

## Native Lands Recognition and Acknowledgements

### Proposal:

- a. One or more land acknowledgement statements would be developed for large OCCC events like Commencement, In-Service and Pearls. The acknowledgement is not intended to be read at the start of routine meetings. The Land Acknowledgement would be made by a tribal representative or an OCCC representative and would also be posted on the OCCC website.
- b. Consider whether OCCC campus/centers might permanently display the flag of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.

Process: With the guidance of the College Equity and Inclusion Committee and local representatives of Lincoln County Native Communities, the President would establish and charge a committee to investigate and develop the Native Lands Recognition proposal and make a recommendation to the President and Board of Education.

### Resources:

OSU <https://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/land-acknowledgments/oregon>

### Sample Statements:

#### Used at Salishan to open the OCCA Conference

I would ask that we begin our meeting today with an opportunity to reflect on how Native culture opens up spaces with reverence and respect for the land, time, and relationship with each other, while setting the intention for the day.

Lincoln county rests on traditional village sites of the Confederate Tribes of Siletz Indians – consisting of the remnants of around 28 different tribes of Coastal Indians including the Alsea and Yaquina.

We thank the descendants of these tribes for being the original stewards and protectors of these lands since time immemorial.

We acknowledge the systemic policies of genocide, relocation, and assimilation that still impact many Indigenous/Native American families today.

The struggle for recognition, systemic change, visibility, and voice are still ongoing.

We are honored by the collective work of many Native Nations, leaders and families who are demonstrating resilience, resistance, revitalization, healing, and creativity. We are honored to be guests upon these lands.

### **Oregon State University**

Let it be acknowledged that Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon is located within the traditional homelands of the Mary's River or Ampinefu Band of Kalapuya. Following the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 (Kalapuya etc. Treaty), Kalapuya people were forcibly removed to reservations in Western Oregon. Today, living descendants of these people are a part of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (<https://www.grandronde.org>) and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians (<https://ctsi.nsn.us>).

### **Portland Community College (Cascade Campus)**

We would like to start this event by acknowledging that the room we are in rests on the traditional village sites of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, bands of the Chinook, Tualatin Kalapuya, Molalla and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River. Multnomah is a band of Chinooks that lived in this area.

We thank the descendants of these Tribes for being the original stewards and protectors of these lands since time immemorial. We also acknowledge that Portland OR has the 9th largest Urban Native American population in the U.S. with over 380 federally recognized Tribes represented in the Urban Portland Metropolitan area. We also acknowledge the systemic policies of genocide, relocation, and assimilation that still impact many Indigenous/Native American families today.

We are honored by the collective work of many Native Nations, leaders and families who are demonstrating resilience, resistance, revitalization, healing, and creativity. We are honored to be guests upon these lands. Thank you, and thanks also to our colleagues at the Portland State University Indigenous Nations Studies Program for crafting this acknowledgement.

### **Some Oregon Colleges and Universities that Display Tribal Flags**

- Eastern Oregon
- Blue Mountain Community College
- Klamath Falls Community College? (to be verified)