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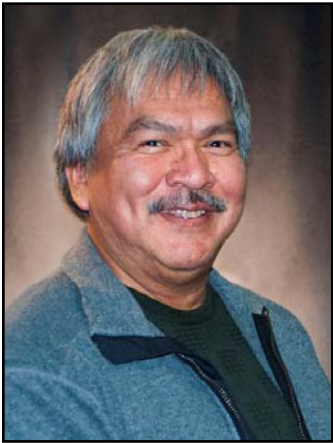
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Tribe Welcomes VTRC Manager Laird Jones



Laird Jones

The Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to announce that Laird Jones has accepted the position of Manager of the Vocational Training & Resource Center (VTRC). The VTRC is a State of Alaska *authorized* postsecondary institution owned by Central Council that provides training and career advancement opportunities through high quality computer and vocational education.

Mr. Jones received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington and his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is the son of Mary Jones and the late Willard Jones of Ketchikan, Alaska. He and spouse Francine Eddy Jones, Tribal Family & Youth Services Director at

Central Council, are the proud parents of Justin Jones, a senior at Whitworth University.

"I look forward to building on the excellent training and vocational opportunities at the VTRC," said Laird Jones. "Two areas I will focus on are distance learning and exploring the option of opening a tribal college."

Mr. Jones has served as the Tribe's Business Development Specialist since October 2007. Prior to this he worked for the State of Alaska for 20 years, including serving as the Director for both the Fisheries and Game Boards from 1989 to 1999.

"I am pleased to welcome Laird Jones as the Manager of the VTRC," said Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer. "His education and experience will help him meet the vision of operating the VTRC as a regional training facility."

Mr. Jones will begin his new position on January 18, 2010 and his office will be located at 3239 Hospital Drive. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Jones for his promotion.

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