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Fawn Sharp, Quinault Nation, is announced as the new President of the National Congress of American Indians. She won by a landslide with 61 percent of the vote. [#NCAIAnnual19](#)



**Breaking: Fawn Sharp elected president of National Congress of American Indians**  
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## 9 Famous Native American Women In History That You Need To Know



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It's interesting to know that some of the great Native American women have played their roles as artists, leaders, healers, and much more and that too excellently.

However, unfortunately, you won't find the names of many of these inspirational personalities in most history textbooks. Nonetheless, we'll help you learn more about Native American women in history.

### **Wilma Mankiller (1945-2010)**

First on our list of famous Native American women is Wilma Mankiller, who was a Cherokee's citizen and born in Oklahoma.

Mankiller relocated with her family to California at the age of 11 years under the Bureau of Indian Affairs Relocation Program. Even in her teenage years, took part in Indian Center of San Francisco, supported as well as helped the Black Panther Party in their initial days. Moreover, she got activist inspiration in Native American students' profession and worked for Alcatraz Island's reclamation.

In 1977, Mankiller came back to Oklahoma and got involved in numerous community development projects for benefiting her Cherokee neighbors.

In 1983, she was appointed as Cherokee Nation's deputy principal chief, and two years later she became modern Cherokee Nation's first female principal chief.

Notably, she governed the United States' second-largest tribe for ten years. Remarkably, she got the award for Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998.

**Susan La Flesche (1865-1915)**

Did you know about the Susan La Flesche Picotte Center?

This hospital near Walthill, Nebraska was named after the famous Native American woman Susan La Flesche Picotte.

Native to Omaha, Susan was a 19th-century American reformer and a physician and widely recognized as the first Native American holding a medical degree. On top of that, she worked for public health. Also, she served for the land's legal and formal allotment to the Omaha tribe's members.

As part of the 19th century's temperance movement, she contributed to preventing drinking on the reservation where she served as a doctor.

Over and above that, she also ran a campaign for the prevention as well as treatment of tuberculosis which was incurable at that time.

### **Maria Tallchief (1925-2013)**

When talking about famous Native American women celebrities, knowing about the breathtaking Ballerina Maria Tallchief is a must.

She was born in Oklahoma and then moved to New York City at the age of 17 pursuing a career in ballet dancing. Tallchief widely got acknowledgment as first major prima ballerina of America. In addition to this, she was the first Native of America who earned the rank.

Additionally, she toured the world, to become the first American who performed in Bolshoi Theater of Moscow. In the 1970s, she worked for Chicago's Lyric Opera as a director of ballet. Besides, she also made her debut in 1981 in the Chicago City Ballet.

In 1996, she was awarded a Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime achievements.

## Pine Leaf



PINE LEAF, THE INDIAN HEROINE.

Amongst the best Crow tribe's warriors was Pine Leaf who also became a Chief. In 1806, she was born in the Gros Ventres nation, and the Crow people captured her when she was 10. Adding to it, a Crow warrior raised her and taught her all the required skills of an amazing warrior.

She was an excellent marksman and a horse rider. She also mastered the skill of field-dressing a buffalo. When the Blackfoot raided her people, she safeguarded them, and that is from where she got recognition as a great warrior. As both a hunter and a warrior, Pine Leaf secured her post on the council of chiefs.

## Pocahontas (1596-1617)

Another gutsy Native American woman was Pocahontas who got fame for her association with Virginia's colonial settlement at Jamestown.

So much of her story has been changed and fictionalized through the years, unfortunately.

From Wikipedia:

Pocahontas was captured and held for ransom by the Colonists during hostilities in 1613. During her captivity, she was encouraged to convert to Christianity and was baptized under the name Rebecca. She married tobacco planter John Rolfe in April 1614 at age 17, and she bore their son Thomas Rolfe in January 1615.

In 1616, the Rolfes travelled to London where Pocahontas was presented to English society as an example of the “civilized savage” in hopes of stimulating investment in the Jamestown settlement. She became something of a celebrity, was elegantly fêted, and attended a masque at Whitehall Palace. In 1617, the Rolfes set sail for Virginia, but Pocahontas died at Gravesend of unknown causes, aged 20 or 21. She was buried in St George's Church, Gravesend in England, but her grave's exact location is unknown, as the church has been rebuilt.

Numerous places, landmarks, and products in the United States have been named after Pocahontas. Her story has been romanticized over the years, with some aspects discovered to likely be fictional. Many of the stories told about her by John Smith have been contested by her documented descendants. She is a subject of art, literature, and film, and many famous people have claimed to be among her descendants through her son, including members of the First Families of Virginia, First Lady Edith Wilson, American Western actor Glenn Strange, Las Vegas performer Wayne Newton, and astronomer Percival Lowell.

### **Sacajawea (1788 – 1812)**

A Lemhi Shoshone woman, who aided the Lewis and Clark Expedition to achieve the objectives of their chartered mission by discovering the Louisiana Territory, was Sacajawea.

From North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean, Sacagawea journeyed thousands of miles with the expedition. Adding to her services to natural history, she aided in the establishment of cultural contacts with the populations of Native American.

### **Winona LaDuke (1959)**

Born in 1959, Winona LaDuke is an environmentalist, economist belonging to America. In addition to this, she is also a writer famous for her effort on tribal land preservation and claims, and sustainable development as well.

What's more, she is Honor the Earth's executive director, which is a Native environmental advocacy institute that contributed to the Dakota Access Pipeline protests actively. Adding to it, LaDuke has also made her appearance several times in different documentaries.

Noticeably, she earned the BIHA Community Service Award in 1997. Apart from this, she also got the Reebok Human Rights Award the next year. From Augsburg College, she also received an honorary doctorate degree in 2015.

### **Elouise Cobell (1945-2011)**

Also identified as Yellow Bird Woman, Elouise Pepion Cobell was a tribal elder, rancher and banker, activist. Furthermore, she was also a leading petitioner in 2009's revolutionary class-action suit Cobell v. Salazar.

This challenged the mismanagement of the United States of trust funds related to over 500 000 American Native individuals. For the trust case, the government agreed upon a \$3.4 billion settlement in 2010.

From 1996, she followed suit, demanding the government to justify fees from resource leases.

Ex-President Barack Obama gave her award of a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom. On her behalf, her son Turk Cobell received this award.

### **Ashley Callingbull-Burnham (1989)**



Born in 1989, Ashley Callingbull has got fame by winning the Mrs. Universe title in 2015. In 2011, she served as a Canadian representative at Miss Humanity International in Barbados as well as at Germany's Queen of the World Final in 2010. Moreover, she also acts and plays the role of Sheila Delaronde in the series named Blackstone.

She has used her fame to be activist for many Native American issues. So, these were only 9 of the famous Native American women, but the list is never-ending. Knowing them is certainly awe-inspiring. Isn't it?

**Famous Native American Women in History** Hi, everyone! You may or may not know, but most of the artists I work with are Native American women. Working with such talented group of women, inspired me to learn more about some of the women that paved the way for the women that I am lucky enough to interact with. Our history has ... [Continue reading Famous Native American Women in History](#)  
**Boutique** **Pink Camel**

*For pics/videos that would not transfer see URL at beginning of article. sdc*



## Duluth bridge project 'starting from scratch' after desecrating Indian burial ground

The Duluth project will be "starting from scratch" next year after recovery of the disturbed graves this fall, Minnesota Department of Transportation officials said. "It should not have happened," a MnDOT official told the Fond du Lac neighborhood. <http://strib.mn/2qHD8fO>

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McCluskey writes: "CJ Stewart's cousin. Beth Yana Pease's friend. Mary Amyette's niece. **Crow Nation is the sort of place where a person could vanish.** And a place where many have."

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## Amazon Rainforest 'Close to Irreversible Tipping Point'

*Dom Phillips, Guardian UK*

Phillips writes: "Soaring deforestation coupled with the destructive policies of Brazil's far-right president, Jair Bolsonaro, could push the Amazon rainforest dangerously to an irreversible 'tipping point' within two years, a prominent economist has said." [READ MORE](#)

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## Trump Student Loan Official to Resign, Call for Cancellation of Billions in Debts

*Jamie Ross, The Daily Beast*

Ross writes: "One of the Trump administration's top education officials has announced his intention to quit, and endorsed the cancellation of \$925 billion in existing students loans."

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*"Intelligence is what you use when you don't know what to do." – Jean Piaget*

*"Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten." – B.F. Skinner*

## New Study Finds U.S. and Canada Have Lost More Than One in Four Birds in the Past 50 Years

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## REMEMBERING STANDING ROCK WARRIORS IN PRISON [keeplifepure.com](http://keeplifepure.com)

Recently, three more Water Warriors got sent to jail for protesting the...



## [South Dakota Governor Caves on Attempted Efforts to Silence Pipeline Protesters](http://aclu.org)

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[Tucson: NS/S Retail Store: November 23 - 27, 2019](#)

[Indigenous Arts Show details>>>](#)



**Arizona district has more Native American Farmers than any other in the country.** via [fronterasdesk.org](http://fronterasdesk.org)

Pictured above: Sisto Hernandez is a range management specialist for the White Mountain Apache Tribe and a cattle rancher. (Casey Kuhn/KJZZ)



There are nearly 19,000 American Indian farmers in CD1, the most of any congressional district in America. And more than double the number of Native farmers in the next highest district, which is in Oklahoma. [continue reading>>>](#)

**Do you know of a community project that needs seeds?**

Community Seed Grants support the work of educators and those working to enhance the lives of underprivileged groups in the region, while simultaneously keeping locally-adapted crop varieties alive and in active use in farms and gardens. Please help spread the word, **the next Seed Grant Deadline is December 13, 2019.** [seed grant info>>](#)



[High school graduation rates continue rising for Indigenous youth](#) [thestarphoenix.com](http://thestarphoenix.com)

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**Fossil Site Reveals How Mammals [Thrived After the Death of the Dinosaurs](#)**

## **Circle of Blue: US Courts Issue Contradictory Rulings on Goundwater and the Clean Water Act**

While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers rewrite an Obama administration rule about the Clean Water Act's applicability to wetlands, ponds, and seasonal rivers, green groups are taking a different tack in court, filing lawsuits that target instances in which groundwater channels pollutants from a waste pond, a well, or another site into rivers and lakes.

Legal experts say that the so-called "conduit theory" has far-reaching consequences for water law and policy, for preventing pollution, and for water and electric utilities, which may see their liability increase.

Broad application of the theory would "require many presently unregulated facilities and unpermitted discharges across all sectors of the economy and all corners of the state to obtain permits," argue Michael Gerrard, a Columbia Law School professor, and Edward McTiernan, an attorney with Arnold and Porter Kaye Scholer. The theory could be a new valve for curtailing water pollution while also increasing the number of sites that are vulnerable to lawsuit. *(Important to watch. sdc)*

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**Maui Mayor Rejects Clean Water Act Settlement, Aims for Supreme Court Hearing** — Internal politics in Maui County muddle a closely watched groundwater case.

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## **Alcatraz's Captivating Hold on History | History | Smithsonian**

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## **NEA - Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month**

<http://www.nea.org//tools/lessons/native-american-and-alaska-native-heritage-month.html>



**Their homes burned, their lands stolen, and forests razed.** Oil wells and gas flares and open-pit mines and mega-dams alongside their homes against their will. And when they rise up to shout, "No more!" they are met with tear gas and violent repression.

**Indigenous blood is being spilled right now on Indigenous Peoples Day.** Our work together to stop these attacks and defend Mother Earth has never been more vital. This summer in Brazil, right-wing president Bolsonaro escalated his attack on the Amazon that has led to **millions of acres of burned forests and charred earth**. Our climate's future, and the homes of so many indigenous people, is going up in flames.

**Right now in Ecuador, indigenous people are being brutally attacked by security forces.** Hundreds have been wounded and arrested and at least five have been killed. Yet they vow to continue standing up against cruel IMF-imposed austerity measures and any further oil drilling or mining on their lands.

Our work to advance indigenous rights and to partner with groups most at risk for defending nature is **urgent and effective**. We have to keep it going and growing, and that's why today we invite you to commit to it long-term. [Become a monthly donor to Amazon Watch](#) and know that your ongoing support will enable our alliances to defend the Amazon and advance indigenous rights.

Thank you! Leila Salazar-López, Executive Director