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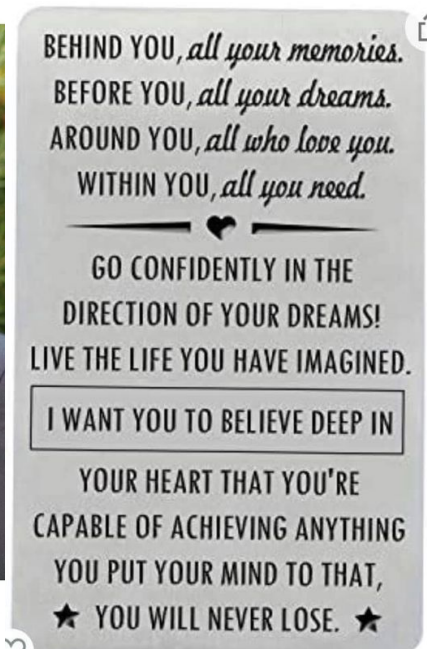
***Darrell DeGarmo***



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**HOW COOL IS THIS?! One in a million shot of a blackbird catching a ride on an osprey's (broom)stick in Michigan! 📷🤯**

**Credit: Jocelyn Anderson Photography**



## Congratulations

**Kellie Harry**, Masters of Indian Law, University of Tulsa- Oklahoma. Way to go!



Justin Tyler Susan, a new graduate from Northern Arizona University with a B.S. in Film and Public Relations with a minor in Communications.

As Riley Snyder and Michelle Rindels [wrote on May 2nd](#), the 2021 session of the Legislature is rapidly approaching a close. Many crucial policy debates remain unfinished. Legislators' decisions on these issues will echo in the lives of Nevadans for years to come. Despite historic mobilization from Tribal leaders and advocates of Native issues, one crucial bill remains unpassed: [AB262](#), which would waive tuition fees for Native students in Nevada's institutions of higher education.

**The notion of waiving tuition fees for Native students is not new.** It has been a practice in educational justice for a century. Educational institutions have waived tuition for students from the Nations on whose land those institutions were built starting decades before foundational American programs like Social Security were ever enacted. In Minnesota, Congress [stipulated](#) the inclusion of a tuition waiver when the Morris Industrial School for Indians was closed in 1909 and its lands transferred to the state government to establish the University of Minnesota-Morris. In the 1960s and 1970s, when many of the current legislators in Carson City were children, Michigan legislators pointed to Minnesota in their arguments in favor of a tuition waiver. “For [Jackie Vaughn, a Detroit lawmaker who introduced the Michigan tuition waiver bill in 1975], the Native American tuition waiver program was one step toward addressing the grievances of America's minorities” — and as a result, a [central](#) component in the fight for basic civil rights in the United States.

Nevada lawmakers have also historically valued a tuition waiver for Indigenous students as simply necessary for civil rights. According to Warren d'Azevedo's Nevada Historical Society Quarterly article *The Ethnic Minority Experience at the University of Nevada, 1874-1974*, the “University of Nevada Board of Regents ... established twenty fee waivers for Indian students in response to the new Civil Rights Act [in 1964].” In other words, Nevada lawmakers waived fees for Native students 10 full years before Michigan's legislators. That is precisely because lawmakers valued civil rights as critical in Nevada and were willing to put their money where their mouths were. Despite the cost of those tuition waivers at a time when Nevada received even less funding for institutions — not only because of the lack of adequate taxation of the mining industry, a problem that [persists](#), but also because of the dramatically lower number of Nevada taxpayers as a result of population size — lawmakers decided that educational justice was worth the investment. Because civil rights were worth prioritizing financially, so was a tuition waiver for Native students.

They were right. Nevada's institutions of higher education were built on unpaid debts to Native peoples. As Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez [reported](#) in *The Indy*, “the history of the state's flagship university [the University of Nevada, Reno] is intertwined with the dispossession of the Washoe and Paiute Indigenous land and the displacement of its people as the state's only land-grant university.” UNR was built through these unpaid debts to Indigenous people on Indigenous lands. In recent years, many legislators have passed through UNR's doors, including members of the Committee on Ways and Means that now decides the tuition waiver bill's fate. The highest-profile Republican in the state, Brian Sandoval, now serves as the president of UNR. An institution from which many Nevadan lawmakers and political leaders graduate has never paid back that debt accrued as a [land-grab university](#) and, to this day, many young citizens and descendants of the Northern Paiute and Washoe still cannot access a stable education from the institution built on money and land stolen from their ancestors. Lawmakers with UNR degrees

and UNR affiliations, as beneficiaries of the land-grab and unpaid debts that built the state's flagship university, should especially champion AB262.

Like many political issues, a tuition waiver for Native students is something every reasonable politician of any political party can enthusiastically back by virtue of simple common sense. This bill deserves the same bipartisan consensus in Nevada as some Native bills have acquired in other states in recent days. In North Dakota, an overwhelmingly Republican legislature recently [passed](#) into law a bill requiring all schools in North Dakota to teach Native American history, culture and treaty rights. Not only did Republicans vote in favor of the bill in large numbers, but Democratic leadership prioritized the bill's passage. The Senate minority leader, Joan Heckaman, sponsored the bill and championed it to its eventual passage. North Dakota became a shining example of bipartisan politics and what happens when Democratic state leaders prioritize issues important to the Indigenous people in their state.

Now, AB262 sits in front of the Legislature. Nevada Republicans have an opportunity to pass a fiscally responsible bill that would greatly improve Nevada educational institutions' track record of paying their debts. Democratic leaders, like legislators in the Ways and Means Committee and Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro (D-Las Vegas), also now possess a historic opportunity to reinforce that civil rights are a priority for Democrats. Waiving tuition for Native students is a no-brainer for anyone who cares about fiscal responsibility and the idea that every student should have equal opportunity to pursue an education.

In no uncertain terms, AB262's fate is a moment of historic reckoning. Tribal leaders, Nevada Native and Urban Natives from other tribal communities here living on Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe land will remember this moment in time. The people who never ceded the land, even as executive orders and the Treaty of Ruby Valley paved the way for Nevada's colonization, will remember the names of legislators who show good faith in righting historical wrongs and those who do not. Lawmakers will illustrate their commitment to fiscal responsibility, educational justice, and more largely, civil rights, or they will not. Will legislators remember not only where the land they live on comes from, but where they themselves come from?

*Mercedes Krause, Ryan (Cal) Boone, Travis Sanderson, Natalie O'Neal and Loni Romo are members of the executive board of the Nevada Statewide Native American Caucus.*



**Protesters Across 4 Continents Pressure Banks to #DefundLine3**

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From fake oil spills in Washington, D.C. and New York City to a “people mural” in Seattle spelling out “Defund Line 3,” climate and Indigenous protesters in 50 U.S. cities and across seven other countries spanning four continents took to the streets on Friday for a day of action pushing 20 banks to ditch the controversial tar sands pipeline.

“Against the backdrop of rising climate chaos, the continued bankrolling of Line 3 and similar oil and gas infrastructure worldwide is fueling gross and systemic violations of human rights and Indigenous peoples’ rights at a global scale,” said Carroll Muffett, president of the Center for International Environmental Law.

“It’s time for the big banks to recognize that they can and will be held accountable for their complicity in those violations,” Muffett added. His organization is part of the Stop the Money Pipeline coalition, over 150 groups that [urge](#) asset managers, banks, and insurers to stop funding climate destruction.

The global protests on Friday follow on-the-ground [actions](#) that have, at times, successfully halted construction of Canada-based Enbridge’s Line 3 project, which is intended to [replace](#) an old pipeline that runs from Alberta, through North Dakota and Minnesota, to Wisconsin. The new pipeline’s route [crosses](#) Anishinaabe treaty lands.

Simone Senogles, a Red Lake Anishinaabe citizen and organizer for Indigenous Environmental Network, declared that “no amount of greenwashing and PR can absolve these banks from violating Indigenous rights and the desolation of Mother Earth.”

“By giving credit lines to Enbridge, these institutions are giving the oil company a blank check to attack Anishinaabe people, steal our lands, and further guide this planet into climate chaos,” Senogles said. “Those who financially back Enbridge are directly implicated in its crimes. To put it bluntly, blood is on their hands.”

The Stop the Money Pipeline coalition launched the [#DefundLine3](#) campaign in February. At the time, Tara Houska—a citizen of Couchiching First Nation, tribal attorney, and founder of the Giniw Collective—[wrote](#) for *Common Dreams*:

It is my duty as an Anishinaabe woman that compels me to support people in taking direct action to stop the construction of Line 3. Direct action, like when Water Protectors recently [locked themselves inside a section of pipe](#), [blockaded the entrances to construction sites](#), and [locked themselves to trucks being used to carry Line 3 pipeline materials](#).

It is from this sense of duty that I am asking you to join us in this campaign. Together, I know that we can do this. Throughout history people-powered movements have changed the world. And they sure as hell can stop Line 3.

Appearing on *Democracy Now!* Friday, Jackie Fielder of Stop the Money Pipeline [noted](#) that “Line 3 would result in an additional 193 million tons of greenhouse gases every single year, and it violates Indigenous rights of the Anishinaabe people and their right to free, prior, and informed consent.



While critics of Line 3 [continue to call on](#) U.S. President Joe Biden to intervene and block the pipeline, activists also hope that increasing pressure on banks could quash not only this project but others like it.

“Wall Street may think it can keep profiting off disrespect for Indigenous rights and desecration of the natural world, but it needs to think again,” said Moira Birss, climate and finance director at Amazon Watch. “From the Kichwa in the Amazon to the Anishinaabe in Minnesota, Indigenous peoples and their allies are ramping up resistance, and we will hold accountable the financial enablers of this destruction.”

As 350.org co-founder Bill McKibben explained: “Let’s just say it straight. These banks are trying to profit off the end of the world, and the ongoing desecration of Indigenous land. History will judge them for it, but we’re trying to speed up the process.”

“Nearly every major U.S. bank has now promised that they will align their business with the Paris agreement,” noted Alec Connon, Stop the Money Pipeline coalition co-coordinator. “But the fact that those exact same banks are continuing to bankroll a tar sands oil pipeline that is completely incompatible with the Paris agreement and curtailing climate chaos shows just how hollow their promises are.”

The 2015 Paris agreement’s more ambitious goal is to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C by the end of the century. However, based on nations’ current plans to cut planet-heating emissions, the world is on track to hit 2.4°C of warming by 2100, [according](#) to a projection published earlier this week by the Climate Action Tracker.

Osprey Orielle Lake, executive director of Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network, asserted that “financial institutions must be held accountable for their role in financing the destruction of the climate, the violation of Indigenous rights, escalating harms to public health during a pandemic, and increased rates of violence toward Indigenous women living near ‘man camps’ associated with pipeline construction.”

“In solidarity with Indigenous leaders, we are calling for fossil fuel divestment to protect the water and climate, and the health and survival of Indigenous communities,” she said. “As multiple crises in 2021 proliferate, business as usual must not and cannot continue.”



“Now is the time for financial institutions to align with the Paris agreement, respect human rights, divest from Line 3 and planet-wrecking companies, and instead invest in our communities, renewable energy, and a regenerative economy,” she added. “There is no time to lose!”

[Jessica Corbett](#)  
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[James Marvin Phelps](#) is in

## Twenty-one Goats Petroglyph Panel - Gold Butte National Monument, Nevada

April 2021

“Twenty-one Goats, a spectacular petroglyph panel displaying a long line of bighorn sheep. This site might more appropriately be called the 18 Bighorn Site, due to the continuous line of 18 bighorn, but by including 3 more bighorn that are not part of the line, the total is 21. However, there are a number of additional bighorn sheep on the wall, so the name is just a name rather than a count; and yes, they are bighorn sheep, not goats.”

Bird and Hike: <https://www.birdandhike.com/.../Twent.../ TwentyoneGoats.htm>

## [Roger Heath](#)

The artistry here and at other petroglyphs really doesn't represent bighorn sheep. They are drawn to look more like an Oryx, which has always made me wonder if we're missing knowing about an animal that once historically roamed the ancient southwest!

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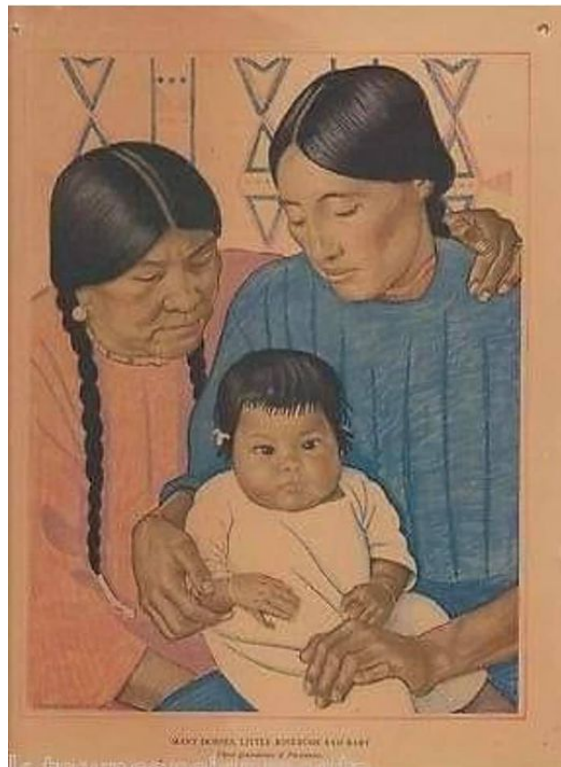
[ANNY - Amplified Nevada Native Youth](#) is at [Western Nevada College](#). · [Carson City, NV](#) ·

Want to learn more about Western Nevada College's Native First Program? A parent information night will take place on May 20th at 5:30 PM PST.

Dinner will be served and you can RSVP by contacting Sylvia Verdugo at: [sylvia.verdugo@wnc.edu](mailto:sylvia.verdugo@wnc.edu) or (775) 445-4272.

*"I release my parents from the feeling that they have failed me.  
I release my children from the need to bring pride to me; that they may write their own ways according to their hearts, that whisper all the time in their ears.  
I release my partner from the obligation to complete myself. I do not lack anything, I learn with all beings, all the time.  
I thank my grandparents and ancestors who have gathered so that I can breathe life today. I release them from past failures and unfulfilled desires, aware that they have done their very best to resolve their situations within the consciousness they had at that moment. I honor you, I love you and I recognize you as innocent.  
I am transparent before your eyes, so they know that I do not hide or owe anything other than being true to myself and to my very existence, that walking with the wisdom of the heart, I am aware that I fulfill my life purpose, free from invisible and visible family loyalties that might disturb my Peace and Happiness, which are my only responsibilities.  
I renounce the role of savior, of being one who unites or fulfills the expectations of others. Learning through, and only through, LOVE, I bless my essence, my way of expressing, even though somebody may not understand me.  
I understand myself because I alone have lived and experienced my history; because I know myself, I know who I am, what I feel, what I do and why I do it.  
I respect and approve of myself.  
I honor the Divinity in me and in you.  
We are free."*

(This ancient blessing was created in the Nahuatl language, spoken in Mexico. It deals with forgiveness, affection, detachment, and liberation).



artist: Karen Noles



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Decolonize Lithium



[Elveda Martinez.](#)

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Hmmm. There is a divide on what to do, for renewable energy, for Climate Change, for economics, for protecting the earth, for protecting the people, etc.

"We as a species stand at a critical juncture in time, wherein we collectively have to decide, one, whether this planet is worth saving, and two, whether nations constructed by colonial, extractive, anti-Indigenous practices can effectively unlearn what they've spent centuries perfecting and codifying."

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<a href="#">James Beard Foundation Scholarship Program</a>	Varies	06
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<a href="#">Law Enforcement Officers' (LEO) Dependents Scholarship</a>	\$10,000	06
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<a href="#">National Capital Texas A&amp;M Club Scholarship</a>	Varies	06
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<a href="#">NJ Sharing Network Scholarship</a>	Varies	06
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<a href="#">Out To Innovate Scholarships for LGBTQ+STEM Students</a>	\$5,000	06



### Funeral Notice

"Sundown" Darrell DeGarmo passed away December 20, 2020 in Reno Nevada from Covid-19 virus. He was born August 20, 1966 to Clarence and Julia DeGarmo, both preceded him in death. **Funeral and burial will take place at the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation on May 15, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.**