

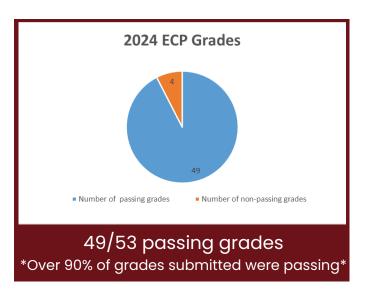
15TH ANNUAL EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

2024 Summer Recap



WHAT IS THE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM?

The Early College Program (ECP) originated in the summer of 2009 and has offered educational opportunities (in and out of the classroom) to 133 Muckleshoot Tribal Members, 16 Native students, and 37 others, since its inception. Over the years, ECP students have successfully completed courses ranging from visiting Muckleshoot village sites to Microsoft Office.





One advantage of ECP is that students receive both high school and college credit for the successful completion of their coursework. This dual credit (high school and college) is possible because of the partnership between Muckleshoot Tribal College and Northwest Indian College. ECP is open to all high school students that are between the ages of sixteen to eighteen.

This summer, twelve students (seven Muckleshoot Tribal Members, one Native, and four other, were enrolled. Together, the students represented four local school districts.

By Indigenizing the curriculum this summer, our students learned about culture, language, and identity -- which informs our personal and professional lives.







ENGAGING STUDENTS IN AND OUT OF THE **CLASSROOM**

Village Sites: Wayne Buchanan and <u>Justice Bill</u>led our students to traditional Muckleshoot village sites.

Microsoft Office: Joshua Hawks helped our students develop skills in productivity and the completion of common tasks on a computer.

Basketball: Nathaniel Bisson engaged our students with the history of basketball on reservations and concluded with on-court basketball training.

Social Justice: Justine Koble guided students in the examination of social justice issues faced by Indigenous communities.

Financial Literacy: Patrick Eagle wove traditional ways of knowing with western understanding of financial literacy.

Wellness: Justine Koble and Dr. Denise Bill surveyed the wellness and healing practices of Indigenous peoples.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

ECP will be offered every summer -and you can be a part of it! If you are interested, reach out to Patrick Eagle (patrick.eagle@muckleshoot.nsn.us) and he will walk you through the process. This is a great opportunity for our youth to receive a cultural education that will count for both high school and college. We hope to see you next summer!





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