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2015 Leadership Honoring Awards

Nominations for These Prestigious Awards NOW OPEN



*Ramona Bennett, Puyallup, 2014
Leadership Honoring Awardee.*

[View the 2014 Leadership
Honoring Award Video.](#)

The Potlatch Fund Annual Gala is Northwest Signature Event, which raises the profile of the Native community and highlights the innovative work being undertaken by Tribes and Native nonprofits.

Since 2006, Potlatch Fund has honored Northwest Native leaders making a difference in the areas of: Economic and Community Development, Civic Participation, Natural Resource Protection, Education Award, and Cultural Preservation.

Nominations are reviewed annually and awardees are introduced during our annual Fundraising Gala, which for 2015 will be held on Saturday, November 5, at the Tulalip Resort Casino.

To access the 2015 Nomination Form [click here](#).

To view the 2014 Leadership Honoring Awardees [click here](#).

To view a list of all Leadership Honoring Awardees [click here](#).

Nominations must be received by COB Friday, May 8, 2015. Only complete nomination packets will be accepted.

Susan Balbas

Potlatch Fund Board of Directors

Susan Balbas has contributed to the success of Potlatch Fund since almost the very beginning of the organization. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of Na'ah Illahee Fund, a Native-led nonprofit organization advancing sustainable Indigenous cultures in the Pacific Northwest through innovative programming, grantmaking and events production. As a consultant, Susan has provided technical assistance including strategic planning,



Susan Balbas, Cherokee and Yaqui Nations descendent, with Alice Ito at the 2014 Fundraising Gala in Tulalip.

fundraising/sustainability, marketing, program development, communications and evaluation to Tribes, artists and nonprofit organizations throughout the country. She was recently a technical assistance specialist for the U.S. Department of Justice OJDP Tribal youth programs through Education Development Center, Inc., an international nonprofit based out of Boston. Susan holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Economics) and a Master of Science in Teaching (Education and Native American History). She has held several corporate management positions, as well as Chief Development Officer at United Indians of All Tribes Foundation in Seattle; Development and Donor Education Coordinator at Changemakers Foundation in San Francisco; Executive Director at the NAYA Youth and Family Center in Portland; and Outreach Director at Western Water Alliance in Seattle. Susan is active within the philanthropic sector and has served on boards and committees locally, nationally and internationally.

New Positions at Potlatch Fund

» **Make a Difference in Northwest Indian Country** «



Inspiring the Native tradition of giving.

Potlatch Fund is accepting applications, to work out of the Seattle office, for the following positions:

Managing Director Works to ensure the growth and delivery of Potlatch Fund's fundraising, communications, and grantmaking efforts.

Development Associate Works to ensure organizational goals are met, while expanding their internal capacity in the areas of fundraising, communications, and donor development.

The deadline for submission of an application is **Friday, February 27, 2015**. Additional information may be found on the Potlatch Fund [website](#).

Native Professionals and Friends Night

SAVE THE DATE - March 4, 2015



Don't miss out on this chance to reconnect in 2015!

This is your opportunity to meet local leaders, enjoy the company of the Native community, and build lasting connections with professionals from all walks of life. The event promises to be another evening of delightful conversation, delicious appetizers, and cool refreshments.

When: Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

Where: City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room

All are welcome (this event is 21+) to attend and build relationships with Seattle's Native community.

(601 5th Ave, Seattle, WA)

RSVP: eventbrite.com

\$25.00 suggested donation will benefit Potlatch Fund and support the work we undertake in Northwest Indian Country.



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Strengthening Community Through Philanthropy Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

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