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Muckleshoot Celebrates an All-Time Record Number of Graduates During the Graduation Season of 2026

By Joseph Martin, Tribal Education Officer, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

MUCKLESHOOT — The June 2026 Muckleshoot Graduation Season represents the 25th 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 such a 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 Muckleshoot Department of 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, the Muckleshoot Tribal School Commission, and the Muck-

leshoot Head Start Parent Policy Council for supporting and sponsoring all of our 2026 Muckleshoot graduation ceremonies.

On Friday, June 12, 2026, we had 850 people gather in the beautiful Muckleshoot Casino Events Center to celebrate our incredible 32 Class of 2026 high school seniors from our Muckleshoot Tribal School. We were joined by Julian Neal, Seattle Seahawks Cornerback, who provided our Class of 2026 MTS Graduates with an extremely inspiring and motivational keynote speech during this special evening.

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 488 total high school graduates from our Muckleshoot Tribal School!



Education Committee Chair Virginia Cross and Tribal Education Officer Joseph Martin

This was an amazing year for our Muckleshoot Tribal School Class of 2026 and we are all extremely proud of their incredible accomplishments. I want to recognize our Class of 2026 from Muckleshoot Tribal School and highlight some of their future plans:

2026 Muckleshoot Tribal School Graduates & Future Plans		
NAME	TRIBAL AFFILIATION	PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
Anthony Alestra	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	GAP Year - Otis College of Art & Design
Jared Cross	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Workforce
Jack Crowell	Klamath Tribes	Workforce
Kaliya Elkins	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Gap Year - Beauty School
Hailey Fahrenkrug	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Other - Workforce
Alejandra Garcia	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Workforce
Mikaih Gillis	Kickapoo Nation	Workforce
Lyena Gopher	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Mesa Community College
Karley James	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Other - Travel
Harley Jansen	Blackfeet Nation	University of Washington
Alex Kinggeorge	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Bellingham Technical College
Louisa Lucero	Puyallup Tribe	University of Washington Tacoma
Desmond MaGee	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Military
Kirah Marquard	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Highline College
Alesha Martin	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	GAP Year - College or University
George Moses	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	GAP Year - Green River College
Savina Moses Atimalala	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Gap Year - Beauty School
Randy Mounts	Nisqually Indian Tribe	Workforce
Beatrice Nelson	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	GAP Year - Community College
Sierra Nelson	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Green River College
Hilary Penfield	Blackfeet Nation	University of Washington Tacoma
Ronald Penn IV	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	GAP Year - College or University
Joseph Perez-Elkins	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	GAP Year - College or University
Nayeli Rodriguez	Blackfeet Nation	GAP Year - Renton Technical College
Aurelia Sanchez	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Whatcom Community College
Kandace Simmons	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Gap Year - Beauty School
Tnessa Starr	Puyallup Tribe	GAP Year - Green River College
Aliyanna Tiznado-Jansen	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Gonzaga University
Anna Lou Vejar	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Workforce
Theron WhiteEagle	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Workforce
Alfred Williams	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Oregon State University
Jayden Williams	Tulalip Tribes	Workforce

On June 17, 2026, we celebrated an all-time record number of graduates at our MIT Adult and Higher Education Graduation Ceremony at the MIT Casino Events Center.

For our Class of 2026, we had an all-time record number of Muckleshoot Tribal Members (45) who earned college degrees, including five Muckleshoot Tribal Members who earned their doctorate degrees: Dr. Gina Hillesheim, Dr. Huda Swelam, Dr. Madrienne White, Dr. Angel Williams and Dr. Ryan Wilson. Congratulations to these

five Muckleshoot Tribal Members for this incredible academic accomplishment of earning their doctoral degrees!

Additionally, we had an all-time record number of Muckleshoot Tribal Members (139) who earned Technical, Vocational and Academic Certificates; 19 Tribal Members who earned High School 21 Plus Diplomas; and (1) one Tribal Member who earned their GED Diploma. In totality, we celebrated another all-time record in the history of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for our total

number of Muckleshoot Adult and Higher Education Graduates. We had a total of 204 graduates that we honored for the Class of 2026 in our Muckleshoot Adult and Higher Education Division!

We want to congratulate all of our Muckleshoot Scholars who tackled this huge milestone of achieving their degrees and certificates in 2026.

Our Class of 2026 Muckleshoot Tribal Members earning college degrees:

Class of 2026 Muckleshoot Tribal Member College Degrees		
Gina Hillesheim – Doctor of Philosophy in Education – National University	Madrienne White – Doctor of Education – University of Washington Tacoma	Ryan Wilson – Doctor of Education – University of Washington Tacoma
Huda Swelam – Doctor of Education – University of Washington Tacoma	Angel Williams – Doctor of Education – University of Washington Tacoma	Rose Davis – Master of Legal Studies, Tribal Self-Governance – Arizona State University

Class of 2026 Muckleshoot Tribal Member College Degrees (continued)

Makoa Elgin – Master of Science in Botany; Evolution, Ecology, Conservation concentration – University of Hawaii Manoa Melissa So – Master of Science, Curriculum and Instruction – Western Governor's University Steven Yanish – Master of Education for Practicing Educators – University of Washington Tacoma Sylvia Agaton – Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management – Northwest Indian College Irene Anderson – Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management – Northwest Indian College Venecia Barrera – Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management – Northwest Indian College Marlin Brown – Bachelor of Science, Cybersecurity and Information Assurance – Western Governors University Curtiss Buchanan – Bachelor of Science, Business Administration – Purdue University Global Robin Greenhalgh – Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education – Salish Kootenai College Tania Korndorfer – Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Minor in American Indian Studies – Washington State University Jack Lewis – Bachelor of Science, Finance; Minors in Psychology and American Studies – University of the Ozarks Trey Lockwood – Bachelor of Science in Biology – Utah Valley University Latanya Mustin – Bachelor of Arts in Psychology – Seattle University	Lamont Nichols – Bachelor of Business Administration – University of North Texas at Dallas Valerie Ross-Zhaawendaagozikwe – Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Biology University of Wisconsin – Superior Pearl Zaldivar – Bachelor of Arts, Community Advocates and Responsive Education in Human Services – Northwest Indian College River Carey – Associate of Applied Science, Commercial Building Engineering – Renton Technical College Brenda Daniels – Associate of Applied Science, Administrative Management – Highline College Alighah Elkins – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Lena Elkins – Associate of Arts and Sciences, Business and Entrepreneurship – Northwest Indian College Desiree Everett – Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education – Lakeshore Technical College Isabell Flores – Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer – Green River College Victorya Foulkes – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Irene Isadore – Associate of Arts and Sciences, Public and Tribal Administration Northwest Indian College Tyshauna Johnson – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College	Cassandra Lewis – Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer – Green River College MaryJane Miller – Associate in Applied Science, Carpentry Technology – Green River College Veronica Miller – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Chandra Moses – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Ezra Nelson – Associate in Applied Science, Carpentry Technology – Green River College Kesiah Nichols – Associate of Science – Dallas College Mario Paul – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Roseann Reeves – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Ariana Romo-Rincon – Associate of Science – Dallas College Lyna Semon – Associate of Applied Arts in Accounting – Clover Park Technical College Leeschelle Sohappy – Associate of Arts, Direct Transfer – Bellevue College Michelle Sohappy-Lara – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Stina Starr – Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer – Northwest Indian College Wah'leah Wight – Associate of Applied Arts in Accounting – Green River College
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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 achieved another all-time record number of graduates during the Muckleshoot Graduation Season of 2026. 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) – 69; Muckleshoot Tribal School Kindergarten – 24; MTS 5th grade – 35; MTS 8th grade – 45; MTS High

School – 32; Muckleshoot students graduating from other high schools – 20; Muckleshoot Adult and Higher Education Division: college degrees – 45; post-secondary certificates – 139; and High School 21 Plus Diplomas – 19; GED Diploma – 1. Our 2026 Muckleshoot Tribal Graduation Season resulted in an all-time record for the total number of graduates with a total number of 429.

I want to take this opportunity to salute all of our proud 2026 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 2025-2026 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 our 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.



Muckleshoot Child Development Center



Annaliyah
Andy-Michell



Z-Anna Baker



Kenai Bennett



Penelope
Brendible



Bernice Courville



Emilee Cross



Ahulani
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Linda Culp



Kylo Davis



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Isa'Iani Edwards



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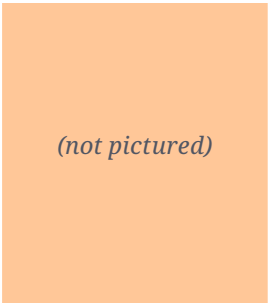
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Amelia Phair



Luna Safarian



Aponi Simmons



Jonah Sneatlum



Susan Starr



Ayden Stephens

Muckleshoot Early Learning Academy



Marcelo Alvarez



Hunter Anderson



Celilo Andy Jr.



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Cassandra
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Wynter Castillo



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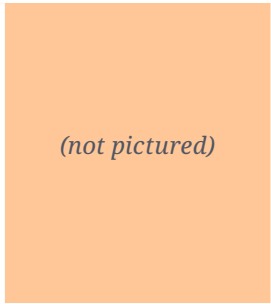
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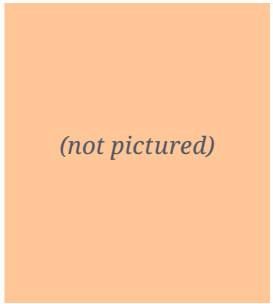
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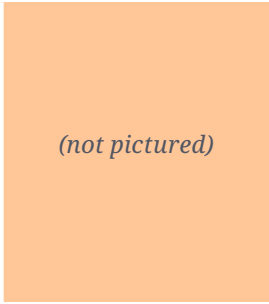
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Brandon Leas



Kaylena Leonard



Raine
Lonewarrior



T'Sias Lozier



Silas Moses



Mayani Naputi



Ember Nelson



Barbara Pavel



Blair Pierce



Lilith Smith



Logan Sohappy



Kaleb
Sohappy-Lara



DaShaunte
Starr-Henry



Nahla Veliz



Leland
WhiteEagle-Sam



Loreign Williams



Reign Williams



Nolan Wyena

Hailey Enick's Class



Malakai Brown

Dreamer Carreno

Damon Carter

Ermias Diaz

Mikaila Edwards

Joyce George



Kenai James

Blake Lobehan

Skylah Moses

Okelani Sarabia-Johnson

Alisandra Santiago Navarro

SPECIAL GUESTS



Arianna Esparza

Ciatkwu Molina

Qalqalaxic Molina

Brianna Paola Wong

Josie Austin's Class



Lillyana Aho

Les Charlie

Elliana Erholm

Sandra Jerry

Jordan Morrison

Oaklyn Moses

Zachary Moses-Elkins



Zeno Shelafoe

Sarah Starr-Rutherford

Wilkie Teo

Aspen Thompson

Ivy WhiteEagle

Loretta Williams





Crystal Lehmann's Class



Quincy Aho Nicholas Bennett Mason Corwin Vazhia Crombie Jayda Daniels Mauricio Hernandez



Emiliano Ibarra-Montes Presley James Braylen Jerry-Van Camp Lilyanah Lloyd Carter McDaniel Talisia Olivas-Jansen



Shoni Pacheco-Wyena Dawn'esha Powderface Arnie Ross Moses Sneatum Jr. Sequoia Williams Tayler Williams

Tara Davis' Class



Andrew Broncheau-Williams Bricelynn Capoeman Brandon Castaneda-Matz Mariana Castillo Stanley Daniels Jr. Zuri Elkins



Paloma Flores Carter Fawcett Omri Giron Sianna Jefferson Raidein Leonard-Jerry Sage Lonewarrior



Maloree Marter Harlyn Moses-Cross Julian Nelson Armani Rincon Arletta WhiteEagle







Quentin Baker



Jennie Baker-Lopez



Chelsea Bennett



Kadence Brown



Yulissa Casarez



Noah Collins



Lorraina Cross



Natalya Cruz



Jack Dais



Mason Daniels



Reginald Daniels



Michael Darden



Joseph Diaz



Della Dominick



Kiana Dominick



Blaine Elkins



Chelsea Elkins



Delores Flores



Blake Hutchins



Tianna Jackson



Amreille James



Zoey James



Tannin Judson-Elkins



Saniah Leonard-Dominick



Gianna Locke



Lamai Lozier



Isaac Lucero



Maylee Marter



Julian McCraigie-Williams



Josias Nelson



Kyler Nelson



Lucas Nelson



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Wylie Starr



Talon Tangedahl



Wilson Teo



Kristen Thompson



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Carlos Vasquez



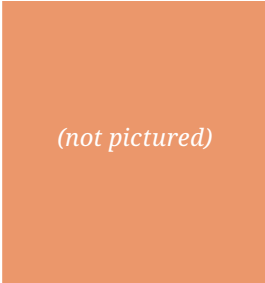
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Alana Williams



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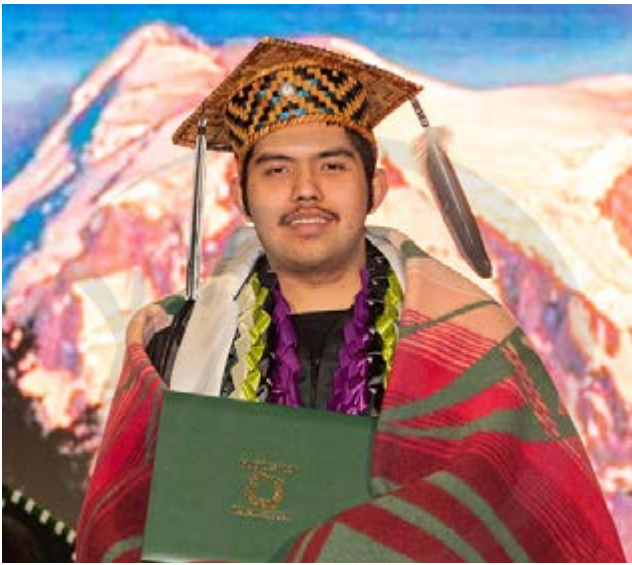


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Anthony Alestra

Jack Crowell

Kaliya Elkins

Hailey Fahrenkrug

Alejandra Garcia

Mikaih Gillis

Lyena Gopher

Karley James

Harley Jansen

Alex Kinggeorge

Louisa Lucero

Desmond MaGee

Kirah Marquard

Alesha Martin

George Moses

Savina Moses Atimalala

Randy Mounts

Beatrice Nelson

Sierra Nelson

Hilary Penfield

Ronald Penn IV

Joseph Perez-Elkins

Nayeli Rodriguez

Aurelia Sanchez

Kandace Simmons

Tnessa Starr

Aliyanna Tiznado-Jansen

Theron WhiteEagle

Alfred Williams

Jayden Williams

Presentations to Tribal Council



ADULT & HIGHER EDUCATION *Graduates*



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2025-2026 Academic Year: HS21+ & GEDs			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CERTIFICATE
Adame	Gabriel	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Barr	Lailoni Ann Marie	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Brown	Edward	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Chagolla	Kaleb	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Delgado	Cecilia	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Elkins	Ira	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Elkins	James	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Elkins	Leelah	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Gulla	Michael	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
James	Jayden	Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges	GED
Jansen	Jo Jeffery	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
LaClair	Salati	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Lara-Rincon	Arsylia	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Lozier	Leticia	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Lozier - Fryberg	Leticia	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Porterfield-Davis	Trenton	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Ross	Malik	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Ross	Melvin	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Singleton	Andrea	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma
Wright	Ace	Renton Technical College	High School Diploma

2025-2026 Academic Year: Certificates			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CERTIFICATE
Anderson	Kristina	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Intermediate
Berry	Anita	Tacoma Community College	Computer Skills for the Workplace
Briceno	Joe	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Brown	Richelle	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Intermediate; Office Advanced
Calvert	Benjamin	Cisco	Cisco Certified Network Associate Routing and Switching
Calvert	Robert	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Calvert	Robert	Pool and Hot Tub Alliance	Certified Pool and Spa Operator Certification
Carey	River	Pool and Hot Tub Alliance	Certified Pool and Spa Operator Certification
Carey	Skylar	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Castillo	Manuel	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Intermediate; Office Advanced; Excel
Daniels	Tory	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Domingue	Malikah	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate
Edwards	Deidre	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Edwards	Juanita	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Intermediate
Elkins	Erika	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Elkins	Ramona	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Estrada	Esperanza	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate
Filipo	Kathlyn	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate
Gonzales	Veronica	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
Guilbeau	Isaac	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic

2025-2026 Academic Year: Certificates (continued)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CERTIFICATE
Hansen	Jimi	Coyote Ridge Corrections Center	S.E.L.F.L.E.S.S Communications Breakdown
Hutchens	Kari	Evergreen Safety Council	Washington Flagger Certification
Jackson	Craig	Pool and Hot Tub Alliance	Certified Pool and Spa Operator Certification
James	Eva	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate; Office Advanced
Jansen	Rodney	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
Korndorfer	Lori	ALLEGRA Learning Solutions	Certificate in Integrative Behavioral Health
Korndorfer	Lori	Green River College	Building Teams that Work
LaClair	Nathan	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Loggins	Theo	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Louie	Suzette	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Lozier	Kallie	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
Lugo	Andrea	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Intermediate; Office Advanced
Maldonado	Nathaniel	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Mendoza	Stephen	Los Angeles City College	Pre-Allied Health Certificate of Achievement
Moses	Brandon	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Moses	Harold	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate
Moses	Justin	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Moses	Marvin N.	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Moses	Nyah	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Muthandi	Jessica	Relias	Prevention of Back Injuries; Preventing, Recognizing, and Reporting Abuse; Bloodborne Pathogens; Active Shooter Response; First Aid CPR AED; HIPAA
Nichols	Angela	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
Paul	Mario	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Intermediate
Pulsifer	Nova	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
Sanchez	Danny	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Sansom-Jansen	Ralisea	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate
Satiacum	Melissa	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel ; Office Intermediate; Office Advanced; IC3 Digital Literacy
Sheldon	Tara	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic
Starr	Frankie	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Summers	Dillion	United States Parachute Association	B License
Tapia	Eduvijes	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate; Office Advanced
Teo	Wilson	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
Turning Robe	Raymond	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate
Underwood	Natasha	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate; Office Advanced
Underwood	Monique	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel ; Office Intermediate
Underwood-Elkins	Rebecca	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel; Office Intermediate
Valles	Zachary	Green River College	Forklift Certification
Washington-Nelson	Olivia Marie	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Advanced
WhiteEagle	Jacinda	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Excel
WhiteEagle	Jeremiah	Cleaning Consultant Services, Inc.	Certified Professional Cleaning Technician
Wilbur	Anthony	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate; Office Advanced
Yanish	Anthony	Muckleshoot Tribal College	Microsoft Office Basic; Office Intermediate

2025-2026 Academic Year: Technical & Vocational			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CERTIFICATE
Anderson	Julia	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Bennett	Anthony	West Coast Training	Heavy Equipment Operations
Bennett	Kayli	PIMA Medical Institute	Medical Assistant
Bill	Denise	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Finance & Enterprise Leadership Certificate Program
Brown	Katie	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Finance & Enterprise Leadership Certificate Program
Brown	Ma'Leah	Renton Technical College	Nursing Assistant Training Program
Cabanas	David	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management
Calvert	Benjamin	Cisco Certifications	Cisco Certified Network Associate
Canales	Clarissa	Tier-1 Helicopters	Helicopter Commercial Pilot, Certified Flight Instructor, Night Vision Goggle
Carrillo	Nevaeh	Green River College	Early Childhood Education General Short Statewide
Courville	Rose	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Daniels	Terry	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Delgado	Martina	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Denunzio	Lashelle	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Elkins	Ramona	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Elkins	Ramona	Renton Technical College	Nursing Assistant Training Program
Esparza	Luis	Commercial Driver School	Commerical Driver License Class A
Eyle-John	Kuleace	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Flores	Keisha	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Fulgencio	Daynen	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Geyer	Mitchell	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management
Gonzales	Veronica	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Gonzales	Floyd	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Gonzalez	Veronica	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Guevara	Noah	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Hernandez	Selena	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Hicks	Shaughnessi	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
James	Phillip	Commercial Driver School	Commerical Driver License Class A
James	Tammy	Shoreline College	Entrepreneurship
James	Tammy	Tohono O'odham Community College	Certificate in Social Services
Jansen	Chuck	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Jerry	Ariana	PIMA Medical Institute	Veterinary Assistant
Johnson	Yvonne	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Finance and Enterprise Leadership
Johnson-Bethely	Taeshawn	Tacoma Community College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Judson-Elkins	Izreal	Renton Technical College	Nursing Assistant Training Program
Kindness	Marlon	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Kindness Jr.	Marlon	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Lezard	Kalea	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Lobehan	Edna	Shoreline College	Entrepreneurship
Lobehan	Elijah	Shoreline College	Entrepreneurship
Lobehan	Kristina	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Lobehan	Mackenzie	Shoreline College	Entrepreneurship
Lozier	Tiana	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide

2025-2026 Academic Year: Technical & Vocational (continued)			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	CERTIFICATE
McDaniel Sr.	Micah	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Mendoza	Andrew	UEI College	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
Mendoza	Fabian	Birla Institute of Technology and Science	Online Social Media
Mendoza	Luis	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Milne	Carla	Highline College	Nursing Assistant Training Program
Monahan	Deborah	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Moses	Loretta	Wharton University of Pennsylvania	Achieving Personal and Proefessional Success
Moses	Ninia	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Moses	Samuel	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Moses	Sonja	Harvard Business School	Leadership, Ethics, and Corporate Accountability; Management Essentials
Muthandi	Jessica	Renton Technical College	Nursing Assistant Training Program
Nelson	Ezrayah	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Rutherford	Tony	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Sam	Leila	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Sam	Robert	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Schoening	Lillian	Cornell University	Legal Essentials; Accounting
Singh	Sahara	Harvard Business School	Management Essentials
Sohappy	Bonnie	UCI	Career Success
Sohappy	Bonnie	Georgia Tech	English Communication Skills Certificate
Sohappy	Bonnie	Wharton University of Pennsylvania	Achieving Personal and Professional Success
Sohappy	Dana	UCI	Career Success
Sohappy	Dana	Georgia Tech	English Communication Skills Certificate
Sohappy	Dana	Wharton University of Pennsylvania	Achieving Personal and Professional Success
Sohappy	Loretta	Georgia Tech	English Communication Skills Certificate
Sohappy-Lara	Karen	Green River College	Early Childhood Education Initial Statewide
Sohappy-Lara	Michelle	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management
Sommariva	Zyn	Green River College	Early Childhood Education General Short Statewide
Thomas	Hazen	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Thomas	Sealth	Shoreline College	Entrepreneurship
Thompson	Matthew	Highline College	Nursing Assistant Training
Turning Robe	Raymond	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management
Walker	Savannah	Syracuse University	Cannabis Compliance Specialist, Cannabis Associate
Ward-Hahn	Nathon	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
WhiteEagle	Viliamu	Green River College	Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship
Williams	Bettina	University of Washington Foster School of Business	Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management

2025-2026 Academic Year: Degrees			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	DEGREE
Agaton	Sylvia	Northwest Indian College	Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management
Anderson	Irene	Northwest Indian College	Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management
Barrera	Venecia	Northwest Indian College	Bachelor of Arts, Tribal Governance and Business Management
Brown	Marlin	Western Governors University	Bachelor of Science, Cybersecurity and Information Assurance
Buchanan	Curtiss	Purdue University Global	Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	DEGREE
Carey	River	Renton Techincal College	Associate of Applied Science, Commercial Building Engineering
Daniels	Brenda	Highline College	Associate of Applied Science, Administrative Management
Davis	Rose	Arizona State University	Master of Legal Studies, Tribal Self-Governance
Elgin	Makoa	University of Hawaii Manoa	Master of Science in Botany; Evolution, Ecology, Conservation concentration
Elkins	Alighah	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Elkins	Lena	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, Business and Entrepreneurship
Everett	Desiree	Lakeshore Techincal College	Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education
Flores	Isabell	Green River College	Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer
Foulkes	Victorya	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Greenhalgh	Robin	Salish Kootenai College	Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education
Hillesheim	Gina	National University	Doctor of Philosophy in Education; Specialization: Social Emotional Learning
Isadore	Irene	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, Public and Tribal Administration
Johnson	Tyshauna	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Korndorfer	Tania	Washington State University	Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Minor in American Indian Studies
Lewis	Cassandra	Green River College	Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer
Lewis	Jack	University of the Ozarks	Bachelor of Science, Finance; Minors in Psychology and American Studies
Lockwood	Trey	Utah Valley University	Bachelor of Science in Biology
Miller	MaryJane	Green River College	Associate in Applied Science, Carpentry Technology
Miller	Veronica	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Moses	Chandra	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Mustin	Latanya	Seattle University	Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Nelson	Ezra	Green River College	Associate in Applied Science, Carpentry Technology
Nichols	Kesiah	Dallas College	Associate of Science
Nichols	Lamont	University of North Texas at Dallas	Bachelor of Business Administration
Paul	Mario	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Reeves	Roseann	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Romo-Rincon	Ariana	Dallas College	Associate of Science
Ross-Zhaawendaagozikwe	Valerie	University of Wisconsin - Superior	Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science and Biology
Semon	Lyna	Clover Park Technical College	Associate of Applied Arts in Accounting
So	Melissa	Western Governor's University	Master of Science, Curriculum and Instruction
Sohappy	Leeschelle	Bellevue College	Associate of Arts, Direct Transfer
Sohappy-Lara	Michelle	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Starr	Stina	Northwest Indian College	Associate of Arts and Sciences, General Direct Transfer
Swelam	Huda	University of Washington- Tacoma	Doctor of Education
White	Madrienne	University of Washington- Tacoma	Doctor of Education
Wight	Wah'leah	Green River College	Associate of Applied Arts in Accounting
Williams	Angel	University of Washington- Tacoma	Doctor of Education
Wilson	Ryan	University of Washington- Tacoma	Doctor of Education
Yanish	Steven	University of Washington- Tacoma	Master of Education for Practicing Educators
Zaldivar	Pearl	Northwest Indian College	Bachelor of Arts, Community Advocates and Responsive Education in Human Services

Congratulations to all the graduates of 2026!

And a special shout-out to the University of Washington Tacoma x Muckleshoot Cohort Doctoral graduates.

We did it, and I'm so proud of each of us. We all bring a sense of relational accountability to our work and research. The results are holistic, responsive, and important engagements and outcomes for our community and us.

Thank you for the hard work and time you dedicated during the program and for the grit, sacrifice, and perseverance you demonstrated. Our work will pave pathways for future generations in Indigenous scholarly work.

I hope you revel in the splendor of this graduation season, and I wish you all the best in the next chapter of your professional and scholarly work.

Again Congratulations!

*Sincerely,
Dr. Madrienne White*



Dear Julian,

Congratulations! You did it!

We are all so proud of your achievement. Love from Mom, Dad, your brothers, and your sister.

Best wishes!



Tania Korndorfer

I am so incredibly proud of you! Today you graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor's in Psychology and with the highest honors.

Watching your perseverance, strength, and dedication pay off has been one of the proudest moments of my life. Despite the challenges and the balancing act of being a mother, you worked so hard for this achievement, and today you truly shine.

Congratulations on this amazing milestone!

I love you to the moon and back to infinity and beyond!

Love, mom



Congratulations Steven Yanish

on earning your Masters's degree in Education from the University of Washington – Tacoma. Class of 2026!! Your family and loved ones are SO proud of you and cannot wait to see what the future holds for you!

We love you so much! Congratulations!! YOU did it!!



Dear Beatrice,

Congratulations on graduating from the 12th grade at Muckleshoot Tribal School! We are all so incredibly proud of you and everything you have achieved through your hard work and dedication.

As you begin this exciting next chapter of your life, we wish you nothing but the best and hope that all your dreams come true. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful things you will continue to accomplish.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, and your brothers



Ermias Diaz

MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL

Congratulations Ermias! You're finally done with Kindergarten and off to first grade we can't wait to see you keep growing and achieve your goals we all love you Son! Very proud parents

Dad Mom and Your brother Xavier



Lucas Nelson Jr.

Congratulations! We are all so proud of your achievement.

Best wishes Love Mom & Dad



Darius Johnny

MELA PRE-K

Our family is incredibly grateful to celebrate Darius's very first graduation ceremony. After everything he has overcome, this milestone means more to us than words can express. There was a time when all we hoped and prayed for was for Darius to survive and have the opportunity to grow up and experience life's special moments. Today, we are blessed to watch him thrive, learn, grow, and graduate alongside his classmates. We are so proud of the strong, resilient young boy he has become. Congratulations, Darius, on your graduation! We love you and can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll accomplish in the future.

Love, Mom, Dad, Zuri, and Kobe



Douglas Blodgett

WAPATO HIGH SCHOOL

Dougie, your graduation from Wapato High School marks the kind of milestone that deserves to be shouted from the rooftops. This moment isn't just a celebration of one year or one accomplishment — it's the culmination of dedication, resilience, and the steady determination you've shown throughout your high school journey.

You've earned every bit of pride that comes with walking across that stage. Wapato High School will always be part of your story — the place where you built friendships, discovered your strengths, and learned what you're capable of.

But now the world opens up wider; Whether you're heading into college, a trade, the workforce, or exploring new opportunities, you carry with you the confidence and character that got you here. Your graduation is more than a ceremony. It's a launch. It's a promise. It's the first chapter of everything you're about to build.

We are incredibly proud of you. Keep aiming high, keep working hard, and keep believing in the future you're creating. Congratulations, Douglas Blodgett — Wapato High School Graduate!

Your journey is just getting started, and the best is still ahead.

Love your Starr Family



DJ Parker

MELA PRE-K

We are so Proud of you and all of your accomplishments!! We are excited to see what the future holds! Class of 2039!!

Mom,Dad, your sissys and Marley!!



Samyra Elkins-Molina

ANNIE WRIGHT SCHOOLS

Fourteen years ago we started this journey together as a team. We truly grew up sidebyside and you have taught me just as much about love, strength and perseverance as I have tried to teach you. You didn't just change my world, you saved it. As you step into 9th grade remember you are capable of achieving absolutely anything. You have been my greatest joy, my proudest accomplishment, and my best friend since day one. Congratulations my beautiful girl

-xoxo Love Mom



Zuri Elkins

MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL
5TH GRADE

I am so proud of my beautiful daughter, Zuri, as she finishes 5th grade and prepares to start middle school. It is hard to believe I am officially the parent of a pre-teen. Zuri is smart, hardworking, and determined. She finished the school year strong and continues to impress me with everything she accomplishes. Whether she is in the classroom, on the softball field, or participating in community events, she always gives her best effort.

Zuri is a dedicated student, a tough softball player, and an active member of our community. She enjoys dancing at powwows and takes pride in representing our people and traditions. She is also a wonderful role model to her younger brothers. One thing I admire most about Zuri is that she is fearless. Whether she is on the softball field, in the classroom, standing in front of a crowd, or dancing in the powwow circle, she carries herself with confidence. Many people, both children and adults, are afraid of public speaking, but not Zuri. She delivered a wonderful speech at her 5th-grade graduation and made our family incredibly proud.

Over the years, she has also participated in the Muckleshoot Royalty Pageant and has consistently delivered strong, thoughtful speeches which has helped her with her public speaking. No matter the outcome, I am always proud of the confidence, preparation, and heart she puts into everything she does. People often compliment her on how respectful, kind, and well-behaved she is. They tell me how calm, thoughtful, and caring she is toward others. She has a strong voice, a kind heart, and the confidence to stand up for herself and those around her. As she begins this next chapter, I know she will continue to do amazing things. I could not be prouder of the strong, smart, beautiful, and fearless young woman she is becoming.

With all our love, Mom, Dad, and your Brothers



Brandon Leas

MELA HEADSTART

Congratulations to our MELA Headstart graduate, Brandon Leas! We'd like to thank his teachers Ms. Zinnia, Ms. Keisha, and Ms. Tori for the love, care and patience they had with our boy which played a huge role in his success. Here's to Kindergarten & beyond!

Mom (Savannah John) & Family.



Natalie Ann John

ENUMCLAW HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations Natalie Ann! YOU DID IT! We are so proud of you. You have grown so much this past year and persevered through many difficult situations. Whatever it is you decide to do from here on out, you're gonna be amazing at it!

Nana & Family



Zachary Maynard Jr.
ANNIE WRIGHT SCHOOLS
From the day you were born, you have been my absolute joy. You have faced challenges that no kid should have to face, yet you work hard, stay positive and are growing into an amazing young man. As you head into middle school never forget how strong you are and how much I love you. I promise to always be behind you every step of the way, just like always we got this son
Xoxo Mom



Zeke Nelson-Lozier
LAKELAND HILLS ELEMENTARY
Good job grandson!! Love u all my heart
Gwama



Kirah Marquard
MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL
Congratulations sister, I love you and so proud of you! You've accomplished so much!! Your momma would be so proud of you!!
Your big sis Neesh



Miley Tucker
CLOVER PARK HIGH SCHOOL
Proudly announcing that Miley has graduated high school. She will be attending Washington State University. Miley will be taking basic medical science courses.
Shawna Shepard



Leelee Sohappy
BELLEVUE COLLEGE
CONGRATULATIONS PLAYER!! So proud of you and all that you've accomplished. You are a true leader and inspiration to so many. It has been an honor to witness your growth as an athlete, employee, and young woman. You have such a bright future ahead of you and I look forward to watching you conquer everything on your road to success!
J-Rock & the Youth Rec Team!



Makinley Smith
ELK RIDGE ELEMENTARY
Good job Sister!! Love u - all my heart
Gwama



Nakoa Bennett

ELK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

*Good job grandson!! Love u All my Heart
Gwama*



Tyler Herda

AUBURN RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations Tyler on successfully completing with Honors. May you always push yourself and believe that you are capable of all things the world has in store for you. The United States Air Force is lucky to have you! We are so proud and love you so very much!

Herda family

Kenai Bennett

MCDC

*Good job grandson. Love u All my Heart
Gwama*



Leeschelle Sohappy

PLEASANT BELLEVUE COLLEGE

We are so proud of you for reaching another big milestone

Tanya Sohappy



Jaedyn Montgomery

WHITE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Jaedyn, we are so proud of the hard work and persistence you showed to get to graduation! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Addy, River, Rose and America



Mauricio Stukayu Blanchard

*The world is yours Mauricio!! Congrats
Nana & Family*