

NEWS NOTES

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President Obama Opens Tribal Nations Conference

During this 45-minute long speech, the President addresses many important issues brought up to him by several tribal leaders – some of whom you may recognize. The speech is available on [YouTube](#).

Pathways for Native Students: Conference on Current Issues and Approaches in Washington Colleges & Universities

The conference will be held **February 17 – 19, 2010** at the Doubletree SeaTac Hotel in Seattle. Willie Wolf, Director of the Center for Native Education, will be making a presentation on the Early College programs. Please see the Evergreen State College website for [more information and registration](#) details.

Check us out on the Web!

www.CenterForNativeEd.org

CENTER FOR NATIVE EDUCATION CONFERENCE CALL

Tuesday, December 15th - 9:00AM, PST

The Center for Native Education will host monthly information-sharing conference calls between Willie Wolf, Director, & the Early Colleges. Discussions will focus on:

- What's working
- What's needed
- Stories of success – Students, Schools, and Staff
- Planning and info sharing for the next CNE Conference in Spring 2010

All site coordinators are urged to participate in the conference call, and representatives from each school may also participate in the discussion.

To join the dialogue, call: **1-866-453-5550**, and enter **PIN #3547985** when prompted.

You will hear hold music until the moderator – Willie Wolf – joins the discussion.

The call will run approximately one hour.

JFF Reports Examine the Impacts of Early College Schools

Jobs for The Future, with funding through the Gates Foundation, have released two reports pertinent to Early College's goals. The first, titled *Innovations in College Readiness: How Early College Schools Are Preparing Students Underrepresented in Higher Education for College Success* is based on data collected by JFF through the Early College High School Initiative. The report details the history, status, expected outcomes for Early Colleges and graduates, plus effective support systems for students and schools. The report can be downloaded [here](#).

The second report, *Graduating America: Meeting the Challenge of Low Graduation-Rate High Schools*, in collaboration with JFF and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University, explores the tools that schools, districts, and states can use to increase graduation rates and how to apply the right approaches for success. [Click here](#) to download.

Joy Coates to Visit School Sites

Joy Coates, Project Manager from Jobs for the Future, will be available to visit all of the school sites and offer one on one advice to the site coordinators. She will be visiting the weeks of **December 7th**, **December 14th**, and the week of **January 11th**. If you have not already scheduled a visit, please contact Dawn Stevens immediately at: dstevens1@antioch.edu

SAVE THE DATE!

CENTER FOR NATIVE EDUCATION

SPRING CONFERENCE –

Sunday, April 18th & Monday,

April 19th, 2010

Albuquerque, NM

The weekend before the [Gathering of Nations Pow Wow](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Dorene Wiese!

Dr. Wiese, AIAI President, was honored with an award for the 2009 Chicago Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Awards from Bank of America. [Click here](#) for details.

