

Class of 2020: At Rincon, SCTCA Honors Native American High School Graduates

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

The High School Class of 2020 was supposed to graduate in the early days of summer.

With COVID-19 (Coronavirus) ravaging the country, though, that never happened.

There were no graduation ceremonies in June. There were none in July.

But there was one in August.

On a warm Thursday evening at Harrah's Resort Southern California in Rincon, Native American high school graduates from throughout San Diego County were honored.

The 123 graduates were lauded at the 20th annual Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) High School Graduation Celebration on August 13.

Unlike previous years when the traditional May event drew as many as 800 people, COVID-19 restrictions such as staggered arrival times and social distancing reduced the number who attended this year's celebration to around 300 family members, relatives, friends, tribal leaders and educators.



Graduates from the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians

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Ten Tips to Keeping Your Job

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Editor's note: This article was first published in the SCTCA TANF Newsletter in 2017. Now – especially in these days of high unemployment because of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – the tips remain just as relevant



So you did it.

You developed a great resume and cover letter, and you polished your interviewing skills to present yourself well. And now you've landed the new job you worked so hard to obtain. Now is the time to put your nose to the grindstone and get to work!

In order to ensure that you are able to keep this new job and enjoy career growth, there are a number of critical practices you should follow. Here are what I would consider to be the top 10:

Attendance - Be on time. The workers who are late to work, take a long lunch hour, use a ton of sick time, and/or leave early every day aren't going to win any points with their boss. Be punctual and be there, instead of making excuses for why you can't be at work.

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Ten Tips to Keeping Your Job

Call In - If you know you will be tardy or absent - and this should happen rarely - call in. Most companies treat regular absences or tardiness without notice much more seriously than simple absence or tardiness due to unexpected circumstances or emergencies.

Be a Team Player - The employees who don't get along well with others, who gossip about other workers, or who aren't willing to pitch in to help, aren't going to be appreciated. Those who are able to see the big picture, and who are also willing to pitch in without worrying about who will get the credit, will be greatly appreciated.

Be Flexible. When the company needs someone to change shifts, work weekends, put in some overtime, or work a different schedule, think about volunteering if your personal schedule permits. Flexibility can be a key component of hanging on to your job.

Try Your Best - Always finish an assignment, no matter how much you would rather be doing something else, and give 100% effort to your work. It is always good to have something to show for the time you have spent.

Show a Positive Attitude - No one wants to be around someone who is a "downer." A positive person tends to be solution oriented and have a "can do" attitude that team members enjoy. Opportunity tends to present itself to positive people, but it shuns the negative.

Ask Questions - When you don't know, ask. There is no such thing as a "stupid question." One of the most common causes of poor job performance is employee fear of asking questions. Good managers would prefer you ask, learn and succeed rather than guess, fumble and fail.

Avoid Cell Phone Use - Follow your company's telephone guidelines. Be sure to follow your new company's policies regarding answering incoming or making outgoing calls. Avoid making and receiving personal calls, unless absolutely necessary.

Work Hard - Your supervisor wants you to become productive as soon as possible. A productive person is regarded as a good employee. If you consistently work hard, your boss will take notice.

Look for Opportunities to Serve - Whether it is your customer or your coworker, always be ready to give a helping hand. Those who will become leaders must first learn how to serve



During COVID-19, Tips for Working From Home

On the *TIME* magazine business website, an article by Patrick Lucas Austin provides several tips for those who are working from home because of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The tips summarized below also apply to Native Americans who are working at home either on or off the reservation:

- Try to find yourself a dedicated and comfortable spot to work that you can associate with your job and leave when you're off the clock.

- To help fill the socializing gap while working remotely, try to find a colleague you can hit up when you're feeling the need to chat with someone. Also recommended: when working alone, you should keep a more structured daily schedule than usual.

- It's important to go beyond email and use other digital tools that can better replicate the in-person office experience and provide for clear communication. One manager communicates with his team using chat apps like Slack and videoconferencing services like Zoom. "Screen-sharing is another killer aspect of getting people on the same page," he adds. "If I'm in a meeting to give feedback, chances are the host is sharing their screen as well so we're all looking at the same thing as we toss ideas around."

- Managers should remember that not every employee actually wants to work from home, a shift that can be stressful for some. As companies increasingly mandate that many employees must work from home during the Coronavirus outbreak, it's key they communicate as much as possible and help employees struggling with the change.

Native Americans Protest End of 2020 Census Field Operations

Contributed by the National Congress of American Indians

In early August, the U.S. Census Bureau announced it is ending its Census 2020 field operations on September 30, despite severely low response rates in historically undercounted areas, including in many tribal areas across the country.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), and the National Urban Indian Family Coalition (NUIFC) are deeply alarmed and concerned with this unwarranted and irresponsible decision. An accurate Census count is essential to ensure fair and accurate representation of all Americans, including this country's First Americans, because Census data is used for reapportionment of congressional seats and in redistricting to elect representatives at every level of government.

Ending the 2020 Census count early during a global pandemic is not only bad policy, it puts at risk the ability of our communities to access social safety net and other benefits that a complete Census count affords Americans wherever they are.

Our tribal nations and tribal communities have been ravaged by COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and an extension of the Census enumeration period (to October 31) was a humane lifeline during an unprecedented global health catastrophe. The previous extension provided critically needed additional time to tribal nations to ensure that all of everyone in their communities are counted.

For millions of American Indians and Alaska Natives, whether they live on rural reservations or in America's large cities, an inaccurate Census count will decimate our ability to advocate for necessary services for our most vulnerable communities. An incomplete count also undermines our representative system of government in violation of the United States Constitution and in derogation of the federal government's trust responsibilities to tribal nations.

NCAI, NARF, and NUIFC strongly support a complete Census count and call on the United States Congress to take urgent legislative action to include an extension of the Census field operation timelines in the next COVID-19 legislative package.



DISPATCHES America



Seventy five years ago, on the deck of the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, the Empire of Japan formally surrendered to the United States of America.

The surrender - accepted by General Douglas MacArthur on behalf of the Allies on September 2, 1945 - ended the cataclysm of World War II. Nazi Germany had surrendered to American and Soviet forces four months earlier, just days after Hitler had killed himself in his bunker below the burning city of Berlin.

It is estimated more than 40 million people were killed in the six years of the war, including 20 million Russians and six million Jews slaughtered by Nazi forces in the Holocaust.

In America, the war resulted in over 500,000 deaths and several million wounded. Among the dead and wounded were Native Americans, who served in combat and homefront support roles. Some 44,000 Native Americans served directly in World War II; the entire population of Native Americans was less than 350,000 at the time, meaning that more than 10 percent of all living Indians were fighting in the war. No other ethnic group in America served in World War II at that level.

And by the war's end in 1945, it is estimated nearly half - over 150,000 Native Americans - had taken part in the war effort indirectly or by their actual involvement in its industrial, agricultural and military aspects.

The World War II accomplishments of Native Americans - like so many others who fought - are too numerous to recount fully. Aside from great individual war heroes like Joe Medicine Crow, Ira Hayes and Joseph James, Indians as a whole contributed greatly to the American victory:

- The most famous role of Native Americans in World War II was performed by the Navajo Indians. They were "code talkers," using their own complex native language to help the American troops keep their plans secret from the Japanese.
- By 1945, 99 percent of all draft-eligible Native American men had registered.
- Native Americans served on all fronts during the war and many distinguished medals and honors were awarded them, including: Purple Hearts, Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Air Medals, Distinguished Service Crosses, and three Congressional Medals of Honor—the highest military award granted in the country.
- Just as American women took on men's roles in factories and at home, Native American women worked as everything from mechanics to farmers to factory workers. When not working to support their men on the front lines, they were volunteering by sewing uniforms and other needed supplies and canning food to be shipped to troops.
- More than 1,200 Native Americans died in combat in World War II.

On that September day 75 years ago, when the war ended, Native Americans were part of that victory, serving courageously, honorably - and in numbers unprecedented in the history of the United States

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The requirements of social distancing also meant that graduates and their families and friends arrived in two separate groups an hour apart before being escorted into different rooms at the Harrah's Resort Events Center. Graduates were then led into the main ballroom, by tribe, to receive their traditional Eagle feathers in recognition of their graduation.

The 2 ½-hour event began with an Opening Prayer by Chris Devers of the Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians. Devers also blessed the Eagle feathers before they were given to the graduates. Tishmall Turner, Vice-Chairwoman of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, welcomed the graduates and their families. Her remarks were seen by the students on large video screens set up in the rooms where they waited during the Celebration.

Hayden Eniss of the Barona Band of Mission Indians is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2020. He graduated from Francis Parker High School and will attend Columbia University this fall.

In remarks published in the Celebration program, Eniss noted, "As Native Americans, our perspectives on the pandemic are far more unique.

"Overcoming great distress and disharmony is deeply rooted within all of us. Our ancestors survived through some of the greatest injustices and misfortunes of history. The months of isolation and seclusion have been incredibly difficult for many of us, but unending quarantines have already been endured by our forefathers, back in the days when Native Americans were not allowed to leave their reservations without permission from the government. Time and again, we have been exposed to lethal diseases and viruses. Continually, we have overcome these great ailments and illnesses."

Eniss also wrote, "If there ever were a class of young Natives fully equipped to face the nation and the world as leaders and representatives of our people, it would be the Class of 2020." (full remarks inside).

The Salutatorian of the Class of 2020 is Leianna Hill of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel. She graduated from Warner Springs High School and will be attending Otis College of Art and Design in the fall.

In her published remarks, Hill applauded her fellow graduates. "As I see all the other graduates before me, I can say with every obstacle we may have had to overcome it has only made us stronger," she wrote. "I may not know every face in this



Graduates from the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

room but I know throughout the four years of high school we all went through we had people endlessly supporting us, giving us hope and creating memories with those closest to us...I tell you now chase your dreams, and never stop because no matter the obstacle we can achieve whatever we want..." (full remarks inside).

Robert Smith, Chairman of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, wrote in the Celebration program that "It goes without saying this has been a challenging year."

"The Class of 2020 has endured some unique circumstances," Smith wrote. "You finished your school year amid a global pandemic without prom, final games, award ceremonies and celebrations. While you might have experienced some level of disappointment, it is important to remember that graduation is an accomplishment that demonstrates commitment, responsibility and perseverance.

"Graduation is one of the important milestones in a person's life. This is an exciting time when you begin to plan for what is next. While there are still many unknowns in the weeks and months ahead, I encourage you to stay positive. It is okay not to have all the answers. This is a great time to reflect, find your passion and see how you can use that passion to benefit those around you."

Chairman Bo Mazzetti of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians echoed Smith's remarks about the effects of COVID-19 on this year's graduating class.

"As we all know, the Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world," Mazzetti wrote. "Though you did not have a traditional graduation day to celebrate your milestones with your friends and family due to the pandemic – this is a time in history that you will never forget. This time in our lives being referred to as the "new normal" has made us realize how fragile life is and how much we take for granted. From this moment on remember to be kind to the people around you. Kindness to others was and is our Indian way and as young people I urge you to practice this virtue."



Graduates from the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Congratulations

GRADUATES



Pala Band of Mission Indians
 Magnus Baltazar
 Joseph Butler
 Blou Diaz
 Tiana Guachino
 Sierra Hutton
 Catrina Jaime
 Cody Maxcy Jr.
 Cora Miranda
 Allana Nejo
 Colby Nejo
 Jona Nejo
 Andrew Orozco
 Damien Perez



Barona Band of Mission Indians
 Avellaka Aguilar
 Richie Banegas
 Huumaay Banegas
 Bruce Battise Jr.
 Ethan Bennett
 Kele-Kay Cruz
 Alanna Dudoit
 Jade Thompson
 Taylor Ward
 Hayden Ennis
 Anthony Ford
 Cimi Javellana
 Caleb Leonard
 Nicolas Ruis Jr.
 Adam Schoen
 Matthew Silva
 Jonathan Velasquez



Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians
 Richard Aguilar III
 Howard Aguilar III
 Erika Castillo
 Torrin Chavez
 Ray Navarro
 Kenzie Olivo
 Mason Rodriguez
 Jerry Ward



Cahuilla Band of Indians
 Mario Espinoza
 Esperanza Ortega
 Soda Tarver



Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
 David Flores
 Josiah Guachena
 Frank Mazzetti
 Mia Mendoza
 Lylian Montoya
 Aidan Walsh
 Noah Watson
 Benjamin Watson



Campo Kumeyaay Nation
 Leiana Cuero
 Elizabeth Diaz
 Isiaha Diaz
 Aalyiah Wiley
 Araina Mesa
 Dante Shipp
 Miracle Sullivan



San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
 Nicanor Alvarado V
 Donald Bagby
 Gabriella Dingle
 Tristian Garcia
 Christopher Havlu
 Chenoa Johns
 Tommy Lavigne
 Angelica Lopez
 Anyssa Lopez
 Joseph Morales
 Issiac Morales
 Anthony Murillo
 Demetruis Ochoa-Williams
 Nicholas Raymond
 Amie Silva
 Darrow Toler
 Cassandra Vallez
 Isela Zepeda
 Ysenia Zepeda
 Elias Zepeda



Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
 Jocelyn Aten
 Julianna Escobedo
 Leianna Hill
 Thomas Montgomery Jr.
 Leriece Reyna
 Kenneth Teter
 Ryan Valverde
 Elise Linton
 Temeshaa Linton
 Nagavohma Lomayesva
 Tristin Pena
 Hailey Sheperd
 Richard Valverde Jr.



Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
 Clarence Jones



La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
 Reign Cuevas
 Melana Duran
 Janelle Harvey
 Tishmal Herrera
 Xavier Jones
 Kristopher Nelson
 Christopher Payne
 Cecelia Quisquis
 Joseph Salgado
 Alexis Weeks



Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
 Dominic Fahay-Sandoval
 Prityte Pettiford
 Samantha Robinson



Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
 Alyssa Cargill



Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
 Little Hawk Barrett
 Mikayla Brown
 Ral Christman Jr.
 Ayraina Clemmons-Mesa
 Josh Craddock
 Tionee Webber
 Zoseph Cuero
 J'Lynn Douglas
 Theresa Espinoza
 Kolbe Frazier
 Raven Reading
 Clay Thomas



Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
 Hannah Brewster
 Parker Brumbaugh
 Jake Jacome
 Annora Trujillo



SCTCA Education Award Winners

The following students received Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Education Awards at the High School Graduation Celebration:

Caleb Leonard, Barona Band of Mission Indians

Jocelyn Aten, lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Elise Linton, lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Nagavohma Lomayesva, lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Noah Watson, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Ben Watson, Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Tristian Garcia, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

Thomas Lavigne, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

Remarks from the SCTCA Executive Director

Denis Turner, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Executive Director, offered a congratulatory message to graduates of the Class of 2020. His message is printed below, in its entirety:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020

Remember, you are descendants and relatives of great women and men warriors, and

Remember, your Life and Legacy will have a massive positive impact on younger Native American students, and

Remember, you now must take time, to set up your advanced new goals, to help advocate your growth intellectually and physically, and

Remember, not to forget your family traditions and gatherings for healing your body and spirit, and

Remember, your people endured centuries of genocide and colonialism, that sabotaged our sacred spiritual way of life, you are not a mascot, you and your classmates are now, a new warrior for our Tribes and communities for the younger and older Native People, and finally,

Remember, to re-imagine what our Great Creator, wanted for you, to have a great spirit, to have great health, and to have great (education) skills and to create yourself into being great people in our Tribal communities.

May the Creator Bless our People and World

SCTCA's High School Graduation Ceremony
Class of 2020 Valedictorian



Hayden Eniss

*Barona Band of Mission Indians
Graduated from Francis Parker High School
Attending Columbia University, Fall 2020*

August now marks the United States' eighth month in the constant and relentless struggle against the coronavirus pandemic. Throughout this year, the citizens and families of our country have battled against fear, isolation, and economic uncertainty. The entire nation is enduring a state of strife that is largely unprecedented throughout the United States' history. Currently, many members of this nation are largely unsure of their futures. As Native Americans though, our perspectives on the pandemic are far more unique.

Overcoming great distress and disharmony is deeply rooted within us all. Our ancestors survived through some of the greatest injustices and misfortunes of history. The months of isolation and seclusion have been incredibly difficult for many of us, but unending quarantines have already been endured by our forefathers, back in the days when Native Americans were not allowed to leave their reservations without permission from the government. Time and time again, we have been exposed to lethal diseases and viruses. Continually, we have overcome these great ailments and illnesses. The perils of civil unrest are not new to our people, and the spirit of persisting and overcoming is within each and every one of our tribes.

The class of 2020 was born into a world of tension and turmoil following the tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2001, and this year we have graduated amidst further unpredictability and chaos. If there ever were a class of young Natives fully equipped to face the nation and the world as leaders and representatives of our people, it would be the class of 2020. We recognize the inequalities and malpractices against not only the Indigenous Peoples of Southern California, but against all Natives of this nation. As a class we are eager and willing to liberate the Native men and women of today so that we all may enjoy a superior and more fair future, and so that we may also inspire the young Natives of tomorrow to become leaders in the pursuit of reinstating justice and freedom within our tribes and within our nation.

SCTCA's High School Graduation Ceremony
Class of 2020 Salutatorian



Leianna Hill

Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

Graduated from Warner High School

Attending Otis College of Art and Design, Fall 2020

Today we are celebrating being given the ticket to the next part of our lives. We've passed the final stretch and now have reached the finish line that looked so far away. Now it's right before our fingertips for us to grasp onto, and to be honest it's scary to unfold what life has in store for us. I suppose beyond this point, life is what we make of it. As Stanley from IT said "Be who you want to be, be proud... Follow your own path wherever it takes you." But now that the long-awaited future is knocking at our doors and it's bittersweet.

As I see all the other graduates before me, I can say with every obstacle we may have had to overcome it has only made us stronger. I may not know every face in this room but I know throughout the four years of high school we all went through we had people endlessly supporting us, giving us hope and creating memories with those closest to us. None said it better than Lando Calrissian from star wars "We had each other. That's all we needed, was each other. "These memories that we may hold near and dear to us will be what helps us continue our journey, they will provide a leg to stand on when we feel like falling, they will provide advice when we know not what to do, and they will remind us of a family who helped us take our first steps. So to my fellow graduates of 2020, I tell you now chase your dreams, and never stop because no matter the obstacle we can achieve whatever we want as Han Solo said "Never tell us the odds!" I'm proud of the graduating class of 2020, Thank you.

‘Saging the World’: Essay Decries Selling of Traditional Native American Medicinal Plant

Story and photos by Deborah Small and Rose Ramirez

Editor’s note: “Saging the World” first appeared in the Spring 2020 issue of *News from Native California*. The extended essay decries the increasing commercialization and selling of white sage by corporations, businesses and individuals. The following are excerpts from the essay.

“Ah, the ubiquitous white sage, *Salvia apiana*, a plant that we adore. We use it for ceremony, gifting, food and medicine. We burn it to cleanse our bodies, minds, ceremonial instruments, and our homes. We use it to help bury our dead and to get us through menopause. From a single leaf to a dried bundle, many of us grow it, and have it on hand, ready for use, to gift or to provide to a person in need.”

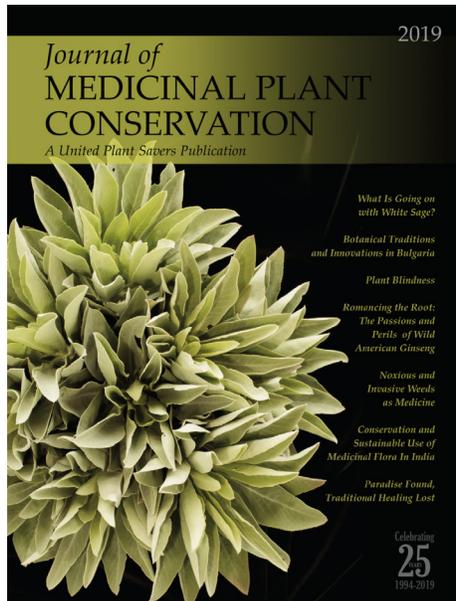
—Rose Ramirez, Chumash/Yaqui descent

For Barbara Drake, (Tongva), white sage is sacred: “White sage is used as a prayer plant. We do not sell white sage. If you need it as a medicine, we’re going to give it to you.”

A sage tea is used for bladder ailments, or to wash infected sores. “White sage is a very, very powerful antibacterial,” according to Julie Cordero-Lamb, Coastal Band of the Chumash. “It’s what doctors refer to as a broad spectrum antimicrobial.”

To the general (non-Native) population, white sage is often considered a ceremonial herb, but California Indians have many sacred plants... A plant is often considered sacred because it provides people with something needed, not just because it’s used in a ceremony. Tribes, including Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Cupeño, Cahuilla, Chumash, Acjachemen, and Kiliwa, among others, have used white sage for thousands of years.

Buying and selling white sage is a controversial issue in Native communities. Weshoyot Alvitre, Tongva, tells us, “I was raised with teachings that medicine is not sold. Period.” This plant, as with many



others, is a medicine, whether used as cure for an ailment or in a ceremonial practice.

But have you noticed that white sage is sold everywhere? If you have traveled through the southwest, every trade shop sells it, from a small basket of sage to overflowing shelves of small and large bundles, priced accordingly. Often abalone shells are sold alongside the sage. It’s also sold all over the country in museum gift shops, bead stores... New Age shops are a prime source, often encouraging pseudo-Native ceremonial use, sometimes providing a prayer or chant to say while smudging.

(One company) sells a myriad of white sage products including essential oils, body lotion, incense sticks, candles, soap, perfume, cologne, and smudge bundles in stores in Helsinki, Taipei, Barcelona, Sydney, Zurich, San Francisco, Bordeaux, Kraków, Oslo, Berlin, New York, Montreal, Los Angeles and Stockholm.

(How did this come to be?)

In California, some people who were part of the Hippie Movement of the 1960s co-opted the use of white sage from Native Americans. As the Hippie

Movement evolved into the New Age Movement, use of white sage exploded along with it. Now that the market for white sage is international, it’s likely that more non-Native Americans than Native use this herb. White sage smudging is popularized in movies and television. Articles on the benefits of smudging and cleansing pop-up daily in newspapers and magazines, as well as on blogs, Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites, mainstreaming its use.

...Ron Goodman, San Bernardino County Ranger, and Luis Vaquera, Rancho Cucamonga Park Ranger, are passionate advocates for the protection of the Etiwanda Preserve. Located in Rancho Cucamonga, the region is important to many tribes, including Tongva, Serrano, Cahuilla, and Luiseño. The Preserve was established in large part through the efforts of the Spirit of the Sage Council, cofounded by Tongva elders, Vera and Manuel Rocha.

The rangers spoke to us of the wholesale and on-going poaching of white sage. “Come April, May and June, it’s almost an everyday occurrence . . . They’re taking it when it flowers.”

When Willie Pink spoke with us, he expressed anger about a particular company in New Mexico: “They send out their harvesters [to California] and they absolutely destroy the plants. They don’t care because they’re also extracting the white sage oil now. So they’ll cut the plants all the way to the ground.” Huge quantities of plant material are required to produce even small amounts of essential oils.

...In her cover story for the *Journal of Medicinal Plant Conservation*, Susan Leopold, Executive Director of United Plant Savers, writes that the “only sustainable white sage would be white sage that is intentionally grown.” White sage is now on the United Plant Savers “To Watch” list, a list of the species of important medicinal plants most impacted by human activities.

White sage once grew in what is now the most developed and populated areas in Southern California. Sage scrub and chaparral plant communities continue to be decimated by development. According to the Audubon Society, as little as 10-15 percent of California’s original coastal sage scrub has survived. Naomi Fraga, Director of Conservation Programs at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (RSABG), tells us that “coastal sage scrub is now considered a habitat of critical concern.”

To stem the accelerating loss of habitat, growing white sage and other native plants for ourselves and to share with our (tribal) communities is one of the most beneficial things we can do as individuals. Cultivating white sage and other California native plants is “essentially repatriating those plants back to the landscape from which they grew,” Fraga said.

“We hope you’ll join us in cultivating white sage in your garden or nurturing the plants in containers on decks, porches, and windowsills — wherever there is space and sun, and a desire to honor and use the plant.”



White Sage



Kumeyaay woman holds white sage

Geronimo: From Apache Warrior to Prisoner of War

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

"I hope nothing will be done with Geronimo which will prevent our treating him as a prisoner of war, if we cannot hang him - which I would much prefer." -President Grover Cleveland, on hearing of Geronimo's capture in 1886

When Navy Seal Team 6 killed Osama Bin Laden in the summer of 2011, the American military disclosed the operation's code name: Geronimo.

After 10 years of looking for the mastermind of the September 11 terrorist attack on America, Bin Laden was killed in a hail of gunfire inside his compound in Pakistan.

The fact the military had named the secretive assault Geronimo didn't surprise my son Nigteagle, who was 14 at the time.

"As soon as I heard they had given the Bin Laden assault the code name Geronimo, I knew they were going to kill him," he said. "No way were they going to let him escape."

Which was a short way of saying the American military – after more than a century- still had not forgotten it had never been able to kill the elusive Apache warrior, who escaped twice after capture.

How the once-peaceful Apache was transformed into a warrior of uncommon bravery and brutality and became the most-feared Indian of the Old West is not legend but fact.

Born around 1829 in what is now the American Southwest, Goyahkla (He Who Yawns) was not a young man of violence or viciousness. For the first three decades of his life, he led a relatively quiet existence as an Apache tribesman.

But all that changed in 1858.

As noted in 2012 by Gilbert King in *Smithsonian Magazine*:

"...He led a trading expedition from the Mogollon Mountains south into Mexico in 1858. He left the Apache camp to do some business in Casa Grandes and returned to find that Mexican soldiers had slaughtered the women and children who had been left behind, including his wife, mother and three small children.

"I stood until all had passed, hardly knowing what I would do," Goyahkla would recall. "I had no weapon, nor did I hardly wish to fight, neither did I contemplate recovering the bodies of my loved ones, for that was forbidden. I did not pray, nor did I resolve to do anything in particular, for I had no purpose left."

King continued:

"He returned home and burned his tepee and his family's possessions. Then he led an assault on a group of Mexicans in Sonora. It would be said that after one of his victims screamed for mercy in the name of the Catholic Saint Jerome—Jeronimo in Spanish—the Apaches had a new name for Goyahkla. Soon

the name provoked fear throughout the West. As immigrants encroached on Native American lands, forcing indigenous people onto reservations, the warrior Geronimo refused to yield."

Goyahkla – transformed in name and spirit to Geronimo – spent the next three decades of his life battling Mexicans and then Americans, attacking settlements throughout the Southwest, vowing to kill as many white men as possible. He frequently attacked trains making their way across Apache territory and led war parties that battled and killed dozens of Army soldiers.

By the mid-1870s, the U.S. government forced the Apaches onto a reservation in what is now Arizona. But Geronimo and a band of followers escaped, and U.S. Army troops tracked him relentlessly across the deserts and mountains of the West.

"Badly outnumbered (5,000 Army soldiers against roughly 70 Apaches) and exhausted by a pursuit that had gone on for 3,000 miles—and which included help from Apache scouts—he finally surrendered to General Nelson A. Miles at Skeleton Canyon, Arizona in 1886 and turned over his Winchester rifle and Sheffield Bowie knife," King wrote.

The Apache warrior – already the most feared and well-known Indian in America – was now a prisoner of war.

Under the terms of his surrender, he would spend the rest of his life as a prisoner of the Army, subject to betrayal and indignity. The Apache leader and his men were sent by boxcar, under heavy guard, to Fort Pickens in Pensacola, Florida, where they performed hard labor.

Businessmen there soon had

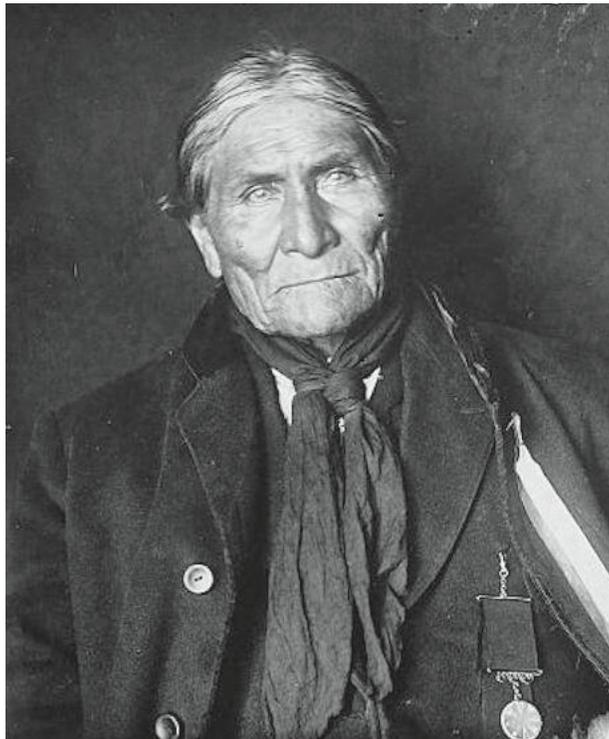
the idea to have Geronimo serve as a tourist attraction, and hundreds of visitors daily were let into the fort to lay eyes on the "bloodthirsty" Indian in his cell.

More of that was to come.

Again, King in *Smithsonian Magazine*:

"Pawnee Bill's Wild West show brokered an agreement with the government to have Geronimo join the show, again under Army guard. The Indians in Pawnee Bill's show were depicted as "lying, thieving, treacherous, murderous" monsters who had killed hundreds of men, women and children and would think nothing of taking a scalp from any member of the audience, given the chance."

When Geronimo died in the winter of 1909 – at 79, after 23 years as a prisoner of war- the Chicago Daily Tribune ran the headline, "Geronimo Now a Good Indian," alluding to an infamous quote attributed to General Philip Sheridan ("The only good Indians I ever saw were dead").



Geronimo, photographed around 1905

Class Calendars

SEPTEMBER 2020

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Space #8 – Classroom 1 Classes: September 1st – September 30th, 2020

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

Space #8 – Classroom 2 Classes: September 1st – September 30th, 2020

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

Space #39 – Computer Lab Classes: September 1st – September 30th, 2020

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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ABE/GED 9AM–11AM	Life Skills/ What Color Is My Parachute 9AM–11AM	ABE/GED 9AM–11AM	Phillip Roy/ Welding 9AM–11AM	ABE/GED 9AM–11AM
Spanish (online/app) 9AM–11AM		Spanish (online/app) 9AM–11AM		Phillip Roy Clerical/Office 9AM–11AM & 11:30AM–1:30PM
Phillip Roy/ Health Care 9AM–11AM	Phillip Roy/ Mechanics 9AM–11AM	Keyboarding 9AM–12PM	Math/English/ GED Refresher 9AM–11PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Keyboarding (online) 9AM–12PM
Keyboarding 9AM–12PM	Keyboarding 11:30AM–1:30PM	Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM	Reading Horizons 11AM–1PM	Reading Horizons 11AM–1PM
Applied Skill Practice (GED) 11:30AM–1:30PM	Life Skills/ Practical Life Skills 11:30AM–1:30PM	Computer Skills (GED Prep) 11:30AM–1:30PM	Computer Skills (General) 11AM–2PM	Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills/ ED2GO 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)
Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Open Lab/ Job Search/ Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills/ED2GO 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM	Job Readiness 9AM–4PM
Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM
Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM	Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM
Counseling Services * 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services * 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services * 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services * 9AM–4PM	Counseling Services * 9AM–4PM
Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–5PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–5PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–5PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–5PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–5PM
Quickbooks Certification Training 9:30AM–11:30AM	Quickbooks Certification Training 9:30AM–11:30AM	Quickbooks Certification Training 9:30AM–11:30AM	Quickbooks Certification Training 9:30AM–11:30AM	Quickbooks Certification Training 9:30AM–11:30AM
Microsoft Computer Certification Training NOON–2PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training NOON–2PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training NOON–2PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training NOON–2PM	Microsoft Computer Certification Training NOON–2PM
09/07 SCAIR CLOSED LABOR DAY		Resume Development Training ** 12:30PM–1:30PM AS NEEDED BY PARTICIPANTS	DL Packets Delivered Bi-Weekly SACRED PIPE TUPE PROGRAM (SDAIPC)	
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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	

Manzanita

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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 September 2020



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
SEPTEMBER 3, THURSDAY	PALA	9 AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 8, TUESDAY	VIEJAS BARONA	9 AM – 10 AM 11AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 10, THURSDAY	MANZANITA/LA POSTA OLD CAMPO	9:45 AM – 11 AM 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 14, MONDAY	SAN PASQUAL	9 AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 16, WEDNESDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL	9 AM – 10 AM 11AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 21, MONDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11AM – 12 NOON
SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY	PECHANGA PAUMA	9 AM – 10 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 28, MONDAY	RINCON	9 AM – 12 NOON



Coming in October:

- Native American students and Remote Learning
- A Summer of NYSP Cultural Classes
- Apple is making *Killers of the Flower Moon* film

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