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### Ebling Brings Design and Culinary Skills to Native Programs Office

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*Kalina Ebling*

Kalina Ebling began working as a graduate assistant for Native American Programs this past fall. Ebling is a graduate student in her first year of her master's in apparel, merchandising, design, and textiles, with an emphasis in design.

As a graduate assistant, Ebling is mainly responsible for office errands; which include copying, mailing letters, keeping track of attendance and prizes, and helping with Friday feeds and community meals.

This position has prompted Ebling to build a strong bond with the people at the Native Center. She is quickly becoming a favorite with everyone for her culinary talents. As of late, the Center has been blessed with her peanut butter chocolate cookies, berry and dark chocolate topped sugar cookies, and funnel cakes.

Ebling, who is a Quinault tribal member, was born in Aberdeen, Washington, and grew up alongside six siblings in the town of Moclips, near the Pacific Ocean.

As a teen, Ebling and her family moved to the Aberdeen/Hoquiam area, where she attended Grays Harbor College, before transferring to WSU in 2011.

Her biggest adjustment from "home" to Pullman was "having roommates and no trees."

"In Moclips you have trees on one side and the ocean on the other, so I could always hear the ocean or the wind in the trees," Ebling said.

She said she likes to read books as an outlet to relax and help her adjust. She enjoys reading everything but some of her favorite authors are Mercedes Lackey, Louis L'amour, and Tamora Pierce.

Ebling said that when she's done with her M.A., she hopes get in to a Ph.D. program overseas. When finished with her schooling she wants to become a design teacher, something she realized she had a passion for when she was a teacher's assistant for a beginning sewing class.

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