

PGST Awards Kitsap Regional Library Foundation \$100k Through Community Investment Grant Program



The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST) has announced the first recipient of its 2026 Community Investment Grant Program: the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation, which has been awarded \$100,000 to support programs systemwide.

“We are profoundly grateful to the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe for their extraordinary generosity and for a partnership that has strengthened Kitsap Regional Library for many years,” said Wendy Kile, Executive Director, Kitsap Regional Library Foundation. “The Little Boston branch, located on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation, represents a unique relationship built on shared values of learning, connection, and community. This remarkable gift will help expand opportunities for literacy, learning, and connection throughout Kitsap County. We are honored to work alongside the Tribe and thankful for all they do to strengthen communities across our region.”

A partnership between PGST and Kitsap Regional Library has existed since 1974 when the Little Boston branch opened on the reservation with help from a small grant and hours of dedicated work from community members like Dianna Purser (March 20, 1950 - September 25, 2026), mother of former PGST Chairman Jeromy Sullivan. The branch moved into a larger facility in 1989 and then to its current home in the House of Knowledge, adjacent to the Longhouse and Tribal Center, in 2007.

This relationship between a public library system and a tribe is unique and represents one of only a handful of examples in the U.S. of public library branches operating on a reservation. The Little Boston branch serves the PGST community and surrounding areas, including users living throughout North Kitsap.



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PGST Vision Statement

Our vision is to achieve the full potential of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal sovereign nation to be self-sufficient, proud, strong, healthy, educated and respected.

PGST Mission Statement

The mission of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is to exercise sovereignty and ensure self-determination and self-sufficiency through visionary leadership. We will ensure the health, welfare and economic success of a vibrant community through education, economic development, preservation and protection of the rich culture, traditions, language, homelands, and natural resources of our Tribe.

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Tribal Council Elections: Candidates & Letter of Intent

Tribal Council elections are scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Main Tribal Center Administration offices. Positions up for election are:

Vice-Chair:

Incumbent Chris Tom

Dawn Purser

Council I:

Incumbent Renee Veregge (running unopposed)

Council IV:

Josh DeCoteau-Mcleod

Matthew Ives

Roxanne Hockett

Malissa Purser

Their Letters of Intent follow.

Dawn Purser

Candidate, Vice-Chair

Letter of Intent for Vice Chair

Dear Tribal Members,

After a lot of thought, prayer, and talks with family and friends, I have decided to run for Vice Chair of the Tribal Council.

I am running because I care deeply about our Tribe, our people, and our future. Like many of you, I have spent my life, as a single mom of 5, working, raising a family, facing challenges, and doing my best to contribute wherever I could. Through those experiences, I have learned that leadership is not about titles—it's about showing up, listening, helping solve problems, and being willing to do the work.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work in leadership roles, manage projects, serve the community, and help people reach their goals. I've worked with youth, adults, businesses, community partners, and tribal organizations. What I have learned is that every successful project starts with listening to people and understanding what matters most to them.

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I am proud to be a tribal member. I understand our community because I am part of it. I know the strengths we have, the challenges we face, and the opportunities in front of us. I believe we can continue building a strong future by honoring our traditions, culture, and values and following them to guide decisions.

If elected Vice Chair, I will:

- Listen to tribal members and encourage open communication.
- Be present and available to engage with any individuals and groups that want my attention and support.
- Encourage economic development that creates opportunities for our people.
- Advocate for workforce development, education, and career pathways.
- Fight and address any obstacles that our elders, youth, and community are facing.
- Help ensure tribal government remains transparent, accountable, and focused on serving the membership.
- Build partnerships that strengthen our Tribe while protecting our sovereignty and cultural values.

I don't have all the answers. What I can say is I will listen, ask questions, work hard, and always keep the best interests of our people at the center of every decision.

Many of you know me already. You know my sense of humor, my determination, and my passion for making our community better for future generations. You know that I care about people and that I believe in helping others succeed.

The life the creator has chosen for me has blessed me with a lot of opportunities to learn and grow. Now I would like to bring what I've learned to the Vice Chair position.

This isn't about personal achievement for me. It's about giving back, encouraging strength and growth of our community and helping create opportunities for future generations.

I would be honored to earn your trust, your support, and your vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dawn Purser

Candidate for Vice Chair



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Renee Veregge

Incumbent and Candidate, Council I

Hello, my name is Renee Veregge. I am the daughter of Jeffrey and Connie Veregge and the granddaughter of Frank and Cyrene Sullivan and Will and Betty Norris. I am also the proud mother of my two beautiful children, Jaxon and Whitley, who are my pride and joy. I respectfully submit this Letter of Intent for Council Position I.

I have been employed with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe since 2004, working within our Dental, Medical, and Housing programs, and for the past 14½ years, I have served as Special Projects Director. My longest career has been as a commercial geoduck diver for 29 years, which has taught me the importance of protecting our natural resources and our treaty rights.

I have had the honor of serving as Tribal Council Position I for the past 14 years (7 terms), and I am seeking your support for re-election on July 13th. I take great pride in the work we, as a Council, have accomplished together, and I stand by the decisions and votes I have made in the best interest of our community. During my tenure on Tribal Council, I have been a dedicated advocate for:

- Expanding educational opportunities for our members
- Protecting and enhancing our treaty rights
- Diversifying and strengthening our economic portfolio
- Upholding and defending our Tribal sovereignty
- Providing meaningful, direct benefits to Tribal members
- Supporting programs that improve the well-being of our people
- Representing and advocating for our Tribe in Washington, D.C.

This past year has been difficult for my family, as my mom has been battling cancer. Through this hardship, our community has represented the true S'Klallam way, rooting, supporting, and lifting her up with love, strength, and kindness. I will always be deeply grateful for the care and compassion shown to my mom during this time.

One of my top priorities in the next term is addressing the housing challenges within our Tribe. I am committed to finding solutions that expand access to affordable housing for tribal members of all income levels. Currently, the only rental options on the reservation are low-income housing, leaving many working families without viable opportunities.

If re-elected, I will continue to stand as the strong S'Klallam woman I am—serving as a voice for our people, fighting for our rights, and advocating for programs, policies, and services that support our members while protecting our sovereignty.

My door and my ear are always open. I welcome your concerns, your ideas, and your voices.

Thank you for taking the time to read my Letter of Intent. I humbly ask for your support by voting for me on July 13, 2026.



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Josh DeCoteau-Mcleod *Candidate, Council IV*

To my Port Gamble S'klallam Tribal Members,

My name is Joshua DeCoteau-McLeod, son of Talia DeCoteau and Rory McLeod, grandson of Rick and Betty DeCoteau and Brett DeCoteau, and great-grandson of Millie and Warren DeCoteau and Geneva and Joseph Ives.

I have lived on our reservation for most of my life and recently had the opportunity to return home and build a house where my wife and I are raising our two boys on the same land where I grew up. It is with great respect and humility that I announce my candidacy for Council Person IV.

For nearly 12 years, I have worked for our Tribe. The first half of my career was spent serving within Tribal Government, and for the past six years I have worked with our business entities through Noo-Kayet Investments. I currently serve as the Director of Buildings & Grounds, where I am responsible for constructing, maintaining, and caring for many of our Tribal assets, including The Point Casino & Hotel, High Point Cannabis, Gliding Eagle Market, The Point Development Center, Eagle's Nest Espresso, Ascension, and Minder Meats.

Throughout the last several years, I have reported directly to and worked closely with the Noo-Kayet Board of Directors. I have also served as Chair of the Parks & Roads Committee and am currently serving my first term as Vice Chair of the Housing Board.

During my time serving our Tribe, I have been fortunate to contribute to several significant projects and accomplishments. I stepped into a project management role for many of our recent construction efforts, including High Point Cannabis, the Ascension building, the remodel of the Tribal Development Center, the construction of our new coffee shop and facility warehouse, and the remodel of the Minder Meats property. In addition to these major projects, I have participated in numerous smaller initiatives that continue to improve our community and business operations.

Beyond construction, I have been honored to assist with land and building acquisitions that help strengthen our economic future. Through this work, I have coordinated due diligence efforts to ensure sound investments and learned firsthand about the federal trust land process. I am especially proud that one of our recent trust applications was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. While it was a small parcel and took years of dedication, it is now Port Gamble S'Klallam trust land that will remain part of our Nation for generations to come.

Josh DeCoteau-Mcleod Letter Continued

My experience working within Tribal Government, Noo-Kayet Investments, and the Housing Board has provided me with a broad understanding of both the opportunities and challenges facing our Tribe.

One issue I am especially passionate about is housing. While we have made progress in developing new lots and creating opportunities for Tribal members, we know there is still work to do. I would like to see continued investment in our housing programs—not only financially, but also through stronger collaboration between Tribal Council, the Housing Board, and Tribal departments. Our goal should be to create opportunities for Tribal members at all income levels, ensuring they have not only a place to live, but also a pathway to homeownership here on our ancestral homeland. Whether I have the privilege of serving on Council or continue serving on the Housing Board, this will remain one of my highest priorities.

We have also recently approved one of the largest construction budgets in our Tribal Campus Master Plan. While this project is exciting and represents tremendous opportunity, it also comes with significant responsibility. I believe my experience managing construction projects and budgets can provide valuable insight as we move through this important design-build process.

I would also like to see us continue expanding and diversifying our economic enterprises. We have made meaningful progress in recent years, but we must continue building on that momentum. Strategic reinvestment into revenue-generating businesses is essential to our long-term growth and self-sufficiency. Being part of the success of The Point Casino & Hotel over the past several years has shown me what is possible when we invest thoughtfully and plan for the future. Expanding Noo-Kayet's business footprint will help create lasting opportunities, strengthen Tribal services, and build generational wealth for our people.

Serving on Tribal Council has long been a personal goal of mine. Watching previous generations dedicate themselves to our community has inspired me throughout my career. I have always approached my work with a commitment to service and a desire to contribute all that I can. I believe Council members should uphold the highest standards of leadership, act in the best interests of the Tribe, and provide transparency and honesty to our membership.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Council Person IV. It would be an honor to serve our Tribe and work alongside you to help build a strong future for generations to come.

Respectfully,

Joshua DeCoteau-McLeod
Candidate for Council Person IV



Letters of Intent Continued

Roxanne Hockett

Candidate, Council IV

Roxanne Hockett
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June 4, 2026

To the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Community,

I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for the position of Council IV in the upcoming July 13, 2026 Tribal Council election.

My name is Roxanne Hockett. I am the daughter of James Pinkston, Edwina Bonds, and Eric Bonds. I am the granddaughter of Rose and Robert Stewart, and the great-granddaughter of Stan and Irene Purser. My lineage continues through Ed and Irene Purser, and Peter Jackson and Ellen Moses-Jackson. I share this to honor my family and the teachings and responsibilities that guide me.

I was raised with the understanding that hard work means showing up-for our families, our community, and our responsibilities-and that leadership is grounded in service, accountability, and respect for our people.

I currently serve as Secretary of the Tribal Gaming Board of Commissioners, a role I have held since 2021, supporting regulatory oversight and responsible governance. I also volunteer with the Coast Salish Wool Weaving Center as a grant writer, bookkeeper, and weaving instructor, and I can often be found teaching beadwork and wool weaving throughout our community. I began beading and weaving in 2018 and continue this work as both cultural practice and community connection.

As a small business owner, I understand Indianpreneurship and the importance of creating sustainable, self-determined economic opportunities for our people. Through my work, I have seen how entrepreneurship not only supports individual families, but also strengthens community resilience, cultural expression, and long-term economic sovereignty.

I am a graduate of The Evergreen State College, where I earned my Master of Public Administration in Tribal Governance. My capstone project, *Paths to Sovereignty*, translates complex Tribal governance systems into an interactive, culturally grounded learning tool that highlights sovereignty, systems thinking, and relational leadership through experiential gameplay.

I am currently serving as Grants Director, where I built the Tribe's grants department from the ground up-growing from a one-person operation to a team of three grant writers with a strong focus on compliance, sovereignty, and strategic alignment. I led the effort to implement strategic planning across Tribal government, helping shift our approach from reactive to proactive in pursuing funding opportunities.

I also had the honor of steering the Tribe's 2020 Census effort, where we achieved a 100% headcount of all residents on the reservation-a significant accomplishment given the historical undercounting

Roxanne Hockett Letter Continued

of Native communities nationwide. In 2025, I organized and led the first Tribal Grants Roundtable, bringing together Washington Tribal grant professionals to strengthen relationships, share knowledge, and build collective capacity. I am also a 2023 alumni of Leadership Kitsap.

I am running for Tribal Council because I have spent the last decade intentionally preparing for this role-learning the systems, building experience in governance and finance, and understanding how decisions impact our community. Through that work, I have come to believe that our Tribe needs strong, forward-thinking leadership grounded in both strategy and cultural responsibility. I bring a non-linear, systems-based approach to problem-solving that I believe is critical for navigating the complex challenges and opportunities we face.

I also want to acknowledge and express my deepest gratitude to our community for the dedication that led to the 2024 Constitutional changes. Because of that work, my 10-year-old daughter, and many other children, are now enrolled-an outcome that has strengthened the foundation of our families and our future generations. I carry that forward with a deep sense of responsibility.

If elected, I will prioritize:

- Transparent and accountable governance
- Strategic, sustainable economic development that benefits the whole community
- Continued advancement of data-informed decision-making to strengthen funding and long-term planning
- Support for cultural knowledge and intergenerational learning
- Stronger communication, collaboration, and community engagement

My leadership style is grounded in listening, collaboration, and accountability to our people-not just to systems. I believe leadership requires humility, consistency, and a commitment to showing up and doing the work.

It would be an honor to serve our community in this way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Roxanne Hockett



Letters of Intent Continued

Malissa Purser

Candidate, Council IV

To My Fellow S'Klallam Tribal Members,

I am writing to share my intent to run for **Councilperson IV**. First, I want to express my deep respect and appreciation for our current Council Members. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed, and I am grateful for all you do for our Tribe.

My name is **Malissa Purser**, daughter of Victoria Purser Moran and David Purser, and granddaughter of Marlene Wellman, Paul Moran, Geraldine Heimann, and Aaron Purser. I am also the proud parent of five beautiful daughters.

Professionally, I have 18 years of experience in retail (14 at the Gliding Eagle), worked as an Instructional Aide/Technician at Northwest Indian College, and now serve as the **Training & Development Coordinator** in Human Resources. I hold an associate degree in Science for Business Management, an associate degree in Arts for general transfer, and one bachelor's degree in Art for Native Studies Leadership. I also maintain two HR professional certifications and one certification in Professional Training Management.

My career goal is to continue expanding training and development within our tribal government in ways that provide strategic alignment to provide the best possible services for our Tribe, our membership, and as one of the leading employers in North Kitsap County.

My Priorities

Inclusive Employment & Support Services

I am passionate about the assistance of expanding our **Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR) program** (much gratitude for our Vulnerable Adults Program) to support disabled and uniquely abled Tribal members in finding meaningful employment. Inclusion strengthens our workforce, builds trust, and brings valuable perspectives to our community.

I also want to provide **consistent and practical training** to help employees and community members confidently and respectfully engage with individuals of all abilities—creating a more inclusive environment across our Tribe, including employees who interact with our tribal members. The overall goal is for inclusion to become a natural experience within our community & places of employment for uniquely abled members of our community.

Malissa Purser Letter Continued

Addressing Addiction with Compassion

I am committed to helping **de-stigmatize addiction and substance abuse**.

Generational/Historical trauma and mental health challenges affect many of our people.

While safety and accountability are necessary, compassion and a trauma-informed approach are equally important. We can co-exist respectfully. It takes a village to heal our people in the present and for our future generations.

I would also like to explore **alternative recovery support programs** for individuals using prescribed medications or THC as part of their sobriety journey—recognizing that healing is not always one-size-fits-all. What would this look like? This type of program would support balanced use of prescribed medications and THC while focusing on healing, accountability, and maintaining sobriety from the damage of alcohol and/or illegal drug. Anybody looking for a program like this right now check out Calisober on FB!

Language & Culture

Our language is a direct connection to our ancestors and identity. I support expanding **S'Klallam language use** in our workplaces and community spaces and creating opportunities such as immersive learning weekends to strengthen fluency and cultural connection.

Housing Opportunities

Housing remains a critical need. I plan to explore the return of the **stick-built homebuyer programs** from the past and support initiatives like **tiny homes** for low-income or single members. We need more pathways to homeownership and self-sufficiency for our people. This ensures Tribal members can achieve homeownership success beyond assigned allotments.

Sovereignty & Treaty Rights

I deeply respect the work our Council does to protect our sovereignty and Treaty Rights. I am committed to supporting that work and contributing my perspective and dedication to strengthening our Tribe. What they do behind the scenes orchestrates the protection of our Membership through countless meetings, negotiations, and travels through-out Indian Country and beyond.

Malissa Purser Letter Continued

I respectfully ask for your vote only if you believe I can serve effectively and be an asset to our community. I am here, and I am ready.

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Malissa Victoria Purser

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HR Training & Development Coordinator



**Tribal Council
Elections are on
Monday, July 13
at the Tribal
Center!**

Kitsap Regional Library Foundation Award, *Continued from Cover*



“The Library has helped generations of our people. It provides opportunities for children to learn and explore, supports students pursuing higher education, and offers resources that benefit our entire community. We are honored to support an institution that has given so much back to our community,” said Amber Caldera, PGST Chairwoman.

In early June, the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Council welcomed members of the Foundation and the Library for a check presentation ceremony. During that event, Leigh Ann Winterowd, Regional Manager, Kingston and Little Boston KRL branches, said, “As someone who has the privilege of working with (PGST), I know that this gift represents more than financial support. It reflects values that have long been part of the Tribe’s leadership: investing in future generations, strengthening community connections, and creating opportunities for people to learn from one another.”

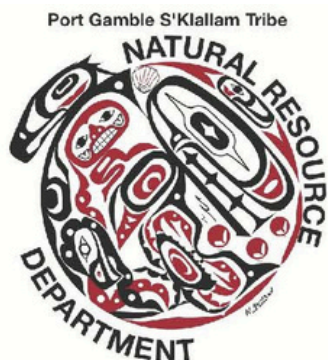
The PGST Community Investment Grant Program award will support several Kitsap Regional Library programs systemwide, including the free Summer Learning program, their efforts to help families build home libraries,

and Sharing Our Stories, which is the evolution of their One Book, One Community program and invites groups to lead shared reading experiences that reflect the unique perspectives of their culture or community.

This gift is also a time to remember the late Dianna Purser (March 20, 1950 - September 25, 2026), mother of former PGST Chairman Jeromy Sullivan. Dianna was one of the driving forces behind bringing the Library to Little Boston. Through a small grant and countless hours of coordination, Dianna helped establish the original branch in the old A-Frame building that many community members still remember today. She often spoke with pride about helping bring the Library to the reservation and watching it grow over the years into the resource it has become.

Dianna shared this history with members of the Tribe’s Law and Order Committee last year. Shortly after sharing those stories, she passed away, and we miss her tremendously. Her legacy lives on through the generations of children, students, families, and elders who have benefited from access to books, educational resources, and opportunities for lifelong learning.

For more information about the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation and the work they do to support libraries like Little Boston, please visit <https://www.supportkrl.org/>.



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to our 2026 graduates!



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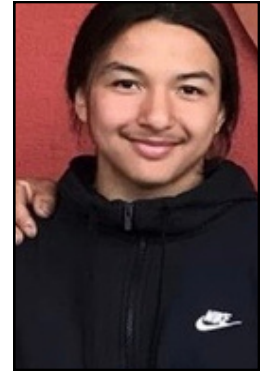
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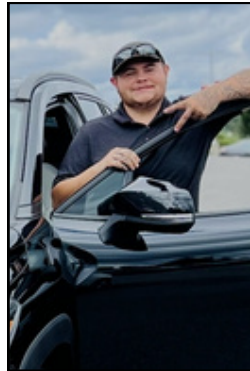
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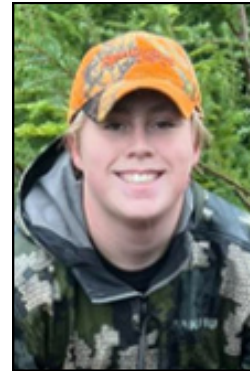
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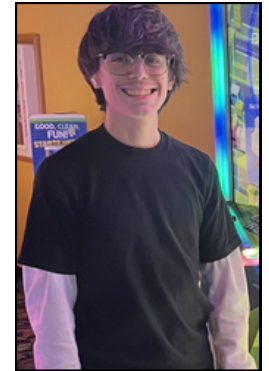
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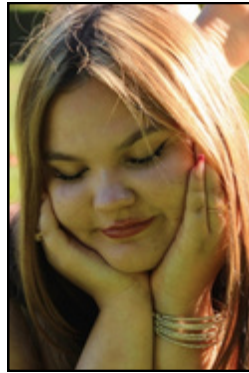
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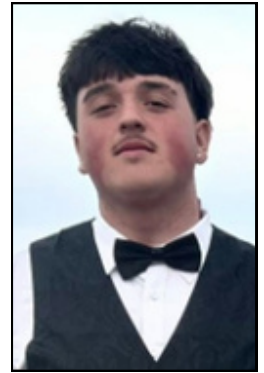
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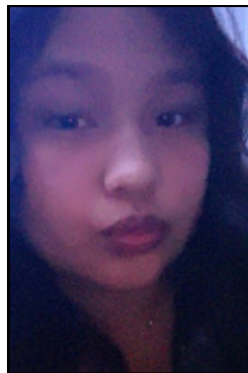
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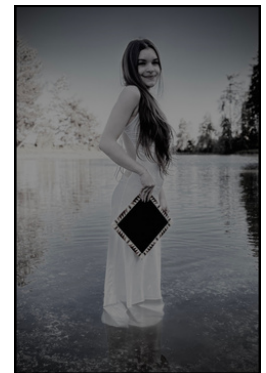
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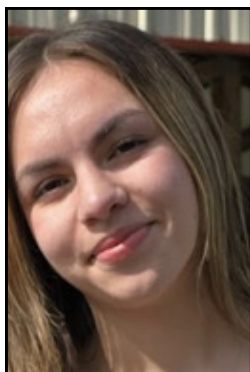
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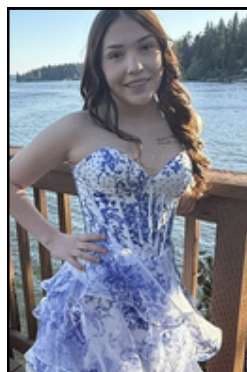
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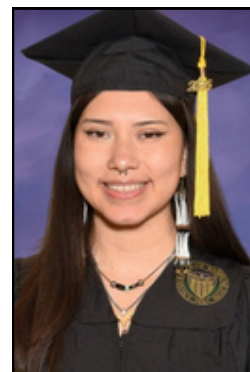
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Associate of Arts



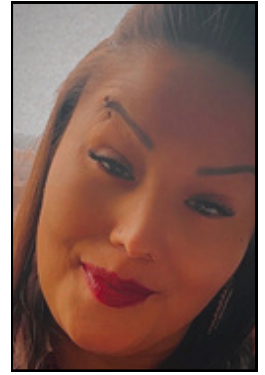
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*MA of Public
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**Sam
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Associate of Arts



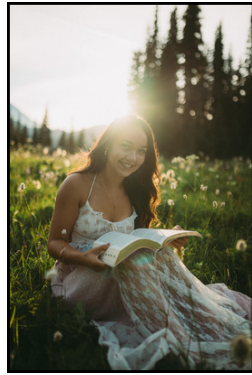
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Associate of Arts



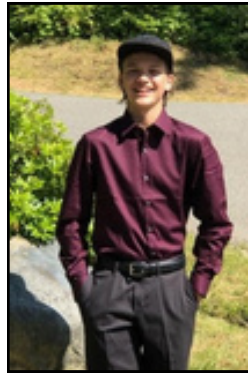
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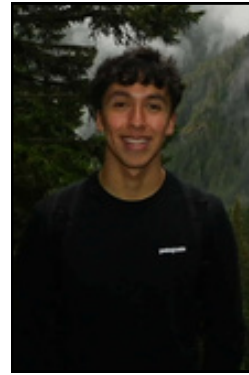
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Roberts-Jones**

*North Kitsap
High School*



**Taliya
Caldera**

*Medical Assistant
Certification*



On a beautiful, sunny day in Poulsbo, our PGST graduates got to celebrate the end of their high school careers at the Kingston High School Senior Graduation. On June 13, 2026, Angeline, Mya, Jack, Trinity, Aaliyah, Mayzeo, Jazlin, Naveah, Alishawnee, Marcelene, and Charity walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. This fall, these graduates will start new adventures—whether that's college, a trade, or something else, we could not be prouder as a community!

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Spring Activities Highlight Cultural Heritage and Community Engagement



This spring, the Culture Department was actively involved in several activities that celebrate and preserve the rich heritage of our community.

Recently, the team partnered with the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest for another successful cedar bark - syéwi? - harvesting event. Participants had the opportunity to learn in a supportive environment by harvesting from trees designated for thinning, ensuring a gentle introduction to this traditional practice. Plans are underway for additional harvesting dates, with updates available on the Tribe's website, Facebook page, and Teams.

In addition, the Culture Department played a supportive role in the MMIWR awareness march, contributing to the meal preparation of this significant event. Many departments and our tribal members were involved which speaks to the importance of community solidarity and advocacy.

As spring continued, the harvesting of qʷaʔyətúʔi or camas—a traditional food for our people—also returned. Team members attended the Pacific Rim Institute Intertribal Camas Event, where they learned about the techniques of digging, processing, and preparing camas using an earth oven. When prepared properly camas becomes a sweet creamy food that was cherished and considered a delicacy from our ancestors.

We'd like to send our thanks to Stephanie Sullivan whose help allowed us to prepare smoked horseclams and bring them to the feast table. A highlight of the event was having our own Culture Staff member Rowan Bunich participate as a Witness, an esteemed role in traditional ceremonies, marking a unique training opportunity. It is our goal to bring this traditional food practice back to our shores someday soon.

The "Live with the Season" Cohort, an in-depth program working with local plants and traditional food medicines, hosted by Elise Crohn and Valerie Segrest in collaboration with the PGST Culture Department gathered at Heronswood Garden May 21st. With a focus on spring flowers and seasonal berries, a plant walk guided by Debby Purser, helped the group in identifying wild plants from the garden followed by medicine making, stories, games and art activities.

Spring Activities, Continued

A wonderful meal was prepared including freshly sourced spring king salmon. Special thanks are sent out to Mike Jones for fileting salmon and to Garret Sitting Dog for stepping up impromptu to cook fish over an alder fire for us. The meal was very well enjoyed by all! . háʔnəŋ cn \0/

We are excited to announce the release of two new books that will further the restoration and strengthening of our nəxʷsʔayəmə́cən, our S'Klallam Language. Voices of the Ancestors nəxʷsʔayəmə́cən Klallam Language Narratives compiled by Dr. Timothy Montler and Places of Importance - Stories, Changes and Oral History, a collection compiled by Jamie Valadez.

A special honoring event was held at Peninsula College and LEKT Tribal Campus to acknowledge the work put into these new educational and cultural resources. We had supporting contributions made by our own Brooke Wellman, Chris Jones and Hannah Jones with manuscript editing. The Culture Department plans to purchase of copy of each book to distribute to tribal households. Please stay posted for our future book gifting event.



Top Right: Kinslee Moss, Juanita Holtyn, Misty Ives, and Rowan Bunish pose by horse clam cooking pit.

Bottom: Kinslee Moss cleans camas bulbs.

Spring Activities, Continued

In a poignant moment, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Juanita Holtyn initiated the process to identify the remains of one of our ancestors. Community members came together to ensure the laying to rest, happened swiftly and respectfully, reinforcing the importance of honoring our heritage and our people.

The Culture Department extends heartfelt thanks to Gene Jones Sr., Victoria Tom, Joe Price, Ashley Brown, Brennan Hagan, Stephanie Sullivan, Debby Purser, and Garret Sitting Dog for their unwavering support in these meaningful endeavors. Their collective efforts exemplify the spirit of community and the dedication to preserving our cultural legacy.

For more information on upcoming events and activities, keep an eye on the Tribe's communications and local media outlets. Via our tribal website: <https://pgst.nsn.us/>, on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PortGambleSklallams> and through Tribal Member opted text alerts. Please remember to sign up for all classes by using the phone number or email that is posted on the flyers.

ATTENTION CRABBERS

WDFW and Suquamish tagged 900 legal-sized male Dungeness in Regions 4 & 5 for a crab movement study.

If you find a tagged crab, please CALL/TEXT the phone number on the tag and report the following:

1. Tag # (4 digits)
2. Catch Date
3. Catch Location (Lat/Lon is best!)
4. (optional) Shell Condition: Hard or Soft

OR, follow this QR LINK to a reporting website where you can enter the information.



Hard crab? You can retain it; tagged crabs have not been altered in any other way.

Soft crab? Please report the above information PLUS the Release Location. Then, we can continue to track it.





Around The Rez

Opportunities and announcements for the S'Klallam Community

Seasonal Family Gathering Assistance Program

All ENROLLED Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Members ages 18 years and older are eligible to receive assistance of \$400.00 per quarter, upon completion of the application. Applicant MUST be 18 years (restrictions may apply). Necessary requirements below:

MUST BE AN ENROLLED Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal member and MUST be 18 years old by the last day of the calendar quarter.

Applications will be available and accepted starting Monday, JULY 6, 2026. The deadline for applications is Friday July 31, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. PST. No exceptions will be made.

Applications must be completed, signed and submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Electronic applications can be found online at pgst.nsn.us or you can pick up a printed copy at the front desk of the main Tribal Center.

Applications can be submitted one of two ways: electronic application on the PGST website OR drop in the Black drop box in FRONT OF THE TRIBAL CENTER (LEFT SIDE OF DOOR). PLEASE DO NOT HAND TO STAFF.

IF you are not set up for direct deposit, your check will be mailed. It is your responsibility to keep your mailing address up to date with Enrollment. Checks will be mailed on Fridays. Checks will no longer be handed out by Accounting.

The pay dates for this quarter will be on July 17 and August 7, 2026

Direct deposit forms can be found in the accounting department. For direct deposit information please contact our Accounting department (360)297-2646.

To update your mailing address with Enrollment, contact the Enrollment clerk Jordan DeCoteau at (360)297-6217.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mandi Moon at (360)297-9678 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Stay Up-To-Date with the Education Newsletter

The Education department has launched a newsletter to help better inform PGST community members. Each issue includes the latest department news, Student Spotlights, Educational Resources, Books by Indigenous Authors, and book recommendations by age and grade.

Access the latest issue via the QR code to the right!



Happy Birthday

...to everyone celebrating in

JUNE & July

June 1

Callihoo, Carrie
Taylor, Cody
Johnson, Payslee
Lababit, Elyse
Aikman, Dakota
Brandt, Ethan
MacKay, Olyvia
Wellman, Peyton

June 2

Najera, Christopher
Cuzick Jr., Tylan
Whisler, Justin
Johnson, Zoey
Wellman, Destiny

June 3

Oliver, Kaylee
Charles, Shaylynn
Neiendam, Raiden

June 4

Winkle, Rylie
Stewart, Melissa
Fulton, Dean
Veregge, Constance
Strode, Mia
Zhawenim, Randee
Johnson, Aden

June 5

Oliver, Mary Ellen
Fulton, Alan Leroy
Purser, Doreen Rudy
Lund, John Thomas
Jones Jr., Joshua Beau
Anderson, Zackariah Joel
Bidtah, Melody Ruth
Neiendam, Rosalie June

June 6

Jones, Gene

June 7

Hooper, Dwayne
Moran, Maximus
Crump, Sandra
Doleman, Tatyanna

June 8

Mabe, James
Benefield, Dayna
Culley, Maize

June 9

Fulton, Everlee-Lynn
Nystrom, Sandra

June 10

Straw, Consuelo
French, Chaz
Townsend, Dillon
Fulton, Elie
Rogers, Meadow

June 11

Turrieta, Aiyana
Patrick, Kelsey
Decoteau, Adalaide

June 12

Gascoyne, Jordyn
Aguayo III, John
Flores, Kali
Meyer, Perry
Reynolds, Justin

June 13

Tillman, Levi
Fulton, Barry
Marvel, Jean
Fulton, Jameson
Crocker-Redbird, Sonya
Frank, Taylor
Sullivan, Faith
Loeffler, Rylan

June 14

Ratigan, Erin
Bassett, April
Ruffin, Jianna
Ives, Isla-Lynn
McGovern, Jacob
Callihoo, Stacy

June 15

Laducer-Naclerio, Jordan
Edwards, Kaden-Michael
Chadwick, Tyler
Laducer-Naclerio, Jayden
Neville, Sara
Ruffin, Lisa
Tyson, Charity

June 16

Ives, Katamia
Purser, Penny
Decoteau, Chevonne

June 17

Beck, Angela
Aikman, Kaoni
Fundak, Bert

June 18

Olson, Wendy
Alarcon, Ilahna

June 19

Fulton, Everlee-Lynn
Nystrom, Sandra

June 20

Seachord Jr., Terrence
Sawyer-Lucas, Lateesha
Decoteau, Talon
Franco, Brenda

June 21

Hankin, Angus

June 22

Purser-Jacobs, Avery
Whisler Seiler, Celia
Horton, Robert
Kelliher, Kahlia

June 23

Smart, Rachel
Lachner, Paul
Jones, Clara

June 24

Schell, Kayli
Sheehy, Iyanna

June 25

Patrick, Michael
Ives, Angel-Lynn
Purser, Lucas
Decoteau, Hazel
Cabato, Raymielle

June 26

Najera, Aurora
Lopez, Florena
Jackson, Marianna
Purser, Shyla
Montgomery, Tracy
Sullivan, Therron
Trevathan, James
Laroche, Oliver
Plankenhorn, Amy
Smart, Jonathan

June 27

Madrid, Jessica
Reynolds, Jady
Bidtah, Olivia
Nilluka-Valandra, Wambleeska
Decoteau, Dayzee
Pierce, Santino

June 28

Larson, Lila
Charles, Ronald
Landers, Jonathan

June 29

Dahlberg, Stephanie
James, Jessica
Jackson III, Benjamin
Knepper, Quincey
Ellenwood, Akiah
Harvey, Terek

June 30

George-Hale, Kaia
Shelden, Melissa
Quinnett, Lindsey
Bennett, Brittany
Jones, Dennis

July 1

Folz, Danielle
Potter, Kelly
Adams, Domonique
Seachord, Sally
Decoteau-Avalos, Tammy
Tafaovale-Hunkin, Azaiah
Risher, Shelby

July 2

Miguel, Miles
Flores, Aiden

July 3

Abad, Ashton
Tafaovale-Hunkin, Ayla
Ellenwood, Kalel
Wellman, Brooke
Anderson, Ruth
Sullivan, Aliyah-Lynn
Morales, Jennifer

July 5

Decoteau, Lydia
Oliver, Tyson
Jones Jr., James

July 6

Ashley-Ramirez, Elizabeth
Cox, Whitley
Cox, Jaxon
Harvey Jr., Richard

July 7

Story, Patricia
Newell, Stephanie
Tom, Edward
Margart, Summer
Old Coyote-Griggs, Rayla
Boice-Phillips, Ethan
Brockman, Jaylah

July 8

White, Haylee
Cannon, Stephanie
Treakle, Scarlett
Meyer, Stacey
Grady, Jonelle
DeCoteau - Mcleod, Joshua
Phillips, Donovan
Rogers, Alexandria

July 9

Sheehy, Kyle
Phillips Jr., Brandon
Phillips, Brooklyn
Jackson, Cassidy

July 10

Jones, Alexyss
Hager, Summer

July 11

Stroud, Todd
Alarcon-Sullivan, Coraline
McGovern, Kyla

July 12

Ponce-Ramirez, Colby
Thomas, Gwendolyn
Montgomery, Kamaya
Fulton, Monica
Roberts, Aubrey
Seachord, Tracy
Jones Jr., Robert

July 13

Decoteau, Isabella
Aikman III, Duane
Sullivan, Roger
Ellenwood, Denise
Jones, Valarie
Ingraham, Patrick
Dixon, Marshall

July 14

Montgomery, James

July 15

Leavitt, Conner
Charles, Christina
Sullivan-Cheyney, Tanner
Gouley, Yvonne
Walker, James
Wellman, Ayla

July 16

Jones Jr., Anthony
Decoteau, Dennis
Ives, Courtney
Crawford, Bradley

July 17

Henry Jr., William
Patrick, Taylor
Stark-Turman, Audra
Jones, Jayse

July 18

Gilbert-Jones, Messiah
Fulton Sr., Mickey
James, Colton
Gutierrez, Kaitlyn

July 19

Frederick, Megan
Hall, Abigail
Decoteau, Azariah

July 20

Sims, Dominic
Fulton, Sophia
Abrahamson, Cassius
Swift, Madden

July 21

White, Kimber
Ives, Marley
Hunkin, Oriana

July 22

Gregory Jr., Nathaniel
Woodruff, Naleilee
Charles, Leroy
Newton, Vanessa
Fulton, Virginia

July 23

Fulton, Gordon
Sims, Carilla
Purser, Dale
Seachord, Ashley
Delafuente, Elvina

July 24

Boldman, Christopher
McLean, Zailena
Peters-Strode, Josie
Jones, Misty
Wellman, Desmond

July 25

Olson, Summer
Caspersen, Tristin
Johnson, Skyler

July 26

Purser-Butler, Kylynn
Chesnin, Zachary
Tom, Raven
Ives, Andrew
Newman, Robin

July 27

Ives, Trinity
Holland, Rhonda
Crow, Lillian

July 28

Brandt, Benjamin
Sullivan, Jacob
Michalscheck Jr., Fred
Baze, Shane
Sullivan, Chayton
Buckman, Joey
Ashby, Javon
Boschec, Jamie

July 29

Charles, Landon
Heleniak, Brock
Purser, Shyla
Whisler, Eric

July 30

Sullivan, Madison
Purser, Sholana
Reynolds, Isaac
Ives-Griggs, Mellynie
Akins, Ariana
Veregge, Renee
Jackson-Deolivarez Jr., Javier
Dixon, Madilyn

July 31

Trevathan, Hall
Jones, Ida



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The Little Boston branch of Kitsap Regional Library will be closed Saturday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

July 2026 Library Recommendations:

Into the Bright Open: A Secret Garden Remix by Cherie Dimaline (Métis): In this emotionally immersive novel, a newly orphaned girl is sent to the Canadian wilderness to live with relatives she's never met, only to discover her new home is full of secrets both wonderful and horrifying in this rich and verdant retelling of *The Secret Garden*.
(Fiction • Book • 2023)

The Water Remembers: My Indigenous Family's Fight to Save a River and a Way of Life by Amy Bowers Cordalis (Yurok): For the Yurok tribe of Northern California, Klamath River salmon are a vital source of food, income, and cultural identity.

In a moving blend of memoir and history, Cordalis takes readers through generations of her family's struggle, where the fight is not just about fishing - it's about protecting a way of life and the right of a species and river to exist.

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