

California State University San Marcos Honors Seven Native American Graduates

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for SCTCA TANF



Christina Villalobos and her mother Maria

Christina Villalobos was one of seven Native American graduates from California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) honored at a special ceremony in early May.

Christina, 28, is a participant at Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Escondido TANF. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. She obtained her degree while also caring for her three children – Robert, 10, Kaylah, 8 and Mariyah, 3.

Christina – along with her mother Maria – attended the American Indian Graduation Honoring Ceremony in the courtyard next to the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center (CICSC) on the CSUSM campus. More than 70 family members, relatives, tribal

leaders and educators also attended the hour-long event.

The ceremony included a blessing by Christobal Devers of the Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians, a brief address by CSUSM President Karen Haynes and several songs by the La Jolla Bird Singers.

Joely Proudfit, CICSC Director, introduced each of the graduates and expressed her admiration for their academic accomplishments. "I am proud of each one of you," she said.

The seven graduates are Christina, Alyssa Acuna, Lillian Greenheck, Michelle Hoptowit, Shekinah Scannell, Andrew Siva and Brittany Smith.

The event was sponsored by CICSC. (More on page 8.)

Students Urged to 'Never Give Up' at Dream the Impossible Conference

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for SCTCA TANF



Dream the Impossible conference.

More than 400 Native American students from throughout the Southern California region attended the *Dream the Impossible* conference in early May.

The day-long conference was held at California State University San Marcos and included several speakers, cultural activities, workshops and presentations on art and culture, education and leadership and health and wellness.

Pax Harvey, a Navajo from Arizona, was the conference's keynote speaker. Harvey told the students they needed to find "peace, happiness and balance" in their lives.

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Students Urged to ‘Never Give Up’ at Dream the Impossible Conference



“No matter what happens in your life, never give up,” he said, noting he had dropped out of college several times before finally obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Northern Arizona University.

Matika Wilbur, Swinomish and Tulalip from Washington state, conducted a presentation on her “562” photography project. Wilbur – whose work was featured in the New York Times earlier this year - has been traveling around the country, photographing Native Americans in a series of color and black and white images.

“I wanted to photograph Indians as they live now – not some image of Indians that we’ve all seen in the movies or television,” she said, dismissing what she called “Hollywood distortions” of Native American culture.

“So much of what we’ve seen in our lives about Native Americans isn’t reality,” Wilbur declared. “We are more than what others who know nothing about lives tell us. We have our own stories.”

Wilbur told the students she didn’t decide to become a photographer until she had reached a point where alcohol was destroying her life.

“I drank so much I was dying,” she said. “And I was only 18.”

But Wilbur quit drinking and, after she took a photography course in Montana, she began her career behind a camera. She has a Bachelor’s Degree from the Brooks Institute of Photography in California.

Wilbur told students they should “work hard” to achieve any dreams they had. “Things won’t just come to you,” she said. “You have to work for things – even if it takes years.”



Avellaka Walk Draws Hundreds at Soboba

By Wendy Schlater, Special to SCTCA TANF



The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians hosted Avellaka's Fifth Annual Inter-Tribal Sexual Assault Awareness Walk in late April at the Soboba Indian Reservation. The walk is meant to educate and raise awareness regarding sexual assault.

The turnout of the event was high, with 290 registered walkers and over 300 attendees. We had 22 tribes support our walk. A special thank you to Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians and Soboba Women's group, Hemet CASA and all the countless volunteers who faithfully come in solidarity, sisters and brothers, to make this event a successful one. Together we will effect change that will inspire our communities to action to make our reservations safer and create more services designed for, and by, Native women to provide tribal advocacy.

By working to end violence against Native women, we must think about restoration of our customs and traditions, so that we may continue to protect and restore our Tribal Sovereignty. 🖤



Avellaka Walk.

Photos by Susan Subish, SCTCA TANF Pala

Minda Streamer and Alexander Landavazo were honored as Valedictorian and Salutatorian at the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) High School Graduation Celebration in early May at the Pala Casino Spa Resort.

The following remarks were published in the celebration's graduation program:

Minda Streamer, Valedictorian Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians:



"I have grown up and lived on the Los Coyotes Reservation my entire life. It is for this reason, along with others, that I am going to further my education.

"I plan to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, College of Letters and Science, to study American Indian studies and minor in Science. I am going to go into the field of American Studies so I can have a solid background of the Native American cultures along with what I was taught from my elders. I chose this major because it will help me better my tribal community by educating them and help us preserve our heritage.

"I have been told by many of my peers and family that I have been a role model for them. I want to keep making them proud as I continue my journey of higher education. I will make sure all the youth have plans to strive in the future and make our community strong and educated. I see a bright future, not only for me, but for my tribal community as well."

Alexander Landavazo, Salutatorian San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians:



"I plan to attend the University of California, Irvine, to study Political Science. This major will increase my knowledge of governmental and legislative policy so that in time, I can enter law school for my post-graduate studies. I believe upholding justice is honorable work.

"In my experience as a high school student, the most influential mentors I have encountered were those that have finished college and came to speak of their experiences. I intend to reach out towards the students of my community after I earn my degree so that they too will aspire to go to college.

"The most notable impact I have had on my tribal community is the influence I have had on my peers at my tribal youth center which consisted of tutoring for Math and English, as well as instructing the fundamental techniques and rules of tennis. In addition, I have participated in setting up for tribal ceremonies like elder meetings, sweat lodges and tribal festivities." 🖤



Native American Students Honored At SCTCA High School Graduation Celebration

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for SCTCA TANF

More than 600 people attended the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) 2014 High School Graduation Celebration in early May at the Pala Casino Spa Resort.

The celebration honored over 100 Native American students who graduated this year from high schools throughout San Diego County. The graduates represented 18 tribes, including 26 from the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians.

The three-hour event included hundreds of family members, relatives, friends and tribal leaders. The graduates were presented Eagle Feathers by tribal leaders in recognition of their accomplishment.

Minda Streamer, from the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation and graduate of Warner Springs High School, was the class valedictorian. She intends to major in American Indian Studies and minor in Science at UCLA in the fall. Alexander Landovaza, from San Pasqual, was the class salutatorian. He intends to major in Political Science at the University of California, Irvine.

In the graduation program published for the event, Chairman Robert Smith of the Pala Band of Mission Indians praised the graduates.

"Today is filled with celebration," Smith wrote. "We are here to honor your achievement in accomplishing a monumental goal, high school graduation. This ceremony is to praise your accomplishment, one that brings respect and honor not just to you, but your family, friends and community as well.

"...Your schooling may be over, but your education still continues. 'Knowledge can be learned but until it is truly experienced, it does not become wisdom' – Selo Black Crow, Lakota. Transform your education into knowledge, and your knowledge into wisdom. "Congratulations, Class of 2014."

The evening concluded with remarks from SCTCA Executive Director Denis Turner, who urged the graduates to continue their education beyond high school. 🖋️





2014 Native American High School Graduates

Barona Band of Mission Indians

Karah Banegas
Ashley Banegas
Kailey Banegas
Casey Banegas
Nicholas Brown
Clayton Cooke
Cheynea Curo
Shakyla Curo
Ashlyn Curo
Austin Curo-Ruis
Bear Diaz
Kevin Garcia
Shyama LaChappa
Shavonne Magginni
Zachery Welch

Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians

Alexis Bishop
Frankie Cline III
Lerae Necochea
Pedro Salgado
Robert Smith
Trey Thornsberry

Campo Kumeyaay Nation

Dauida Alvarado
Holly Boudreau
Mark Boudreau
Maurice Cuero
Deja Marceau
Joaquin Giles
Myeshiecha Jackson
William Largo
Saturnina Largo
Naomi Najera
Rochelle Mathemy
Tyasha Williams
Danielle Wohlford

Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Brandon Arviso
Johnny Beresford
Blanca Blanco
Levi Hill Jr.
Toni Marie Linton
Jacob Summit

Jamul Indian Village

Robert Meza
Genell Pinto
Randy Pinto

La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians

Neil Howard
Daniel Lofton
Henry Najera
Melony Nelson
Hector Olvera Jr.
Leticia Roberts
David Ruise

La Posta Band of Mission Indians

Jacquelyn Flores
Duncer Silva

Los Coyotes Band of Indians

Destiny Chapparosa
Kerry Goodwin
Juan Rodriguez
Minda Streamer

Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Nicolas Jimenez

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians

Sarah Wheeler
Miranda Castillo

Pala Band of Mission Indians

Pawnee Boles
Tiara Leal
Riley Miller
Nacrisa Morones
Karley Quick
Nuhkyah Romero
Joseph Smith
Cheyenne Trujillo

Pauma Band of Mission Indians

Mehelia Garcia
Raymond Torres

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Ishi Croy
Isaac Kolb
Melissa Murguia
Phillip Ornelas III
Tirik Ransom
Phillip Sass III
Alek Tortes

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

Anthony Apostolovski
Zhanai Bagby
Leiah Bollinger
Lorena Carrasco
Christina Clarke
Julian Clay
Jacob Cunningham
Dakota Gonzales
Alex Landavazo
Tarin Landavazo
Ciera Serrano Lavigne
Sabriena Rose Lopez
Cruz Lucero
Cabrini Reyna Luna
Baillie Martinez
Joseph Moreno
Ryan Norton
Adam Perez
Joseph Ricardo Rodriguez
Martin "Sam" Sanger II
James Jr. Thorpe
Perris Todet
Angela Villalobos
Carlos Villalobos
Ryan Villalobos

Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Austen Beasley
Angelica LaBrake
Vanessa Eve Paipa LaBrake
Darby Spackman

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Joshua Banegas
Mistyeve Brown
Joseph Brown
Samsin Brown



SCTCA Award Winners

The following students were presented awards at the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) High School Graduation Celebration:



SCTCA Education Awards

Minda Streamer, Valedictorian, Los Coyotes, 4.11 GPA (grade point average)
Alexander Landavazo, Salutatorian, San Pasqual, 3.88 GPA
Melissa Murguia, Rincon, 3.68 GPA
Melony Nelson, La Jolla, 3.55 GPA
Julian Clay, San Pasqual, 3.30 GPA
Cierra Serrano-Lavigne, San Pasqual, 3.27 GPA
Christina Clarke, San Pasqual, 3.23 GPA
Trey Thornsberry, Cahuilla, 3.03 GPA
Mehelia Garcia, Pauma, 3.02 GPA

Matt LaChappa Foundation Athletic Scholarship

Trey Thornsberry, Cahuilla
Melony Nelson, La Jolla

Walking Shield American Indian Access Scholarship

Melony Nelson, La Jolla
Christina Clarke, San Pasqual
Adam Perez, San Pasqual
Cabrini Luna, San Pasqual
Minda Streamer, Los Coyotes





2014 California State University San Marcos Native American Graduates:

One week before the campus was threatened by a wind-swept fire in mid-May, California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) honored its Native American graduates.

The graduates were honored by CSUSM President Karen Haynes and tribal leaders and were presented colorful Pendletons in recognition of their academic accomplishment.

The following is a list of the honored Native American graduates:

ALYSSA ACUNA,
Gabrielino-Tongva Indians, San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Major: Bachelor of Arts in Human Development – Counseling Services
Quote: “I hope to practice criminal law and also desire to work for my tribe in order to gain their federal recognition.”

LILLIAN GREENHECK
Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
Major: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Quote: “I want to continue my education and get my Ph.D in Psychology and one day become a counselor.”

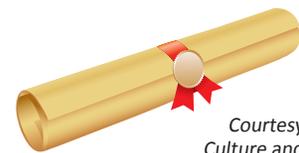
MICHELLE HOPTOWIT
Yakama
Major: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

SHEKINAH SCANNELL
Maliseet/Goodblood
Major: Bachelor of Science in Human Development – Emphasis in Children Psychology
Quote: “I want to work with families that have ‘at risk’ children.”

ANDREW SIVA
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
Major: Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Quote: “I was accepted at the University of St. Augustine School of Health Sciences and will begin their Doctor of Physical Therapy program in the fall of 2014.”

BRITTANY SMITH
Winnebago/Flat Head
Major: Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice Studies
Quote: “I would love to go to graduate school and get my Master’s in Social Work.”

CHRISTINA VILLALOBOS
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
Major: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Quote: “I would like to become involved in Social Work/Case Management.”



Courtesy of California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center



Tribal Liaison Tishmall Turner, CICSC Director Dr. Joely Proudfit, Andrew Siva, Shekinah Scannell, Christina Villalobos, Alyssa Acuna, Brittany Smith, Lillian Greenheck, CSUSM President Karen Haynes

Class Calendars

JUNE 2014

Rincon

Two Directions, Inc.



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Space #8 – Classroom 1 Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DMV Preparation 10:45AM–12:45PM Laura Rizza	Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat GROUP 1		Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat GROUP 2	Tribal Culture 8:30AM–10:30AM Bonnie Salgado
	Culture Class 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado		Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado	Indep. Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM
	Independent Culture 1PM–4PM		Indep. Tribal Culture 1PM–4PM	

Space #8 – Classroom 2 Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	MATH TUTORIAL 9:45AM–12:45PM Monika
Diploma / GED 10:45AM–1:45PM Monika	Study Hall	Diploma / GED 10:45AM–1:45PM Monika	Study Hall	
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	

Space #39 – Computer Lab Classes:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	Intro to PC's 8:30AM–10:30AM Charles	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	Keyboarding 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda
MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Intro to PC's 10:45AM–12:45PM Charles	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Keyboarding 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda
Computers Lab 1PM–4PM Wanda	Computers Lab 1PM–4PM Wanda	Computers Lab 1PM–4PM OPEN LAB	Computers Lab 1PM–4PM Wanda	Computer Class closed @ 12:45PM on Fridays

Two Directions Computer Labs are open at all times during business hours. Make sure to sign in and out to receive work participation hours.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ED2GO: Intro Microsoft Excel 2010 9AM–11AM ED2GO: Intro Microsoft Word 2010 9AM–11AM Phillip Roy/ Health Care 9AM–11AM 11:30AM–1:30PM Keyboarding 8:30AM–12PM Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM & 12PM–2PM ABE/GED 10AM–12PM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Life Skills/ What Color Is My Parachute 9AM–11AM Life Skills/ Practical Life Skills 11:30AM–1:30PM MAPP Assessment 9AM–11AM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	ED2GO: Intro Microsoft Excel 2010 9AM–11AM ED2GO: Intro Microsoft Word 2010 9AM–11AM Phillip Roy/ Clerical Office 9AM–11AM 11:30AM–1:30PM Keyboarding 8:30AM–12PM Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM ABE/GED 10AM–12PM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT) MAPP Assessment 12PM–2PM	Phillip Roy/ Health Care 9AM–11AM 11:30AM–1:30PM Reading Horizons 9AM–11AM 11AM–1PM Keyboarding 11AM–2PM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	ABE/GED 9AM–1:30PM Phillip Roy/ Clerical Office 9AM–11AM 11:30AM–1:30PM Loving Solutions 8:30AM–12PM Reading Horizons 11AM–1PM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)

To sign up, contact: Kayleigh Omish-Guachena, Training Director at (760) 737-0113 ext.13, kguachena@bgassociatesinc.com

El Cajon

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Parenting Training 9AM–4PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Career Awareness 9AM–4PM Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM MER Day JUNE 2: 11AM–1PM	“Microsoft Computer Certification Training” 2 CLASSES: 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–4PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Career Awareness 9AM–4PM Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM Sacred Pipe TUPE Presentation JUNE 24: 10AM–11AM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–4PM Parenting Training 9AM–4PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Career Awareness 9AM–4PM Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM Meet & Greet with the Employer JUNE 25: 10AM–11AM	“Microsoft Computer Certification Training” 2 CLASSES: 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Career Awareness 9AM–4PM Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM	“Microsoft Computer Certification Training” 10AM–12PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–4PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Career Awareness 9AM–4PM Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM SATURDAY Sacred Pipe TUPE Program JUNE 14 & 28: 10AM–1PM

**No Microsoft Computer Certification Training

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Monday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Career Building 9AM	Life Skills 9AM	Parenting 9AM	Friday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM
	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	
	Basic Computers Skills 2PM	Career Networking 2PM	Basic Computers Skills 2PM	

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Culture/ Entrepreneurial Class 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	World of Work 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	Tutorial 9AM-12PM
Native Arts & Crafts 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	GED Prep 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	
	Parenting Class 12:30PM-3:30PM			

COMMODITY Distribution Schedule

June 2014



Photo by Michael Cervantes, SCTCA TANF San Diego

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
June 3, Tuesday	Los Coyotes La Jolla	9 am – 10 am 11 am – 12:30 pm
June 4, Wednesday	San Pasqual	9 am – 12 noon
June 16, Monday	La Posta / Manzanita Old Campo	9:45 am – 11 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
June 17, Tuesday	Barona Viejas	9:30 am – 10:30 am 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
June 18, Wednesday	Mesa Grande Santa Ysabel	9 am – 10:30 am 11 am – 12:30 pm
June 19, Thursday	Rincon	9 am – 12 noon
June 23, Monday	Campo	10 am – 12:30 pm
June 24, Tuesday	Pauma Pechanga	9 am – 10 am 11 am – 12 noon
June 26, Thursday	Pala	9 am – 11:30 pm



Coming in the July issue:

- What are some summer activities for Native American children?
- Where can children go for summer fun?
- Are there any camps, classes or workshops?
- Which locations will be the most popular?

In our next issue, read about the activities available to children of all ages this summer.