

CHARITY TURK

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PROFILE

As a senior Tribal Governance student at The Evergreen State College, and a dedicated citizen of the Cherokee Nation, I am actively seeking opportunities to apply and enrich my knowledge in community engagement and policy advocacy. I am committed to contributing meaningfully to the development and well-being of Indigenous communities. Eager to gain hands-on experience in a dynamic and impactful environment, I aim to support initiatives that foster unity, resilience, and positive change, aligning with the spirit of the 7th generation prophecy.

EDUCATION

2020 - 2024

The Evergreen State College
Bachelor of Art, Tribal
Governance Focus, Candidate

2014 - 2019

Capital High School
Olympia, WA 98501
High School Diploma

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lifeguard & Swim Instructor • The Valley Athletic Center

July 2023 – Current

- Serving as a Lifeguard, ensuring the safety and well-being of swimmers.
- Acting as a first responder for all emergency situations at the athletic center, both in the pool and throughout the entire facility.
- Teaching swim lessons to children across various age groups.
- Instructing proper swim techniques and form to enhance safety and proficiency.
- Greeting families and participants, addressing any inquiries before and after swim lessons.
- Actively participating in clinics to continually enhance my own swimming skills and lifeguarding techniques.

Outdoor Instructor • WaYa Outdoor Institute

July 2023 – September 2022

- Environmental education instructor.
- Led outdoor activities such as rock climbing, kayaking, river rafting, and hiking.

- Designed science lessons and art activities.
- Mentored younger campers.
- Taught native art to campers.
- Oversaw camper pickup and drop off.
- Assisted with conflict resolution.
- Worked collaboratively with other staff and the WaYa board members.

Lifeguard & Swim Instructor • Discover Aquatics

December 2019 – July 2021

- Taught kids swim lessons to various age groups
- Taught proper swim techniques and form
- Greeted family's and participants, and answered any questions prior to and after the swim lessons
- Participated in clinics to constantly improve personal swim skills and lifeguarding techniques

SKILLS

Leadership
Effective Communication
Organizational Skills

Tribal Governance
Advocacy and Outreach
Community Engagement

Critical Thinking
Problem Solving
Cultural Sensitivity

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Candace Ortega, Aquatics Manager

The Valley Athletic Center
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Shana Barehand, Co-Founder/Board Member

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