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## Sue Gilchrist

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### Gilchrist Joins Staff as Principal Assistant

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Sue Gilchrist, principal assistant for Native American Programs, joined the team in October of 2015. She has four children and two grandchildren. One of her sons is a student at WSU.

Gilchrist has lived in this area most of her life. She was born at what is now the WSU Health and Wellness Center, when it was the town's hospital.

Gilchrist said she's a huge Denver Broncos fan. She grew up in Pullman next door to the Elway family and has memories of acting in plays with John Elway and beating him at ping-pong.

She worked at a bank in Colfax for nearly 20 years, and worked at WSU's College of Business before she started working for the Native Programs.

#### Sue Gilchrist

Working at the bank allowed her to hone her customer service skills, and gain a great understanding of finance and accuracy, all of which are skills that she brings to her new position at WSU.

As principal assistant, she is responsible for Native Programs' office administrative duties, including budgeting and doing paper work for traveling and events. Additionally, as the "front face" for the Tribal Liaison's office, she provides assistance answering phones and greeting those who come into the office.

When she spoke about the WSU campus, she said, "The coolest part is the students."

Gilchrist spoke fondly of working in Todd Hall and the events held out in front of the building on Terrell Mall during the spring.

"It's fun when all the students are here because it's so lively and there's so much activity all the time."

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