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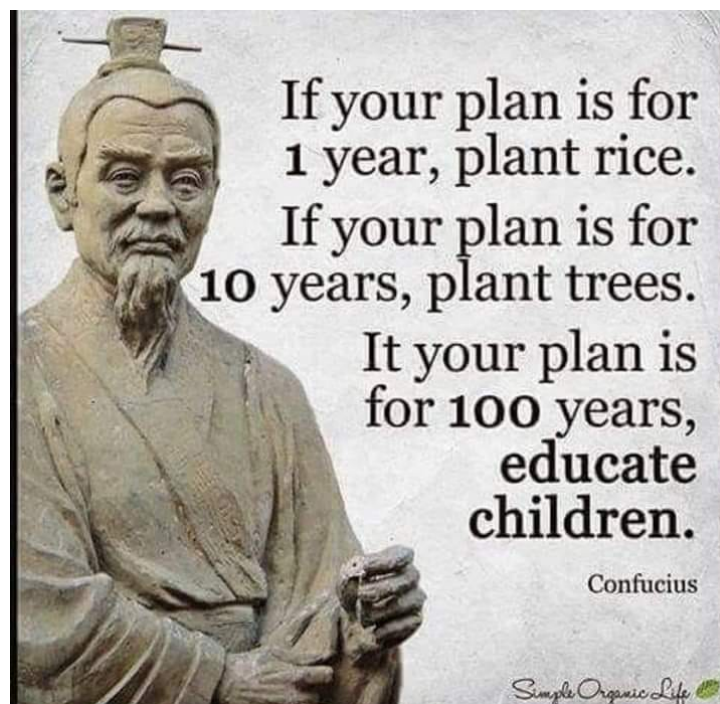
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Bismarck Public Schools - Indian Education Programs

We want to share a photo of a student with his parent's permission. This is Mahpiya Maza, Lejandro Iron Cloud, a student with Bismarck Public Schools. We asked Mahpiya Maza why he wore his long hair. **"I wear my braids to honor my ancestors. My braids are a symbol of my strength. I take pride in my hair and culture. I am a proud member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a descendant from Knife Chief and Black Elk."**



We are proud of all our BPS boys that wear their long hair



[Heidi Barlese](#) (Pyramid Lake)

If you're in the area, come and get a Book or two for your child. Never too early to start loving books. Ayes. ❤️

[Our Generation BlackHills- He Sapa Wicouncage Okolakiciye](#)

As Lakota people, we practice many rituals to help develop and nurture a child. One that addresses a child's behavior toward listening and observing occurs at birth when a child's umbilical cord falls off. The mother will place the cord in a small beaded lizard or turtle pouch and then sew it shut. In a spiritual way this ritual instills in the child a behavior that makes the child listen and observe. If a child's umbilical cord is not taken care of in a good way, that child will be a busybody who constantly questions and digs around in other people's belongings. One will hear the comment from Elders, "Oh he (or she) is looking for his (or her) umbilical cord." However, if this ritual is performed, a child will grow up respecting the Elders by listening and observing, and therefore, gaining more knowledge.

Today's educational institutions demand children to question and to be aggressive in their search for knowledge. Often this approach to learning is not balanced with a traditional approach.

Today, we need to teach our Lakota children the learning styles of both cultures. They need to know when to show respect and honor and when to be aggressive and ask questions. We need to teach both traditions with respect so the children will have the knowledge to use both wisely.

Albert White Hat

cpr.org

Fort Lewis College Shows The Way As Colorado Considers Tuition Change For Native Americans

Of the nearly 2,400 Native American students enrolled in Colorado's public institutions in 2019, 955 of them were attending Fort Lewis. A new bill attempts to raise that number.

Proponents of free college for Nevada Native students say it will right historical wrongs, strengthen tribes

By Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez

Dear Native Arts & Culture Convening Attendees, Colleagues, & Friends,

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since the convening, ***Native Arts and Culture: Resilience, Reclamation, and Relevance***! A year ago, on February 14, 2020, the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Native Arts & Cultures Foundation, hosted the first-of-its-kind national convening of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian arts, humanities, and cultural heritage leaders.

Convening Report

We are excited to announce the release of the full convening report produced by the Native Arts & Cultures Foundation. The report provides a summary of the panel discussions and performances that occurred over the course of the convening, as well as recommendations to strengthen the Native arts, cultures, & humanities field. We encourage you to please share the links below widely!

- The full convening report can be found here: https://www.nativeartsandcultures.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Native-Arts-Culture-Conference-Full-Report_FINAL.pdf.
- Additionally, an Executive Summary is available here: https://www.nativeartsandcultures.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Native-Arts-Culture-Conference-Executive-Summary_FINAL.pdf.
- Finally, don't forget the free-for-download resource guide "Federal Resources for Native Arts & Cultural Activities": <https://www.arts.gov/sites/default/files/Federal%20Resources%20for%20Native%20Arts%200420.pdf>.

Upcoming Nation-to-Nation Consultation

As we continue our efforts to listen and respond to our colleagues in the field of Native arts and culture, we are also sharing information about an upcoming Nation-to-Nation consultation that will be hosted by the National Endowment for the Arts on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**. In response to President Biden's [Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#) which reaffirms [Executive Order 13175](#), the consultation will be a conversation between the National Endowment for the Arts and elected tribal officials (or their designees). All sitting Presidents/Governors of federally recognized tribes have been invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to update tribal leaders on the Arts Endowment's engagement with Native cultural leaders and to inform our Nation-to-Nation consultation plan. If applicable, we ask that you contact your tribal officials about the upcoming consultation and encourage them to participate or designate an official proxy to attend this important discussion.

Thank you for all that you do in support of Native arts and culture!

Sincerely, The Native Arts and Culture Convening Team

As I have said before, I do hope each community has developed a drwarful of draft proposals for physical infrastructure development.....the next two articles underscore the importance of having done the homework before the due date is announced! sdc

From HUD:

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2), which provided additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP included \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program which will be referred to as IHBG-ARP. This funding will be used to provide funding for affordable housing activities on Indian reservations, in Indian communities, and in Native Alaskan villages. You will find a funding summary for each eligible Tribe [here](#).

The \$450 million in funding was allocated based on FY 2021 IHBG formula allocations before repayments and grant adjustments. Each Tribe will receive 69.1376421680391 percent of their FY 2021 IHBG formula allocation. This percentage is equal to the amount appropriated through IHBG-ARP divided by the total amount allocated in FY 2021 under the IHBG formula before repayments and grant adjustments (\$450,000,000/\$654,875,537).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is working hard to issue a Notice on an abbreviated process for accessing these funds and reporting requirements. This abbreviated process will ensure that this requirement is met. In addition, ARP allows for broad waiver authority. Information concerning these waivers will be published in a forthcoming Notice.

Once the requirements for accessing IHBG-ARP funds are met, HUD will send grantees an award letter and a grant agreement package by email in electronic format to sign and return by email in electronic format. Funds will be available to draw down from the Line of Credit Control System as soon as the fully executed grant agreements are returned by the grantee and processed by HUD.

Tribal governments nationwide are aggressively addressing the effects of COVID-19. The IHBG-ARP funds will help tribal communities and families address the current public health crisis. HUD is committed to helping you address your tribal community's needs in the most effective manner possible.

If you have any questions about your IHBG-ARP allocation, please contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at: Phone: 1-800-410-8808 Email: IHBGformula@firstpic.org

[Thank you for all of the important work that you do every day. Your continued commitment to Indian Country is vital to our collective efforts to ensure that American Indian families have decent, safe, and affordable housing. HUD is always available to help you implement your programs effectively. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact your Office of Native American Programs Area Office.](#)

Sincerely, Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Native American Programs

April 6: ATALM Tribal Museums Summit - Director Crosby Kemper will give a Keynote address

Building Bridges, But Likely Not Across The Aisle

Americans now have their [first look](#) at President Biden's sweeping \$2 trillion infrastructure proposal. His American Jobs Plan, the first part of which was introduced Wednesday in Pittsburgh, includes big fixes that both parties and a majority of Americans consistently say they want, like upgrades to bridges, broadband, and buildings. Additional proposals for spending on education, child care, and other social programs -- what the administration calls "human infrastructure" -- are expected in coming weeks.

Proposals unveiled Wednesday include \$115 billion to repair and rebuild bridges, highways, and roads; \$100 billion to expand high-speed broadband across the entire country; \$100 billion to upgrade and build new schools; and \$100 billion to expand and improve power lines and spur a shift to clean energy.

Biden wants to spend \$174 billion to boost the electric vehicle market, including billions for rebates and tax incentives to encourage Americans to buy electric vehicles, and for transitioning thousands of public and school buses from diesel to electric. Incentives would also be provided for state and local governments to build electric vehicle charging stations. The plan would try speeding up private investments in clean energy by expanding investment and production tax credits, and funding existing state and local projects that already do the same.

The American Jobs Plan also has features that attempt to address historical racial inequity. It would replace all of the country's lead pipes and service lines -- dangerous infrastructure flaws that predominantly affect communities of color like those in Flint, Michigan. \$85 billion would be spent improving and expanding mass transportation, the main mode of transport for many people of color. There is even a \$20 billion proposal to reconnect urban neighborhoods cut off and blighted by highways that were planned and built with little regard for the people who lived along their routes.

Accomplishing this ambitious undertaking will require some tax hikes. The White House wants to raise corporate taxes to 28%. To forestall profit-shifting to tax havens, the measure would raise the global minimum tax for US multinational corporations. No mention was made of raising income tax rates on wealthy Americans.

Biden and Congressional Democrats would love to see bipartisan support, but they're not holding their breath. Everyone likes some part(s) of the proposal, but many Republicans have already made clear the plan is too broad and far too expensive. As for the business community, it's still trying to figure out [whether to fight](#) the corporate tax hikes in the plan. Prominent business groups like the US Chamber of Commerce are on record opposing the proposed tax hikes. Privately, however, some companies are considering whether to put up much of a fight because of corporate America's long-time demand for an infrastructure overhaul. One lobbyist admitted there's a lot of positive money being spent in the proposal that will be attractive to a lot of companies. "On the other hand," he added, "nobody likes a corporate tax increase." (NPR, CNBC)



The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) has approved moving forward on our Greenlink Nevada transmission and renewable energy initiative, putting us one step closer to achieving Nevada's environmental and carbon reduction goals. Click below to read more about the initiative and its benefits.

Greenlink Nevada

[US senators urge Biden to set end date for gas-powered car sales](#)

Two Senators asked Biden to set a date by which all new cars and trucks sold be zero-emission vehicles, Reuters reports. 22 Mar 2021

"Short-term thinking is the greatest enemy of good government." -- [Anthony Albanese](#)

"You and I come by road or rail, but economists travel on infrastructure." --

[Margaret Thatcher](#)



The Brazilian treehopper is a species of insect belonging to the treehopper family. It has unusual helicopter-like features.

[Destruction of world's forests increased sharply in 2020 \(Guardian\)](#)

[Biden's About to Unveil the Biggest Climate Spending Plan in US History](#)

[Greg Walters, VICE](#)

[Walters writes: "The \\$2 trillion proposal represents a new political strategy to lead the U.S. into a serious response to global warming, which scientists say will unleash planet-wide catastrophe if we don't act soon." **READ MORE**](#)

Plumbing The Depths Of Legal Water Contamination

A nine-month investigation by the Guardian and Consumer Reports (CR) found alarming levels of forever chemicals, arsenic, and lead in samples of tap water taken across the US. 118 out of 120 samples tested for arsenic, lead, PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and other contaminants had concerning levels of PFAS or arsenic above CR's recommended maximum, or detectable amounts of lead.

The samples came from water systems that together serve more than 19 million people. Almost every sample tested had measurable levels of PFAS, a group of compounds found in hundreds of household products. These chemicals are linked to learning delays in children, cancer, and other health problems. More than 35% of the samples exceeded a safety threshold that CR scientists and other health experts believe should be the maximum.

The Environmental Protection Agency says 93% of the population supplied by community water systems gets water that meets "all health-based standards all of the time." But millions of people continue to face serious water quality problems due to contamination, deteriorating infrastructure, and inadequate treatment at water plants. (Guardian)

Gov's Update:

<https://www.msnbc.com/the-week/watch/nevada-governor-on-reopening-the-state-s-tourism-based-economy-109236293589>

Some U-tubes you might want to check out:

Preserving Paiute Language

Speaking Paiute

Paiute Language Classes in WCSD

[Ralph Burns: Guardian of His Heritage F.A.M.E. Event](#)

[A](#)

[The 2017 Paiute Language Bowl](#)

Shoshoni Language Learning - Animals

[Floyd Collins - Western Shoshone Oral History](#)

[Part of the 2016 Great Basin Indian Archives \(GBIA\) Elder History Presentation.Floyd Collins of Duckwater discusses growing up in the Ely area, including des...](#)

Indy Internship Program

Internships for Summer 2021 are available. Applications will be accepted through April 16. More info [available here](#).

“We breathe air exhaled from trees whose leaves are made from starlight... Our veins echo the patterns of rivers, branches and root systems. We are not a part of nature. We are nature

”22— Marysia Miernowska



When Indigenous and civil rights leader Billy Frank, Jr. spoke of salmon, he said, “We and they are the same.”

The salmon crisis is a human rights crisis. Northwest tribes and Native people have long stewarded the region’s salmon and steelhead, building their lives, ceremonies, customs, and cultural economies around these fish. Without salmon, these are all at stake.

We stand with Northwest tribal leaders in their calls for state and national leadership to advance a holistic solution that restores salmon to the Northwest by removing four destructive dams on the lower Snake River and investing in conservation and communities across the region.

In their letter, these leaders ask: “What we hear from federal leaders is that we need more time. More time, and still more time. **How much more time?** Enough to permanently eradicate our culture?”

No more waiting. Act today. Join Northwest tribal leaders in their calls for urgent and bold action to fix this salmon and human rights crisis, before it passes a point of no return.

Thank you for your commitment to wildlife and wild places.

Sincerely, Chris Connolly, Pacific Northwest Representative, Endangered Species Coalition
PS. Links not working? Please take action at this URL: <https://act.endangered.org/fPgMKuh> **The salmon crisis is a human rights crisis.**

Adopt-a-Book with the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives

National Libraries Week is April 4-10! Celebrate by attending an Adopt-a-Book Salon with the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives. Each online event will introduce you to books and materials which are critical to future research, as well as the librarians and curators who care for them. Adopt one of these essential books to celebrate a milestone, honor a loved one, or leave your mark on history.

REGISTER TODAY »

Indigenous Tribe Leads Efforts to Reintroduce Condors to Pacific Northwest

<https://www.ecowatch.com/condors-reintroduced-indigenous-2651246634.html>

The Clark County lands bill arrives

https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/thats-sprawl-folks-the-clark-county-lands-bill-arrives?utm_source=The+Nevada+Independent&utm_campaign=5ee9a4097e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_29_02_54_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_15592b5f76-5ee9a4097e-432210490

Elveda Martinez · Alrighty Native people of Nevada, **ROUND 2 for the Tuition Waiver**

Bill; we need you to start contacting your State Assemblymen and Senators for your specific districts. For the hearing before the Education Committee we did great, we got 80 letters and 42 emails all in favor. The next committee will be the Ways and Means (money committee). The top bill got over 2,000 comments. Our goal is 3,000. We only had 4 tribes show support (Reno/Sparks, Pyramid Lake, Walker River and Burns Paiute). Here is the language:

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 262

Add a new section or law (#4) as follows:

Waiver of all fees for Native American students:

4. The Board of Regents shall grant a waiver of registration fees, per credit fees, or other fees associated with course enrollment, and laboratory fees for a Native American student who demonstrates:

(a) The student is a member of a federally recognized tribe, or who is certified by the enrollment department of such a tribe, nation, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs as being a descendent of an enrolled member of the tribe, regardless of membership status;

(b) Is eligible for enrollment in the institute;

(c) Has been a resident of the state for a minimum of one year;

(d) A person is eligible for a waiver pursuant to subsection 1 if the person maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale, each semester or the equivalent of a 2.0 grade point average if a different scale is used.

The Board of Regents may request documentation confirming the student is a member of a federal recognized tribe.

For the purpose of assessing fees and charges against a person to whom such a waiver is granted, the person shall be deemed to be a bona fide resident of this State.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GET THIS PASSED.

This is what you need to do:

1. Google Nevada State Legislature.
2. Go to "Who's My Legislator" - Hit where you are on the map to find out who your Senators & Assemblymen are.
3. Go to their site and you can share your opinion on bills.

I'd like all Walker River members to let me know when you submit support.

I challenge the other Nevada Tribes to do the same. Think about the future education of your children and relatives.



Late breaking Legislative Alerts

Speak Out Against Water Banking Bills AB354 and AB356

Monday, April 5th at 4pm

We need you to act on two water bills that will be boons for Wall Street and busts for Main Street. AB354 and AB356 will limit due process rights, **undermine the public interest and tilt the decks in favor of big powerful corporations such as the mining industry** who want water they currently cannot have under the law. Both bills masquerade as conservation measures. But in reality, **they are proposals to export water from rural communities for mining or sprawl development.**

AB354: This legislation sets up a system to create a shadow “market” to sell, trade and swamp water in Nevada via a water bank. The legislation excludes the public from meaningful participation during a bank’s creation, it blocks access to the courts, and opens the door to

Scholarships (C-G) with May 1-15 Deadlines

<u>CAIRF Byron Hanke Fellowship</u>	\$5,000	05/01/2021
<u>Calflowers Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	05/01/2021
<u>California Council of the Blind Scholarship</u>	Varies	05/15/2021
<u>Carlson-Johnson Scholarship for Nontraditional Students</u>	\$4,000	05/01/2021
<u>Children's Cancer Cause College Scholars Program</u>	\$2,000	05/15/2021
<u>Classical Association of the Empire State Scholarships</u>	\$2,000	05/15/2021
<u>Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Scholarship Program</u>	Varies	05/01/2021
<u>Corinne Jeannine Schilling Foundation Full-Year Travel Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	05/14/2021
<u>Corinne Jeannine Schillings Foundation Summer Study Abroad Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	05/14/2021
<u>Corris Boyd Scholars Program</u>	\$40,000	05/01/2021
<u>Corvias Foundation Scholarship for Spouses of Active-duty Service Members</u>	\$5,000	05/04/2021
<u>CU Succeed Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	05/15/2021
<u>Dallas Center for Architecture Foundation - McDermott Traveling Fellowship</u>	\$2,000	05/14/2021
<u>Don Schmidt Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	05/07/2021
<u>Doug Damerst Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	05/01/2021
<u>Dr. James L. Hutchinson and Evelyn Ribbs Hutchinson Medical School Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	05/04/2021
<u>Edward Tuinier Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	05/01/2021
<u>Emily Schoenbaum Grant</u>	Varies	05/15/2021
<u>Faith Hope and Love Jesus, Inc. College Scholarship</u>	\$500	05/01/2021
<u>Federal Resources Warrior's Legacy Scholarship Fund</u>	\$5,000	05/01/2021
<u>Fisher Cats Foundation Scholar-Athlete Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	05/01/2021
<u>FMC Ice Sports Skaters Scholarship</u>	Varies	05/01/2021
<u>Future Leaders Scholarship Program by NAAAP Philadelphia</u>	\$1,000	05/15/2021
<u>Garcia Family Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	05/01/2021
<u>GM Women's Retail Network Drive to Succeed Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	05/01/2021
<u>Go Tigers! Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	05/10/2021

let out-of-state companies control our most precious resource. The bill will let corporate entities create far-reaching “service areas” where they can move water around on paper in order to get water where they really want it. **Tell lawmakers to vote NO on this bill.**

Multinational mines, hedge funds operating farms, and Blockchains are all licking their chops.

AB356: This legislation will let entities buy water, fallow fields, and sit on their water until a high bidder comes along. The bill also prohibits meaningful public participation and access to the courts in cases where water will go from one use to another or one place or another. **Tell lawmakers to vote NO on this proposal.** This is a bill to re-write the rules of Nevada water law so powerful entities can buy up rural water and sell it to a big city

TAKE ACTION BY:

Providing testimony virtually in opposition on Monday, April 5th, at 4pm in the committee meeting. **Register here:**

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/MeetingParticipation/9236>

and/or

- **Submitting written comments** before April 5th in opposition to AB354 and AB356 to this email: AsmNR@asm.state.nv.us

and/or

- **Sharing your opinion** in opposition to AB354 and AB356 **here:** <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/81st2021/>
(takes about 2 minutes)

If you would like to see the bill text for AB354, it can be found here:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7907/Text>

If you would like to see the bill text for AB356, it can be found here:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7910/Text>

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like any support at all in crafting your testimony supporting AB221, please feel free to email Chelsey at chelsey@gbrw.org or John at john@gbrw.org

Your Help is Needed for Taxing the Mining Industry: Support AJR1**

AJR1** would help ensure that international mining corporations start to pull more of their weight in our state in funding services all of us, including the mines, depend on. This proposal would remove the sweetheart deductions they take which amount to over \$5 billion untaxed revenue out of nearly \$8 billion in annual proceeds. It would ensure funding Nevadans depend on through earmarking 25% of the revenue to healthcare, education, and economic assistance.

It is very urgent that legislators hear support from the public for this bill.

As we get closer to the end of the session, it is essential that your legislators hear from you, and one way to do this is using the “**share your opinion**” tool on the **Legislative website**. Our partners at the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (**PLAN**) are providing this form to help aid folks who are not familiar with the legislative website-

bit.ly/opinionshare