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NATIVE LEADER ROUND TABLE

October 26, 2022

Long overdue, Portland State University is on a journey to becoming an Indigenous affirming institution, a place with authentic relationships and partnerships with the nations/tribes in our area and a place that invites and, is supportive of, Native students who graduate at equitable rates, equipped to advance their communities and the world.

Part of the Tribal relations work and an important part of PSU's journey involves relationship building and deep listening with tribes. To this end, we wish to host our first Native summit in the Spring of 2023. In advance of this process, we would like to start the conversation with critical leaders from the Native Community at a virtual roundtable that will inform the summit and our work by dreaming of a thriving future, helping design the summit, and sharing insights into their current priorities in the areas of education, workforce, and economic development. These initial insights will be shared at the MACRO Convening of BIPOC communities, funders, civic, and governmental agencies in November, and will form the basis of the summit agenda.

These efforts include the Indigenous Traditional and Ecological Knowledge work led by Judy Bluehorse Skelton, the Indigenous Nations studies program, the Native American student and community center, which is celebrating its 20 year anniversary and strong student organizations who put on the annual pow wow.

As a regional serving institute, the Institute for Tribal Government at PSU has deep expertise, connections and experience and is well positioned to support Portland State University in its efforts. ITG is currently leading a process that will provide recommendations to support the establishment of a tribal relations program, and provides capacity building opportunities such as the certificate for tribal relations to assist PSU and other leaders in engaging meaningfully and respectfully with tribes and understanding an indigenous worldview.

Wednesday October 26, 2022

9:00am - 12:00pm Virtual meeting (via Zoom)

