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*A still from "Long Line of Ladies."*

For generations, Northern California's Karuk tribe held a coming-of-age ceremony that takes place after girls have their first menstruation. The tradition fell dormant for a century after the wave of anti-Indigenous violence that accompanied the Gold Rush. **beautifully done short documentary on the revival of ceremony, has been a hit on the film festival circuit** and now premiered the film online. [Vimeo \(~22 mins\)](#)

## [The Curious Case of Nebraska Man](#)

[magazine.atavist.com](http://magazine.atavist.com)

[A fossil tooth, a splashy debate, and a strange chapter in America's long history of science denialism.](#)

[Celebrate](#)

**Clickbait:** New York approves [human composting](#).

[Celebrate 2023 and ring in the new year with hands-on art projects, guided tours, live music, and free admission!](#)



[music, and free admission!](#)

**Learn all about Northern Paiute artist, Melissa Melero-Moose, in this week's [#PBSReno](#) "Art Views" from contributor, Mark Salinas! Read this [#ArtViews](#) article and more at [pbsreno.org/artviews](http://pbsreno.org/artviews)**

## Closing Soon: WHEJAC Nominations Due January 17<sup>th</sup>

[The Council on Environmental Quality \(CEQ\)](#) within the White House invites the public to submit expressions of interest in serving as members of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC). The WHEJAC is charged with providing advice to the [White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council](#) (IAC) and the Chair of the CEQ on a whole-of-government approach to address issues related, but not limited, to environmental justice. This notice solicits expressions of interest to fill approximately fifteen (15) new vacancies for a two-year term. To maintain the representation outlined by the charter, nominees will be selected to represent the following stakeholder groups: academia; community-based organizations; non-governmental organizations; industry/business; state/local government; tribal government/indigenous organizations; faith-based organizations; public health; and youth-led or youth focused environmental organizations.

Specific information about how to apply and the criteria for appointment can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

**Nominations are due January 17, 2023.**

*Submit expression of interest questionnaire and resumes for nomination electronically with the subject line **WHEJAC Membership 2023** to [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov).*

For more information, contact: Karen Martin, U.S. EPA, by telephone at (202) 564-0203, or email at [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov).

## Scholarships with February 15 Deadlines

<a href="#">Jacqueline Shearer Memorial Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/11/2023
<a href="#">Mike Lozano Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	02/11/2023
<a href="#">River Valley Credit Union Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/11/2023
<a href="#">Shelton National Leadership Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	02/11/2023
<a href="#">Alvin A. and Hattie Mae Bush Accounting Scholarship</a>	\$4,000	02/12/2023
<a href="#">Florida Engineering Society High School Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	02/12/2023
<a href="#">LCC Ukrainian Home Society Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/12/2023
<a href="#">The Golden Ro(a)d Designer Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/12/2023
<a href="#">Dannon Yogurt, Probiotics and the Gut Microbiome Fellowship Grant</a>	\$25,000	02/13/2023
<a href="#">Goizueta Foundation Leadership Pipeline Scholarship Fund</a>	\$10,000	02/13/2023
<a href="#">Jordan &amp; Cara Odo Leadership Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/13/2023
<a href="#">SCAD Challenge Scholarship Competition</a>	\$4,000	02/13/2023
<a href="#">The MSG Arthur Enriquez Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	02/13/2023
<a href="#">American Council of the Blind Scholarship</a>	\$7,500	02/14/2023
<a href="#">APIQWTC Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	02/14/2023

<a href="#">Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarships</a>	\$12,000	02/14/2023
<a href="#">Dr Barbara Odom-Wesley Spirit of Achievement Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	02/14/2023
<a href="#">Earn to Learn Scholarship</a>	\$4,500	02/14/2023
<a href="#">Pathway to Success Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/14/2023
<a href="#">POET Never Satisfied Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	02/14/2023
<a href="#">Tupelo Elvis Fan Club Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	02/14/2023
<a href="#">University of Texas-Arlington Maverick Academic Scholarship</a>	\$32,000	02/14/2023
<a href="#">Anne Moncrief Layman Nursing Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Associated Women for Pepperdine Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/15/2023
<a href="#">ATSSA Roadway Worker Memorial Scholarship Program</a>	\$10,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Augustana College Fryxell Scholarship</a>	\$4,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">BBB Tom Hart Memorial Scholarship (NJ Residents)</a>	\$3,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Bill &amp; Shireen Kirk Scholarship Fund</a>	Varies	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Blandy Experimental Farm Undergraduate Research Education Program</a>	Varies	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Bobby Owen Memorial Scholarship Endowment</a>	\$4,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Candace Mast Veterinary Medicine Scholarship</a>	\$3,200	02/15/2023
<a href="#">UTC Westbrook Scholarship</a>	\$14,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">VAMOS/UTRGV Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/15/2023
<a href="#">VPMA Virginia Tech Entomology Scholarship</a>	\$1,500	02/15/2023
<a href="#">W.W. Allen Boys &amp; Girls Club Program</a>	\$60,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">Western Michigan University Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$64,000	02/15/2023
<a href="#">William Woods University Amy Shelton McNutt Scholarship</a>	Varies	02/15/2023
<a href="#">WMU College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award</a>	\$750	02/15/2023

## Red Wing focuses on bluff's Native history

[https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=1398d599-814a-425d-bb22-9c6dbdfa6416](https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=1398d599-814a-425d-bb22-9c6dbdfa6416)

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**Bureau of Land Management will hold a public scoping meeting in Reno on Jan. 19.** The purpose of the meeting is to solicit feedback on potential updates to the 2012 Western Solar Plan, including expansion to five other states. Those who wish to provide comments can head to the **Reno-Sparks Convention Center between 3 and 7 p.m. (2 News)**



**Chancellor's Letter June 6, 2022 by Chancellor Carol T. Christ\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Irene Yi/2022 UC regents**

**Last February, I was grateful to be present** when a beautiful, sacred basket was finally returned to the people of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. The basket had been, for many



years, held by the Hearst Museum, one item among thousands that await repatriation to their rightful owners. It was a deeply moving occasion, another step toward building better relationships between our university and Native American tribes. Yet, we still have much work to do to repair the damage done, and to facilitate the sort of reconciliation that is incumbent upon Berkeley as an institution built by the people, for all the people.

To begin with, our university sits on, and benefits from the use of, ancestral lands that the Ohlone people rightly regarded as their own for thousands of years. An indisputable fact that for too long was ignored and disregarded. Now, consistent with our values of community and inclusion, we are acknowledging and making visible the university's relationship to Native peoples, and their lands, in the present and the past.

A great barrier to reconciliation and repair has been Berkeley's history of collecting and holding Native American ancestral remains and cultural property for the purposes of teaching and research. We did this without consent and without regard to the tribal beliefs, needs, and knowledge of Native American peoples. To this day, the Hearst Museum still holds approximately 9,500 ancestors and 123,000 associated cultural belongings, the majority of which were taken from tribes in the Bay Area.

Federal legislation—the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA, passed in 1990—requires the return of ancestors and sacred objects to federally recognized tribes. Repatriation at Berkeley has moved far too slowly; furthermore, the campus has limited its returns of ancestors and sacred objects to federally recognized tribes, excluding many Bay Area and California tribes not so recognized, a situation remedied by the passage of state legislation extending NAGPRA's protections to them.

A 2017 Tribal Forum held on campus proved to be an important watershed moment and an opportunity to begin the process of repair and reconciliation. We received recommendations that led us to reconstitute the committee overseeing repatriation, with more than half of its membership now drawn from the campus Native American community. We created new collaborative working groups to improve campus relations with Native American tribes. And we have established a Chancellor's Native American Advisory Committee to support and guide our efforts to facilitate understanding of Native issues and to improve the campus experience for Native people.

Now, with new perspectives, policies, and practices in place, we are expanding and improving tribal consultation, prioritizing and elevating tribal knowledge, and accelerating and easing the return of ancestors and belongings.

In the wake of that forum, we also came to understand the extent to which Native American communities felt that having a campus building named for anthropologist Alfred Kroeber was a damaging affront. Kroeber was the nation's preeminent anthropologist in the early 20th century. While his work supported the preservation of Native American languages, histories, and cultural practices, he also accepted many Native American remains and artifacts into the Hearst's collections. Furthermore, Kroeber's pronouncement that the Ohlone people were culturally extinct may have contributed to the federal government's decision to strip them of recognition, land, and influence.

In early 2021, we unnamed Kroeber Hall, in the wake of Governor Gavin Newsom's apology for "a century of depredations and prejudicial policies against California Native Americans, acknowledging our obligation to make amends for our own history in this regard." At the same time, we should not erase Kroeber's contributions; we will therefore also create a permanent display to acknowledge and contextualize his accomplishments.

In other areas, we have committed to hiring new faculty members in Native American Studies and allied disciplines. Collaborative projects are already underway to study Native American language, environmental practices, anthropology, law, etc. We have also launched a Native Community Center, a space for Native and Indigenous people to feel welcome. For its part, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has hired a Native American Outreach Coordinator, to develop and lead new strategies to recruit Native students.

A movement is underway to engage Indigenous peoples in the restoration of justice and expansion of our common knowledge. As a public institution dedicated to equity and advancing the greater good, our university has an opportunity to play a leading role in providing the repair and reconciliation necessitated by our own actions and failures, and those of our society as a whole. It is an opportunity that shall not be squandered.

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## **The Nuclear Dump That Created a Generation of Indigenous Activists**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/05/world/asia/lanyu-taiwan-nuclear-waste.html>



**From the Winter 2023 issue:** For generations, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band has been barred from Juristac, a place of great cultural importance south of present-day Gilroy. Now, an investor group wants to build a sand-and-gravel quarry at the site. The Amah Mutsun, environmental groups, and others are fighting the proposal, but it will be up to a county planning commission to decide if the land is sacred enough to protect.

[\*\*Read More Here\*\*](#)

[In 1684 the rate of exchange for wampum was 24 inches of white or 12 inches of purple beads for one beaver pelt.](#)

## [Grant Station](#)

## [National Opportunities](#)

### [Grants Improve Quality of Life for Individuals Living With Spinal Cord Injury](#)

[The Craig H. Nielsen Foundation is dedicated to supporting programs and research to improve the quality of life for those affected by and living with spinal cord injury.](#)

### [Support Available for Regional Theatre and Dance Projects](#)

The mission of the Tri-M Foundation is to cultivate and promote the production and presentation of regional performing and media arts.

### [Park Experiences for K-12 Students Funded](#)

In celebration of Kids to Parks Day on May 20, 2023, the National Park Trust is offering the Kids to Parks Day School Grants Program, which provides support to under-resourced U.S. schools to help students discover and explore parks, historic sites, public lands, and waters.

### [Grants Aim to Advance Understanding of Democracy, Race, and Religion](#)

The Henry Luce Foundation's Religion and Theology Program seeks new ideas for projects that will deepen public understanding of—and promote more productive public discussions about democracy, race, and religion in the United States.

## [Regional Opportunities](#)

### [Direct Services for Older People Supported in IL, IN, IA, KY, MO, WI, and FL](#)

RRF Foundation for Aging supports programs and research that significantly improve the quality of life for older people.

### **Requests for Proposals Target Economic Mobility in Bank Communities**

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations addressing issues fundamental to economic mobility and social progress in low- and moderate-income communities in specific Bank of America markets.

### **Funds Benefit Company Communities in California, Arizona, and Nevada**

The Smart & Final Charitable Foundation is committed to giving back, improving the quality of life, and nourishing the communities the company serves in California, Arizona, and Nevada.

### **Support Provided for Health Literacy Initiatives in Florida**

The Florida Health Literacy Initiative provides training, resources, and funding to help Florida adult English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) programs and family literacy programs integrate health education into their instruction

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Grants Available for Environmental Education**

The Pacific Northwest Bay Watershed Education and Training program is an environmental education program that supports locally relevant, authentic experiential learning in the K-12 environment.

### **Arts Projects Supported**

The Grants for Arts Projects program supports public engagement with, and access to, various forms of art across the nation, the creation of art, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life.

### **Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection**

The Van Tienhoven Foundation for International Nature Protection is dedicated to ensuring the well-being and maintenance of the variety of living organisms and their living environment in developing countries. The Foundation makes small grants available for the protection and conservation of threatened species and ecosystems, with a focus on actions that lead to direct change in policy and practice. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **Infinite Hero Foundation**

The mission of the Infinite Hero Foundation is to combat the most difficult front-line issues—mental and physical—facing returning military heroes and their families. The Foundation provides grants of up to \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations offering effective programs or treatments at no cost to active-duty service members or veterans for service-related mental and physical injuries.



FYI. There is a [wide range of eligible applicants](#) under this funding opportunity.

## VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY



AC-11-04-22

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce Development  
AmeriCorps

**AmeriCorps Seniors has published a [November 4 funding opportunity notice](#) identifying \$5,000,000 for purpose of creating the AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce Development Senior Demonstration Program to support projects focused on supporting older adults as they seek to secure employment in professional, skilled labor, or para-professional careers.**

**In addition, AmeriCorps Seniors is partnering with Public Health AmeriCorps, which seeks to support projects that address the public health needs of local communities, advance health equity and create pathways to public health careers for older adults.**

**Applications are due by February 1, 2023.**

Applicants that propose public health careers programming would apply via the Public Health Careers Track. All other career programming will apply via the non-public health careers track.

Through WFD funding opportunities, applicants must demonstrate how they will engage adults ages 55 and older, using service opportunities, certification, training, and mentoring as the avenue that will lead to employment in skilled, professional, and/or para-professional career employment.

**Eligible applicants:**

- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- State government
- Independent school districts
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- County governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- City or township governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Private institutions of higher education

AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps brings people together to tackle some of the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture. In addition, while AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve, there is the opportunity to build new skills, explore a variety of careers, and build strong networks to support employment goals after their service is complete. This combination of service, training, and follow-up mentoring together serve the basis of this exciting funding opportunity.

Older adult workers, those age 55 and older, may find it challenging to move to a new career of interest, or return to the workforce after being absent for a period of time. There are many reasons for this challenge –ranging from lack of support for older workers, to age discrimination, or the perception that older workers are not considered viable candidates for a position. Whatever the reason, there remain barriers to workers aged 55 and older securing and retaining employment.

### [The Breathtaking Glen Canyon Reveals Its](#)



### [Secrets](#)

Aerial image of Glen Canyon Dam, a concrete arch on the Colorado River. Water levels are at their lowest since the 710-foot-high dam filled to capacity in the early 1980s. Pete McBride Published in the magazine's October issue, [Pete McBride](#)'s stunning photo essay revealed how [Lake Powell](#), the second-largest reservoir in the U.S., became "a symbol of water troubles in the West and the impact of climate change." An artificial reservoir created by the [damming](#) of [Glen Canyon](#) in the mid-20th century, Lake Powell supplies drinking water to millions of Americans. But it's on the decline, with water levels dropping to unsustainable numbers due to mismanagement and drought. For the first time in decades, sections of the lake are no longer underwater, exposing everything from a natural monument known as the [Cathedral in the Desert](#) to the "detritus of other times ... pull-tab beer cans, flippers, lawn chairs, golf balls, anchors, a pair of pliers, sunglasses, jet skis and even sunken boats," according to McBride.

"The diminishment of Lake Powell," McBride wrote, "is a tragedy for countless Americans ... [and] a matter of grave concern to people and businesses downstream who depend on the water

stored there. Yet we can also marvel at the beauty of the landscape as it reasserts itself. There are lessons to be learned, for sure, lessons about our relationship to nature, lessons about time.”

Other 2022 *Smithsonian* stories about water shortages in the West included an [August explainer](#) on states’ disagreements over how to conserve the limited water supply and an overview of the [Colorado River Compact](#), which marked its 100th anniversary in November.

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## **Cleanup Is Underway for the US's Second-Largest Tar Sands Oil Spill. Experts Say It'll Be Harder Than Past Leaks.**

*John McCracken, Grist*

McCracken writes: "The second-largest tar sands oil spill in the country — which left a black pockmark on Kansas grasslands a few weeks ago — will be harder to clean compared to past oil spills."

[READ MORE](#)

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## **Oregon’s Elliott research forest will be North America’s largest - OPB** <https://www.opb.org/article/2022/12/14/oregons-new-elliott-research-forest-declared-north-americas-largest/>

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## [\*\*Ancient farming practice makes a comeback as climate change puts pressure on crops\*\*](#)

Farmers used to plant "cover crops" to rejuvenate fields in the off season. When those were replaced with chemicals, the soil suffered.

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## [\*\*NASA Launches New Satellite to Study Earth’s Water\*\*](#)

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## **Montana Republican Looks to Change Indian Reservation System**

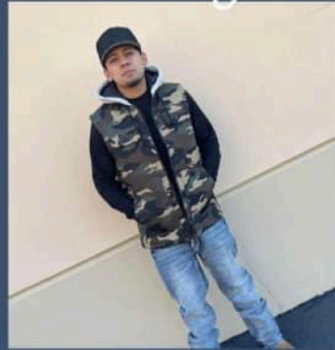
<https://www.newsweek.com/montana-republican-state-lawmaker-keith-regier-indian-reservation-system-1771708>

## **Kalispell Lawmaker Urges Congress to ‘Investigate Alternatives’ to Tribal Reservation System**

<https://flatheadbeacon.com/2023/01/04/kalispell-lawmaker-urges-congress-to-investigate-alternatives-to-tribal-reservation-system/>



*In loving memory  
of.*



*Daylon "Ducky" Vasquez*

*6/01/99-12/17/22*

*January 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm viewing will be  
held at the Lovelock tribal gym.*

*Funeral services will be held January 14, 2023  
@12:00 at the Lovelock tribal gym located 201  
Bowman St.*

*Potluck after the service.*

*Food donations greatly appreciated*