Chairman’s Column

Wunee keesuq Tribal family,

First, I want to pay homage to our Ancestors, Elders, Tribal Community members past and present, who through constant devotion to our People and our Culture have been the driving force in keeping us whole for generations.

The Tribe received formal notification that our bill, HR312 - “Mashpee Reservation Reaffirmation Act,” will be heard before the Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the United States at a legislative hearing in Washington, DC.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 2 p.m., and should a live cast be available, we will work with our MWT Facilities/IT teams to coordinate a “Live” stream to be set up in the gym for Tribal Members to gather and view.

WE NEED EVERYONE to continue the prayers as this point in our history is larger than any one of us. Our goal is to tell our story before the key committee members of Congress who represent both sides of the aisle. Our goal is to tell the Mashpee story. Our history is undeniable and our connection to the land is unbreakable.

Mashpee above everything!

Kutàputunumuw;
Chairman Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Honorary Partnership Ceremony at New Housing Development

On March 30 the Housing Commission and Housing Department hosted an Honorary Partnership Ceremony at the 184 Meeting House Road housing development. Housing Department staff, housing commission members, council member, citizens from the tribe and state representatives came together to celebrate this momentous occasion for the Tribe. It was also a moment to remember Alice Lopez, the founder of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Department. Following the ceremony the attendees gathered at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center for food and refreshments.

Statue Unveiling May 5

The Alice May Lopez Statue Fund Committee have realized its goal. On May 5 they will unveil a statue in memory of Alice who passed away unexpectedly in 2011. Alice was the founder and first director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Department. The Committee will hold a ceremony in the lobby of the Community and Government Center with a potluck social in the Gymnasium.

Date: Sunday, May 5
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center

BIA Funding Increase to over $840,000 Per Year

Sitting in the office of the Tribal Administrator, Leslie Jonas, a few days before she transitions out of the TA role for the Tribe, and it’s easy to see where her passion lies. She loves working in Development and securing funding for her Tribe. Leslie reviews spreadsheets that provide a high-level overview of recent grants that have been awarded to the Tribe and quickly rattles off details of each award, the programs that survive because of it and how she’s been able to work with Development Associate, Kimberly Maida, and the Finance team to increase funding...
Please join the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Education Department and Mashpee Indian Museum for family fun, activities, singing, dancing, fishing, and more at the annual Honoring Our Herring event. Honoring Our Herring will be held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum on Wednesday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to all Wampanoag youth and families. For more information, please contact Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Education Coordinator Kitty Hendricks-Miller at (508) 477-0208 ext. 143.

The Old Indian Meeting House Committee is extending an invitation to all tribal citizens, family, friends and guests to join them at the Old Indian Meeting House on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. for the annual Wampanoag New Year Celebration. Guests are asked to wear traditional regalia. Following the service everyone is invited to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center for a potluck luncheon.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Education Department is pleased to offer a 4-day April camp for kids between the grades of 1 and 6. The fun-filled camp will coincide with the public school break and will be held April 15 to April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The camp is open to 25 students on a first come, first served basis. Registration opens on Monday, April 1. Healthy snacks will be provided daily. For more information or to RSVP (on or after April 1) please contact Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Education Coordinator Kitty Hendricks-Miller at (508) 477-0208 ext. 143.
BIA Funding Increased to Over $840,000 (continued)

year over year.

BIA funding was increased from just over $500,000, in 2017/18 to about $1MM in 2019 including a couple of $1MM in 2019 including a couple of 1x funding awards made possible for NRD, WIOA and the Tribal Court in 2019. The increased funding now covers a wider range of operations staff and 2 mortgages – including the Community and Government Center.

Leslie saw it as her job to stabilize tribal operations with secure grant funding “We’ve come a long way over the past few years in regard to funding sources,” said Leslie. “It’s critical to work together with the Directors, and be thoughtful and strategic about what grants we expend our time on. The Directors and I have remained focused in our approach and you can see the results in programs like LIHEAP, Housing, our Food Pantry, Child Care, Indian Education, Transportation, the Shellfish Farm, WIOA, Natural Resources and our Emergency Preparedness Department, just to name a few. They’re all doing great because they have secured funding.”

In the past 12 months, the Tribe has not been rejected on one grant application. With a small staff you need success like this to keep the programs moving forward.

Housing Schedule:
Lottery to be Held April 14

Applications for the Housing Lottery closed on Friday, March 29 at 2:00 PM. All completed applications have been included in the housing lottery. All incomplete applications have been placed on a wait list. The Housing Lottery Drawing will be held on Sunday, April 14 at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center, prior to the April General Tribal Membership Meeting.

For more information, please call the Housing Department with any questions at (508) 477-0208.

Notice from Housing Department

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Department respectfully requests that all tribal members refrain from entering the construction site at Meetinghouse Road. We realize this is an exciting endeavor for our members; however, all precautions are required to ensure safety during construction.

During the construction phase, Housing will offer scheduled tours to all interested tribal members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Housing Department at 508-477-0208 ext. 107.

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE FOR ID CARDS

$20.00 **** Cash Only **** for everyone except Elders who are 55 and over

NO SPOUSAL ID CARDS ARE OFFERED

Hours for ID Cards: Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. no later

Tribe Accepted into 477 Program to Streamline Grant Management

A few weeks ago the Tribe was notified that it had been accepted into a program that will not only streamline the grant management process; eventually saving a significant amount of time and money, but in addition, open the Tribe up to new grants that provide the Tribe with increased employment opportunities and increased funding on the existing 477 grant programs. The 477 Program that the Tribe will officially enter into on July 1 will allow Operations to consolidate up to thirteen different programs from the Department of Interior, Department of Labor, Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services into a single plan. Marnell Cash, WIOA manager, is the Tribe’s lead 477 plan manager, supported by the Education Director, Roxanne Mills Brown.

“This is a huge opportunity for our Tribe,” said Leslie Jonas. “It’s going to take some time and resources to get this program off the ground, but once it’s rolling we will streamline grant reporting and reduce the overall hours we spend managing individual grants.”

The program does provide a significant amount of tech support to help the Tribes enrolled reach that success point. This will all start this summer when the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs sends a representative to provide the Tribe’s WIOA manager, Marnell Cash, with appropriate training.
The Childcare Development Fund (CCDF) Program is seeking participation of individuals interested in providing constructive input into the structural design and cultural aspects (space, materials) of the tribal childcare center, proposed to be constructed, next year, at the Mashpee Wampanoag Village on Meetinghouse Road in Mashpee.

Funds were awarded in September, by the US Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families. A preconstruction application, containing a Feasibility Study and Schematic design, is due no later than June 30, 2019, for approval to move forward with construction. The bid for this component was awarded to RGB Architects, in February. Education staff met with John Racine in mid-March, to discuss the location, physical structure, and related aspects of the 3,500 square ft. center.

The Childcare Center Design Meeting April 16

On February 4, 2019 a very historic national and local milestone was achieved for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. After two years of planning and development processes the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Management Department successfully launched the only Tribal AmeriCorps Program on the eastern half of the United States.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe AmeriCorps Program is a community service based program that enhances the community with disaster service based assistance and has a large focus on the tribes elder and vulnerable population. MWT Emergency Management Director Nelson Andrews Jr is the programs Executive Director and MWT Emergency Preparedness Specialist Allyssa Hathaway is the programs Executive Assistant Director and serves as the program Manager. The team consists of ten local Mashpee Wampanoag tribal youth ranging in ages from 18-24 years old and operates under the daily guidance of their team Leader Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal member Adam “AJ” Jonas Jr.

The new ten MWT AmeriCorps members are a five male- and five female-based team as of February 2019. The current members are as follows Steven Costa, Emmitt Harper, Robbie Hendricks Jr, Joseph Spinola, Annawon Weeden Jr, Dyani Barbosa, Dayna Floyd, Dayla Fitzpatrick, Rebekah Herrera and Haley Jonas. These members had to each take the AmeriCorps pledge for their ten-month service commitment to the program. Each member receives a living allowance stipend weekly and will receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award for over $6,000 completion of their 1,700 service hours to the program. The members also receive valuable trainings, certifications and life enhancement lessons throughout the course of the program.

They have already achieved significant and valuable training during the programs first month such as; FEMA Incident Command System Training, Terrorism Awareness Certification through Texas A&M, OSHA Chainsaw Certification, OSHA Construction Site Certification as well as chainsaw, generator familiarity and an introduction to drone operations including FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft regulations.

In addition to the trainings the members have already provided valuable community service during snow and ice storms and are in the process of identifying and updating the tribes elder and vulnerable member lists. The AmeriCorps member team are also participated in a week long training in March at the Department of Homeland Security Center for Domestic Preparedness Tribal Training Week in Anniston, Alabama.

The first year of the program is off to a great start and we are looking forward to providing valuable disaster service assistance to the tribal community while helping to shape and enhance the futures of our local tribal member youth.

For any questions or comments please email MWT Emergency Management Director/MWT AmeriCorps Program Executive Director at Nelson.AndrewsJr@mwtribe-nsn.gov or MWT Emergency Preparedness Specialist / MWT AmeriCorps Program Assistant Executive Director at Allyssa.Hathaway@mwtribe-nsn.gov
Attention Class of 2019: Graduate Brunch RSVP Due April 15

In preparation of this year’s Graduation Brunch on Sunday, June 23, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department requests contact information for all Mashpee Wampanoag and Native American High School and College students that are graduating in May /June 2019. It is incumbent on the graduates family and friends to provide this information so that recognition may be extended. The following information is requested by April 15.

- Full Name of Student
- Name of Parent(s)
- High School or College Attended
- Honors Bestowed
- Major and Job Opportunity Accepted
- Career Plan

To receive your invitation, please submit the completed information no later than April 15 to Roxanne Mills Brown, education director, at Roxanne.brown@mwtribe-nsn.gov

Cultural Resource Monitor Training - Registration Due April 19

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department needs Cultural Resource Monitors (CRMs). This work will be contractual, worker assignments are as needed and a great opportunity for a Tribal member that has interest in our history and is experienced with the outdoors through hunting and fishing, map reading and demonstrates cultural knowledge. The department has gone to paperless data communications; successful candidates must show proficient skills related to file sharing, computer processes and experienced with computerized devices.

Position Summary: Monitors are assigned to projects on an as needed basis for the protection of Wampanoag cultural resources during ground disturbing activities within our aboriginal territory. These activities include observations over such things as State and Federal construction efforts, archeological survey areas, and various other construction related projects. CRMs will be required to report on all activities and findings to appropriate supervisor. Required skills: Active driver’s license, detail oriented, ability to work and learn independently; cultural sensitivity, and thorough reporting skills all of which must be professionally adhered to in order to carry out overall responsibilities. CRMs will report to Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) or designee. Trainings and occasional site supervision will be provided where necessary.

Interested applicants should contact Department Manager Love Williams at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649. You may also contact Ms. Williams at (508) 477-0208 ext. 174 with questions.

Pre-Registration For CRM Training - Deadline April 19th, 2019
Initial CRM Training to start April 22nd, 2019

Old Indian Meeting House Hours

The Old Indian Meeting House will be open for the season on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The open hours will allow tribal members and the public to access the building and learn about the Tribe’s rich history. This is made possible thanks to Pauline Peters. She has volunteered to staff the facility for the season. Thank you Pauline.
Career Pathways for Tribal Youth Schedule April Vacation College Visits

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department Career Pathways for Tribal Youth will wrap up its series of college tours over April vacation for high school juniors and seniors and a parent or guardian. The College tours include transportation to and from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center, hotel stay and a per diem provided for the student and 1 parent/legal guardian.

The college tours are funded in part by The NYCP Building Pathways for Tribal Youth Program and grant funding.

The overnight trips to Bowdoin College in Maine and the New Mexico Native American colleges and Institute of American Indian Arts will have a separate schedule that will come out as we get closer to those trips.

Below is a full list of the remaining scheduled college tours.

April vacation week: Bowdoin College, Maine (2 days); New Mexico Native American colleges (including Institute of American Indian Arts) (5 days)

You must RSVP for the college tours prior to going. It is strongly recommended that you RSVP as quickly as possible as seats can fill up. To RSVP or to get additional information, please contact John Hanlon in the Education Department at 508-237-0041 or at john.hanlon@mwtribe-nsn.gov.

Spread the Word – Our Spiritual Historical Herring!

Granny Squannit and Moshup our forever folklore cultural heros to the Mashpee Wamps and Aquinnah Wamps have been watching and protecting the herring.

Aspao, legend maiden of the Mashpee's loved to sing. Each season she sat on the log and sang near the river. The herring in the herring run would listen and wiggle their gray tails. She made them excited and happy.

Although it has been cold, cousin herring still migrate up our rivers. They soon are leaving the Atlantic Ocean to come home to retire as some of them will. Us folks love smoked herring, fried roe, pickled herring, fried herring. Oh! Where's the corn meal?

Danny Tavares (Eagle Feather) says “Once the river was black, I could catch them with my hands when I was young. Now most are gone, makes me sad.”

Natasha Jonas mentions "The herring run is always a fun childhood memory. I loved to go down there with my dad, sisters and brother. We would catch some when they were big enough. After, go home and my dad would fry up the roe. I remember them tasting gritty, but he seasoned them up and they were good. I feel connected to the land while catching herring, being in nature and watching them jump up stream it's a beautiful memory. This spring I plan on bringing my daughters down to the herring run. We'll have to invite Papa too!"

Richard (Huck) Mills (1914-1990) recalled when Mr. Tom Mingo caught the herring and scaled them. It is said he sold the scales to non-Natives so they could make imitation pearls. Can you imagine that? Herring were bigger and oily in those early days.

Medicine Man, Earl (Soaring Eagle) Cash, Jr., notes “We have been having a ceremony for years in honor of the herring when I was younger the women brought food to the ceremony and declared "Happy New Year, Spring is here!"

Deacon Wayne Jackson (Big Oak) mentions, when he was younger he saw non-Native people coming to the river with fishing rods. "We catch herring with the fishing net! This is a tradition we need to retain."

Oh jeepers, Minister Freddie Gray (Standing Oak) jumped off the Mashpee Wampanoag Transportation bus and tells us “There is nothing under the sun which will move around as is the new life journey of the mighty herring!"

Lillian Bento, 91 of Falmouth (my rehab roommate), says her husband would take her years ago to Mashpee herring run. They would watch them, “There were many, many!” She looked forward to seeing them for many years and still asking about them. She has a memory like the herring!

Honorable Chief Vernon Lopez (Silent Drum) recalls, “Some seventy years ago when grandpa (Uncle George) would come to the river with his horse and wagon. There was a handmade box made with netting and cedar poles. He would drop it in the river to catch herring. Grandpa would then go around and give herring to gardeners for fertilizer. Also he would give to fishermen from New Bedford for bait. We lived by the river all my life and love it.”

Chief is now 96 years young. The spirit of the herring, ancestors and cultural traditional folklore is loved.

Karl Mills simply told me, just a few days ago, “I want some fried herring and fried herring roe now Bird!”

By Aunt Joan
Museum Opens for 2019 Season and Announces New Rates

The Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum opened for the 2019 season on April 1. The Museum is open 3 days per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to new hours of operation, the Museum also announced new rates for admission. Adults are $8, children (6-18) are $5, seniors are $7 and the group rate for 3 or more people is $6 per person.

For more information about the Museum events or scheduling a visit, please call (508) 477-9339. You can also stay up to date by following the Museum on Facebook.

Property Request Form Now Online

Requesting to use the Old Indian Meeting House or the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum from the Historic Preservation Department just got a lot easier. You may now visit the Historic Preservation Department page on the website and complete an online form to request use of the space.

Forms should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event date. Tribal members are asked to provide a $100 donation and non-tribal members are assessed a $300 site fee for use of the facilities. The funds help to offset the cost of utilities, supervision and support required during events held at the two properties.

Traditional Dance Classes on Thursdays

Looking to get ready for Powwow? Traditional dance classes are being held Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Community and Government Center. The classes will continue through the end of June.

Community Garden Planting Day on May 30

Please join the Garden Club on Thursday, May 30 at 1:00 PM in front of the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit (located behind the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center) for their annual planting. All of the necessary plants, seeds and equipment will be available.

The raised garden beds were installed last year as part of a comprehensive program to improve tribal members access to healthy living and natural remedies. For more information, please call Lesley McKeen at (508) 539-6917.

Application Available for 98th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow

The Powwow Committee have posted vendor applications on the Tribe’s website. Applications for craft vendors, food vendors, and nonprofits may be downloaded online at www.mashpeewampanoag-tribe-nsn.gov/powwow. The Powwow Committee is also accepting applications for employment. For more details, please contact the Powwow Committee Tribal Council Liaison Brian Weeden at brian.weeden@mwtribe-nsn.gov or at (508) 477-0208 Ext. 119.

The 98th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow will be held July 5, 6 and 7, 2019.
Honoring Mashpee Wampanoag Warriors from the Revolutionary War

Some 50 Mashpee Wampanoag young men fought in the Revolutionary War, or about one-fifth of the entire Barnstable County resistance as some historians report.

“It cannot be denied that Mashpee manifested a spirit of genuine patriotism during the American Revolutionary War. The States of Massachusetts and Connecticut during the American Revolutionary War sent one soldier for every seven of population, which was a larger proportion than that of any other state. From the list of those who served from Mashpee, it can be seen that Mashpee sent one soldier for every six (5.77) of population. Almost all Wampanoags. Of that number 25% gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country and never lived to see their new nation.”

Many who volunteered for the war believed that the talk of freedom would extend to Native Americans once they were victorious. Sadly, the Tribe is still seeking the freedom to live as a tribal nation that includes a small piece of the Tribe’s ancestral home land. The information on the percent that served from all the states including Mass and Ct is from The History of Medfield, Massachusetts 1650-1886 by William S. Tilden, page 180

Transportation to Free Healthy Aging Fair

The Fairhaven Recreation Center will host a Free Healthy Aging Fair on Friday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To assist tribal members, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Transportation Department will provide transportation to anyone that is interested in attending.

If you would like to arrange transportation, please contact Latoya Green at (508) 477-0208 ext. 125. Nutrition Program Director Donald Peters will also have sign-in sheet at the upcoming Tuesday and Thursday Lunch and Learns. Transportation sign-ups will be accepted through Monday, April 15.

The Free Healthy Aging Fair will include vital information for elders and those caring for elders. There will also be free lunch, refreshments and raffles throughout the day. The Southcoast Mobile Van will be on-site as well providing free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, cholesterol screenings and pneumonia vaccines.

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Contact the Enrollment Department to update your contact information or visit the Enrollment Department online at https://mashpeewampanoagtribe-nsn.gov/enrollment and click on the “Change of Address” button at the bottom of the page.

Long-Range Transportation Plan Survey

The objective of a Long Range Transportation Plan is to develop a plan for providing transportation facilities that will enable tribal leaders to take advantage of desirable economic opportunities, protect reservation resources, strengthen cultural traditions, promote self-sufficiency and sustainable development, and enhance the use of the reservation’s land by its residents.

Community involvement is essential in the LRTP development. In this survey, we ask you to provide your transportation needs and any improvements that you would like to see throughout Tribal land roadways. Your input will help us decide what is important to you and help us identify areas you feel need to be improved as we look to the future.

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Following an 8-week regalia-making workshop that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Education Department hosted for students and parents in the Wareham district, students unveiled their work at the Wareham Public School International Night.

During the regalia making workshop students and parents from Wareham received instruction on sewing and fringing traditional clothing from Melanie Roderick, who teaches language classes and was a wardrobe supervisor at Plimoth Plantation. Indian Education Program Coordinator Kitty Hendricks-Miller organized the workshop and also provided guidance to the students throughout.

For more information about this workshop or other Indian Education programs, please contact Kitty at (508) 477-0208 ext. 143 or at Gertrude. hendricks@mwtribe-nsn.gov.

Dr. Warren Announces Departure

Dr. Warren has served as the Indian Health Services Dentist at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit from the beginning. He first joined the clinic in 2013 and has helped to develop services that improved oral hygiene in the community. His last week at the Dental Clinic will be June 10-14.

Dr. Warren will be moving on to a new opportunity and plans his departure with mixed emotions. “It has been a joy to get to know many of you and your families and help you as best as I have been able,” said Dr. Warren. “This is the worst news for me because you are the reason that I am happy to leave as it means I will see you again, and sad when I arrive, as it means I will have to leave again.”

Dr. Warren accepted a position with the Alaska Native Medical Center based in Anchorage Alaska. Dr. Warren will be working with the Health Service Unit CEO Rita Gonsalves, to make the transition for the patients as smooth as possible.

Career Pathways Organizes Trip to Harvard and MIT

On March 5 the NYCP grant funded program Career Pathways took a group of tribal students to visit the school of Dentistry at Harvard and the Linguistics Department at MIT. Both programs have strong native ties with Vice Chairwoman Jessie little doe Baird graduating from MIT’s linguistics program and now her daughter Tracy is attending the same program.

The staff at the Harvard School of Dentistry noted that the field is comprised of .01% Native dentists across the nation. The staff are now committed to changing the very fibers of an institution that once existed to keep native and other minorities out.

Harvard extended an invite to students interested in the field of medicine to attend an amazing summer conference. They are offering the summer conference free to a qualified Wampanoag student interested in studying medicine. If you know of a student that you think should be considered, please contact John Hanlon at (508) 237-0041 or at john.hanlon@mwtribe-nsn.gov.
Chyla Hendricks Inducted Into National Honor Society

Chyla Hendricks inducted into the National Honor Society Alpha Lambda Delta for earning a GPA of 3.5 or better during her first semester of studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston where she studies nursing. Chyla is the daughter of Missy and Carlton Hendricks.

Alpha Lambda Delta specifically honors excellent academic accomplishments by students in their first year of study in higher education. It only took Chyla a single semester to accomplish this. She is now a lifetime member. Congratulations on all of your success, Chyla.

Help Us Put a Face to the Name at Tribal Archives

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Historic Preservation Archives is in need of people from the past, and present to submit photos of tribal members. What we are asking for are photos to go along with names that we already have captured in our database. So please contact Denise Kersey, Archivist Apprentice, at 508-477-0208 ext. 196, to schedule a time that we can scan your photo. We will only need to scan your picture and will not keep it. The whole process will take at most 15 minutes. Thank you in advance for helping us grow our database.

Paris Hendricks Honored as Honor Roll Student

Paris Widdiss-Hendricks, 2017-2018 Little Miss Wampanoag, was recognized on March 19 by the Mashpee Public School District at the annual Honor Roll Breakfast for making the honor roll in term 2. Paris is an active citizen of the tribe and in 2018 organized a successful fundraiser for tribal youth living on the Pine-Ridge Reservation. Congratulations on the great work, Paris.