want all of you to know how honored and blessed that I feel to be a part of our beautiful community here at Muckleshoot! Thank you very much to everyone in our beautiful community for all of your dedication, hard work, support and commitment to achieving excellence in our MIT Education Programs!

I want to begin by stating that we are extremely thankful to our Muckleshoot Tribal Council, Muckleshoot Executive Committee for Education, the Muckleshoot Higher Education Committee and the Muckleshoot Tribal School Commission for supporting and sponsoring all of our 2021 Muckleshoot graduation ceremonies. It is extremely exciting that we were all able to safely gather this year and celebrate our Class of 2021 Muckleshoot Graduates! Over the course of this past year, it has already been recorded in history about the incredible job that the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe did in succeeding to rise and meet the extreme challenges of facing a global COVID-19 pandemic. Our Muckleshoot Department of Education was called upon to develop entirely new methods and systems of successfully educating our students. Our Muckleshoot Department of Education planned for and implemented effective systems of distance learning and also in-person hybrid education programs.

On Friday, June 11, 2021, nearly 700 people gathered in the beautiful, new Muckleshoot Casino Events Center to celebrate 34 incredible Class of 2021 high school graduates from our Muckleshoot Tribal School! I also had the good fortune of listening to all of our Class of 2021 Muckleshoot Tribal School high school graduates introduce themselves to our Muckleshoot Tribal Council members on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the MIT Casino Events Center. Our Class of 2021 graduates are brilliant, resilient, talented and truly amazing! I cannot wait to witness the incredible accomplishments that our Class of 2021 graduates are destined to achieve!

In the history of our Muckleshoot Tribal School starting with our first high school graduates from MTS in 2001, we have now reached the amazing milestone of having 328 high school graduates from our Muckleshoot Tribal School!

To put this in perspective, in the nine-year period from 2001-2009, a total of 32 students graduated at the original Muckleshoot Tribal School campus in the old Muckleshoot Community Center.

This means that the old tribal school averaged 3.5 high school graduates each year for the nine years (2001-2009) before our Muckleshoot Tribal School moved to its new campus in September 2009. The graduation of 34 more high school seniors for the 2020-2021 academic year continues our yearly trend of increasing the number of students graduating from our Muckleshoot Tribal School. In fact, for the past twelve years (June 2010 through June 2021) MTS is now averaging 25 high school graduates per year.

This was an amazing year for our Muckleshoot Tribal School graduates and we are all extremely proud of their incredible accomplishments. I want to recognize our Class of 2021 Muckleshoot Tribal School high school graduates and highlight some of their future plans:

| NAME OF GRADUATE | TRIBAL AFFILIATION | PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Makya Bakke | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Anthony Crombie | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Jasmine Dorman | Coeur d'Alene | Community College |
| Angel Elkins | Muckleshoot | Community College |
| James Elkins | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Leila Elkins Jerry | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Katelyn Forde | Puyallup | Washington State University |
| Daynen Fulgencio | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Michael Guevara Jr. | Muckleshoot | Green River College |
| Neala Ike | Yakama | Pierce College |
| Tehya Jackson | Makah & Wasco | College |
| Erika James | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Izreal Judson Elkins | Muckleshoot | Green River College |
| Rian Keeline | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Mackenzie Lobehan | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Brian Luangrath | Muckleshoot | Green River College |
| Armando Luna-Salgado | Squaxin Island | Bates Technical College |
| Kaden Marchand | Colville | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Jordan Mathias | Muckleshoot | Northwest Indian College |
| Rolando Millan | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Shane Moses | Muckleshoot | Northwest Indian College |
| Gage Napoleon | Puyallup | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Nasee Offord | Colville | Louisiana State University |
| Ariana Romo-Rincon | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Danelle Sam | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Danny Sanchez | Muckleshoot | Green River College |
| John Starr Jr. | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Jordan Stevenson | Muckleshoot | Central Washington University |
| Swee-tub Stre'vant | Muckleshoot | Community College |
| KingGeorge | | |



Education Committee Chair Virginia Cross and Tribal Education Officer Joseph Martin



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| Isadore Van Brunt | Salish Kootenai & Colville | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Josiah Vaomu | Northern Arapaho | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Jeremiah White Eagle Jr. | Muckleshoot | Green River College |
| Keane Williams | Muckleshoot | Pursuing Work Opportunities |
| Nevelen Yellowbear | Northern Arapaho | Pursuing Work Opportunities |

At our MIT Higher Education graduation celebrations at our MIT Casino Events Center, we celebrated the wonderful accomplishments of our Class of 2020 graduates on Wednesday, June 16th and we celebrated our Class of 2021 on Thursday, June 17, 2021. We had 12 Muckleshoot Tribal Members graduate with college degrees for our Class of 2020 and 21 Muckleshoot Tribal Members graduate with college degrees for our Class of 2021. We want to congratulate all of our Muckleshoot Scholars who tackled this huge milestone of achieving their college degrees in 2020 and 2021. Starting with the Class of 2020:

- Gina Hillesheim – Master of Healthcare Administration – National University
- Loretta Sohapp – Master of Public Health – Eastern Washington University
- Angel Williams – Master of Social Work – University of Washington
- Marilyn Borrego – Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business – Northwest Indian College
- Wayne Buchanan – Bachelor of Arts, Indigenous Studies – Evergreen State College
- Corbin Laird – Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering – Grand Canyon University
- Maritza Leonard – Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business – Northwest Indian College
- Elizabeth Aldana – Associate of Arts and Science – Northwest Indian College
- Amber Damiano – Associate of Arts – Peninsula College
- Michael Horton – Associates in Applied Science – Computer Network Technology – Renton Technical College
- Barbara Manuel – Associate of Arts, Direct Transfer – Peninsula College
- Christine Sportsman – Associates in Applied Science – Business Management – Spokane Falls Community College

Our Class of 2021 Muckleshoot Tribal Members earning college degrees:

- Evan Avila – Master of Business Administration – University of Washington
- Natasha Rice – Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education – Western Governors University
- Ryan Anderson – Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering with a minor in Forestry – Washington State University
- Dylan Armstrong – Bachelor of Science – Information Technology and Cyber Security – Oregon Institute of Technology
- Benjamin Calvert – Bachelor of Science in Information Technology – University of Washington
- Shalea Daniels – Bachelor of Science in Alternative Medicine – Everglades University
- Adrian James – Bachelor of Applied Science, Forestry – Green River College
- Sydney Laird – Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Advertising – Grand Canyon University
- Anthony Michel – Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering – Washington State University
- Juanita Ortiz – Bachelor of Arts in Communication with minors in Business Administration and American Indian Studies – University of Washington
- Whitney Rodrigues – Bachelor of Science in Applied Management – Green River College
- Queena Sneatlum – Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and

- Business – Northwest Indian College
- Julia Youngman – Bachelor of Science, Speech and Hearing Sciences – University of Washington
- Justice Bill – Associate of Arts – Seattle Central College
- April Brown – Associate of Arts – Northwest Indian College
- Patricia Hernandez – Associate of Arts – Northwest Indian College
- Samuel Hoffer – Associate of Science – Green River College
- Hailey Joe – Associate of Arts and Sciences – Northwest Indian College
- Amelia Starr – Associate of Arts – Northwest Indian College
- Alyssa Vaiese – Associate of Arts – Northwest Indian College
- Eugene West IV – Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology Systems and Security – Green River College

Our Muckleshoot Tribal Members continue to achieve great success by earning degrees and certificates in higher education through the support of our Muckleshoot Scholarship Program. We all want to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our Muckleshoot Tribal Members who are achieving college degrees from numerous high level programs across the country.

We also achieved an excellent number of graduates from our Muckleshoot Department of Education programs. If you combine the total number of graduates from Head Start through higher education, it would look like this: Muckleshoot Early Learning Academy (Head Start) – 47; Muckleshoot Tribal School Kindergarten – 47; MTS 5th grade – 44; MTS 8th grade – 42; MTS High School – 34; Muckleshoot students graduating from other local high schools – 20; Muckleshoot Adult and Higher Education Division: college degrees – 33; post-secondary certificates – 99; High School 21 Plus Diplomas – 10; and, finally, GEDs – 2. Our 2021 Muckleshoot Tribal Graduation Season resulted in another all-time record number with a total of 378 graduates (which is a 51 graduate increase from the 2019 total number of 327).

I want to take this opportunity to salute all of our proud 2021 Muckleshoot graduates and all of our families. I am extremely proud of all the dedication and hard work that our students, families and staff members contributed to making the educational experiences of our students so successful. We are looking forward to every one of our Muckleshoot graduates taking advantage of our Muckleshoot Scholarship Program, achieving their college degree or higher education certificates, and being hired for positions of leadership here at the Muckleshoot Tribe, or in our greater community.

I want to thank each and every person who contributed their time and hard work to make this 2020-2021 academic year and graduation season so successful. We all have witnessed and participated in another historic graduation season for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. Let us also give thanks to the many Tribal Elders and Tribal Leaders whose dreams and hard work have made the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's vision of "education as a lifelong journey" possible.



Virginia Cross Native Education Center Grads!

Top photo, l-r: Mataya Moses, Azela Weed, Robert Weed, Cynthia Phillips; bottom photo: Robert Weed, Azela Weed, Brooke Broussard (teacher), Mataya Moses, Cynthia Phillips. Not pictured: Richard Weed.



MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL Class of 2021

Makya Bakke, *Muckleshoot*
 Anthony Crombie, *Muckleshoot*
 Jasmine Dorman, *Coeur d'Alene*
 Angel Elkins, *Muckleshoot*
 James Elkins, *Muckleshoot*
 Leila Elkins Jerry, *Muckleshoot*
 Katelyn Forde, *Puyallup*
 Daynen Fulgencio, *Muckleshoot*
 Michael Guevara Jr., *Muckleshoot*
 Neala Ike, *Yakama*
 Tehya Jackson, *Makah & Wasco*
 Erika James, *Muckleshoot*
 Izreal Judson Elkins, *Muckleshoot*
 Rian Keeline, *Muckleshoot*
 Mackenzie Lobehan, *Muckleshoot*
 Brian Luangrath, *Muckleshoot*
 Armando Luna-Salgado, *Squaxin Island*

Kaden Marchand, *Colville*
 Jordan Mathias, *Muckleshoot*
 Rolando Millan, *Muckleshoot*
 Shane Moses, *Muckleshoot*
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Makya Bakke



Anthony Crombie



Jasmine Dorman



Angel Elkins



Izreal Judson Elkins



James Elkins



Katelyn Forde



Xander Fulgencio



Michael Guevara Jr.



Neala Ike



Erika James



Tehya Jackson



Lena Elkins Jerry



Rian Keeline



Swee-tub Stre'vant KingGeorge



Armando Luna-Salgado



Brian Luangrath



Mackenzie Lobehan



Jordan Mathias



Rolando Millan



Shane Moses



Gage Napoleon



Nasee Offord



Ariana Romo-Rincon



Danelle Sam



Danny Sanchez



John Starr Jr.



Jordan Stevenson



Isadore Van Brunt



Josiah Vaomu



Jeremiah WhiteEagle



Keane Williams



Nevelen Yellowbear





Joseph Martin Receives the 2021 Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators

Joseph Martin, Tribal Education Officer for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, was selected as the recipient of the 2021 Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators. Joseph was selected as the recipient of the award for medium size school districts in Washington State.



Joseph Martin WASA Award

Joseph was recognized at the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) Summer Conference held virtually on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

The Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Award, sponsored by PEMCO Insurance and WASA, recognizes outstanding public school administrators in Washington State. One highly effective superintendent, a central office administrator, or building administrator is selected from a small school district (up to 500 students), a medium size school district (501–2,000 students), and a large school district (over 2,000 students). A \$10,500 professional development award is equally divided among the three winners.

A peer committee of superintendents and administrators throughout Washington State selects the recipients from nominations that describe how each nominee is taking part in realizing the nine characteristics of high performing schools/districts as defined by research from the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Joseph was presented this prestigious award at the 41st annual Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) and Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) 2021 Summer Conference. Nearly 600 school superintendents, central office administrators, and principals from across Washington State took part in virtual online workshops at the 2021 Summer Conference.

Joel Aune, Executive Director, Washington Association of School Administrators provided the following remarks to honor this year's award winners: "The honorees that we recognized this year truly made a statewide impact on improving education and are very worthy of the recognition. For the past 15 months, school district leaders have been under intense pressure as the COVID-19 pandemic threw families, students, and schools into chaos. Their leadership, coupled with incredible instances of support from community leaders, kept the focus on students and their well-being. This year's award recipients serve as a model for leadership and selfless service to the children and young people attending our schools. On behalf of WASA and school district leaders across the entire State of Washington, I congratulate this year's award recipients. We are indebted to their extraordinary service, support, and leadership — for kids. During the most difficult of circumstances, they stepped up in a big way."

When Joel Aune asked Joseph Martin to offer some remarks after receiving his 2021 Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators, Joseph made the following comments:

"I am truly humbled to have been selected to receive this prestigious award! I am truly blessed to have such excellent support of our Muckleshoot Tribal Council, Muckleshoot Executive Committee for Education; Muckleshoot Tribal School Commissioners; our CEO Joe Olujic; COO Yvonne Oberly; Assistant Tribal Education Officer Dr. Cathy Calvert; along with my wonderful colleagues who support all of our birth through adult initiatives in our Muckleshoot Department of Education. I have also been extremely fortunate to work in a community of educational leaders in Washington State where I have worked with many world class colleagues that have contributed to Muckleshoot achieving excellence in our educational endeavors.

I want to offer my sincere gratitude to Tribal Councilwoman Virginia Cross who has served on the Muckleshoot Tribal Council for over 40 years, often as the Chairperson, and was also the Native Education Director for the Auburn School District for 22 years. I want to thank Virginia Cross for putting her whole heart and soul into teaching and mentoring all of us at Muckleshoot on how to achieve excellence as educational professionals!

At Muckleshoot, we are proud that our K-12 Muckleshoot Tribal School now has the largest student enrollment of any Tribal School in Washington State with 574 students and an on-time high school graduation rate of 87.5%!

Because of the dedication and hard work of all of us who are a part of our Muckleshoot Team... we have made major strides as a Sovereign Nation to graduate our high school students on time and to successfully prepare them for excellence in their college and career pathways!

Thank you very much to my long-time colleague, Rebecca Gallogly, for nominating me for this prestigious award. I also want to thank my wife Toni and our children Mikayla, Marcus and Jordan for their love and support! Thank you very much to WASA and PEMCO Insurance for recognizing what our wonderful team has accomplished in Education for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe!

The achievement of this 2021 Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Award is truly a testament to all of the commitment, dedication and hard work of our students, parents, families, and the members of our Muckleshoot Department of Education Team! Let us also give thanks to the many Tribal Elders and Tribal Leaders whose dreams and hard work have made the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's vision of 'education as a lifelong journey' possible."

Congratulations, Joseph! Great work to all of the members of our Muckleshoot Department of Education Team!



MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL Head Start Class of 2021 Graduation

CUBS

Black Crow, Nation
Braun, Lamia
Howe, Christopher Jr
Montgomery, River
Starr, Lindy
Starr-Moses, Justyss
Brown, Floyd IV
Fitzgerald, Sammuel
Pacheco, Julie
Rose, Anthony
Tom, Mya
Starr, Corey

EAGLES

Andy, Kaelyn
Calvert, Nevaeh
Dominick, Sherman
Lezard, Wyndle
Romero-Penn, Delilah
Serrato, Amia
Leonard-Jerry, Traidein
Parker-Smith, Adriana
Ulrich, Emily

HUMMINGBIRD@MCDC

Brown-Loggins, Aiyanna
Heredia, Maiya
LaClair-Ayala, Brayden
Penn, Kinsley
Tulifua, Lita

THE HAWK@MCDC

Brown, Greyson
Queahpama, Amaya
Tulifua, Falefituoalii
WhiteEagle, Wyatt

TURTLE-VIRTUAL

Aho, Savannah
Borrego, Zackery
Buchanan, Aurora
Chavez, Mathias
Darden, Rilie
Davis, Danika
Domingue, Malaysia
Jones-Bullock, Khyree
Kahama-Marquard, Elijah
Lavoie-Elkins, Aniyah Jaide
Lonewarrior, Xndria
Maifea, Sosefina
Markishtum, Kash
Miller, Mariyah
Shelton, Shannon
Starr-Rutherford, Amelia
White Eagle-Robinson, Serenity





MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL Kindergarten Advancement

Aaron Ross
Adarius Mitchell
Aleeyauna Starr
Analissa Kindness
Annabella Packard-Rankin
Andrew Broncheau-Williams
Arletta WhiteEagle

Armani Rincon
Benjamin Romo
Bichsel James
Brandon Castaneda-Matz
Braylen Jerry-VanCamp
Braylon Brown
Bricelynn Capoeman
Carter McDaniel

Dai'Anna Anderson
Dawn'asha Powderface
Harlyn Moses-Cross
Iris Smith
Jayda Daniels
Jewel Munro
Julian Nelson
Kanani Lezard

Kyson Lamere
Lucas Cabanas
Maizy Elkins-Lozier
Maki'Lynna Eastman
Marcella Jerry
Mariana Castillo
Marloree Marter
Masiah Bell

Mauricio Hernandez
Moses Sneatlum
Nicholas Bennett
Omri Giron
Paloma Flores
Presley James
Quincy Aho
Raidein Leonard-Jerry

Reagan Moses
Stanley Daniels
Taylor Williams
Vazhia Crombie
Wesley West
Zeke Nelson-Lozier
Zuri Elkins





MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL 5th Grade Advancement

Adam Charles
Anbrilyn "Ray" Casey
Aniah Spencer
Annasyn Benson
Ariel Lozier
Ayson Young-Starr
Brooklyn Thompson
Cam'Ron Moses
Camisha WhiteEagle

Christopher Wayne
Cortez Elkins-Daniels
Deatryk Joe-Powderface
Emelina Diaz
Emily Dais
Flora Emery
Jacobi Green
Jakobe Moses
Jaleyah Williams

Janet Darden
Jasmine Courville
JaydeLouise Atimalala
Jayden Daniels
Jessenia Courville
Jon Leeper III
Karson Bennett
Kimiella Lozier
Kory Elkins

Lanita Maurice
Loretta Weed
Louis Curtis-James
Malaya Michell
Marcell LaCour
Nathaniel Elkins
Naveah Tallwhiteman
Nikki Shay
Nora Elkins-Sanchez

Rock Starr
Ropati Atimalala
Sa'Niyah Ramos-Phidd
Soledad Flores
Taveyah Nouata-Jansen
Tobin Sneatlum
Trista Moses
Tyree Starr





MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL 8th Grade Advancement

Adriana Cross
Alicia Miller
Annalisa Ulima
Arsylia Lara Rincon
Athena Phommavong
Benjamin Anderson
Brisela Cruz
Cedar Korndorfer
Donovan Ang

Dwayne Lobehan-Keeline
Hollie McDougall
Honeah Brown
l'Monie Sykes
Isabelle James Clark
Izabel Custer
James Fryberg Jr.
Jeffery Johnson Coleman
Lydia Sagatu
Jess Tallwhiteman

Jessica Peters
Jordan McDaniel
Kaimi Aho
Kamiakin Offord
Larissa Mathias
Luciano Cabanas
Lucio Cabanas Jr.
Lydia Sagatu
Ma'leah Brown

Marshall Miller
Mia Vigil
Muhkayluh Jerry
Nevaeh Ross
Noah Everybodytalksabout
Pedro Fernandez-Ward
Riley Munro
Rosa Lozier
Ryder Vigil

Silas Simmons
Sy Coo Moo Pacheco
Theron WhiteEagle
Tristan James
Westin Sam
Wyndin Weeks



Enumclaw Native Grads



Trinity Antonio



Ashley Crawford



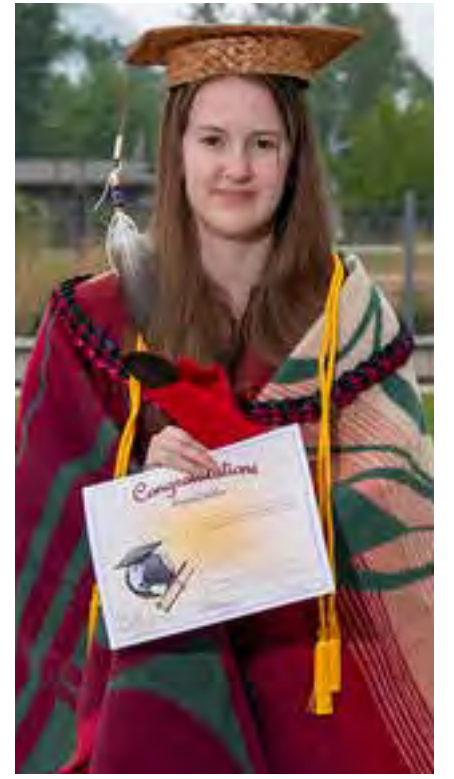
Kristopher Ekanger



Grace Leatham



Jordan Martin



Krystal Miller



Auburn Native Grads

Auburn High School

- Beers, Eliot – Aleut
- Bowers, Giovanni – Pueblo
- Boyd, Anne
- Carey, Savannah
- Charles, Cameron – Muckleshoot
- Elkins, Laquia – Muckleshoot
- Garcia, Justice – Muckleshoot
- Griffin, Dylan
- Koutchak, Maximuss – Inupiaq
- Moses, Desmond – Muckleshoot
- Olebar, Donnell – Nutica
- Sam, Scotty – Muckleshoot
- Sison, Davis – Nisqually
- Thunder, Daria – Muckleshoot
- Wickstrom, Miracle – Cherokee
- Williams, James – Lower Elwha Klallam

Auburn Mountainview High School

- Hull, Conner – Nooksack
- Langston, Norah – Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Moran, Elizabeth – Cherokee Nation
- Shaw, Tyson
- Thurman, Aleece – Cherokee, Choctaw
- Willis, Ethan – Suquamish
- Williams, Kristina – Tulalip
- Woods, Jager – Athabaskan

Auburn Riverside High School

- Aguirre, Erica – Shuswap
- Brown, Jeze – Yakama
- Flores-James, Andre – Muckleshoot
- Moore, Zoe
- Perez, J. Daymien
- Smeltzer, Jeremy – Tlingit

West Auburn High School

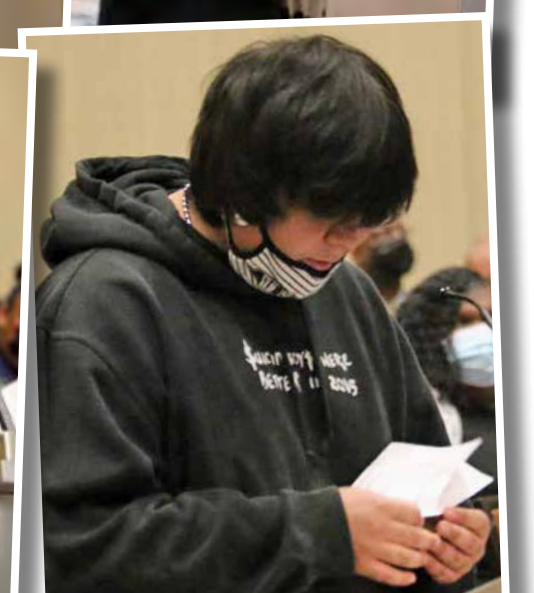
- Anderson, Jaelyn – Muckleshoot
- Blackbear, Canupa
- Moses, Mataya – Muckleshoot
- Phillips, Cynthia – Yakama
- Weed, Azela – Muckleshoot
- Weed, Richard – Muckleshoot
- Weed, Robert – Muckleshoot
- Whiteeagle, Aiyanna – Tulalip



Brooke Broussard



Robin Pratt





MUCKLESHOOT TRIBE SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES 2019-2020 Academic Year

Degrees

| Last Name | First Name | University/College | Degree |
|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Hilleshem | Gina | National University | Master of Healthcare Administration |
| Sohappy | Loretta | Eastern Washington University | Master of Public Health |
| Williams | Angel | University of Washington | Master of Social Work |
| Borrego | Marilyn | Northwest Indian College | Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance & Business |
| Buchanan | Wayne | Evergreen State College | Bachelor of Arts, Indigenous Studies |
| Laird | Corbin | Grand Canyon University | Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering |
| Leonard | Maritza | Northwest Indian College | Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance & Business |
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| Manuel | Barbara | Peninsula College | Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer |
| Sportsman | Christine | Spokane Falls Community College | Associates in Applied Science-Business Management |

Technical/Vocational Certificates

| Last Name | First Name | College | Certificate |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aho | Kiana | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Allen | Emanuel | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Arvisu | Guenavive | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Baker | Lena | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Barr | Malena | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Bennett | Carlos | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |
| Bullock | Catherine | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Excel |
| Cabanas | Antonio | Commercial Driver School | Commercial Driver License |
| Card | Delores | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS compTIA & A+ |
| Courville | Rose | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Courville | Olivia | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Daniels | Camilla | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Intermediate |
| Daniels | Leo | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |
| Elkins | Angel | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Judson - Elkins | Izreal | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |
| Gonzales | Keista | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Gonzales | Stephen | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS CompTIA & A+ |
| Herdia | Diana | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Heddrick | Nina | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Hoffer | Leslie | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Jansen | Destiny | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |
| Jansen | Marcia | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Jansen | Vivian | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Jansen-James | Jacob | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Jerry | Jacqueline | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS compTIA & A+ |
| Jerry | Bonnie | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Lozier | Kallie | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Mault | Marcia | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Milne | Noreen | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Miller | Henry | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |
| Mora | Mykle Ann | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Morrison | Gracia | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |
| Moses | Desmond | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic |

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|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Moses | Marvin | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Moses Jr. | Samuel | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Inertmediate |
| Moses | Latasha | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Moses | Neleo | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Nelson | Ezra | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Ocampo | Elizabeth | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Richardson | Eileen | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic & Intermediate |
| Riggs | Heather | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS compTIA A+ |
| Sam | Maggie | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic Office Skills |
| Sanchez | Robert | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Sanchez | Maria | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Sparks | Zayah | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic Office Skills |
| Starr | Bruce | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Starr | Telleasha | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic Office Skills |
| Sutton | Allen | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS Project + |
| Tapia | Eduvijes | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic Office Skills |
| Thunder | Daria | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Basic Office Skills |
| Wilbur | Cheri | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Williams | Kaleb | Muckleshoot Tribal College | NT PLUS compTIA A+ |
| Williams | Gerri | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Excel |
| Courville | Rose | Renton Technical College | CNA |
| Courville | Beverly | Renton Technical College | CNA |
| Lobehan | Kristina | Renton Technical College | CNA |
| Sneatlum | Kimberly | Renton Technical College | CNA |
| Starr | Melissa | Renton Technical College | CNA |
| Brown | Missy | Green River College | Optician Certification Training |
| Baker Sr. | Paul | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Charles | Elma | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Courville | Michael | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Elkins | Bernyce | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Jansen | Chuck | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Kindness | Gy | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Lozier | Thadius | Green River College & MT College | Pre-Apprentice Carpentry Cohort 5 |
| Buchanan | Cole | BATES College | "Light Commercial Heating & AC Residential Air AC, Distribution, Gas & Oil Furnace, & Heat Pump " |
| Foreman | Sherri | University of Washington | Native Education |
| Starr-Foulkes | Teri | University of Washington | Native Education |
| Gerrish | Elise | Women Herb School | Herbalism Apprestice |
| Zelepuzza | Christy | Grays Harbor College | Teaching Certification |

GED & HS21+ Certificates

| Last Name | First Name | College | Certificate |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Foulkes | D'Zsa | Muckleshoot Indian College | GED |
| John | Tristan | Muckleshoot Indian College | GED |
| Allen | Emanuel | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| Carranza | Brianna | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| Dominick | Darla | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| Ho | Alexis | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| John | Savannah | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| Pacheco | Seaira | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| Penn Sr. | Richard | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |
| Vaiese | Stanley | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |





MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES 2020-2021 Academic Year

Degrees

| Last Name | First Name | University/College | Degree |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Avila | Evan | University of Washington | Master of Business Administration |
| Rice | Natasha | Western Governors University | Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education |
| Anderson | Ryan | Washington State University | Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering & Minor in Forestry |
| Armstrong | Dylan | Oregon Institute of Technology | Bachelor of Science - Information Technology & Cyber Security |
| Calvert | Benjamin | University of Washington | Bachelor of Science in Information Technology |
| Daniels | Shalea | Everglades University | Bachelor of Science in Alternative Medicine |
| James | Adrian | Green River College | Bachelors of Applied Science - Forestry |
| Laird | Sydney | Grand Canyon University | Bachelor of Science in Marketing & Advertising |
| Michel | Anthony | Washington State University | Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering |
| Ortiz | Juanita | University of Washington | Bachelor of Arts, Communication w/minor in Business Administration & American Indian Studies |
| Rodrigues | Whitney | Green River College | Bachelor of Science in Applied Management |
| Sneatum | Queena | Northwest Indian College | Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance & Business |
| Youngman | Julia | University of Washington | Bachelor of Science, Speech & Hearing Sciences |
| Bill | Justice | Seattle Central College | Associate of Arts |
| Brown | April | Northwest Indian College | Associates of Arts Direct Transfer |
| Hernandez | Patricia | Northwest Indian College | Associates of Arts Direct Transfer |
| Hoffer | Samuel | Green River College | Associates in Science |
| Joe | Hailey | Northwest Indian College | Associate of Arts and Sciences General Direct Transfer |
| Starr | Amelia | Northwest Indian College | Associates of Arts Direct Transfer |
| Vaiese | Alyssa | Northwest Indian College | Associates of Arts Direct Transfer |
| West IV | Eugene | Green River College | Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology Systems and Security |

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| Byars | John | Green River College | Supervision Certificate |
| Carranza | Henry | Washington St. Dept. of Health | Substance Use Disorder Professional Certificate |
| Courville | Olivia | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Curley | Samantha | Green River College | Accounting |
| Davis | Rose | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Edwards | Deidre | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Office Basic |
| Elkins | Shahala | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Gerrish | Elise | Native Action Network | Cinematography Certificate & Legacy of Leadership Cohort |
| Gourdine | Tammy | 360 Training | Washington Real Estate Practices |
| Grant | William | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Intermediate |
| Hannigan Moses | Janice | Commercial Driver School | Commercial Driver License |
| Lindgren | Stephanie | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Moses | Latasha | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate |
| Moses | Nyah | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate & Office Intermediate |
| Moses | Thelma | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Project Management |
| Ocampo | Elizabeth | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Richardson | Eileen | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Ross Jr. | Mary | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate |
| Simmons | Tyson | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate & Office Intermediate |
| Sneatum | Logan | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate & Office Intermediate |
| Sohappy | Loretta | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Office Basic & Office Intermediate |
| Spencer | Robert | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Office Basic Certificate |
| Starr | Donna | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Basic |
| Stevenson | Keith | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate & Office Intermediate |
| Vaiese-Moses | Albert | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Office Basic |
| WhiteEagle-Brown | Lavonna | Muckleshoot Tribal College | Cinematography Certificate |

Technical/Vocational Certificates

| Last Name | First Name | College | Certificate |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Avila | Katherine | Green River College | Certificate of Corrections |
| Borrego | Marilyn | Green River College | Bookkeeping |

GED & HS21+ Certificates

| Last Name | First Name | GED & High School 21+ | Diploma |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Heddrick | Edward | Washington State Board | GED |
| Vasquez | Rubuen | Renton Technical College | High School Diploma |





If you don't see your grad's picture in this special section, we apologize. Literally thousands of photos were submitted.



ATTENTION MIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

GRADUATES OF Class 2020 & 2021

MIT Scholarship Higher Education Graduates of Class of 2020 & 2021. If you have not done so, please contact the MIT Scholarship Program to receive your gifts. Please keep in mind that there are different gifts for the different certificates and diplomas earned.

If for whatever reason, you were not able to attend the Higher Graduation Ceremony on June 16th or 17th at the MIT Casino Event Center. Please do contact MIT Scholarship at: (253) 876-3378 or ScholarshipsDept@Muckleshoot.nsn.us, so you can make arrangements to pick up or have your gift mailed to you.

Also, if you have not turned in your official transcript with your degree confirmed on the transcript, and your diploma. You are missing out on other Graduation Incentives.

Reminder students planning on attending Fall 2021, you need to submit your MIT Scholarship Application to the MIT Scholarship Portal by August 26, at noon!

For more information please contact the MIT Scholarship Office.

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Mikey John, Jr. Zach John



Congratulations!

Zachary John, Muckleshoot tribal member graduating from Bethel Highschool & Mikey John Jr., Tribal member, graduating 8th grade from Battleground Daybreak Middle school.

Sons of Late Mike John, Sr.
 Brothers of Tristan John & Ryan John
 Grandsons of Millie White & Great-grandsons of late Bernice White
 Nephews of Cindy Butler & Greg Lezard, Cousins 2 too many!

Thanks to the Muckleshoot Tribe & Family for the endless support they have provided.



April Brown

I Graduated with my Associates in Applied Science with Highest Honors from Northwest Indian College this year. I completed a two-year program in two years. To do this I took full-time credits 12 or more. I was mostly taking 15 credits per quarter, completing with a 3.5 or better GPA each quarter.

I took this very seriously but secretly extremely sad, so I made myself stay busy with school, home, and kids. Who has time to be sad? Not me. I did not want to be sad, so I ignored it the best I could. Now I am done with school, no more distractions, and do not have a choice. I must face and handle this grief and everything that comes with it.

I covered up my grief with schoolwork. I took this very seriously because I had to prove to myself, I could do this, even with being sad. I took that sadness during school and projected it in my schoolwork. No matter the project, I used it to share my dad's life work or how I was going to preserve his work through school. I was doing this for my dad!

Losing him is the reason why I am so sad. Growing up, I was not the most obedient student; I was rebellious and had a regular chair in the principal's office every day because I was unwilling to participate in P.E. There was a time when my dad had to reach out for help, getting me through to the next grade because my grades would not allow it.

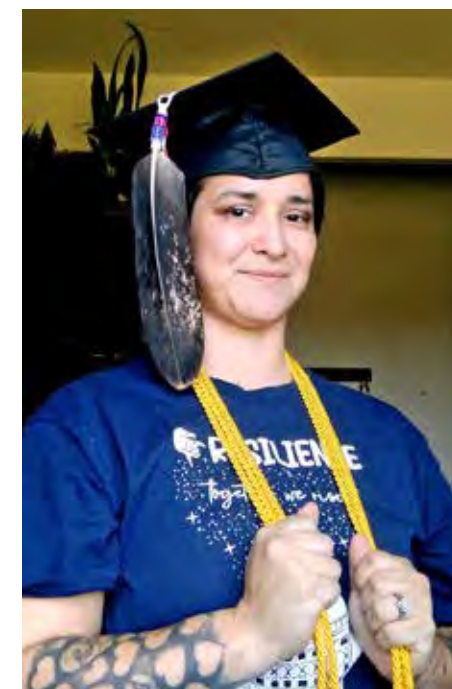
Completing a regular school has always been something I wanted. I did not finish high school, and I have been working on this degree off and on many different times in my life for about 19 years. And I am done, with no intention of finishing just yet.

So I dedicate my Degree with Highest Honors to my dad, Doug Brown!

My plan moving forward is waiting to hear back from University of Washington, Tacoma campus, to look into a BA in Environmental Sustainability with a Minor in American Indian studies. I have always wanted to be a Husky! Back to my first goals I set as a kid: go to UW to play basketball, then off to the first WNBA team. Even back then I knew women would be professionals.

But this time it's not basketball that brings me to the school I always wanted to go to, it is sadness, but a driven sadness. I have a purpose in this walk. I must preserve the work that was done for our traditional foods. There were many leaders who did the work to enable my grandmother to my dad to help preserve our traditional foods and way of life. I must start the conversation about global warming, proper recycling, and encourage buying less single-use plastics, educate and encourage a different way of thinking.

Many know me as being crafty with sewing. This has stopped, and I am now focusing my creative ability into crafting with Recyclables, mostly plastics. I will be organizing a group to do regular habitat clean ups along local water ways. Our traditional foods must have a clean environment to thrive, it is up to us to make sure they get that. A lifetime goal, to be a good steward of this land, and teach others how to do the same.



April Brown



The Story Behind Kash's Bolo Tie

When my son Kash was 3 months old Mark James gifted him the Bolo Tie he's wearing. Mark said to me, "Rosa, I know your hurting cause your son will never meet his grandpa (my dad). If you'll let me, I'll be his grandpa." I needed that love, kindness, compassion, and validation at that very moment. It was then he gifted Kash the bolo tie, and said "This is for Grandson to wear when he graduates from Head Start." So to both his Grandpas watching over him in Heaven: He did it with your kindness & pure love.

~ Rosa Maldonado