Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Clackamas Community College campuses reside on the traditional homelands of the Clackamas, Cascades, and Tumwater bands of Chinooks, as well as the Tualatin and Pudding River bands of Kalapuya and the Northern Molalla people. They lived and prospered by maintaining strong cultural ties to the land, and through wise management of resources. As signers of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855, they were removed from their homelands to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation where they became members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Please join us in taking this opportunity to thank and honor the original caretakers of this land, their lives, and their descendants that live on as Tribal members today, still carrying on the traditions and cultures of their ancestors.

Additional Resources

  ○ This website features 374 digitized American Indian treaties housed at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The site allows you to search and browse by treaty, tribe, and location, as well as explore related resources.


● Native Land website (https://native-land.ca/)
  ○ This source is currently inaccurate for the Clackamas region, but may be helpful for other regions

● Phonetic Spelling/Pronunciation of Tribal Band Names:
  ○ Clackamas (CLACK-uh-mus)
  ○ Cascades (ca-skaydz)
  ○ Tumwater (tum-wah-ter)
  ○ Chinooks (shin-NOOK)
  ○ Tualatin (too-AWL-a-tin)
  ○ Pudding River (puud-ing; like the dessert)
  ○ Kalapuya (cal-a-poo-ya)
  ○ Molalla (mo-LAH- lah)
Suggested Uses

- Displaying the land acknowledgement in classrooms and meeting spaces; special signage in the new Welcome Center
- Reading the land acknowledgement at college meetings
- Adding the land acknowledgement to class syllabi
- Adding the land acknowledgement to email signatures
- Adding the land acknowledgement to the college website and publications, including the DEI webpage and campus maps
- Sharing the land acknowledgement and how to use it during new employee and new student orientations

Email Signature Acknowledgment

Option 1:
Clackamas Community College recognizes that it sits on the traditional homelands of the Clackamas, Cascades, and Tumwater bands of Chinooks, as well as the Tualatin and Pudding River bands of Kalapuya and the Northern Molalla people. The College extends its respect and gratitude to the Indigenous peoples who have lived here since time immemorial.

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Option 2:
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