

## Getting an Education - Pearl Kennedy-Colombe - OSEU #7

Well, when I started school, they put me up at Stephane. So I attended school there till I was a freshman. One year, I went to St. Joe's and I graduated from their eighth grade. And they make a big deal about that eighth grade graduation. You know, you really felt like you accomplished something. And then after that, I went to Flandreau. I went one year to Chamberlain and I talked about racism, you know, like that. I never felt it. But one girl told me one thing that my parents told me not to go hang around, you know, the Indian.

But she said, they're not here. They're not with us in school. So she would talk to me. So, but I learned in school just like, I mean, they were in school learning just like the other schools that I've been, you know, everybody was learning something. But I learned how to talk to people by being in a white school, because they would make us get up in the front and, you know, talk. And so I kind of got ahead on the, I kind of got ahead by doing that, learning how to get up and talk in front of people.

And then I went to Flandreau and I finished my graduate. My dad always told me to get an education, you know, learn.