



**AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY**
A Universe of Opportunities

Lower Columbia/Willamette River Professional AISES Chapter

Our professional chapter was established in 1995 by Dick French (Yakama), a forester who worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The chapter worked with Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Portland State University (PSU), Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and Oregon State University (OSU) to develop a Salmon Camp where middle and high school-aged Native American students. The students were from the city and reservations, they spent a week-long journey retracing the path of salmon from the ocean up to the mountain streams, to study salmon and their habitat while setting up and breaking down camps hosted by the Siletz (at the ocean) and Warm Spring Tribes (in the mountains). Native professionals and college students were also part of the camp experience. Salmon Camp has evolved from those early days to an environmental experience now sponsored through the CRITFC and Native American Youth Association (NAYA).

After Dick French's passing in 1998, the chapter established the Dick French Scholarship which is \$500 and offered annually to regional Native American college students majoring in an environmentally-related discipline.

Application at: http://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html - Deadline April 29, 2014

The chapter has helped plan two National AISES Conferences, in 2000 and 2009, and also three Regional Conferences in 2006, 2011, and 2012 at PSU. In 2010, we participated with the Big Brothers/Sisters Program in the Portland Area. We have also participated in many career fairs and the Saturday Academy Program.

Our monthly chapter meetings are usually at noon on the second Thursday of each month in Room 110, next to the Bonneville Power Administration's cafeteria, 911 NE 11th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. We also meet occasionally at OMSI, PSU's engineering building or it's Native American Student Community Center. We provide a forum for the community to network with Indian scientists and engineers.

AISES' Professional Chapters provide members opportunity and support as they rise along their career path. AISES professional members complete the "circle of support" by serving as mentors, advisors, and role models to younger members. In their local communities, AISES professional chapter members provide a variety of activities on a local level that support STEM success for other American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) such as:

- Organizing seminars and workshops that help develop management, communication, and other professional skills;
- Giving access to networking resources such as community relations, scholarships, and job-opportunity awareness;
- Serving as AISES-endorsed "Subject Matter Experts," speaking in educational and media platforms and raising public awareness about AI/AN contributions in STEM;
- Supporting educational partnerships with our affiliate schools, and by serving as judges for Native American Indian Science and Engineering Fair and at other events nationally;
- Encouraging participation in other technical societies; and
- Nominating and supporting individuals for AISES Board of Directors and AISES awards programs.

Chapter annual dues \$20 and National AISES membership information: www.aises.org

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