



Chris Olin

**I**ndian Gaming magazine has named Chris Olin Extraordinary Employee for the month of November, 2006. A member of the Nisqually Tribe, Chris is a Network Administrator for the Red Wind Casino in Olympia, Washington, and also assists with IT management. "Chris' story is all about hard work, commitment and powerful motivation," said Sandy Crowell, the Training Manager at Red

Wind Casino who nominated Chris.

Chris started at Red Wind eight and a half years ago as a maintenance worker, performing a variety of tasks from picking up the parking lot to repairing slot machines. At the time of his early employment, Chris was also going to school and constantly challenging himself to learn new things. He progressed from a maintenance worker to slot technician, then to an information systems assistant, an IS intern, a management trainee, to his current position.

"I would like to rise as far as I possibly can in this particular casino," said Chris. "My goal when I began working here was to work as far up the ladder as I possibly could." Chris now performs a variety of duties ranging from system and server installations to network configurations. He's also directly responsible for three system

administrators and a group of eight PC technicians.

Chris has also participated in dozens of high-tech training classes and in his off time serves on the Enterprise and Fireworks Committees for the Nisqually Tribe. He also assists the tribal community with their personal computers. "I like the ever-changing environment here at Red Wind," Chris said. "We're constantly growing and there are always challenges, from implementing new information systems to planning future projects."

"Chris is an exceptional individual," said Tony Antalan, CIO for Red Wind Casino. "His commitment and dedication to the success of this organization go beyond the call of duty. On many occasions he has stepped up to take on the more challenging tasks which others shun. He possesses the qualities and attributes to become a fine leader for this organization."

Chris and his wife Laura have three daughters and reside on the Nisqually reservation. A great inspiration for Chris, he said, has been in witnessing the growth of the casino. "Being a tribal member, seeing where we started, and seeing where we are now has been very positive," he said. ♣

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