



Get Ready for Graduation! Congrats Class of 2018

Join us on Red Square Friday, June 15, rain or shine, for an afternoon of hugs, high-fives, and the promise of an amazing future for our graduates. The event features dynamic commencement speakers, including [Evergreen alumna and state legislator Sharon Tomiko Santos '85](#), undergraduate speaker Aurielle Marie, graduate speaker Riel LaPlant of the Amskapii Pikuni Nation, and faculty speaker Terry Setter.

Red Square's festive vibe will be played up with colorful new banners, the beloved procession band Artesian Rumble Arkestra, an appearance by Speedy the Mascot, and some sure-to-be-costumed graduates. A "Jumbotron" screen will help ensure we can all see the action as Evergreen recognizes about 1,000 graduates.

"We have enhanced security to ensure safety for all graduates, guests, and the Evergreen community. Evergreen Police Services, along with Thurston County Sheriff/Washington State Patrol officers and professional security personnel will be working to direct traffic, monitor campus, and keep everyone safe," said Ed Sorger, Interim Chief of Police.

A reception will be held afterward in the Daniel J. Evans Library Lobby. Check the graduation web page for [more information](#) or contact Enrollment Services, LIB 1245, ext. 6310.



The commencement program was designed by student Marketing and Branding Fellow Ashley Cox '20. "My favorite part was making the pyramids glow with the splatter of paint," she said.

Commencement is Friday, June 15

- The ceremony starts at 1pm and ends around 4pm.
- Tickets are not required.
- Employees are encouraged to park in the overflow meadow in back of the library, off Driftwood Road.



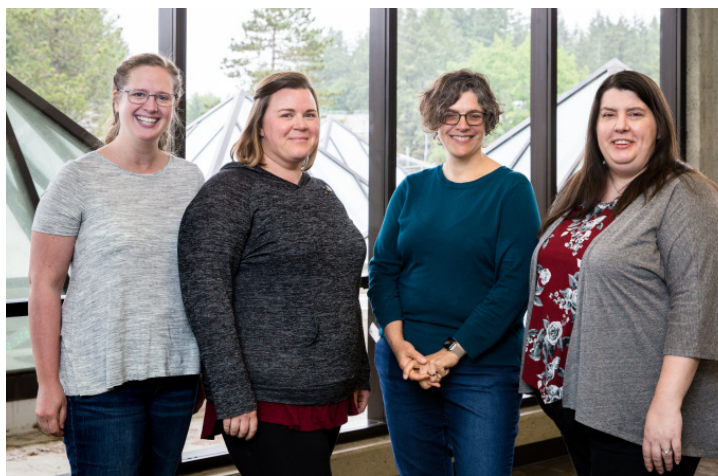
PEOPLE

Staff Spotlight: Provost's and Deans' Office

As part of a new and regular column, we've asked for your input naming colleagues who deserve recognition for their unique skills and talents.

This issue, faculty member **Steve Blakeslee** answered the call.

"Four names come quickly to mind for me: (in photo order) **Kat Sackmann, Tricia Bateman, Julie Slone, and Marcia Zitzelman**, who provide critical support in the provost's office and deans' area, including Evening and Weekend Studies. These staff members also team up each September to support the Academic Retreat, a major logistical undertaking. Last year they received a standing ovation for their efforts."



Who would you like the Evergreen community to recognize? Who have you always wanted to give a shout-out to, but didn't have the opportunity? Drop us a line; we'll feature them in a future issue. Email campusnews@evergreen.edu.

Faculty Member Carri LeRoy to Research Blast Zone, Thanks to Grant from National Science Foundation



Faculty member and freshwater ecologist Carri LeRoy has been awarded a \$200,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation to study how new streams and rivers form over time. LeRoy's research will focus in particular on the genetics of trees that grow in new stream ecosystems near Mt. St. Helens.

"Rivers are generally very old, carving through canyons and valleys over millennia," said LeRoy. "Because new streams and rivers are rare, little is known about how they form."

Mt. St. Helens, in Evergreen's own backyard, is a perfect place to find out more. "After catastrophic volcanic eruptions, water from springs and snowmelt carves fresh stream channels," LeRoy said. "The trees that colonize rivers and streams provide shade, shelter, and crucial inputs of leaves and wood to aquatic ecosystems.

Trees help shape the stream itself by stabilizing banks, creating meanders, and halting erosion."

By studying the genetic differences among trees near streams in the volcano's 1980 blast zone, LeRoy expects to learn about the variety of ways that different tree species, and different genders within a species, can affect other organisms and stream ecosystems overall.

The grant also provides funding for two undergraduate research assistants to work with LeRoy on the two-year project.



LeRoy, right, works with a student to gather data around the effects of volcanic explosion at Mt. St. Helens.

Contributor: John McLain, Director of Grants and Foundation Relations

ON THE HORIZON

Volunteers and Proposals Needed for Fall Equity Symposium

Fall Equity Symposium: Deepening the Dialogue
October 11-12, 2018

The purpose of this symposium is to:

Empower our community members with tools to address inequities at Evergreen and beyond;

Encourage ongoing personal and organization cultural-competency development; and

Provide brave and safe learning spaces that foster a greater sense of belonging for all members of the Evergreen community.

To make these goals a reality, we need your help!

Please volunteer to help plan the symposium and/or submit a symposium workshop proposal.

Volunteer sign-up deadline: Friday, June 15

Submit your proposals for priority consideration by Friday, June 15

*Important Note: We will continue to accept proposals as space permits until Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

Please send your volunteer interest, symposium proposals, and inquiries to equityandinclusion@evergreen.edu.

Contributor: LaToya Johnson, Administrative Assistant VP/VP for Equity and Inclusion



TELLING EVERGREEN'S STORIES



Baird is graduating with her degree in Education/Language Arts after a four-year career playing volleyball for the Geoducks.

Volleyball Ace, Outstanding Student, and Champion of Character

Cheyenne Baird '18 is a recipient of the Cascade Collegiate Conference Les Schwab Champions of Character award. The annual award honors one female and one male student-athlete.

Evergreen Assistant Director for Intercollegiate Athletics John Purttman praised Baird in a [Geoducks Athletics online article](#), "This is a well-deserved award. Cheyenne has done tremendous work here as a student and as an athlete and exemplifies student leadership. Cheyenne has been a credit to her team and to the college and I am excited to watch her as she continues to do great things in the world."

IN OTHER NEWS: Read about **Ellen Shortt Sanchez** and the projects she oversees at the Community-Based Center for Learning and Action (CCBLA) in this ThurstonTalk article about our [student-to-community volunteer connections](#).

Do you have a story you think we should tell? Is there a new program or initiative the campus should know about or a student or colleague who deserves recognition? Email campusnews@evergreen.edu

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