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Celebrating Fall 2014 Graduate Jesse LaSarte

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In early December, Washington State University recognized the members of the Fall 2014 graduating class. Jesse LaSarte, a December graduate and a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, received his bachelor's degree in elementary education.

LaSarte opened up about his memories and experiences from his time at WSU. He began by sharing the reason he chose WSU.

"I believed their [WSU] teaching program would better prepare me for teaching than the other teaching programs I was considering at the time," LaSarte said.

While at WSU, LaSarte became a member of the International Honor Society in Education, also known as Kappa Delta Pi. He served as a camp counselor for Na-ha-shnee and EXCEL, two programs meant to introduce Native American high school students to the opportunities and experiences offered at WSU.

While LaSarte enjoyed his time at WSU, he was still faced with challenges he had to overcome. Juggling his home life and school life was his toughest.

"When I started at WSU, my daughter was four years old. I wanted to be a great student and great father, and I struggled at times to be both," LaSarte said. "I believe I overcame with a tremendous amount of help, discipline and a little bit of luck."

Currently, LaSarte is attending Gonzaga with hopes of getting his Masters of Education in Special Education.

Everyone from the WSU community is proud of LaSarte and wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors.



Jesse LaSarte (Coeur d'Alene Tribe) received his bachelor's in education from WSU in December 2014, and is now at Gonzaga pursuing his master's. LaSarte was presented with a print created for WSU Native American graduates by artist Gene Andy of the Yakama Nation.

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