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## Success Panel Shares Stories Of Accomplishment

of obtaining employment. She also said it was essential to learn how to do your job in the most efficient way.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions in the workplace," she said. "Find out how to do your job better. And then do whatever you need to do to get things done."

Morales, who has a daughter, now works as a Medical Assistant at Rady's Children's Primary Medical Group in San Diego. She has been there for a year and a half. She told the participants not to be intimidated by the workplace environment.

"When you work hard, and you give it all you can to succeed, people will notice," Morales said.

Brimage – also a former Escondido TANF participant – told the participants "success does not come easy."

"You have to decide, within yourself, that you are going to do the things you have to so you can succeed," said Brimage, who works at ConAm Management Corporation in San Diego. She has been there for three years. In addition, she studied for and received her Real Estate License.

Accomplishing all that while raising three children was very difficult, Brimage said. That's where determination comes in, she declared. "Sometimes that means going back to school. Or taking a job for a time that you really don't like. Or challenging yourself by setting goals and then exceeding them."

"And then you have to tell yourself, 'I think I can do that. I am going to try to do that. I will do that.'"

Sanchez – who has two children – is now a Licensed Massage Therapist and Holistic Health Practitioner. But she noted she has had many difficulties in life, including enduring episodes of domestic abuse, poverty and

homelessness. But all that can change, she said.

"I once sitting over there where all of you are just a few years ago – and now I am over here," she said, her voice trembling. "We were on the reservation, homeless, and I told myself, 'I am never going to let this happen again.'"

Sanchez said it was at this point she reached out to Escondido TANF.

"TANF saved my life," she said, wiping away tears. "They helped me with everything. They helped me with my kids. They helped me find a home – I'm still living there now. They helped me stand on my own."

Sanchez also told the participants not let fear of failure drive their decisions.

"Don't be too busy being afraid – it's a mind-killer," she said. "Get out and do everything you can to succeed. And no matter whatever has happened in your life, don't look back. You're not going that way."

Kelly Allen, Career and Vocational Development Specialist at Escondido TANF, said he was very impressed by the women's accomplishments.

"I love hearing these stories," Allen said. "We are hearing stories of where people are now and how they are succeeding. And these four women are definitely succeeding."



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## Days Before Christmas, Toys for Tots Delivers Presents



new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children (infants to 12 years of age) residing in San Diego County. They serve both civilian and military families.

Their goal is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.





# Santa Ynez TANF Hosts Fall Art Night

By Lacey Kern, Eligibility and Educational Coordinator, Santa Ynez TANF



On November 3rd, 2017, the Santa Ynez TANF Office held our Fall Art Night event.

Local artist Louie Regalado returned to teach the kids drawing techniques using chalk pastels on paper. Following on the heels of Halloween and Dia de los Muertos, Regalado used those as an opportunity to teach the kids about the meaning behind the Day of the Dead celebrations and how they came to be what they are today. He also connected it to the Olmec tradition of creating giant stone busts of their leaders. The children got the opportunity to watch educational videos from The History Channel and the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Regalado then instructed the children in how to create a properly proportioned face by breaking up a paper or canvas into a grid, and using chalk pastels to create true-to-life shading and lighting effects. The kids also had the opportunity to draw a Dia de los Muertos mask using the chalk pastels. This event was a unique way to get the kids thinking about their ancestry and heritage as they learned about honoring those who came before. 🖍



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## Santa Ysabel



Every year in mid-December, the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel invites all the tribal children, parents and relatives to its annual Christmas Celebration on the reservation.

This year was no different.

Except that it was different.

Instead of children gathering outside in a large tent or at the firehouse on Schoolhouse Canyon Road, they instead stayed inside at the tribal Head Start classroom.

The brightly wrapped presents – instead of being easily visible out in front as in years past – were stashed in a small room.

And instead of the usual servings of pizza for the children, there was more of a traditional tribal offering of shredded beef, tortillas and beans.

But one thing remained completely unchanged: the appearance of Santa Claus.

As in the past, Santa arrived with a loud ringing of a fire engine siren. He then ascended the stairs of the classroom and stood in the doorway, looking out over dozens of children sitting on the floor.

“Merry Christmas!” he bellowed in his unmistakable booming voice.

“Merry Christmas, Santa!” the children shouted back.

Santa laughed. “Now who is ready for some presents?” he asked. “We are!” several of the children responded.

And then Santa sat on a small chair that could barely contain his large, red-and-white coated body. Then came the children. First the babies. Some smiled, their mothers or fathers holding cameras to capture the moment. Others cried, wanting to get off Santa’s lap as soon as possible. Either way, the cameras stayed on the babies and the man from the North Pole.

Then came the rest of the boys and girls – all the 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds, all the way to 12. All came up to Santa, received a present and then either sat on his lap or stood next to him.

“Look over there!” Santa said, pointing to one child’s mother. “She’s already taken three pictures but she wants another one!” The mother laughed.

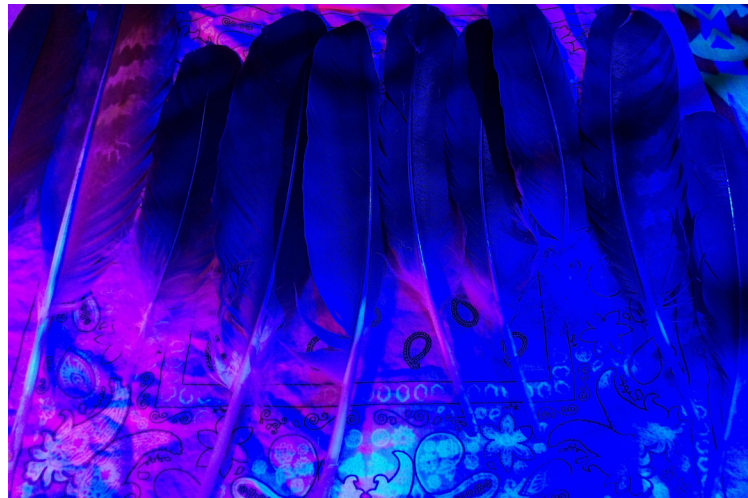
Then came the teens – a little more distant, but still quick with smiles. This year, the kids between 13 and 17 received gift cards of \$75 to the Westfield Shopping Plaza (courtesy of Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation) and \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards.

Then he was done, leaving the building with something that never changes – a hearty laugh, a big smile and two words: “Merry Christmas!” 🖍

- GARY TAYLOR

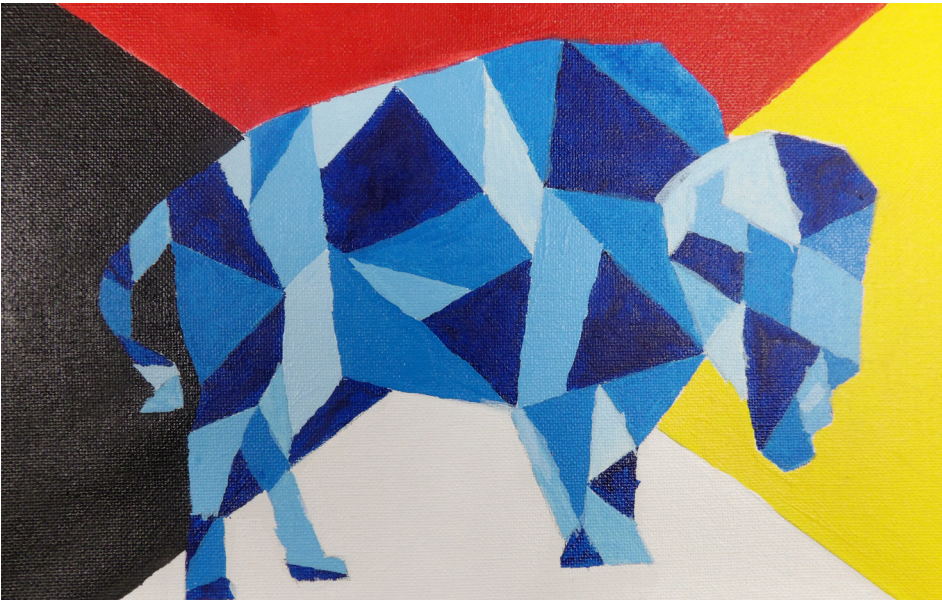


# Best Pictures of 2017





Every year, the SCTCA TANF Newsletter publishes hundreds of photographs. The pictures depict Native American culture, art, educational conferences, traditional ceremonies and numerous other events. Some of the pictures are in black and white; most are in color. In 2017, the SCTCA TANF published more than 400 photographs. And, as noted in the past, all the pictures are an attempt to capture an aspect of Native American life, tradition and history, both on and off the reservation. On these two pages are some of our Best Pictures of 2017. - GARY TAYLOR





# Best Unpublished Pictures 2017



**THE DETROIT FREE PRESS**  
 DETROIT, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1890  
**CHIEF SITTING BULL KILLED**  
 The Sioux leader who led the Sioux in the battle of the Little Big Horn is shot by Indian warriors. The warriors try to stop his arrest at his village on the Rosebud reservation.

Little Big Horn, Sitting Bull escaped to Canada, but returned to the United States after being promised a pardon. He then appeared in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, but lately he has been urging the Sioux not to sell their lands.

Since Bull's refusal to go to the U. S. military reservation the G. H. has sprang the Indians believe that he is free the oppressor white man.



Chief Sitting Bull





With more than a 1,000 photographs to choose from each year, it is impossible to publish all of our best pictures in the SCTCA TANF Newsletter. Decisions on which photographs to publish include considerations ranging from picture quality, timeliness, color, depth, background and many other factors. The overwhelming consideration, though, is always a simple one: Does the photo convey a story? It is true words tell the story. But sometimes simply seeing a picture can deliver the same story in an even more effective and memorable manner. On these two pages are some of the Best Unpublished Pictures of 2017.- GARY TAYLOR







*Class of 2018*

SAVE THE DATE

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association  
High School Graduation Celebration

*Thursday, May 10, 2018*

more details to come by invitation

\* Contact your Tribal Office if you are a Native American High School Senior graduating in 2018, to be honored at the celebration.

Education Award Opportunities available

For an application go to [www.sctca.net](http://www.sctca.net)  
click on High School Graduation Celebration



# Class Calendars

JANUARY 2018

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Two Directions, Inc.



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## Space #8 – Classroom 1 Classes: Jan. 1st – Apr. 30th, 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>DMV Preparation</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Laura Rizza	<b>Life Skills</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat  <b>Culture Class</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Heather Turnbull  <b>Independent Culture</b> 1PM–4PM		<b>Tribal Culture</b> 10:45AM–12:45AM Heather Turnbull  <b>Indep. Tribal Culture</b> 1PM–4PM	<b>Tribal Culture</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Heather Turnbull  <b>Indep. Tribal Culture</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM

## Space #8 – Classroom 2 Classes: Jan. 1st – Apr. 30th, 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	<b>Diploma/HiSet /*ABE</b> 9:45AM–12:45PM J. Murphy
	Study Hall	<b>Diploma/HiSet /*ABE</b> 10:45AM–1:45PM J. Murphy	Study Hall	No classes
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall <small>*ADULT BASIC EDUCATION</small>	Study Hall	No classes <small>*ADULT BASIC EDUCATION</small>

## Space #39 – Computer Lab Classes: Jan. 1st – Apr. 30th, 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Self Paced Class</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Staff	<b>MICROSOFT Word</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	<b>Intro to PC's</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Charles	<b>MICROSOFT Word</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	<b>10 Key Class</b> 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda
<b>Self Paced Class</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Staff	<b>MICROSOFT Excel</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	<b>Intro to PC's</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Charles	<b>MICROSOFT Excel</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	<b>Keyboarding</b> 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda
<b>Self Paced Class</b> 1PM–4AM Staff	<b>Self Paced Class</b> 1PM–4AM Staff	<b>Computers Lab</b> 1PM–4PM OPEN LAB	<b>Self Paced Class</b> 1PM–4AM Staff	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.



# Escondido

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>ABE/GED</b> 9AM–11AM	<b>Life Skills/ What Color Is My Parachute</b> 9AM–11AM	<b>ABE/GED</b> 9AM–11AM	<b>Phillip Roy/ Welding</b> 9AM–11AM	<b>ABE/GED</b> 9AM–11AM
<b>Spanish (online/app)</b> 9AM–11AM		<b>Spanish (online/app)</b> 9AM–11AM		<b>Phillip Roy Clerical/Office</b> 9AM–11AM & 11:30AM–1:30PM
<b>Phillip Roy/ Health Care</b> 9AM–11AM	<b>Phillip Roy/ Mechanics</b> 9AM–11AM	<b>Keyboarding</b> 9AM–12PM	<b>Math/English/ GED Refresher</b> 9AM–11PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	<b>Keyboarding (online)</b> 9AM–12PM
<b>Keyboarding</b> 9AM–12PM	<b>Keyboarding</b> 11:30AM–1:30PM	<b>Reading Horizons</b> 9AM–10AM	<b>Reading Horizons</b> 11AM–1PM	<b>Reading Horizons</b> 11AM–1PM
<b>Applied Skill Practice (GED)</b> 11:30AM–1:30PM	<b>Life Skills/ Practical Life Skills</b> 11:30AM–1:30PM	<b>Computer Skills (GED Prep)</b> 11:30AM–1:30PM	<b>Computer Skills (General)</b> 11AM–2PM	<b>Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills/ ED2GO</b> 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)
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To sign up, contact: Kayleigh Omish-Guachena, Training Director at (760) 737-0113 ext.13, kguachena@bgassociatesinc.com

# El Cajon

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Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9am–4pm • Phone: (619) 328-0676

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Job Readiness</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Career Development</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Career Development</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Job Readiness</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Academic Tutoring (All Subjects)</b> 9AM–3PM
<b>Career Development</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Job Readiness</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Job Readiness</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Individual Training Plan</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Job Readiness</b> 9AM–4PM
<b>Individual Training Plan</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Individual Training Plan</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Counseling Services</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Counseling Services</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Career Development</b> 9AM–4PM
<b>Counseling Services</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Counseling Services</b> 9AM–4PM	<b>Quickbooks Certification Training</b> 9:30AM–11:30AM	<b>Quickbooks Certification Training</b> 9:30AM–11:30AM	<b>Individual Training Plan</b> 9AM–4PM
<b>Quickbooks Certification Training</b> 9:30AM–11:30AM	<b>Quickbooks Certification Training</b> 9:30AM–11:30AM	<b>Academic Tutoring (All Subjects)</b> 9AM–5PM	<b>Parenting Training</b> 11AM–1PM	<b>Counseling Services</b> 9AM–4PM
<b>Microsoft Computer Certification Training</b> NOON–2PM	<b>Microsoft Computer Certification Training</b> NOON–2PM	<b>Microsoft Computer Certification Training</b> NOON–2PM	<b>Academic Tutoring (All Subjects)</b> 9AM–5PM	<b>Independent Computer Lab</b> 9AM–4PM
<b>Academic Tutoring (All Subjects)</b> 9AM–5PM	<b>Academic Tutoring (All Subjects)</b> 9AM–5PM	<b>Sacred Pipe TUPE Program</b> 1/3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 3:30PM–5:30PM	<b>Microsoft Computer Certification Training</b> NOON–2PM	
<b>SCAIR Closed</b> 1/1 NEW YEAR'S DAY <b>SCAIR Closed</b> 1/15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	<b>Traditional Parenting Training</b> 1/9 NOON–2PM <b>Ready to Work Training</b> 1/23 12:30PM–1:30PM	<b>Self-Reliance Training</b> 1/10 12:30AM–1:30PM <b>Resume Development Training</b> 1/17 12:30PM–1:30PM	<b>SCAIR Program Updates</b> 1/18 12:00PM–1:00PM	

\*\*No Microsoft Computer Certification Training



# Santa Ynez

Santa Ynez – SCTCA TANF • 185 W. Highway 246, Suite 102, Buellton, CA. 93427  
Office Hours Monday - Friday, 8am–4:30pm • Phone: (805) 688-1756 • Fax: (805) 688-6827

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

# Manzanita

Manzanita SCTCA Tribal Training Program • 39 A Crestwood, Boulevard, CA  
Phone: (619) 766-3236

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

## Commodity Distribution Schedule – January 2018



### COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2018

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
JAN. 8, MONDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 9, TUESDAY	BARONA VIEJAS	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 10, WEDNESDAY	SAN PASQUAL	9 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 11, THURSDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL	9 AM – 10AM 11 AM -12 NOON
JAN. 16, TUESDAY	LA POSTA/MANZANITA OLD CAMPO	9:45 AM – 11 AM 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
JAN 17, WEDNESDAY	PAUMA PECHANGA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 18, THURSDAY	RINCON	9 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 22, MONDAY	PALA	9 AM – 11:30 AM
JAN. 24, WEDNESDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12 NOON

OFFICE CLOSURE: MON., JAN. 1<sup>st</sup> (NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED) & MONDAY, JAN. 15<sup>th</sup> (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY)





### Coming in February:

- What are the latest foods being distributed on reservations?
- What commodities are in most demand?
- How many families and children receive the monthly food?

In our next issue, read about SCTCA's Food Distribution Program on reservations throughout San Diego County.