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## **57 California Tribes Team Up to Develop Biofuels**

By [Gina-Marie Cheeseman](#) | September 25th, 2012

Native American tribal lands have “enormous potential for renewable energy,” according to a [study](#) by Global Energy Network Institute. Enter the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), a group of 57 Native American tribes, and its recently announced agreement with BioJet and Tartoosh Environmental to develop bioenergy and biofuels projects on tribal lands in California. The agreement is for 10 to 15 years and would provide up to \$3 billion in funding. Called the “Thunderbird” project, a [press release](#) by BioJet describes it as a “multifeedstock, multi-technology set of projects.” The announcement also states that Thunderbird is “seen to create significant economic activity, jobs, and capital investment opportunities in the field of renewables.” CERT, BioJet and Tartoosh have each agreed to [donate](#) 10 percent of their net profits to the CERT TRIBES Education Program.

The goals of the Thunderbird project are the following:

- Utilize over 750,000 acres of agricultural projects to be used as biofuel feedstock with coproducts used as animal feed.
- Utilize existing bioenergy feedstocks.
- Utilize existing alternative fuel feedstocks.
- Utilize algae feedstocks as they become technically and economically feasible.
- Refine and convert feedstocks to approximately 250 million gallons a year of bio jet fuel, and approximately 300 million gallons a year of synthetic jet or diesel fuel.
- Develop approximately 10 biorefinery plants.
- Convert waste biomass to high value energy products to be used in food production, green power, ethanol, or biochemicals and lignin to supplement coal in power and heat generation.
- Develop approximately five waste-to-energy plants for the biomass conversion projects.
- Create Integrated Renewable Energy Parks where possible utilizing multiple renewable energy sources.

CERT's 57 member tribes have 30 percent of the coal west of the Mississippi River, 40 percent of the known uranium reserves, nine percent of known oil and gas reserves and renewables, according to CERT Executive Director, David Lester.

"CERT exists and operates, as the federal courts have held, as an 'Indian League of Nations' for its sovereign tribal members. CERT's goal is to help our sovereign Indian tribal members build sustainable, balanced and self-governed economies in accordance with each Indian tribe's vision and priority... We remain committed to charting new courses of development that serve the needs of our members," Lester said.

One California tribe already has already developed renewable energy on its lands. The Campo Band of the Kumeyaay Indians in San Diego County built a 50 megawatt (MW) wind farm in 2005. The wind farm, which consists of 25 turbines, currently produces enough power a year for about 30,000 homes and saves about 110,000 tons a year in greenhouse gas emissions. It is the first commercial-scale wind farm on tribal land. The turbines are maintained under contract with Enxco, Inc. According to the [DOE website](#), the Campo Band plans to develop a 300 MW wind energy project, called Kumeyaay Wind II, in two phases over the next two to five years. Phase I will consist of 160 MW.

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Exciting news:USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan, who Time magazine named among the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2010, will be a featured speaker at the Regional **Food Summit in Silver Springs** on Oct 23! If you are directly involved in food systems in Western Nevada, please contact me about attending: 287-7598. In addition to the keynote by nationally known speaker, author, and educational psychologist David Berliner, who many teachers and administrators are familiar with as a much-requested speaker at national conferences on education, the Regional Food Summit at Silver Stage High School on October 23, 2012 will also include a special presentation by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan! Ms. Merrigan is making a special trip to attend the summit!...See More

[Kathleen Merrigan '82: Williams Bicentennial Medalist 2012](#) [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
[Deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the author of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, Merrigan is widely regarded as the moving ...](#)

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### **Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Concert**

Oct 18 • Prairieland Park, Saskatoon SK Tickets \$25.

Visit <http://ticketedge.ca/index.php?page=EventDetail&id=1851> or call (306) 956-1799 —

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<http://www.history.com/topics/jamestown/videos#pocahontas>

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[The Western Nevada Historic Photo Collection](#) [www.wnhpc.com](http://www.wnhpc.com)

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## **GrantStation**

### *National Funding Opportunities*

Support for International Museum Collaborations

[American Alliance of Museums: Museums Connect](#)

Museums Connect: Building Global Communities, an initiative of the American Alliance of Museums, is designed to strengthen connections and cultural understanding between people in the United States and abroad through collaborative and innovative projects facilitated by museums. The program empowers museums to connect people in the U.S. with people abroad while at the same time strengthening ties between the museums and their communities. The following themes have been selected for the program's 2013 grant cycle: Adapting to Changing Demographics, [\*Investing\*](#) in Green Practices, Promoting Disability Rights and Engagement, Developing Amateur Experts, and Addressing Community Challenges. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 are available. All U.S. and non-U.S. museums seeking partners are encouraged to submit a museum profile form by October 15, 2012; pre-partnered museums should submit a museum profile form by January 14, 2013. The deadline for submitting Statements of Intent to Propose is January 31, 2013; final applications are due April 8, 2013. Visit the American Alliance of Museums website for program details.

#### Environmental Conservation Projects Funded

##### [\*\*National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Keystone Initiatives Grants Program\*\*](#)

The mission of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is to sustain, restore, and enhance the nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats. Through the Keystone Initiatives Grants Program, the Foundation awards matching grants in the categories of bird conservation, fish conservation, marine and coastal conservation, and wildlife and habitat conservation. Prospective applicants should contact the targeted category's Keystone Director to discuss project ideas prior to submitting requests in order to help ensure the relevance of funding requests. The upcoming preproposal deadline is November 1, 2012; full proposals are due January 7, 2013. Visit the Foundation's website for detailed information about the Keystone Initiatives' objectives.

#### Grants Promote Youth Running Programs

##### [\*\*Road Runners Club of America: Kids Run the Nation Fund\*\*](#)

The mission of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) is to promote the sport of running through the development and growth of running clubs and running events throughout the country. The Kids Run the Nation Fund, an initiative of the RRCA, supports nonprofit organizations and schools in the U.S. that are interested in implementing or currently have a youth running program. Grants of \$500 to \$1,000 are provided to running clubs and other nonprofit organizations such as parent booster clubs, PTAs, etc. Elementary and middle schools that provide an organized after-school running program are also eligible to apply. Since the goal of the grant program is to have kids running at least once a week for multiple weeks, funded youth running programs should be more than just a one time event. The application deadline is October 31, 2012. Visit the RRCA website to submit an online application.

#### Programs for Sick and Injured Vets Supported

##### [\*\*Disabled American Veterans \(DAV\) Charitable Service Trust\*\*](#)

The DAV Charitable Service Trust supports nonprofit organizations located in the United States that provide long-term programs offering direct assistance to sick and injured veterans and their families. The Trust's grantmaking interests include making sure these veterans have transportation to VA medical facilities for treatment; supporting physical and psychological rehabilitation projects aimed at the most profoundly injured veterans; meeting the special needs of veterans with specific disabilities such as amputation or brain injuries; providing food, shelter,

and medical aid to homeless and needy veterans; and bringing hope to the forgotten and suffering families of veterans. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the final application deadline for 2012 is October 20, and the first application deadline for 2013 is January 20. Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the Trust's website.

### ***Regional Funding Opportunities***

Funds for Health Care and Domestic Violence Programs in California

#### **Blue Shield of California Foundation**

The mission of the Blue Shield of California Foundation is to improve the lives of Californians by making health care accessible, effective, and affordable, and by ending domestic violence. Funding opportunities are open for projects that serve Californians and pursue activities related to one of the following programs: Health Care and Coverage focuses on expanding coverage, strengthening the safety net, and the unfinished business of health reform. Blue Shield Against Violence focuses on strengthening the network of domestic violence service organizations throughout the state. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is October 19, 2012. Visit the Foundation's website to review the eligibility guidelines and submit an online letter of inquiry.

Grants Enhance Parks and Trails Groups in New York State

#### **Parks & Trails New York: Capacity Building Grants**

Parks & Trails New York is offering Capacity Building Grants for park and trail groups throughout New York State. Grants of up to \$3,000 are intended to strengthen nonprofit organizations that are working to build and protect parks and trails in communities across the state. The goal of the grants program is to help nonprofit organizations fulfill their missions; improve their reach, effectiveness, and impact; leverage more resources; and increase community support for and involvement in park and trail planning, development, and stewardship. Grants may be used for activities associated with organizational start-up and development, training, communications, and volunteer recruitment and management. The deadline for submitting applications is November 12, 2012. Visit the Parks & Trails New York website to download the application guidelines and form.

Support for School Technology in Rural Areas of the U.S. and Canada

#### **Foundation for Rural Education and Development: Technology Grants for Rural Schools Program**

The mission of the Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED), an initiative of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), is to promote activities that improve rural educational, social, and economic conditions. The Technology Grants for Rural Schools Program, administered by FRED, strives to meet the growing need for innovative technology in the classroom. These grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 help public schools in rural areas bring modern [computers](#) to every classroom, connect schools to the information superhighway, and assure that effective software and online resources are an integral part of the school curriculum. Any public K-12 school located within the service area of an OPASTCO telephone company in the U.S. or Canada may apply. A letter of support from the local company must accompany all applications, which are due by November 1, 2012. Visit the FRED website to check school eligibility and download the application guidelines.

Oral Health Programs in Arizona Funded

**[Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation](#)**

The mission of the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation is to improve oral health for communities and residents of Arizona, with emphasis on the underserved. The Foundation's Community Grants Program is designed to support nonprofit organizations throughout the state that focus on oral health promotion and dental **[disease prevention](#)** programs serving children and youth (including programs serving pregnant mothers and children and youth up to age 19). Organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for programs providing direct prevention services, oral health instruction, screenings, exams, education, and/or training. Grants are also provided to address staffing and other costs for local, collaborative groups/coalitions offering oral health community activities. The application deadline is November 15, 2012. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines and download the application form.

***Federal Grant and Loan Programs***

Brownfields Communities Technical Assistance Supported

**[Environmental Protection Agency](#)**

The Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities program offers support to entities to provide technical assistance to communities on brownfield issues. This assistance will help communities tackle the challenge of assessing, cleaning up, and preparing brownfields sites for redevelopment, especially underserved, rural, small, and otherwise distressed communities. The application deadline is November 14, 2012.

Watershed Education Funded in the Great Lakes Region

**[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)**

The Great Lakes Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program supports existing environmental education programs, fosters the growth of new programs, and encourages the development of partnerships among environmental education programs throughout the Great Lakes watershed. The application deadline is November 2, 2012.

Technical Assistance Supported for Farm Labor Housing

**[Department of Agriculture](#)**

The Farm Labor Housing Technical Assistance Grants program supports the development of domestic and migrant farm labor housing projects. Supported organizations will provide technical assistance to groups who qualify for farm labor housing loans and grants. The application deadline is November 5, 2012.

Funds Available to Explore Link Between Reproductive Health and HIV Prevention

**[National Institutes of Health](#)**

The Prevention of HIV Transmission/Acquisition through a Better Understanding of Reproductive Health program provides support to further the understanding of HIV acquisition and transmission by increasing knowledge regarding the intersection between reproductive health and HIV prevention. Support is provided for **[standard research projects](#)** and through a **[small grants program](#)**. Letters of intent are due October 29, 2012. The application deadline is November 29, 2012.

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**Citizen Involvement:** **[www.washoecounty.us/citizens](http://www.washoecounty.us/citizens)**

Citizen Involvement: Community forums, online surveys and working groups are coming together to strengthen citizen involvement in Washoe County.

Residents are participating through multiple avenues to support developing ideas to strengthen citizen involvement in Washoe County. Ideas generated will be presented to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners.

Presentations are scheduled for the December 11, 2012 and January 8, 2013

Board of County Commissioners meetings. For more information visit [www.washoecounty.us/citizens/cirp](http://www.washoecounty.us/citizens/cirp) (PLT AND RSIC individuals have an opportunity here..... )

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travis blue <jtravisb@hotmail.com> I forgot to mention that the **Save Veronica ICWA case is being submitted to the US Supreme Court**. The adoptive couple asked the SC court to re-hear the case; they declined. So, they are now in preparation to move up the ladder. There are links to news stories on the facebook page and the regular website SaveVeronica.org as well.

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### U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance

How do you care for your land? We hear a great deal from our followers that one of the reasons they choose one type of product over another is because they feel that farming method is better for the land and not "stripping" away its nutrients. Farmers, help answer this question.

Conventional and organic farmers - what management steps do you take to care for the soil?

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PIPESTONE CREEK SINGERS-(WHITE BUFFALO CALF SONG) [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

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### **Chapter 4 - Performance By United States of Obligations - U.S. Code**

[uscode.house.gov/download/pls/25C4.txt](http://uscode.house.gov/download/pls/25C4.txt)

Proceeds of labor accounts; deposits limited to funds *held in trust* for *Indian* tribes or ... Deposit of tribal funds in banks; *bond* or collateral security; investments; ...

Abstracted Indian trust bonds ...: Report ... [and Supplemental report] By United States.

Congress. House. Select Committee on the Fraudulent Abstraction of Bonds from the Interior Dept, Isaac Newton Morris

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### **Tribe will pay to widen road to Northern California casino**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Sep. 25, 2012 | 2:02 a.m.

ROHNERT PARK, Calif. - A Native American tribe planning to build a Las Vegas-style casino about 50 miles north of San Francisco will take on the full cost of widening the access road to its hotel-casino.

Rohnert Park City Manager Gabe Gonzalez says under a tentative agreement with the city and county, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria will pay \$10 million to widen the road to the planned Sonoma County casino.

The tribe bought a 254-acre property to build a 3,000-slot-machine, 317,750-square-foot casino, which is expected to open in 2013. Las Vegas-based Station Casinos LLC has a management and development contract with the tribe. The tribe secured \$850 million in financing last month.

Some Sonoma County residents have sued in state court to block the casino's construction. The Rohnert Park Council will take up the agreement Tuesday.

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On June 11, a team of wounded warriors from the Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq wars set out to summit Denali, the tallest peak in North America. Their mission was the scale the 20,230 foot mountain, test the limits of their abilities and provide inspiration to other wounded veterans across the country. They brought along video [cameras](#) to document their amazing journey.

[Click here to watch these wounded warriors attempt to summit Denali.](#)

These brave men challenged their disabilities to take on one of the toughest mountains to climb in the world. Please take a few minutes to watch their story and then share it with your friends and family.

Thank you, Tim Fullerton, Director of New Media, U.S. Department of the Interior

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**CALL FOR PAPERS OPPORTUNITIES (HUNAP)**

**Title:** 31st Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference

**Date:** April 7-10, 2013

**Location:** Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Deadline:** October 19, 2012

NICWA's annual call for workshop presentations is officially underway, and we are looking for people hoping to share their research, stories, successes, and lessons learned in their work as champions and advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native children and families. For more information, please see the "Call for Presentations" portion of this email.

For more information on the NICWA Call for Presentations, please visit the [Call for Presentations page](#) of the NICWA website.

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**Title:** Indigenous Women's Symposium

**Conference dates:** February 8-10, 2013

**Location:** Trent University at Peterborough, Ontario

**Deadline:** October 31, 2012

**Contact:** Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs, American Indian Studies Department, UNC Pembroke

P.O. Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372 **Phone:** (910) 775-4262 **E:**

[mary.jacobs@uncp.edu](mailto:mary.jacobs@uncp.edu)

This year's symposium welcomes all women and allies to present on topics related to the overall theme of "Dancing on our Turtle's Back." We are particularly interested in the creative ways women and men are using these original teachings and women's knowledge (however they are perceived in various Indigenous cultural contexts) in their work in communities, organizations, elementary, secondary, and post secondary education, environmental organizations and many other societal contexts in Canada and elsewhere.

If you are interested in presenting at this year's symposium, please submit an abstract with the following information: Facilitator, Title, Summary (one paragraph only), 1 hour presentation or 1 ½ hour workshop, maximum number of participants, av equipment needed (Projector, speakers, etc).

**Send Abstract to:** [indigenouswomenssymposium2012@gmail.com](mailto:indigenouswomenssymposium2012@gmail.com) Via Fax: 705-748-1416  
Attention: Paula Sherman

Website: <http://www.trentu.ca/academic/nativestudies/womenssymposium.htm>

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**Title:** 14<sup>th</sup> Native American Literature Symposium **Date:** March 21-23, 2013  
**Location:** Mystic Lake Casino, Hotel—Minneapolis, MN **Deadline:** November 15, 2012

With literature as a crossroads where many forms of knowledge meet—art, history, politics, science, religion, film, cultural studies—we welcome once again spirited participation on all aspects of Native American studies. We invite proposals for individual papers, panel discussions, readings, exhibits, demonstrations, and workshops.

PROPOSAL and REGISTRATION FORMS can be found on the NALS web site:

[www.mnsu.edu/nativelit/](http://www.mnsu.edu/nativelit/)

**Contact:**

Dr. Gwen Westerman, Director NALS, [gwen.westerman@mnsu.edu](mailto:gwen.westerman@mnsu.edu) or Jason Zahn, Assistant to the Director, [jason.zahn@mnsu.edu](mailto:jason.zahn@mnsu.edu) **Website:** <http://www.mnsu.edu/nativelit>

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**Title:** Submissions for 14TH Annual American Indian Studies Association Conference  
**Deadline:** December 12, 2012

The organizers of the AISA Conference welcome proposals for paper presentations, panel presentations, round table discussions, and workshops on the following topics:

Innovations in health, education, welfare, art, literature, technology, social and economic justice, economic development, criminal justice, implementing the Indian Law and Order Act, environmental justice, cultural sustainability, family issues including women, children, men and elders and domestic violence prevention.

Please send paper and panel submissions to Elizabeth P. Martos, Coordinator Email: [elizabeth.martos@asu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.martos@asu.edu) in digital format. Please give a paragraph describing the panel theme, and a list of panel participants, their address and email information, and a 200 word paper abstract. Please submit paper and panel proposals by **December 12, 2012**

**Contact:** PH: 480-965-3634 F: 480-965-2216 E: [AIS@asu.edu](mailto:AIS@asu.edu)

**Website:** <http://americanindian.clas.asu.edu/>

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**CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Title:** Pathways into Health 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
**Dates:** October 10-12, 2012 with a pre-conference symposium and reception October 9  
**Location:** Rapid City, SD—Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn

This is a chance to come together and promote Natives in healthcare. Concepts will include Cultural Attunement, Interprofessional Education, Distance Learning/Telehealth Technologies, and Health Career Development through the Life Span.

**Contact:** [PathwaysIntoHealth@gmail.com](mailto:PathwaysIntoHealth@gmail.com) **Website:** <http://pathwaysintohealth.org/>



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**Title:** National Indian Education Association Convention **Dates:** October 18-21, 2012  
**Location:** Oklahoma City, OK—Cox Convention Center

**Registration:** Register online, Standard Attendee Pass: \$695. All-access Tribal Net members have \$100 discount. Save \$100 with early registration by October 1, 2012!

This year, NIEA launches its first-annual three-day Youth Conference (YC2012) focused on helping our young Native men and women stay in school and on the path to powerful futures as leaders in their communities. During the conference, teens will have opportunities to learn from speakers such as artist Bunky Echo-Hawk, build up their skills, and build camaraderie and pride through fun and cultural activities. Click [here](#) to check out the agenda for this fun and engaging event!

Also new this year, the NIEA Convention's College Summit will help Native students in higher education get ready to play strong roles in helping their families and communities reap economic and financial success. Through networking sessions, roundtables, and guest speakers -- along with the rest of Convention activities -- college students can build up their skills for the future.

**Contact:** National Indian Education Association PH: 202.544.7290 E: [niea@niea.org](mailto:niea@niea.org)  
**Website:** <http://niea.site-ym.com/?page=home>

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**Title:** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Net Conference **Dates:** November 5-8, 2012  
**Location:** San Diego, CA---Town & Country Resort

**Registration:** Register online, Standard Attendee Pass: \$695. All-access Tribal Net members have \$100 discount. Save \$100 with early registration by October 1, 2012!

Come and network with your peers. The tracks include: Leadership/Management, Tribal Health, Tribal Gaming, Tribal Government, General IT; all include specific and helpful topics. Also participate in hands on workshops and trade shows!

**Contact:** TribalNet-PH: 906-635-7675 E: [info@tribalnetonline.com](mailto:info@tribalnetonline.com)  
**Website:** [www.tribalnetonline.com](http://www.tribalnetonline.com)

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**Presenter:** National Indian Education Association **Title:** Indigenous Food Culture Conference  
**Dates:** November 5-6, 2012; November 7-9, 2012 **Location:** Community Days in Whiteriver, AZ and Conference Days at Sunrise Part Resort Hotel 12 miles west of Greer, AZ

The Purpose of the conference is to cultivate and empower local communities to nurture systems of health & wellness by activating cultural knowledge and revitalizing traditional practices instilled across collective Native culinary arts & industry. Our vision for the conference is to weave the modern culinary talents and innovation into community efforts utilizing the culture of food to build systemic efforts for “social recovery” or healing.

**Contact:** NACA Planning Group [naculinaryassoc@gmail.com](mailto:naculinaryassoc@gmail.com)

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**Title:** 14<sup>TH</sup> Annual American Indian Studies Association Conference **Dates:** February 7-8, 2013  
**Location:** Tempe, AZ

The past, present, and future experiences of American Indian nations, communities and organizations are grounded in the concepts of sovereignty, self-determination, self-sufficiency

and the rights of Indigenous peoples. Indigenous sustainability continues to be a challenge as American Indian and Native American study programs partner with others to use disparate worldviews and intellectualism to strengthen Native nations by seeking solutions to 21st century issues.

The theme of the conference is to examine the innovative approaches that tribal governments, communities, and various organizations and institutions have undertaken to best meet the needs of growing Indigenous populations. What are the issues and what types of programs and approaches are being implemented to protect and sustain tribal land and culture and the well-being of Native people?

**Contact:** PH: 480-965-3634 F: 480-965-2216 E: [AIS@asu.edu](mailto:AIS@asu.edu)

**Website:** <http://americanindian.clas.asu.edu/>

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**Title:** National Bioneers Conference Indigenous Programming **Dates:** October 19-21, 2012; arrive one day early for a memorable Bioneers pre-conference intensive!

**Location:** San Rafael, CA—Marin Center

Each year, The [Bioneers Indigenous Forum](#) brings together a powerhouse of Native social justice and environmental leaders from diverse backgrounds and campaigns working to protect Native lifeways, cultural landscapes and indigenous peoples' rights. A Native-led initiative within the acclaimed [National Bioneers Conference](#), the Indigenous Forum addresses pressing challenges facing Indian Country and the world, and highlights successful models of indigenous resiliency and solutions. Over 20 tribes will be represented in 2012. Speaker themes include: "Native American Ecological Restoration Movements", "Agro-Diversity: Native American Food and Farming Movements", and "Rights of Mother Earth: Protecting Environmental and Cultural Diversity".

**Contact:** Phone: 505-986-0366 | 1-877-246-6337 (1-877-BIONEER)

**Website:** <http://conference.bioneersgroup.com/>

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Information on the 2013 Protecting Our Children conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is available on the [conference page](#) of the NICWA website.

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## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

**Title:** Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities program

**Location:** National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

**Duration:** February 4-7, 2013 **Application deadline:** Accepted through October 15, 2012

### Qualifications:

Candidates who are college-level seniors, medical school students, or doctoral candidates nearing their dissertation defense and from a population underrepresented in the biomedical

sciences are eligible.

**Description:**

We are looking for dedicated science students interested in joining the NIAID research community. During the 4-day program, students will hear lectures from world-renowned scientists and interview for potential research training positions at the Institute’s Maryland and Montana laboratories. This year’s program marks 10 years of INRO and takes place in Bethesda, Maryland, on the NIH campus, February 4–7, 2013. Students’ expenses for travel, hotel accommodations, and meals will be paid.

**Apply:** <https://inro.niaid.nih.gov/>

**Website:** [http://www.niaid.nih.gov/labsandresources/labs/training/inro/Pages/default.aspx?utm\\_source=CC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=uni&utm\\_content=Aug15&utm\\_campaign=INRO2012](http://www.niaid.nih.gov/labsandresources/labs/training/inro/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=CC&utm_medium=email&utm_term=uni&utm_content=Aug15&utm_campaign=INRO2012)

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**Title:** Field Environmental Biology Program for Native American Students

**Location:** University of Notre Dame with Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**Application deadline:** November 2, 2012

**Website:** <http://underc.nd.edu/>

**Qualifications:**

Native American descent; Minimum of Sophomore standing in an accredited college; Planning to obtain a 4-year degree in the environmental sciences; Admission based on past academic performance and statement of purpose

**Description:**

The purpose of this program is to promote an understanding of field-oriented environmental biology and how field research is conducted. The program helps to prepare Native American students for advanced studies in environmental biology, so they can better manage biological resources on their lands. Also, the program promotes understanding of Native American attitudes towards the environment in non-Native American students interested in the environment, so they can incorporate these cultural insights into better management. These goals are achieved through interactions with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal cultural preservation and natural resource departments, the Lac du Flambeau natural resource department, the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and through dialogue and collaboration between students enrolled in the program.

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Correction to one of your headlines: Lawrence Roberts was appointed as the new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs not the Assistant Secretary of DOI.