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SCTCA TANF Native Youth Success Program: A Summer of Cultural Education and Career Paths

By Karin Giron, Education Coordinator, SCTCA TANF Escondido /Photos by Karin Giron



Education Coordinators from the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) TANF offices in Escondido, La Mesa, Manzanita, and Pala collaborated to plan and coordinate our annual Native Youth Success Program (NYSP) for the Summer of 2023. The activities coordinated focused on exploring various educational and career pathways for Native American students.

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Native American Independent Film *Touch the Water* Proclaims 'You Are Never Too Old To Dream'

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

Nearly three years ago, Holt Hamilton was ready to complete his Native American independent film, *Touch the Water*.

But then the COVID-19 pandemic shut virtually everything down – including Hamilton's film.

In the summer of 2021, though, *Touch the Water* - after numerous cancelled production dates due to the pandemic - was finally produced in June 2021. Now the movie is ready to be released theatrically on a few screens nationwide in November, according to a news release from Holt Hamilton Films.

The story follows the fictional journey of an 80-year-old Native American woman named Daisy, played by first-time actor Perci

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Ami, who searches for purpose and excitement in life despite her daughter's attempts to put her in a home and sell her house.

"I met Holt Hamilton at a conference where he was showing his movie More Than Frybread. He asked if I would try out for one of the parts," Ami recalled. "I knew I wouldn't get the part. I am not an actor."

She not only got the part- she became the star of the film. "Giving an old lady like me an opportunity to live and take a risk is one of the greatest gifts of trust and hope," Ami said.

As noted in the news release:

"Touch the Water" will be the sixth Native American-themed movie in Holt Hamilton's indigenous film collection. The first movie, 'Turquoise Rose', also starred first-time Native American actors in leading roles.

"We've been giving first-time actors, Native and non-native, opportunities for two decades to have speaking roles and time up on the big screen," Hamilton said. "I counted a few years ago how many actors were first-timers in our feature films with speaking parts, and it was over 100. Simply amazing! This has been my mission since day one, 20-some years before the now common phrases 'diversity and inclusion' were being tossed around by mainstream Hollywood. It's good to see others trying to catch up!"

Hamilton calls himself a "very small indie filmmaker way off the Hollywood campus, trying to make big dreams with little resources."

"We shoot for the stars on this one and dream the film plays on 500 screens. That would make the battle through the pandemic worth the struggle," Hamilton said. After the theatrical run, the movie will continue to search for audiences nationwide with screenings at various senior venues, community centers and smaller sized private showings. "We are even looking at holding some screenings with our favorite frybread vendors!" Hamilton said with laughter.

A trailer of the film can be seen at https://holthamilton.com/touch-the-water. html. It can also be seen on Apple iTunes Movie Trailers.

FILMMAKERS INTRO

TOUCH THE WATER is a heartfelt, original screenplay written by the award winning filmmaker Holt Hamilton. The story marks his sixth Native American feature film and furthers him forward as a lead contender in the world of Native American contemporary based movies. Hamilton is scheduled to direct TOUCH THE WATER.

Hamilton's previous projects include MORE THAN FRYBREAD, a mockumentary that successfully took him personally to over sixty sovereign Native American Nations in the United States and Canada and continues to book screenings around the country and stream on Amazon Prime. TURQUOISE ROSE, his debut feature film, was one of the first feature films to ever employ Navajo actors in lead Native American roles. Other feature films include LEGENDS FROM THE SKY, BLUE GAP BOY'Z, PETE & CLEO and numerous shorter format films that continue to raise hope, awareness and bring honor among the peoples of the world. Two of the thirteen Native American films promoted during the month of November (2020) on Amazon Prime were Holt Hamilton's. TOUCH THE WATER will continue the path of empowering films for a world audience.



At Sycuan, Fashion Show Draws Hundreds to Resort

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF



Under the bright lights of a September evening, hundreds of people attended the second annual Sycuan Fashion Show.

The show's theme was "Walking in Harmony with Nature." Individual pieces from the collections of 16 Native American designers were featured at the show, which was staged at the Sycuan Casino Resort. The clothing ranged from traditional Native American designs to casual wear and evening wear. The clothes were worn by female and male models.

Rebekah Jarvey, a Chippewa Cree fashion designer, said she had 22 pieces shown at Sycuan.

"That's the most I've ever had," said Jarvey, who also had her own

booth at the Sycuan Powwow for three days after the September 7 fashion show. "It was a wonderful night."

Jarvey, 36, has been staging her pieces at various fashion shows over the past decade. Her "Love and Fashion" collection was featured at the Cannes Indigenous Fashion Festival in France earlier this year. She was the only designer from Montana.

At Cannes, Jarvey showed 14 looks — including casual neon dresses, skirts and shirts as well as luxury items like ribbon skirts and ribbon pants. Jarvey fancy-danced in full regalia to open her show, according to the *Missoulian* website.

"I love fashion," she later told *Lee Montana* newspapers. "I love the whole industry — the production, the models, the makeup, the hair. Everything that goes into a fashion show."

Her designs have also been on display at the "Honor Our Legacy Fashion Show" in Montana. At each of the shows, models wear various pieces from her clothing collections, as they did at Sycuan. "I was so happy to be a part of Sycuan's fashion show," she said.



– dispatches –––– Barona



Chance LaChappa, pictured in the San Diego Union-Tribune

Chance LaChappa is a wide receiver for the El Capitan High Vaqueros.

The tribal member from the Barona Indian Reservation is one of the breakout stars of the 2023 high school football season. He averaged nearly 25 yards a catch and caught seven touchdowns in his first three games of the season – all won by El Capitan.

He also plays defensive back for the team, making him a two-way player who can be a game-breaker on both sides of the ball. The lanky but swift senior prefers playing wide receiver, saying he likes catching the ball and scoring touchdowns.

But LaChappa's athletic prowess shouldn't be too surprising. His older brothers Joey and Johnny were on the Vaqueros' 2014 team that won 14 games and made it all the way to the Division III State Championship before losing the title game.

And he is also the nephew of Matt LaChappa, who was a high school pitching sensation at El Capitan thirty years ago. But in 1996, LaChappa suffered two heart attacks that caused irreparable brain damage.

Don Norcross of the San Diego Union-Tribune – in a profile of Chance LaChappa published in September – recounted what happened to Matt that day, and the aftermath:

Matt LaChappa was a star left-handed pitcher at El Capitan and the 1993 CIF San Diego Section Player of the Year. He was a second-round draft pick of the San Diego Padres that year and was climbing through the Padres' farm system when he suffered a heart attack while warming up in the bullpen for the Class-A Rancho Cucamonga Quakes' 1996 season opener.

LaChappa suffered a second heart attack in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. He also suffered irreparable brain damage because of loss of oxygen. Matt, now 48, lives on the Barona reservation. He uses a wheelchair, can speak only a few words and requires around-the-clock care.

In his profile of Chance, Norcross noted the star wide receiver keeps a whiteboard in his room in his house on the reservation. The board is filled with motivational messages, including this one: *Use Uncle Matt as an example!* Chance also visits his uncle often, and "wears the same No. 9 that Matt wore," Norcoss wrote.

And although the Padres had a disappointing season this year, one thing off the field hasn't changed in nearly 30 years: The team has kept Matt LaChappa on their roster, signing him to a series of minor league contracts so that he will have medical insurance.

Rebekah Jarvey

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During the Summer program, TANF youth participated in the following activities or events:

06/26/23 – 07/26/23: American Indian Recruitment (AIR Summer Program (8 meetings) 08/01/23: San Diego Job Corps Campus Tour 08/08/23: Pala College & Career Fair

AIR

This year the AIR Summer Program focused on teaching the students about local Tribal Landscapes (a term that can be interchanged with Traditional Tribal Territory and Tribal Resources). The basic understanding is that local Tribes have territory in which they gather materials, hunt, and live, making this their territory or landscape.

Using this idea, we explored the idea of Tribal Landscape as it pertains to the development of environmental preservation. Therefore, we had to also learn about tribal land destruction resulting from climate change and its impact on tribes. We explored how we can utilize our natural resources in a responsible way, in accordance with traditional practices of developing tribal lands through a balanced and responsible means to support growth (instead of destruction). This included tribal land sustainability through Ethnobotany and Food Sovereignty.

We also discussed how tribal people are vested in their environment. Specifically, how traditional stories developed within the region create a cultural approach to land preservation. Therefore, we were able to explore tribal regions through a cultural lens.

In addition to understanding and conducting academic research techniques, the students also learned about pursuing higher education through various campus visits to local universities. During those campus meetings, they were able to meet mentors and fellow Native students and learn about A-G requirements, admissions requirements, and financial aid.



Caption





Photo by Irene Jenkins

Meeting 1: UCSD - Ropes Course (tribal youth networking and relationship building)

Meeting 2: SDSU - Introduction to AIR Summer Program and Campus Tour through a scavenger hunt

Meeting 3: Museum of Us - Visited public Kumeyaay exhibits and had an opportunity to explore the museum archives and view traditional items from the region

Meeting 4: SDSU - Water Testing Research. Academic Presentation about A-G requirements

Meeting 5: La Jolla Shores - Kayaking to explore underwater preserve and the importance of conservation

Meeting 6: SDSU - Presentation by Dr. Bronner's about economic development and natural resource management

Meeting 7: Coastal Roots Farm- land sustainability and food sovereignty

Meeting 8: SDSU - Understanding tribal landscapes and the impact of climate change

Meeting 9: Student Appreciation Day at Sea World

NYSP

TANF students learned a lot about tribal landscapes and higher education, but equally as important was their socialemotional growth through the course of the summer program. We witnessed students who were at first very shy and reserved- but then really came out of their shells and built friendships with others.





Job Corp

In collaboration with NYSP, three Tribal TANF offices (Escondido, Manzanita, and Pala) participated in a campus Tour at the San Diego Job Corps.

After completing their strict security procedures to enter the campus, Education Coordinators were informed that there are strict safety protocols in place because the campus is on Federal property and houses minors. Karin Giron, Escondido TANF Education Coordinator, led the students in an icebreaker so they could get to know each other and our tour guides.

The guides led us on a campus-wide tour while providing information about all the educational programming and support services Job Corp offers. For instance, we saw the site of their high school, where students can earn a high school diploma or the equivalent. We also learned that they have the capability to support students in Special Education who already have an IEP (Independent Education Plan) in place.

We also learned about the trades training program offered by Job Corps. They informed us if they don't offer a specific trade at this campus, Job Corp will fly the student, free of charge, to a campus that offers the trade a student is interested in pursuing. We also had the opportunity to visit the Plumbing and Electrical departments and visit with an instructor and current students. Students learned about their hands-on program, which teaches concepts through classroom bookwork and then receive practical hands-on training in the workshop. A current student provided information about the different paths available within a trade to become an apprentice and eventually a journeyman with a union.

We were also informed that once a student completes their specific training program, they can continue to live on campus and receive free room and board and support services for up to two years if they are pursuing further training at a local community college. Another option once training is completed is for students to enter the job market. The Job Corps has career counselors on site to help students identify employment in their specific field. More importantly, the Job Corp has relationships with local businesses and is able to find job placement for most of their students.

We also had an opportunity to meet with a current student who is from the Crow Nation of Montana. She informed us that she is in their hospitality trade. Since the campus in her area didn't offer this trade, the Job Corps flew her out to the San Diego campus. She spoke about her interest in working in local tribal gaming once she completes her certifications.

After our campus tour, Escondido and Pala Ed Coordinator spoke with the students about the San Diego Job Corps and if they would be interested in the program. Of the eight students who attended the campus tour, three students said they are interested in the program and would like to live on the campus.





Pala College & Career Fair:

The Pala Learning Center hosted a College & Career Fair for students to learn more about various educational pathways and careers.

After checking in, students received a backpack to fill with information and items from the vendors. We took the time to visit each booth and met with local colleges and universities, potential employers and local service providers.

TANF youth had the opportunity to learn about various educational paths, from on-the-job training to trade schools, community colleges and universities. One booth we visited explained how the educational paths for nurses directly impact their yearly salary. For instance, a vocational nurse with a license may earn \$70,000 a year, while a Nurse Practitioner with a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree in Nursing can earn an average of \$160,000 a year.

In the Summer of 2023, NYSP planned and coordinated a total of 10 outings. The outings focused on tribal landscapes, cultural preservation, food sovereignty, college and career readiness, and various educational pathways after high school.









Native American Powwows and Gatherings Celebrate Culture - and Colors

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

Throughout the summer, Native Americans gathered at Powwows and Gatherings.

Some were for a single day; others stretched over three days. Some were held in the heat and sunshine of June and July; others in the unseasonably stormy weather of late August. Hundreds of tribal members attended the Powwows and Gatherings, from Pala and Rincon in the far northern end of San Diego County to Viejas and Sycuan in the southeastern end. Each Powwow or Gathering is a celebration of Native American culture and traditions. Many of these cultural celebrations include bright splashes of color, from items sold at the events to the traditional dress among dancers.

In the sunshine of summer, the colors reflect a culture that remains determined and vibrant, as it has been for generations of young and old.











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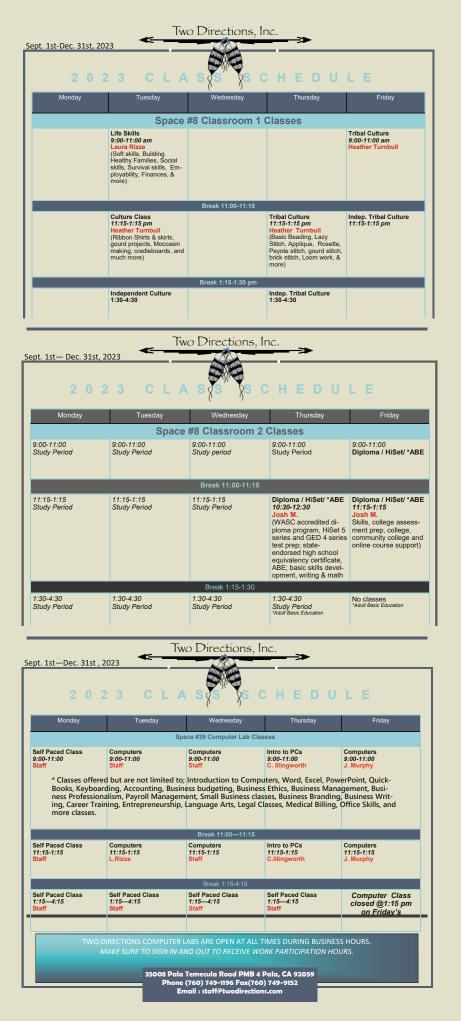
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