

# 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.

## Email Signature Acknowledgment

### Option 1:

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## Additional Resources

- The Indigenous Digital Archive (IDA) Treaties Explorer  
<<https://digitreaties.org/treaties/>>.
  - 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.
- Scherer, Joanna Cohan. 1990. *Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. 7, Northwest Coast*. Smithsonian Institution.
- 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 usages of the land acknowledgement:
  - College meetings
    - Hanging the acknowledgement in meeting spaces
  - Classes
    - Syllabi
    - Hanging the acknowledgement in classrooms
  - Email signatures
    - The college campus resides on the land of x tribes, learn more here.
  - Special signage in the Welcome Center
  - Website
    - DEI webpage
    - Campus webpage
    - Campus PDF maps
  - Orientation
    - New employee (this is how you can use it in your classroom, syllabus, email, etc.)
    - New student