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Among the 40 graduates wearing square hats with cascading gold tassels was Jocelynn.





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A Determined Mother Completes Four-Year Journey

Her journey to this seat in the second row of graduates had begun at age 19, when she entered Josh Murphy's classroom on the Two Directions campus during her second trimester of pregnancy. Her goal was to complete the final five classes that remained on her transcript since leaving high school. She'd hoped to get it done in one semester before she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl- her first.

While she did finish one class before becoming a mom, there were four more that remained. A lot of time and life changes transpired before Jocelynn returned to that Two Directions classroom. It was now 2019 and she was a 21-year-old single mother of two, but still determined to "get this thing hammered out," as she often said.

By Summer 2020, Jocelynn completed two English classes. The end was in sight, but fresh challenges kept the finish line a moving target.

In Fall 2020, Jocelynn returned to school with renewed determination and locked into her final two history classes. Due to COVID-19 protocols, she and her Two Directions/Escondido Adult School teacher conducted twice weekly Zoom check-ins in addition to the class and homework hours she needed to stay on pace.

Family Support and TANF Assistance Provide Time and Space to Excel

Omnipresent throughout Jocelynn's academic pursuits was the loyal support of her family- especially her grandma, who would often watch her children while Jocelynn put in long hours writing essays and learning about Federalism. In addition to her grandmother's inspiration and support over these demanding four years, financial assistance from Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) TANF enabled her to concentrate on her studies.

She relates, "I love my kids, but needed time and space so that I could better myself and become a better mom. TANF really helped me with this."

"Jocelynn Chaloux epitomizes the kind of student that Two Directions, Inc. is so pleased to support," says Two Direction Business Manager Claudina Schroeder. "It is our mission, our privilege and our pleasure to provide classes to TANF participants in North County Indian Country. The classes will increase their employability and life skills to prepare them for self-sufficiency and employment. Therein lies the key to improving the quality of life for individuals and our community."

Jocelynn reports, "On my journey to completing my diploma, my main goal was to be able to see it through and feel proud of myself for doing so. I was determined to finish; it made me feel accomplished and so happy to level up. I'm moving on to bigger and better things, and this is just the beginning for me."

Indeed it is. Jocelynn has already enrolled in classes for Palomar College in San Marcos. All of us associated with this extraordinary young woman who has persevered amid a sea of challenges concur as we say, "You go, Jocelynn!"

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At Pala and Escondido TANF, Halloween Brings out the Children

At Escondido TANF, there was an October Family Engagement Activity. It was self-directed activity that families completed in the comfort of their home. Each family was provided an activity kit that included two arts and crafts activities that not only require full family engagement, but promote wellness through art. Families were also provided additional resources about overall wellness (physical, spiritual, mental and emotional), parenting during the pandemic, and self-care strategies for the whole family).



A TANF family dressed up for Halloween

National Indian Council on Aging: Social Isolation an issue for Tribal elders

Contributed by the National Indian Council on Aging launches
#ConnectedIndigenousElders campaign

Looking to address the issue of social isolation and loneliness among American Indian and Alaska Native elders, the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) launched a national campaign in September to educate Native families about the health concern and offer resources.

In addition to elders, the Connected Indigenous Elders campaign targets caregivers, youth and tribal leaders to engage and remind them that they all play an important role in our elders' mental wellbeing and physical health. One study showed that prolonged social isolation was as harmful as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is more harmful than obesity.

About one-fourth of adults 65 and older are considered to be socially isolated. Older adults are at increased risk for loneliness and social isolation because they are more likely to face factors such as living alone, the loss of family or friends, chronic illness, and hearing loss, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

"We know that elders who are socially connected live longer, have less health problems and can have some protection from mental health issues such as dementia and Alzheimer's," NICOA Executive Director Larry Curley said. "Our elders are our culture and language keepers – they are the foundation of our communities."

Audio and video public service announcements about the issue, which intensified in many tribal nations during the height of COVID-19, will play on tribal radio stations across the country, including on Indian Health Service's waiting room cable service, GoodHealthTV.

The three-month campaign - funded by a grant from the CDC Foundation - points to resources such as how to detect depression and tips for elders on how to stay socially connected on connectedindigenouselders.org. The website also contains information for caregivers, who are often family members juggling work, children and multiple responsibilities.

#ConnectedIndigenousElders also persuades youth, who are encouraged to enter an online contest on how they engage with their elders, to learn from and help take care of tribal knowledge keepers. Tribal leaders as decision-makers for elder programs will also be engaged.

— DISPATCHES — Montana



Earl Old Person

In Memoriam

Earl Old Person, 1929-2021

Earl Old Person, who was the longest-serving elected tribal official in the United States, died in early October. He was 92.

Old Person – a former Blackfoot Chief - died at the Blackfoot Community Hospital in Montana after a prolonged battle with cancer. "A chapter of our history has come to a close," the Blackfoot tribe said in a statement following his death. In his life, the tribal elder had met every U.S. President since Dwight Eisenhower. He also met the British Royal Family and the Shah of Iran, the tribe noted.

Old Person was elected to his first term as a tribal council member in 1954, at the age of 25, and had been chief of the Blackfeet in 1978, according to the *Great Falls Tribune*. He was born on April 13, 1929, to a large family led by parents Juniper and Milly (Bear Medicine) Old Person. He grew up learning traditional Blackfeet stories, song and dance and spoke Blackfoot as his first language.

His nephew Terry Tatsey told *Montana Public Radio* he remembered his uncle "as a dedicated family man that enjoyed the ranching lifestyle and had a deep love of horse culture." Tatsey said Old Person lived by three Blackfeet words he heard every morning growing up in the 1930s.

"They would all say in their language 'Iltahmiskinatooni niipowahit iikakiima', and what that means is good morning, get up, try hard,'" his nephew said. Old Person also told the *Tribune* last year, "Don't be afraid of one another, our young people need to know that. Help one another out. Uplift each other and if you can protect someone, do it. We have spiritual ways. There's someone looking down on us."

Old Person became the chief of the tribe in 1978, but also had a storied career as a political leader for the tribe. He served on the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council for decades, starting in the 1950s. He became the president of the National Congress of American Indians from 1969 to 1971, and worked on national pieces of legislation like the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, which ensured access to traditional sites and the freedom to worship through ceremonies, the *Tribune* noted.

"In addition to encouraging unity and tribal culture, Old Person was a leading advocate for access to higher education. Though he never attended college himself, Old Person holds an honorary doctorate of human letters from the University of Montana, which, in 1991, endowed a \$5,000 scholarship in his name for Blackfeet students attending the university in Missoula," the paper reported.

Montana Senator Jon Tester declared that "Chief Old Person was a fierce advocate for the Blackfeet Nation and all of Indian Country for his entire life, and the world is a better place because he was in it. He will never be replaced, and we are holding his loved ones and the Blackfeet people in our hearts."

— Gary P. Taylor

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At Annual Banquet, AIR Honors Students, Mentors – and a Longtime Tribal Leader

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

At the 28th annual American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Awards Banquet in early November, Jayden Chaloux had a simple but heartfelt message for her family.

“First and foremost, I would like to thank my family for constantly pushing me to become a better version of myself and endlessly loving me,” she said.

Chaloux (San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians) was one of three Native American students honored by AIR at its banquet in the Bordeaux Room in the South Tower of Harrah’s Resort and Casino in Rincon. The three-hour evening event- which included Birdsingers from the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians - drew more than 150 students, family members, tribal leaders and educators.

Chaloux – along with Makayla Hernandez (Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians) and Ihpaa Martinez (also from San Pasqual) received AIR’s Student Leadership Award.

A Community Leadership Award was presented to longtime tribal leader Kenny Meza, former Chairman of the Jamul Indian Village. Meza- who was recognized for his decades of work on behalf of the Jamul tribe and for serving the larger Native American community in San Diego County – received one of the biggest ovations of the night as he accepted his award.

A second Community Leadership Award was given to Linda Ruis (Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel) in recognition of her work in social services and on behalf of tribal families. AIR’s Mentor Leadership Award was given to Jennifer Rodriguez (Tule River Tribe) for mentoring AIR students.

AIR was founded by Dwight Lomayesva and his wife Devon in 1993. The program “aimed to change Indian education by increasing high school graduation rates, promote higher education and create a network of Native people who will work towards improving our tribal nations,” according to the Lomayesvas.

Since its inception, Dwight Lomayesva noted that “over 2,500 Native youth have gone through our program and they have come from all over Southern California. Students have gone on to be admitted to Stanford, Brown, the University of Pennsylvania, University of Arizona, Humboldt State, UCLA, San Diego State, University of San Diego, Brandies University, Georgetown, California State University San Marcos and many others.

“A greater measurement of success is seeing our students participating in cultural events and choosing to give back to their community as nurses, Tribal Police, or within their tribal administration. Today, you can see AIR students participating in Tribal Government, as Tribal Council members and as Tribal Chairman.”

In her remarks, Chaloux not only thanked her family but also expressed her gratitude to AIR.

“The AIR program has provided me with more knowledge on the Native American well-being and tribal governance,” she told the audience. “I plan to utilize this knowledge in not only my future career, but also to give back to my community by providing better opportunities for our tribal citizens and government.



Jayden Chaloux, with her AIR Student Leadership Award



Kenny Meza, AIR Community Leadership Award recipient



Ihpaa Martinez, AIR Student Leadership Award winner



AIR Banquet, Bordeaux Room at Harrah's in Rincon

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"I'd like to give a huge thank you to Deana Willis and my Ed Center mentors because they have challenged me academically and have always been available whether it be an assignment or (when) I needed to vent about life.

"...Coming from the San Pasqual reservation, where there are constant obstacles and trauma, it hasn't always been easy but it has made me want to work harder to achieve my goals. Gaining an education at UC Irvine and majoring in Criminology with a minor in Native American studies is my optimum aspiration so that I can return to my tribe and correct injustices."

Hernandez and Martinez also delivered short speeches at the banquet, both declaring their thanks to AIR, their families and other teachers and mentors who helped them succeed in their academic achievements over the years.

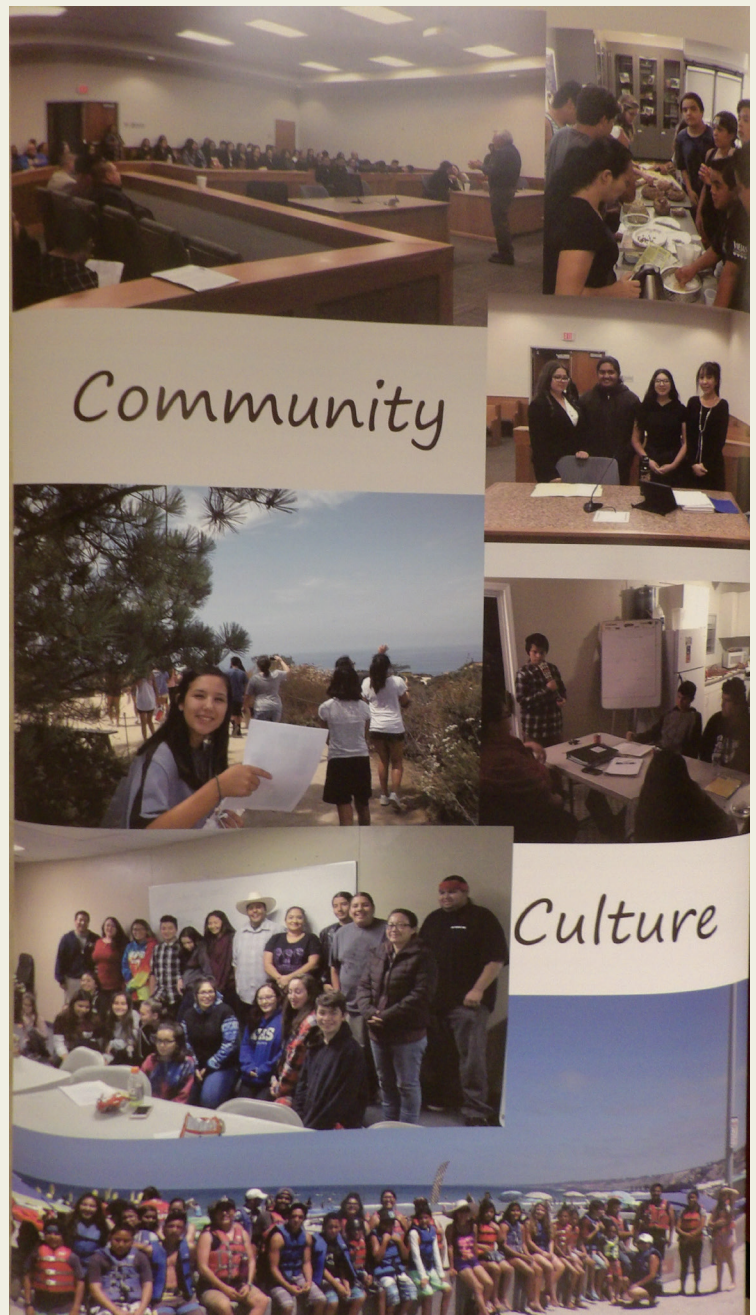
Pradeep Khosla, University of California San Diego Chancellor, also spoke at the event. He said the university has been working with AIR for years to bring Native American students to the campus.

"We have a great relationship with AIR," Khosla declared. He noted Native American students are a priority at the university.

"If you are a tribal member and you get into UCSD, you are virtually assured of a loan-free education," he emphasized. The Chancellor said more than 60 such offers had been made to Native American students in the previous academic year.



Eshash Morales, Miss UCSD Powwow Princess



SCTCA Tribal TANF: Seeking to Assist And Support Native American Families

Editor's note: The following article about Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Tribal TANF was published in the 2019 TANF Participant Calendar. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) is a grant-funded program that provides a variety of temporary benefits and services to low-income federally-recognized tribes, American Indian and Alaska Native families, with an emphasis on employment.

Tribal TANF temporarily provides families with monthly cash assistance to help take care of their basic living needs, while simultaneously working with the adults in the home to gain or maintain employment that will sustain their family long-term.

Our staff works with each family to develop a personalized plan together to assist them in succeeding in their employment field. The plan identifies how job-ready each adult on the case is and what he or she needs to obtain or maintain employment or advance within their employment field. The plan also identifies any challenges the family may have that may prevent them from succeeding and develops goals and steps to overcome those challenges.

As for job readiness, an adult is job-ready if he or she has the work experience or training to enter into a job. Folks may want to complete additional training or obtain a degree before entering into employment, but the family's immediate needs are addressed first. Therefore, we put all our energy into supporting the family where it is currently at.

Our staff works very close with each family to assist in every way possible to encourage the family in a direction of self-sufficiency. This accomplishment not only strengthens the family but also strengthens the community.

“The Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (SCTCA) offers the Tribal TANF program to all Native American families residing in the counties of San Diego, Santa Barbara and Orange.”



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Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (**TANF**) is a federal and state funded program that provides cash assistance and supportive services to Native American families who are in need.

The Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) offers the **Tribal TANF** program to all Native American families residing in the counties of San Diego, Santa Barbara and Orange.

Services provided include:

- Monthly Cash Aid Assistance
- Training Opportunities
- Job Preparation / Job Search
- Assistance with overcoming employment challenges
- Child Care Assistance
- Transportation Assistance for training activities
- Academic Incentives
- Family Engagement and Empowerment Activities
- Adult & Family Counseling Services

In order to be eligible for the **Tribal TANF** program, you must meet the following criteria:

- One member of the household must be able to provide proof of membership or lineal descendency from a federally recognized tribe or the California Judgment Rolls
- Have a minor dependent in your home or be a single Native American woman in your third trimester of pregnancy
- Reside within San Diego County, Santa Barbara County or Orange County
- Meet the income qualifications **May differ for non-parent caretaker*
- Submit required verifications

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Native American Christmas: A Celebration of Family - and Giving

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

"In many communities and homes, Christian customs are interwoven with Native culture as a means of expressing Christmas in a uniquely Native way. The importance of giving is a cultural tradition among most tribes. Even in times of famine and destitution, Native people have made sure their families, the old, and orphans were taken care of. This mindset prevails into the present. Gift-giving is appropriate whenever a tribal social or ceremonial gathering takes place."

– Smithsonian Magazine, in a 2020 article on Native American Christmas celebrations

Someone once said, "Christmas is for children – and on Christmas Day, we are all children."

There is, of course, so much about Christmas that appeals to virtually everyone.

There is the celebration itself: of family, exemplified by the birth of Jesus, his parents Joseph and Mary watching over him in a manger.

There are the days and nights of preparation for the day – a day not only of celebration but of giving.

There are shopping trips to buy gifts, friends arriving for dinners; family members – some not seen for months or even years – coming home.

There is the anticipation of that man in the red suit with a long white beard, his impending arrival with presents and gifts and other unexpected things.

But there is also the arrival of things that are expected: the wide eyes of children on Christmas morning; the loving smiles of tribal elders at seeing their children and grandchildren; the laughter and tears at shared memories of times long, long ago.

In that sense, then, it is true: On Christmas, at least for one day, we are all children.

On this and the following page are pictures from past Christmas celebrations, both on and off the reservation. Some were tribal events; others were moments with participants from Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) TANF.

In each picture, there is a part of Christmas, both seen and unseen.





The Comanches Face a Brutal Enemy: Captain Jack and the Texas Rangers

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF

"The Rangers were a rough bunch. They drank hard and liked killing and fist-fighting and knife-fighting and executing people they deemed criminals or enemies. As time went by, and so many of them were killed, creating a sort of natural selection in their ranks, they got even rougher, more brutal, and more aggressive."

- S.C. Gwynne, in his book *Empire of the Summer Moon*

The Comanches were the most fierce – and feared – tribe in the Southwestern territories in the mid-19th century.

It had been that way for generations, long before the arrival of the white man.

But when settlers began to move in on Comanche territory in the 1840s, they were stunned by the ferocity of the attacks against them. Comanches – masters of warfare on horseback, armed with arrows and lances – routed many scouting parties and destroyed countless settlements.

Their tactics – attacking without fear in the early dawn or even at night, or in well-planned bloody ambushes leaving scores dead – terrified settlers.

In 1840, a young man was assigned head of the San Antonio station of the Texas Rangers. He would become one of the Comanches' most brutal enemies. His name was Captain John Coffee Hays.

As Gwynne noted in *Empire of the Summer Moon*, describing the Rangers and Hays:

...And so it was remarkable that this group of violent, often illiterate, and unmanageable border ruffians should give its full and unswerving allegiance to a quiet, slender 23-year-old with a smooth, boyish face and sad eyes and a high-pitched voice who looked younger than his years. His name was John Coffee Hays. He was called Jack."

His method of attack, Gwynne wrote, was simple.

"Hays preferred surprise – killing them, just as the Comanches preferred to do, in their villages while they slept. He had learned the fundamental lesson of Plains warfare: It was either victory or death. The Indians gave no quarter, and the Rangers rarely did, either. There was no expectation of honorable surrender."

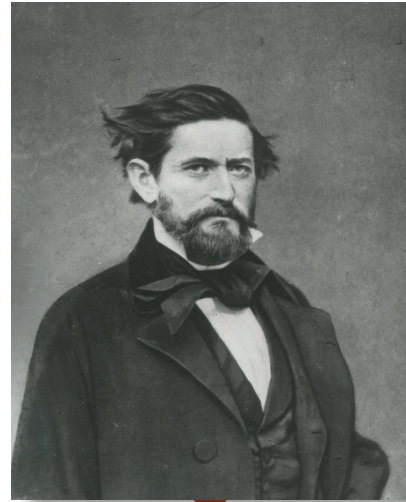
A writer who knew Hays said of the man: "The little Tennessean would seem to be another man when the cry 'Indians' was raised. He would mount a horse and assume the appearance of a different being. With him it was charge, and war to the knife, and the Indians were whipped every time they attacked his party."

At first, the Comanches regarded Hays' fearlessness as a curiosity; when they met in skirmishes and fights, they were impressed with his fighting spirit but did not fear him or his Rangers.

Within a few years, that would change.

In Hays, the Comanches were confronting an enemy they had never seen before. As Gwynne wrote:

"Hays's men would sleep fully clothed and fully armed, ready to fight at a minute's notice. They crossed rivers even in freezing weather, swimming by the side of their horses. None of the behavior had any precedent in American military history. No cavalry anywhere could bridle and saddle a horse in less time than the Rangers."



Captain John "Jack" Coffee Hays

And by June of 1844, Hays and his Rangers had something else the Comanches had never seen before: Samuel Colt's newly-patented, five-chambered revolving pistol.

"The Indians now faced the prospect of being blasted from horseback by guns that never emptied; the whites could now fight entirely mounted against their foes with weapons whose frequency of firing nearly matched that of the Comanche (arrows)," wrote Gwynne.

In June of 1844, 75 Comanche warriors engaged Hays and 15 Rangers in the hill country west of what is now Austin, Texas. It marked the first time the Rangers had taken their Colt pistols into battle with the Comanches.

The result was decisive.

In a fight that lasted several hours (now known as the Battle of Walker's Creek) Comanche attacks, counter-attacks and fighting from defensive positions were countered by the overwhelming firepower of the new firearm. More than 20 Comanches were killed; many more were wounded. The Rangers suffered one death and several wounded.

The Comanches retreated in the face of their losses, grieving after the death of their chief from a gunshot wound inflicted by a Ranger's Colt.

Of the battle, Gwynne concluded: *"...Walker's Creek was a minor military engagement that became one of the defining moments in the history of Texas and of the American West. Indeed, it can be argued that before Jack Hays arrived in San Antonio, Americans in the West went about largely on foot and carried Kentucky rifles. By the time he left in 1849, anybody going West was mounted and carrying a holstered six-shooter. Walker's Creek was the beginning of that change."*

Hays - scourge of the Comanches - died at his wife's estate in Oakland, California in 1883. He was 66 years old.

A Veteran of Three Wars, Kiowa Warrior Was Most Decorated Native American

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF



First Sgt. Pascal Cleatus Poolaw Sr., holding flag at Kiowa Honoring Ceremony

On the Eleventh of November, the United States celebrated Veteran's Day.

Across the country, Americans honored the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Among those honored were the fallen – including First Sgt. Pascal Cleatus Poolaw Sr., a Kiowa who died in combat in Vietnam in 1967.

Poolaw holds the distinction of being recognized as the most decorated Native American soldier, with 42 medals and citations.

As noted on a U.S. Army website – *American Indians in the U.S. Army*: “Poolaw was awarded four Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars. He also earned three Purple Hearts, one for each of the wars in which he fought- World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The fourth Silver Star was awarded posthumously after Poolaw died during action in Vietnam on Nov. 7, 1967.”

On the day of his death, Poolaw's unit- Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry- was part of a search and destroy mission near the village of Loc Ninh. According to *American Indians in the U.S. Army*:

“The unit was attacked by numerically superior Viet Cong force. Under a hail of fire, Poolaw raced to the lead squad, exposed all the way, and deployed the squad there to lay down a base of fire... This action saved countless lives, but Poolaw wasn't finished.

“He continued moving among the troops, making sure they were positioned properly pulling casualties back to the lines despite being wounded himself. He was mortally wounded as he pulled another casualty back to the lines.”

Poolaw had served almost four months in Vietnam before the fatal combat operation. In a letter he wrote just before his death, Poolaw said his job was more important than his life.

American Indians in the U.S. Army noted his wife Irene, in her eulogy at Poolaw's funeral at the Fort Sill Post Cemetery, echoed those sentiments. “He has followed the trail of the great chiefs,” she said. “His people hold him in honor and highest esteem. He has given his life for the people and the country he loved so much.”

Poolaw's courage in combat was part of a remarkable family history stretching to World War II. In that war, the younger Poolaw had served with his two brothers and his father.

In Vietnam, Poolaw also served with his son Pascal Cleatus Poolaw Jr., and another son, Lindy Poolaw. Before Poolaw arrived in Vietnam in 1967, his son Pascal – already in country in combat - had been seriously wounded. He had been hit by a mine and his leg was shredded with metal fragments. The wounds were so serious his right leg was amputated below the knee.

Poolaw's son Lindy was deployed to Vietnam just one day before his father arrived on the West Coast, preparing for his own departure. Poolaw had volunteered to fight in Vietnam in the hope of serving in place of Lindy (U.S. Army regulations prohibited two members of the same family from serving in combat at the same time without their consent).

They both went to Vietnam. Lindy survived the war. His father did not.

Again, according to *American Indians in the U.S. Army*: “The example of Poolaw's bravery and devotion lives on at Fort Sill, where he served for a year before going to Vietnam. Poolaw Hall at Sheridan Road was named after him and contains an exhibit dedicated to the American Indian Soldier.”

In a tribute to Poolaw, *The Veteran's Site* proclaimed:

“Pascal Cleatus Poolaw Sr. was a warrior in the fullest sense of that word. He was a warrior for his family, his people, and his country. Indeed, his heroism was defined by his love of family, of the traditions of his people, and the United States of America. To have carried this love out in service through three of the 20th century's most bloody conflicts is a feat of heroism unlike any other. He was a humble man who dedicated his entire life to causes much larger than himself.”

The Kiowa warrior – born in Anadarko, Oklahoma – was 47 when he died.

Kumeyaay Culture, Tradition Honored at Expansion of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

By Gary P. Taylor, SCTCA TANF



Tribal leaders at dedication at Old Town in San Diego

On a sun-drenched late October afternoon, more than 200 tribal members, state and local political leaders and guests attended the Grand Opening of a new Native American Interpretive gathering area at Old Town in San Diego.

The new area- called *lipay' ~ Tipai Kumeyaay Mut Niihepok, Land of the First People* – was officially dedicated in an hour-long ceremony Oct. 26. Tribal leaders from Jamul, Santa Ysabel, Barona, Mesa Grande, Sycuan, Campo, Viejas, Manzanita and San Pasqual were in attendance at the State Park ceremony.

At the beginning of the event, Birdsingers sang traditional songs before a crowd that had gathered in the early afternoon in what is now part of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

“We stand upon thousands of generations of Kumeyaay footsteps, in honor and respect to that history and the ancient values they passed down to us. We celebrate the dedication of this tranquil, welcoming space where our Ancestors lived, loved, died and wrote our history in the land,” said Chairman of the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy Johnny Eagle-Spirit Elliott.

In a statement before the ceremony, California Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins said, “This beautiful new park is an opportunity to rightfully honor our past and celebrate the Kumeyaay who first called this region along the San Diego River home. I am incredibly proud of this effort and appreciate the hard work of San Diego’s 18 tribes, in partnership with the California State Parks and the Legislature, who dedicated decades to making this vision a reality. Once again, history has shown us a path forward to a more inclusive future.”

According to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the new Native American Old Town gathering area includes several features, including:

- Interpretive elements, such as a Native American interpretive public gathering area for events and ceremonies, trilingual displays (Kumeyaay, Spanish and English) and art features.
- Lighting and seating.
- Landscaping, including native trees, ground cover and a dry riverbed.
- Enhanced pedestrian circulation system with stabilized accessible pathways.
- Shaded structures.

On its website, Parks and Recreation noted, “One of the exhibits illustrates the constellation of the stars of the Kumeyaay. For the Kumeyaay people, the constellations represent stories of creation, life lessons and harmony in the celestial cycles. The circular mosaic located near the center shows the summer sky. The sand painting was chosen since the artwork was painted on the ground. Sand paintings traditionally include symbols for geographic features as a type of mapping. Four circles on the outer ring represent key features that frame the location of San Diego. Together, the symbols and colors of the mosaic represent the time and place that traditional Kumeyaay lifeways changed forever when Spanish colonists arrived in San Diego.”

Parks and Recreation confirmed it worked with “the Kumeyaay Nation, who established the Old Town Working Group with representatives from the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy, Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Committee, and Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee, and tribal members from the Barona, Campo, Jamul, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, San Pasqual, Sycuan and Viejas bands of the Kumeyaay Nation.”

The Old Town Working Group was also instrumental in providing an opportunity for the Kumeyaay Nation to interpret their culture and their connections to the San Diego River and Old Town San Diego, added Parks and Recreation.

Dedication of *lipay' Tipai Kumeyaay Mut Niihepok* comes three years after California State Parks began demolition of the former Caltrans District 11 Office Complex built in 1952. The Complex encompassed an area of approximately 2.5 acres. The new Native American gathering area was part of a \$5.9 million project just completed on the old Caltrans site.



Class Calendars

Two Directions, Inc.

December 1st - 31st, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2021 CLASS SCHEDULE				
Space #8 Classroom 1 Classes				
	Life Skills 8:30—10:30 Laura Rizza			Tribal Culture 8:30—10:30 Heather Turnbull
*Classes held IN-PERSON / Virtual/ and Distance Learning				
Break 10:30-10:45				
	Culture Class 10:45-12:45 Heather Turnbull		Tribal Culture 10:45—12:45 Heather Turnbull	Indep. Tribal Culture 10:45-12:45
Break 12:45-1:00 pm				
	Independent Culture 1:00-4:00		Indep. Tribal Culture 1:00-4:00	

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December 1st - 31st, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2021 CLASS SCHEDULE				
Space #8 Classroom 2 Classes				
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Diploma / HiSet/ *ABE 9:45—12:45 Josh M.
	DMV Prep. 10:45-12:45 Laura Rizza		Diploma / HiSet/ *ABE 10:30-12:30 Josh M.	No classes
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall <small>*Adult Basic Education</small>	Study Hall	No classes <small>*Adult Basic Education</small>
*Classes held IN-PERSON / Virtual/ and Distance Learning				

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2021 CLASS SCHEDULE				
Space #39 Computer Lab Classes				
Self Paced Class 8:30-10:30 Staff	Computers 8:30-10:30 L.Rizza	Intro to PC's 8:30-10:30	Computers 8:30-10:30 L.Rizza	10 Key Class 8:30-10:30 L.Rizza
Break 10:30—10:45				
Self Paced Class 10:45-12:45 Staff	Computers 10:45-12:45 L.Rizza	Intro to PC's 10:45-12:45	Computers 10:30-12:45 L.Rizza	Keyboarding 10:45-12:45 L.Rizza
Break 12:45-1:00				
Self Paced Class 1:00—4:00 Staff	Self Paced Class 1:00—4:00 Staff	Computers Lab 1:00—4:00 OPEN LAB	Self Paced Class 1:00—4:00 Staff	Computer Class closed @12:45 pm on Friday's
*Classes held IN-PERSON / Virtual/ and Distance Learning				

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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OFFICE CLOSURES:

Friday, December 24, 2021

and

Monday, December 27, 2021

for Christmas

DECEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

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201 E. GRAND AVE., SUITE 2D
ESCONDIDO, CA 92025

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MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30AM-4:00PM

FOR CLASS INFORMATION, CONTACT KAYLEIGH at
KGUACHENA@BGASSOCIATESINC.COM.

BG ASSOCIATES INC. PROVIDES
INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING TO
ACCOMMODATE THE
SCHEDULE & NEEDS OF
PARTICIPANTS.

CLASSES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID 19
RESTRICTIONS.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
IN PERSON CLASSES *OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	IN PERSON CLASSES *OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	IN PERSON CLASSES *OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	IN PERSON CLASSES *OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	IN PERSON CLASSES *OPEN LAB / JOB SEARCH / APPLIED SKILLS 8:30AM-4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)
VIRTUAL CLASSES	VIRTUAL CLASSES	VIRTUAL CLASSES	VIRTUAL CLASSES	VIRTUAL CLASSES
IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor) PHILLIP ROY: HEALTH CARE 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed) KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor) ABE/GED 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) APPLIED SKILL PRACTICE (GED) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) *TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)	IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL LIFE SKILLS: (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) WHAT COLOR IS MY PARACHUTE 9-11AM PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS 11:30AM-1:30PM SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor) SELF-SUFFICIENCY: FINANCIAL FREEDOM 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor) *TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)	IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor) PHILLIP ROY: Are You Ready to Own Your Own Business? 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed) KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor) ABE/GED 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) COMPUTER SKILLS (GED) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) *TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)	IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL COMPUTER SKILLS (GENERAL) 9AM-12PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) PHILLIP ROY: HEALTH CARE 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed) MATH/ENGLISH REFRESHER 12PM-2PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) *TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)	IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL SPANISH 9AM-11AM (available online/app & can be tracked by instructor) PHILLIP ROY: Are You Ready to Own Your Own Business? 9AM-11AM (lessons can be emailed) KEYBOARDING 9AM-12PM (available online & can be tracked by instructor) ABE/GED 9AM-11AM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) APPLIED SKILL PRACTICE (GED) 11:30AM-1:30PM (via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting) *TUTORING ASSISTANCE (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via Zoom, Google Meet, or other form of virtual face to face meeting)

DECEMBER 2021

SCAIR Weekly Calendar
Serving the Native American
Community Since 1997



SCAIR, Inc.
239 E. Main St. | El Cajon, CA 92020
Monday-Friday | 8:00am-4:30pm
888.21.SCAIR | 619.328.0676
www.SCAIRInc.org

MONDAY

8:00am-4:30pm

In-Person or Virtual Classes Available

Career Training Services
Computer Training Services
Academic Tutorial Services
Cultural Education
Emergency Supportive Services
Life Skills Training
Youth Services

Appointment via Tele-Medicine Only

Counseling Services

THURSDAY

8:00am-4:30pm

In-Person or Virtual Classes Available

Career Training Services
Computer Training Services
Academic Tutorial Services
Cultural Education
Emergency Supportive Services
Life Skills Training
Youth Services

Appointment via Tele-Medicine Only

Counseling Services

TUESDAY

8:00am-4:30pm

In-Person or Virtual Classes Available

Career Training Services
Computer Training Services
Academic Tutorial Services
Cultural Education
Emergency Supportive Services
Life Skills Training
Youth Services

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Counseling Services

FRIDAY

8:00am-4:30pm

In-Person or Virtual Classes Available

Career Training Services
Computer Training Services
Academic Tutorial Services
Cultural Education
Emergency Supportive Services
Life Skills Training
Youth Services

Appointment via Tele-Medicine Only

Counseling Services

WEDNESDAY

8:00am-4:30pm

In-Person or Virtual Classes Available

Career Training Services
Computer Training Services
Academic Tutorial Services
Cultural Education
Emergency Supportive Services
Life Skills Training
Youth Services

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Counseling Services

Please visit www.SCAIRInc.org for more
information about SCAIR's 8 Programs:

Native NetWORKS Program

Tribal TANF Program

American Indian Education Centers
(AIEC) Program

Sacred Pipe Tobacco-Use Prevention
Education (TUPE) Program

Howka Community Service Block

Grant (CSBG) Program

Emergency Food & Shelter Program

12/24 | SCAIR Closed
For Christmas

12/31 | SCAIR Closed
New Year's Eve

Santa Ynez

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Office Hours Monday - Friday, 8am-4:30pm • Phone: (805) 688-1756 • Fax: (805) 688-6827

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM
	CAREER DEVELOPMENT 10AM - 1PM*	PARENTING 1PM - 3PM*	CAREER DEVELOPMENT 10AM - 1PM*	
JOB SEARCH**	JOB SEARCH**	JOB SEARCH**	JOB SEARCH**	JOB SEARCH**

* By Appointment Only

** Must be Pre-Approved

Manzanita

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

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 December 2021



DATE	LOCATION	TIME
DECEMBER 2, THURSDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12 PM
DECEMBER 6, MONDAY	SAN PASQUAL	8 AM – 12 PM
DECEMBER 7, TUESDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
DECEMBER 9, THURSDAY	RINCON	8 AM – 12 PM
DECEMBER 13, MONDAY	PECHANGA PAUMA	9 AM – 10 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
DECEMBER 14, TUESDAY	PALA	9 AM – 11:30 AM
DECEMBER 16, THURSDAY	MANZANITA/LA POSTA OLD CAMPO	9:45 AM – 11 AM 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
DECEMBER 20, MONDAY	VIEJAS BARONA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM
DECEMBER 21, TUESDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 PM



Coming in January:

- SCTCA TANF Newsletter
Best Pictures of the Year
- Employment Prospects in 2022
- Remembering the Native
American Termination Policy