



## Northwest Indian College Foundation

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### *Invitation to sponsor our event & support Native student scholarships*

*We are building tribal nations by building people.*

Dear Friend of the Northwest Indian College,

On behalf of the Northwest Indian College Foundation, I invite you to join us by becoming a sponsor of our **6th annual TL'aneq' -- Gathering for a Celebration on Friday, April 11, 2014 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Marysville, Washington.** This is Northwest Indian College's premiere fundraising event with a fabulous dinner, accompanied with entertainment, cultural presentations, a fashion show, and highlighted by a Native cultural arts auction, featuring authentic, locally made Coast Salish art.

The purpose of the event is to raise money in support of *Student Scholarships and Student Support Services*. I invite you to make a pledge in support of higher education for Native students. (We ask that pledges be paid by June 29th, 2014, unless other arrangements are made.)

Our vision for education at Northwest Indian College (NWIC) is fostering Native student success, which is based in deeply-held beliefs about identity, relationships and stewardship. The Lummi value of "lengesot" means that we watch out for ourselves and love and take care of one another in our community. It is a good way to describe the foundation of our educational mission.

NWIC is the only regional tribal college in the United States and the only four-year accredited tribal university in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Our mission is to promote indigenous self-determination and knowledge. Within the framework of an accredited two-year and four-year institution, the College honors the diverse individual Native cultures, languages and traditions of 100 tribes from throughout North America. We are committed to supporting the educational dreams of our students and their academic achievement by building leadership skills, inspiring engagement, and strengthening their tribal identity.

We are pleased to offer sponsorship opportunities at the following levels:

#### **Reception and Cultural Silent Auction Sponsor (exclusive \$10,000 sponsor):**

- Signage with your logo at the entrance of the reception area.
- A patron-level table for ten (10) at the dinner (located in preferred seating section).
- Inclusion of your logo as a sponsor in our "save the date" material, event invitation, auction item promotion flyer, and the event program. (Your name will also be displayed at the event).

#### **Lengesot Patron Table Sponsor at \$5,000:**

(Lengesot is the Lummi value of loving and taking care of one another).

- A patron-level table for ten (10) at the dinner (located in a preferred seating section).
- Inclusion of your logo as a sponsor in our "save the date" material, event invitation, auction item promotion flyer, and the event program. (Your name will also be displayed at the event).

**Cedar Table Sponsor at \$2,500:**

- A table for ten (10) at the dinner.
- Inclusion of your name as a sponsor in our “save the date” material, event invitation, auction item promotional flyer, and event program. (Your name will also be displayed at the event).

Any support you are able to give TL’aneq’ is much appreciated. If you are unable to sponsor TL’aneq’ but, would still like to attend the event **Patron tickets are available for \$500 and single tickets are available at \$250.**

To help you with your planning, we have attached a sponsorship form. The form allows you to make a pledge to the event today or to let us know when you will be considering the sponsorship in your planning cycle.

If you have immediate questions, please contact Greg Masten at 360-392-4211 or by email at [gmasten@nwic.edu](mailto:gmasten@nwic.edu). A follow-up contact will also be made in the next few weeks. You may also visit the NWIC website at [www.nwic.edu/group/nwic-foundation](http://www.nwic.edu/group/nwic-foundation) for more information about the Northwest Indian College Foundation and TL’aneq’.

Thank you in advance for supporting Northwest Indian College.

Warm regards,



Justin Guillory, PhD  
President  
Northwest Indian College



Northwest Indian College Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) IRS tax-exempt, non-profit organization in Washington State. Therefore, your contribution may be a partially tax-deductible gift, please check with your financial advisor. Our federal tax identification number is 94-3057654. (The estimated fair market value of individual dinner tickets is \$85.)