

INDIAN TEACHER EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board for this program is composed primarily of Northwest Indian tribal members, many of whom are graduates of The Evergreen State College. Several of the members are affiliated with Johnson O'Mally schools and Title IV programs in southwest Washington school districts. These members have agreed to work closely with the teacher certification program to assist in placing T.E.S.C. students in classrooms with Indian enrollment. Other members of the Advisory Board are affiliated with local community colleges or are active in cultural education in local reservation communities. These members already have identified students who are prepared to enroll in the Certification program if they receive some tuition assistance. Several members were chosen to work closely with the program in curriculum planning and review. These include respected tribal elders and young people recently graduated from local high schools and colleges. Some of these members currently are working as cultural instructors in schools serving local tribes.

Each member of this Advisory Board has extensive connections with Washington State urban and reservation communities and with Indian young people who are interested in being teachers as a means of carrying out their commitments to their communities. The list below includes the names, tribal membership and position/relationship to Indian Education concerns in Washington.

ADVISORY BOARD

Hazel Pete - Chehalis - Tribal Elder, Basketmaker; B.A. The Evergreen State College; M.A. in Indian Teacher Education, University of Washington

Lloyd Colfax - Makah - Visiting Member of the Faculty, The Evergreen State College

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Wayne Cantrell - Puyallup - Cultural Instructor, Puyallup Nation Education System

Lee Piper - Tsalagee- Director of Minority Affairs, Highline Community College

Mac Oreiro - Lummi - Indian Education Director, North Kitsap School District

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Bruce Miller - Skokomish - Title IV Tutor, Shelton High School

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Yvonne Peterson - Chehalis - Chairwoman, Johnson O'Malley, Title IV Parent Committee
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Willard Bill - Johnson-O'Malley, S.P.I.

Randy Amos - Covenance

Recruiting Strategies and Timeline

To ensure an adequate pool of 12 final admits to this program we need to recruit about 30 applicants (at least). Albert Smalls has indicated that he can work on this during winter quarter. Places to look for applicants include through Indian Centers, people in Title IV funded aide positions in the public schools, through community colleges and on reservations. We will be placing announcements in appropriate places to try and raise awareness of the program. We hope that Wesley Penn can help with this recruiting. We expect the advisory board to also help. It will be appointed and convened in January.

In recruiting students it is important to point out that they must be juniors at the time they enter the program. If they are emphasizing secondary education senior standing is more appropriate. They also need to clearly understand the admissions requirements and be admissable in terms of passing the competency tests in reading, writing and mathematics and having the appropriate grade-point average. Students also need to understand that this is not an individually designed program.