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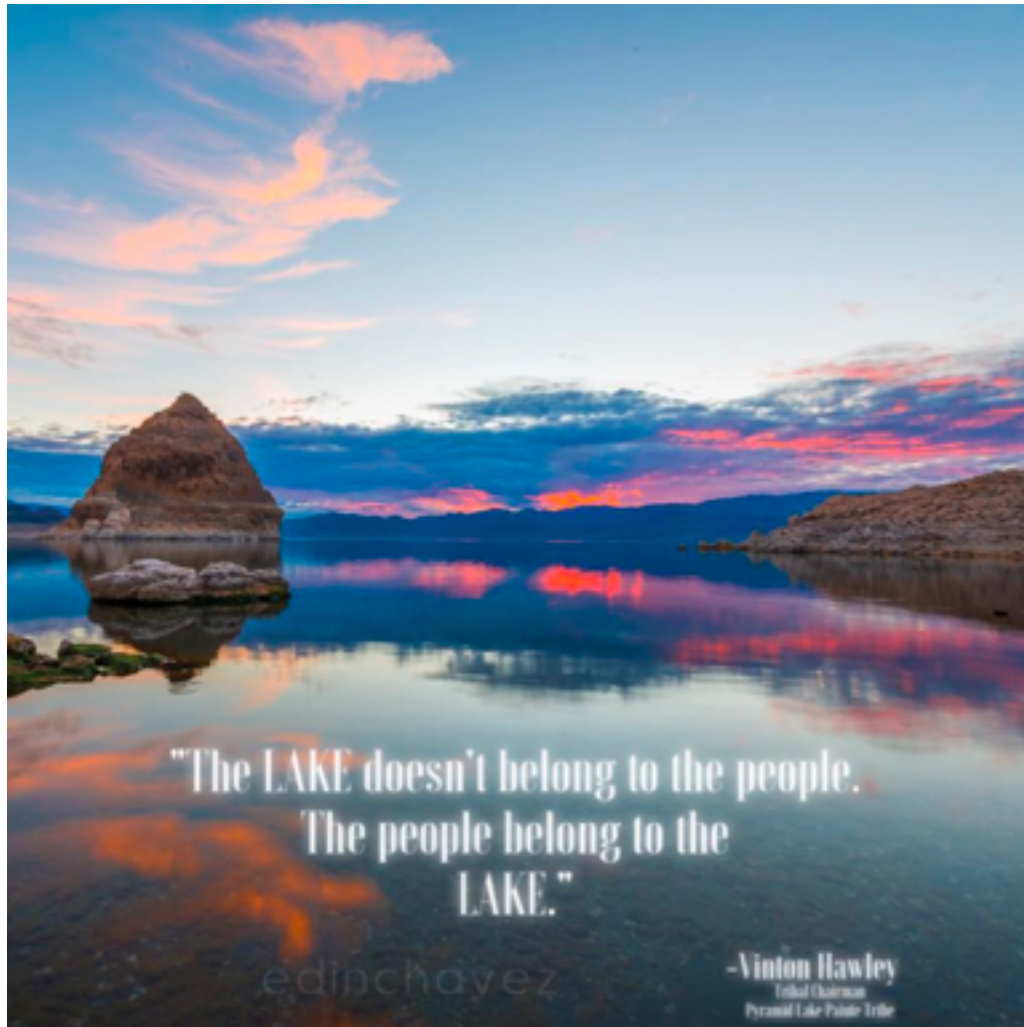
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There is still time to apply for my summer course, **Protecting Cultural Property in the Bio-Tech Age**, offered by UCLA. Be sure to apply for a scholarship as several are awarded every year. Message me if you need more information!

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Susanville Tribes Welcome Back 300 Acres of Land Via New Law ICTMN Staff 6/24/16

The tribes of Susanville Rancheria in northeastern California are elated at the passage of a bill restoring 300 acres of their traditional lands.



On June 22 President Barack Obama signed into law the Susanville Indian Rancheria Lands Bill, which will transfer federally owned lands into trust for the Susanville Indian Rancheria and enable the tribes to preserve vital cultural and natural resources, according to a media release from the office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California).

Boxer along with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-California) and Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-California) sponsored the bipartisan bill, which President Barack Obama signed into law on June 22.

"How mu! Pesa tabeno Togo'o ne gea'hoo. Te pea teepu numme kemmadame. Onona ka teepu e tooa sumu tunna patsakwu! Numme natuhowaedu," said Chairman Brandon Gutierrez of the Susanville Indian Rancheria in the statement.

"I would like to thank Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein, and Rep. LaMalfa for their bipartisan efforts to ensure that the Susanville Indian Rancheria regained a piece of important land," Gutierrez said.

The four Susanville tribes, consisting of eight bands, hold the Honey Lake Valley to be very important, the chairman said.

"Every piece of dirt, blade of grass and sweet-smelling sagebrush is a part of all of us," Gutierrez said. "We love our home, and we are thankful to the BLM, and the leaders in Washington who saw fit to ensure the return of a very small piece of what was once ours."

The bill's passage comes a year after it was introduced in July 2015 by Boxer and Feinstein, passing on June 10. LaMalfa introduced the legislation in the House in May 2015 and passed last November.

"The President's signature ensures that the Susanville tribes may continue their traditional practices on land with which they have a close and historical connection," said LaMalfa in the statement. "It also serves federal taxpayers by relieving the BLM of the costs of maintaining the property, while allowing the development of a cultural center that benefit both Susanville and other tribes."

The new law enables the Rancheria tribes to preserve ancestral lands and cultural areas, Gutierrez said. It not only contains "vitally important cultural artifacts, including the remains of a historic Native camp, ancient petroglyphs, traditional medicinal plants," but also "serves as a migratory path for antelope and mule deer," he said.

“Tribes know what is best for their communities,” said U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyoming), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, in a separate statement. “Taking this land into trust on behalf of the Susanville Indian Rancheria will empower the tribe to use the lands as they best see fit.”

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/06/24/susanville-tribes-welcome-back-300-acres-land-new-law-164924>

Carolyn Harry shared **Vanessa Quezada's** photo.



They'll be here in Nixon on Thursday,..runners or walker needed prior to that..to help on the route and help run or walk that prayer..

[Vanessa Quezada](#) with [Xitlallin Payan](#) and [6 others](#).

Native ceremonial run from Alaska to Panama to meet the condor route running up from Argetina to fulfill the option way of the eagle and the condors for reunification of our people.

Please support here <http://aimctx.org/pdj.html>

North America website peaceanddignity.org

Would you like to get involved? Please message coordinators Jose Malvido, Anobel Gutierrez or Vanessa Quezada. —

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[Elveda Martinez](#)

Peace and Dignity Run: Peace and Dignity Journeys are spiritual runs that embody the prophecy of the Eagle and Condor. This prophecy mandates that at this time all Indigenous Peoples in the Western Hemisphere shall be reunited in a spiritual way in order to heal our nations so we can begin to work towards a better future for our children and generations to come. Through the Journeys, participant runners and supporters work to accomplish this goal by helping each other reconnect to their respective spiritual practices and traditions; by helping each other relearn our role in the world as Indigenous Peoples; and by reminding each other of our responsibilities to Mother Earth, Father Sky, our communities, and ourselves.

Peace and Dignity Journeys occur every four years and start with Indigenous runners on opposite ends of the continents (Chickaloon, Alaska and Tierra del Fuego, Argentina). They run for six months through hundreds of Indigenous communities where they participate in their respective spiritual practices and traditions; spark dialogue on the issue of peace and dignity for Indigenous Peoples; model their responsibility to Mother Earth, Father Sky, communities, and themselves; and receive the community's prayers. These prayers and conversations are then carried to proceeding communities until the runners reach the center of the hemisphere. When the runners meet at the Kuna Nation in Panama City, Panama, it will symbolize all Indigenous Peoples joining together in a spiritual way to manifest the prophecy of the Eagle and Condor.

The runners will be here in Schurz on the 4th of July. They will be staying at the Fitness Center and would like our community to provide them dinner. If interested in sharing a main dish, side dish, fruit, desert or some cold drinks, please let me know.

I'll post more information as I get it.

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*At the press conference, VP Biden talked about how every person has talent and therefore "Tch Hire" would facilitate those with the skills but not formal education to be hired. He also expounded on the the "every zip code" policy behind the deployment, so tribes with their own zip code should be sure to stand up. Grants are for four years, giving some realistic room for deployment and impact.*

**\*FACT SHEET: Expanding the Tech Economies of Communities across the Country  
Obama Administration announces winners of \$150 million in TechHire Partnership grants, including \$126 million for at-risk and disadvantaged young Americans**

Today, Vice President Biden and Department of Labor Secretary Perez announced the release of \$150 million in Department of Labor grants for 39 partnerships across the country. With these funds, awardees will launch innovative training and placement models to develop tech talent, as a way to keep and create jobs in local economies. In addition to federal funding, grantees are leveraging nearly \$50 million in philanthropic, private and other funding to contribute to their own local partnerships.

**A Large and Growing Opportunity for Local Economies**



Having a pipeline of tech talent can be an important factor in bringing new jobs to local economies, facilitating business growth, and lifting more local residents into the middle class. These grants will enable more communities to expand their own local tech sectors

- **Tech jobs are a pathway to the middle class.** Tech jobs pay one and a half times the average wage of a private-sector job. Studies have shown that these opportunities are also accessible to those without college degrees-- men and women with non-degree certificates in computer or information services earned more than 65 percent of men and women, respectively, with more traditional Associate degrees. [\[1\]](#)
- **There is a large and growing unmet demand for tech workers.** Today, there are over 600,000 open IT jobs across all sectors—more than two-thirds in fields outside the tech sector, such as manufacturing, financial services and healthcare. Across the country, employers are struggling to find skilled talent for these positions. A study from CEB found that in 10 major metropolitan areas (including New York, Atlanta, Seattle, and Houston), there are only five skilled job seekers available for every eight open IT jobs. Compared to 2010, it now takes employers five additional weeks to fill the average vacancy—at a cost to employers of \$8.6 million per 1,000 vacancies
- **New innovations in training and hiring can help meet the tech job demand.** Nearly 40 percent of tech jobs do not require a four-year degree. In recent years, there has been a proliferation of fast-track tech training programs like “coding bootcamps” that prepare people with little technical know-how for tech jobs, often in just a few months. A recent survey from Course Report found that bootcamp graduates saw salary gains of 38 percent (or about \$18,000) after completing their programs. At the same time, employers in cities like Albuquerque have been adopting new “skills-based” hiring approaches that enable job seekers to demonstrate their skills to get hired even if they lack traditional qualifications like computer science degrees.
- **Tech talent can be an important driver of local economic development.** Companies report that one of the main factors in deciding where to locate is the availability of skilled talent. Moreover, research from economist Enrico Moretti shows that for each job in the average high-tech firm, five new jobs are indirectly created in local economies.

In response to this opportunity, in March 2015, President Obama launched [TechHire](#) , a bold multi-sector effort and call to action for cities, states, and rural areas to work with employers to design and implement new approaches like coding bootcamps to train workers for well-paying tech jobs often in just a few months.

Since then, 50 communities with nearly 1,000 employer partners have begun working together to find new ways to recruit and place applicants based on their skills and to create more fast-track tech training opportunities. These range from programs in New York City that connect low-income young people to tech training and internships to a program in rural Eastern Kentucky that teaches former coalminers to code.

The federal government is doing its part to support communities in this work with a specific focus on making sure that access to these innovations is widely shared, supporting best practice sharing amongst communities, and encouraging engagement of the key stakeholders that fuel a TechHire community -- including employers, innovative training providers and local workforce development leadership. As stakeholders help engage more employers and connect more local communities to these opportunities, the TechHire network will continue to grow.

### *More details on today's announcements*

Today, the Department of Labor is awarding 39 grants—totaling \$150 million—for programs in 25 states and Washington, DC to support innovative ways to get workers on the fastest paths to well-paying information technology and high-growth jobs in in-demand sectors like healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and financial services. Of these grants, \$126 million will specifically target strategies designed to best support young Americans, ages 17 to 29.

All of the partnerships funded today engage in the following practices:

- 1) Expand access to accelerated learning options that provide a quick path to good jobs, such as “bootcamp”-style programs, online options, and competency-based programs.
- 2) Use data and innovative hiring practices to expand openness to non-traditional hiring by working with employers to build robust data on where they have the greatest needs, identify what skills they are looking for, and build willingness to hire from both nontraditional and traditional training programs.
- 3) Offer specialized training strategies, supportive services, and other participant-focused services that assist targeted populations to overcome barriers, including networking and job search, active job development, transportation, mentoring, and financial counseling.
- 4) Emphasize inclusion by leveraging the high demand for tech jobs and new training and hiring approaches to improve access to tech jobs for all citizens, including out-of-school and out-of-work young Americans, people with disabilities, people learning English as a second language, and people with criminal records.

**\$126 Million in Grants to Create Pathways to Careers for At-Risk and Out-of-School, Out-of-Work Young Americans**

*Examples of selected communities and programs include:*

- **Atlanta, GA. ATL TechHire: Fostering an IT Workforce Ecosystem to Inspire Atlanta's Under-Represented IT Workforce to Pursue IT Careers (\$4 million)**

ATL TechHire will train the City of Atlanta's youth and young adults with barriers to employment and other unemployed and underemployed for open jobs in tech. Led by the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency, in partnership with Iron Yard and TechSquare Labs, ATL TechHire has developed customizable training tracks to serve differing needs. Participants will be enrolled in TechSquare Labs' innovative Culture Fit and Career Readiness programs, as well as fast-track training with one of the Iron Yard's coding bootcamps, to train participants for jobs in front- and back-end engineering, mobile engineering, data science, and design; or with the Atlanta Technical College for degrees that lead to in-demand IT jobs.

- **Albuquerque, NM. New Mexico Tech Connections (NMTCC): Expanding Career Pipeline to IT for Youth and Disadvantaged Workers (\$4 million)**

Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico (WCCNM) will use grant funds to expand its NMTCC consortium in order to build a career pipeline into IT for around 338 young adults and other

workers with barriers to training and employment. Serving the city of Albuquerque, as well as Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia counties, NMTC consists of training and education partner, College of New Mexico, along with six area employers and promises to address gaps in conventional training for H-1B jobs.

**Miami, FL. ACCEL in Tech: Bringing Customized Training in IT, Healthcare and Financial Services to Those with Barriers to Employment (\$3.5 million)**

Acquiring Credential and Creating Experiential Learning (ACCEL) in Technology will leverage the size and resources of Miami Dade College, along with the expertise of partners including CareerSource South Florida Mount Sinai Medical Center, AHIMA Foundation, and the McKinsey Social Initiative, who will provide guidance on advisory boards, curriculum development, employee mentors, opportunities for paid work experiences, and commitments to hire participants. This program will develop customizable training for the individual. Through this initiative, over 400 young adults with barriers to employment will gain access to training in IT, healthcare, and financial services.

- **New York, NY. TechIMPACT Program: Training and Placing Youth at Large Tech Companies and Startups (\$3.9 million)**

LaGuardia Community College will partner with General Assembly, Udacity, Software Guild and others to offer accelerated tech training to young adults in web development, java, and computer network support. Given that young people often struggle to connect to their first job, TechIMPACT is teaming up with partners to make sure that graduates have connections to internships and job placements when they graduate. IBM, Walmart, and other employer partners are committing to interview and hire qualified candidates, and Uncubed will place graduates with a network of high-growth startup companies.

- **New York; Washington, DC; and Maryland. Pathways to Tech Careers: Providing Multi-Tiered Training Model to Improve Skills of Young, Low-Wage, and Veteran Workers (\$5 million)**

Jobs for the Future, Inc.'s program will establish and expand accelerated training programs that prepare youth and young adults with barriers to employment for high-wage, high-demand careers in IT in New York City Washington, D.C., Prince George's County, Anne Arundel County and Howard County, MD. PTC will have three tracks including a bootcamp-style, immersive web development training, a data analytics training for incumbent workers to upskill to better jobs, and a short-term IT security program for veterans. PTC will build on the national presence of JFF, General Assembly, and Per Scholas to demonstrate multiple strategies to move individuals from entry-level jobs into the middle-class with tech training.

- **Seattle, WA. TechHire Seattle-King County: Implementing LaunchCode's Successful Apprenticeship Model (\$3.8 million)**

Seattle Central College will work with the LaunchCode Foundation, EnergySavvy, Unloop, Floodgate, Ada Developer Academy and other partners to connect young Americans to jobs in database administration and development, mobile product development, network design and administration, programming, web design, and web development training. To increase opportunities for employers to find high-quality, diverse, entry-level talent, and for students to learn on the job, LaunchCode will connect students at no cost to the student with companies that will offer mentorship and training through a paid apprenticeship program, with the option for

employers to hire the student at the end of the 3-6 month apprenticeship. Launchcode has successfully launched and grown this model in 4 U.S. cities, achieving 90 percent placement rates and more than doubling salaries of participants. Seattle is leveraging \$4.4 million in philanthropic and private contributions to support this initiative.

\$24 Million in Grants to Connect People with Criminal Records, People with Limited English Proficiency and People with Disabilities to In-Demand Jobs

*Examples of selected communities and programs include:*

- **Indianapolis, IN. GOAL! Program: Expanding Language and Technical Skills for LEP Individuals (\$3.2 million)**

Led by the Labor Institute for Training (LIFT), in partnership with Jobs for the Future and Indiana Adult Education, Growing Opportunities in America for Latinos! (GOAL!) will enhance and expand services throughout the state of Indiana. The program will enhance and expand English language and advanced manufacturing technical skills for 400 residents with limited English proficiency. Incumbent workers will also have access to upskill opportunities through the Industrial Manufacturing Technician (IMT) registered apprenticeship, leveraging the American Apprenticeship Initiative grant awarded by the Department of Labor to Jobs for the Future.

- **Kern, Inyo, and Mono Counties, CA. Next Step Program: Offering Skills Training to Individuals with High-Function Autism Spectrum Disorders (\$4 million)**

The Exceptional Family Center, the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Bakersfield Adult School will collaborate with local employers and partners to train local individuals with high-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders for open jobs. Geared towards those with documented barriers to training and employment, the Next Step Job Training and Employment Partnership (Next Step) will offer courses at UCLA Extension and Bakersfield Adult School in computer skills, vocational education, and medical coding. The partnership will also offer a bootcamp training on soft skills to improve employability and job performance—including effective communication, workplace behavior, and independent living.

\$36 Million of Total Grants will Support Workers in Rural Communities in Retooling and Retraining for New Jobs

Of the \$150 million in grants, \$36 million have been awarded to programs that will specifically target rural communities that are serving young people and other disadvantaged populations described in the sections above.

*Examples of selected communities and programs include:*

- **Midlands Region of SC. Midlands TechHire: Offering Numerous Boot Camps, Scholarships and Internships in Networking and Programming (\$4 million)**

Midlands Technical College will offer scholarships to 400 individuals for five accelerated learning boot camps that will train students for networking and programming occupations, such as computer technicians and web development, in six to eight weeks. Along with the wide range of technical training programs offered, Midlands TechHire will provide exam preparation for certifications, as well as classes and workshops in soft skills and job readiness. Graduates of these



accelerated training programs will qualify for sponsorship of exam fees and paid three-month internships in IT occupations. With assistance from 24 grant partners, Midlands TechHire will be able to provide a comprehensive assessment of barriers and customized support services for each student.

- **West Virginia. WVTTI : Transforming Local Economy by Training and Upgrading Young Adults for New Tech jobs in Software and Engineering (\$4 million)**

With its West Virginia Technology Transformation Initiative (WVTTI), Bridge Valley Community and Technical College is helping transform this once coal-dependent regional economy into a technology-based one. WVTTI is specifically focused on helping the young adult population find jobs as software developers, mechanical engineers, and machinists, among other opportunities. By leveraging this grant and facilitating relationships among local training providers, workforce organizations, and employers such as the Appalachian Power Company, the WVTTI will expand efforts to help young West Virginians upgrade their skills and gain the credentials needed to obtain middle- and high-skill jobs.

More details on all winners can be found [here](#).

A list of winners and grant amounts is below. **(edited; if you want the info, ask and I'll send it)**

#### Building on Progress: President Obama's Job-Driven Training Agenda

The TechHire Partnership grants build on progress already underway. Since the President and Vice President released their Job-Driven Training review in July 2014, Federal agencies have taken actions to make programs serving approximately 20 million Americans every year more employer-driven. And over the past 7 years, we have taken a number of steps to support the American workforce and prepare it for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including:

*Training Americans for jobs of the future.* Through TechHire and Computer Science for All, the Administration is connecting Americans with the tech skills that employers are increasingly seeking, across many industries and roles.

- **Launching Computer Science for All.** This year, the President unveiled his plan to give all K-12 students across the country the chance to learn computer science (CS) in school. This initiative builds on a growing movement led by parents, teachers, districts, states, and the private sector to expand CS education. To jumpstart this effort, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) have pledged to invest more than \$135 million to support and train CS teachers across the country over the next five years. In addition, in his budget, the President has called for \$4 billion in funding for states, and \$100 million directly for districts, to train teachers, expand access to high-quality instructional materials, and build effective regional partnerships. Since its launch, nine states have taken action to expand access to CS education, the private sector has made more \$250 million in philanthropic commitments, and more than 25 Governors have called on Congress to increase K-12 CS funding.

*Making sure all Americans have a fair shot.* The President has taken steps to expand and improve efforts to connect workers who have been displaced by economic change to the workforce system and into good jobs. Building on models of what works, these efforts have helped not only those affected by trade and

globalization, but also by the aftermath of the Great Recession, by long-term changes in the energy industry, by the rapid rate of technological change and the adoption of new methods, and in communities that suffer from economic isolation and decline.

- **Securing a six-year extension and expansion of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in June 2015**, which provides vital job training, income support and other benefits to American workers displaced by the forces of globalization. The number of estimated workers currently eligible for benefits and services is over 100,000, which is almost double the number of workers eligible for TAA benefits and services in all of fiscal year 2015 under the older program.
- **Helping the long-term unemployed get back to work and stay in the labor force**, including through a \$170M Ready to Work grant that supports partnerships with businesses to create a best practices for hiring the long-term unemployed. In addition, DOL is providing robust reemployment services and eligibility assessments through \$200 million in grants to all 50 states and territories to help prevent long-term unemployment and connect jobseekers to the labor market. Through FY 2016, an estimated 1.3 million unemployed workers will be served.
- **Launching the Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative**, a Department of Commerce led effort bringing together 10 federal agencies to assist communities negatively impacted by changes in the coal industry and power sector with coordinated federal economic and workforce development resources that help communities diversify their economies and provide reemployment services and job training.
- **Strengthening relationships with businesses to recruit and hire veterans.** The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) within DOL established an employer outreach team that encourages employment commitments from national and regional employers seeking to hire veterans. VETS expanded the outreach team to connect with over 600 employers ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

*Scaling Up What Works.* The Administration has implemented a job-driven checklist that reorients job training grants to align with the elements that matter most to getting Americans into better jobs.

- **Implementing the job-driven training checklist** that reorients competitive job training grants to align with best practices based on elements that matter most to getting Americans into better jobs. To date, agencies have awarded over 15 competitive job-training grant programs that total more than \$1.5 billion.
- **Signing the bipartisan Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**, the first reform of federal job training programs in nearly 20 years that reaches approximately 20 million Americans annually. WIOA improves business engagement, accountability, access, and alignment across training programs.

*Doubling Down on Proven Strategies.* The Administration is using evidence-based practices to direct limited Federal resources into results-driven models. For example, a recent study found participants in Registered Apprenticeship programs earned \$300,000 more over their lifetimes than a comparison group.

- **Expanding Registered Apprenticeship programs** through \$265 million in targeted investments. Since the President's 2014 State of the Union call to action, the United States has added more than

81,000 new Registered Apprenticeship opportunities, the nation's largest increase in nearly a decade.

- **Investing in training for dislocated workers** that follows employer needs in key sectors. DOL has awarded nearly \$300 million in Sector Partnerships and Job-Driven Training grants focusing on training dislocated workers. Sector partnerships are consistently cited as one of the most effective strategies to better align education with employer needs and have been shown through randomized evaluations to lead to higher rates of employment and earnings.
- **Investing \$2 billion in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program that has created 2,300 in-demand education and training programs at community colleges in all 50 states.** To date, nearly 300,000 participants have enrolled in these programs, earning 160,000 credentials.

[1] Georgetown Center for Education and Workforce, 2012. Numbers are respective to men and women.

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### **Northern Ute Teens on Racism and Media**

Project 562 asks group of teenagers at Northern Ute Bear Dance if stereotypes and racism affect their lives. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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### **Mel Belding**

The results of projects like this are more of these guys having a chance of being around for millions of more years.

**Full Strutting**, see it happen for yourself. Remember, they don't have whisky to make it happen.

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### **VIDEO: ScienceTake | Hatching Treefrogs**

Exploring the science of how treefrogs hatch.



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### **New digital atlas helps preserve traditional Inuit knowledge ...**

**www.canadiangeographic.ca/blog/posting.asp?ID...** Canadian Geographic

Apr 21, 2016 - A stunning *archive* of traditional Inuit knowledge has been preserved online, thanks to a new digital atlas. The Fifth *Thule Expedition* Atlas, ...

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