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### From the Desk of the Director/Tribal Liaison...

We have enjoyed a longer than usual summer in Pullman this year, as well as in much of the Northwest, but fall is definitely in the air along with the excitement of Cougar football for all the serious fans out there.

This month we are featuring students who are recipients of either the MOU Tribal Scholarship or the Plateau Native American Scholarship. I enjoyed reading their comments and hope that you will as well. We have outstanding Native students at WSU this fall and we look forward to celebrating their successes through the year as well as being here to offer encouragement and support when they run into the challenges inherent in any worthwhile undertaking. As you will note from their comments, it is parents and families where students attribute receiving their most important inspiration and encouragement!

Many of our students are interested in the Health Sciences. Dr. Robbie Paul, who spends several days each month on the Pullman campus meeting with and advising students interested in health science careers coordinated a Native American Herbal Workshop, also featured in this newsletter.

In addition to inviting and supporting the students once they arrive, WSU as a land grant institution has a long tradition of outreach to communities and youth through our 4-H Extension program. This month you will read about a youth mentoring program on the Colville Reservation. We are not only helping build skills for students that they can use right now, but preparing students for success in their futures while working side by side with WSU staff, community mentors, dedicated volunteers, and parents who support their child's involvement.

Our Native Student Center has been providing many opportunities for friendship and success through First Friday Feeds in the Center, movie nights, and potluck dinners. The Peer Mentors have been involved in hosting workshops for new students. In our next edition, we will welcome Franci Taylor, retention counselor as a regular contributor to the newsletter.

We wish you all a happy fall!



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