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Honoring the past is not just a nod to history; it's a commitment to preserving the essence of who we are, weaving the timeless threads of tradition into the fabric of our present and future

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Pyramid Lake Jr./Sr. High School



2023-2024 | 1st Semester



Principals Award

4.0 GPA

Benjamin Eben Phillip Davis

Albert Banda-Phoenix Payton Steve Shalaya Barraza-TMCC

Honor Roll

Aycia Dressler	Nadaya Centeno	Nakoa Love	Destiny Hunter	Jakai Sarabia
Te Unutse Redstone	Aiyana Collins	Aaron Mandell	Kaitlin Mandell	Felix Renteria
Joshua Shaw	Zeke Davis	Sean Wadsworth	Equis Martinez	Khloe Fasthorse
Velma Ramos-Allen	Pasituva Melendez	Branden Navarro	Leona Barlese	John Horse
Colby Brown	Thomas Hunter	Watae Redstone	Lillyana Lynch	Elijah Lockwood
Zachary Hicks	Bradley Lara	William Darrough	Kirkland Mix	Asa Nelson
Lilly Mosqueira	Jane Davis	Jordan Keo	Tyler Rivers	Aiden Teeman
Zaelynn Wasson	Alicia Diaz	Malachai Cervantes	Enoch Williams	Olivia Lara
Irene Skenandore	Lorena Eben	Malena Oakie	Tuba Collins	Sequoia Harjo
Niko Williams	Jazmine Davis	Delane Williams	Twila Kochamp	Rylen Patrick-TMCC
Kei Adame	Avery Calvin	Angelia Deluna	Alexander Sam	Sebastian Winap-TMCC

Recognition will be held on Thursday February 1, 2024 during halftime of the Girls game

TechWise is recruiting its third cohort of students interested in software engineering: The University of Nevada, Reno is enrolling students in TechWise, a Google-sponsored program enhancing diversity in tech. The program, now including Carnegie Mellon, offers free education and mentorship to selected students. (unr.edu)

Society for Range Management Annual Meeting / Sparks, NV

When: 1/28/24 to 2/1/24

Website: <https://rangelands.org/annual-meeting-2024>

Location: Nugget Casino Resort 1100 Nugget Ave Sparks, NV 89431

And of course, congratulations to the Niners.....and to the Lions who had a great season and played well.

History for the Week

- Jan 29 1863** Battle of Bear River in Chache Valley, Idaho, between Shoshones and California volunteer militia under General Patrick E. Conner; Indian defeat broke Shoshone in northern Nevada.
- 1910** Eastern business people declare their intention to acquire 200,000 acres of land in the Pahrump Valley under the Desert Land Act of 1994.
- 2006** Art Manning passes away.
- Jan 30 1838** Seminole chief Osceola died in jail.
- 1933** WXYX in Detroit and other Michigan radio stations began broadcasting "The Lone Ranger" starring Bruce Beemer as the ranger, John Todd as Tonto.
- 1845** Michel Dorris, Modoc novelist, husband of Louis Erdrich, and founder of Dartmouth's Native American studies program was born in Louisville.
- 1883** Indian Agent John Mayhugh reported 300 Shoshone on "his" reservation (DV): all in excellent health, happy, contented, with plenty to eat, good shelter and warm clothing, but members reporting trouble brewing among Bannocks.
- Jan 31 1876** The deadline by order of U.S. Indian Affairs Commissioner Edward Smith, for Native Americans who were off their reservations to return of a "military force would be sent to compel them" passed at midnight.
- The US government ordered all Indians onto reservations with an recalcitrants to be considered "hostile".
- 1887** The Nevada Indian Commission (Jewell Adams/S.L.Lee/Henry Yerington) sent the BIA a copy of measure enacted by the Nevada Legislature.
- Feb 1 1834** In the process of seizing Cherokee land and giving it to white winners of a lottery got underway in Georgia.
- 1879** NSJ:"contrast the British-Canadian authorities with the US War Department in management of the Indian race...We are driving the NW Indians from reservations (secured by treaty) at the point of the bayonet;Canadian Government treats red men as rewards.
- 1970** The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe dedicate new buildings at Wadsworth and Nixon.
- Feb 2 1494** Christopher Columbus inaugurates the practice of enslaving Native Americans.
- 1848** The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo signed, concluding UAS war of aggression against Mexico.
- Feb 3 1879** The *Nevada State Journal* editorialized on proposed legislation in Congress to establish reservations for African Americans. "It lacks practicality".

Feb 4 1966 Three “War on Poverty” grants were provided to Washoe and Clark County economic opportunity boards and the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada.

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**Native Voters Alliance Nevada:** Did you know that in 2022, *more than 150 Indigenous candidates* ran for office across the country? Eighty-nine of them won election to political offices in 22 states! ***That's a good start... but we're far from finished.***

We at Native Voters Alliance Nevada believe in a political landscape where our collective voice impacts elections and legislation at every level of government.

We know that those best to advocate for our causes are those that have lived our struggles and challenges. That's why, in 2024, we are fighting tooth and nail to keep our native representatives in office and grow the Native caucus as much as possible. . Together, we aim to bring about meaningful change, address systemic inequities, and ensure that our voices are heard in our communities and across the nation.

*With just one sitting Native Representative in the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, Rep. Shea Backus, the Indigenous community won concessions on a host of issues. Rep. Backus led the charge and codified the Indian Child Welfare Act in Nevada's Constitution, expanded access to fee waivers for Native students at Nevada's public colleges and universities, and protected the right of students to wear tribal regalia at graduation.*

***Now, imagine what we could accomplish together with proportionate Native representation!***

The next election will be here before we know it. *Your generous donation, no matter the size,* allows us to build a movement to engage with and unify Native voters in Nevada, advocate for issues that affect our communities, mobilize Indigenous voters, and elect advocates for Indigenous issues.

Can't stop, won't stop.  
Taylor Patterson, Member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe  
Native Voters Alliance Nevada, Executive Director

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Congrats to Nevada recipients of National Endowment for the Arts grants!!

- Capital City Arts Initiative, Carson City, \$10,000 (exhibition/outreach activities)
- Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Fallon, \$10,000
(multidisciplinary art program for Indigenous artists)
- Poetry Promise, Las Vegas, \$10,000
(performance by poets/spoken word artists)
- Nevada Ballet Theatre, Las Vegas, \$10,000 (collaborations by choreographers/composers)
- Artown, Reno, \$35,000 (multidisciplinary arts presentations/engagement activities at Artown festival)

Flower Freakshow – A Tour of the Wackiest and Weirdest Blooms in apkclass.info



7 Sacred Sites in California (repeat)

These landmarks are not just breathtakingly beautiful—they also carry spiritual significance for Native Americans

While travelers from all over the world marvel at the grandeur of California’s landscapes, for indigenous people the state’s mountain peaks, waterfalls, and other natural landmarks have a deeper cultural and spiritual significance. Beyond their beauty, these features hold symbolic and mythical meanings and, to this day, serve as sites for ceremonies and rituals that help California’s native peoples maintain an enduring connection with their ancestors.

Numerous locations throughout California hold spiritual significance. Many, however, are understandably kept secret or don’t have established public access. So the places listed below were chosen both for their cultural prominence and because they’re primarily on state, local, or national park land. As you visit these destinations for hikes or mountain bike rides, please treat them with respect. And if you do come upon a Native American ceremony, act as respectfully as you would behave in any other house of worship.

Old Woman Mountains Preserve (Mamápukaiv)

At a meeting point of three American deserts—the Mojave, Great Basin, and Colorado—

Mamápukaiv is a landscape sacred to the Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute) and other California desert tribes. Now managed by the [Native American Land Conservancy](#) (with the support of the [Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians](#)) as the 2,560-acre [Old Woman Mountains Preserve](#), this area southwest of Needles is unique both for its natural and cultural history.

With pine, juniper, and wild grapevines, as well as wildlife including bighorn sheep and deer, it's anything but a barren desert wasteland. There are ancient trails and such cultural sites as the 800-year-old petroglyphs at Painted Rock. The location's cultural prominence is evident by its inclusion in the [Salt Song Trail](#) (*Asi Huviav*), a 142-cycle traditional song that describes the journey of two sisters between sacred spots scattered across Nuwuvi lands.

In a [Mojave Project article](#) about the Salt Song, artist and writer Kim Stringfellow quotes Kaibab Paiute elder Vivienne Jake, who said, "Salt Songs are a cultural and spiritual bond between the Nuwuvi people and the land, and represent a renewal and healing spiritual journey."

Morro Rock (Northern Chumash: Lisamu'; Salinan: Le'Samo)

Considered a high spiritual place for the [Northern Chumash](#) and [Salinan](#) peoples, 576-foot Morro Rock rises from the ocean at the entrance to [Morro Bay](#). Home to nesting peregrine falcons (a Salinan legend featuring a falcon is set here) and the last in a chain of nine volcanic formations that begins near [San Luis Obispo](#), Morro Rock, despite its sacred role, has endured more than its share of abuse.

In the late 1800s and into the 1900s, as much as 40 percent of the majestic rock was dynamited, hacked, and quarried to build the breakwater at nearby Port San Luis and for other projects. But Morro Rock is becoming whole again.

During a repair project at the Port San Luis breakwater, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that it would need larger pieces of stone to meet modern design standards. That meant much of the stone originally taken from Morro Rock couldn't be reused. With that determination, [the Chumash began working with the Corps and other government agencies](#) to reunite the old breakwater material with Morro Rock itself.

In August 2022, 10,000 tons of boulders were barged to an underwater spot about 1,500 feet offshore from Morro Rock to create an artificial seamount and reef habitat for marine life. As Violet Sage Walker, chair of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, said, "The reunification of Lisamu' represents a healing of our people and our culture—a healing that is long overdue."

While the public can observe the Salinan conduct ritual climbs of Morro Rock at the summer and winter solstice (the Northern Chumash oppose the practice), access to the formation itself is strictly prohibited. But you can walk near the base, and there are spectacular views of Morro Rock from points in town and [Morro Strand State Beach](#) just to the north.

Mount Diablo (Tuyshtak)

At 3,849 feet, Mount Diablo near [Walnut Creek](#) is a modest mountain by California standards. But because of its isolated position, surrounded by lower hills in the Coast Range and close to the western edge of the [Central Valley](#), this peak that commands [Mount Diablo State Park](#) has

views that extend 200 miles. And its summit is visible from spots throughout Northern California.

Despite a demonic sounding name bestowed by the Spanish, Mount Diablo had a very different symbolism for the many Native American tribes in the area that revered it. *Tuyshtak*, the [Ohlone](#) name for the peak, means “dawn of time.” According to the park website, the Julpun believed the mountain was the birthplace of the world, while the Northern Miwok “saw it as supernatural being that brought light to a dark world.”

According to tribal elders, Mount Diablo’s summit was used both for Pomo and Wintun religious ceremonies, as well as by individuals who came to the mountain to pray. These days you can drive directly to the top of the peak, although it’s far more satisfying to follow the 7-mile round trip Summit Trail, or a combination of different hiking routes to reach the summit.

Tolay Lake

One of [Sonoma County](#)’s largest freshwater lakes, Tolay Lake is a spiritual center for the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo tribes, whose ancestors were part of the Alaguali Nation. Located about eight miles from [Petaluma](#), the lake, which fills during the rainy season and is now part of 3,400-acre [Tolay Lake Regional Park](#), has historically been a significant ceremonial gathering spot and healing place. When the shallow lake was drained in the 1870s, thousands of charmstones—small objects used for healing, fertility, and other purposes—were found along the bottom. Some of the charmstones were more than 4,000 years old.

On the park website, Greg Sarris, chairman of the [Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria](#), explained the lake’s cultural significance. “The lake and surrounding area was highly sacred and was considered one of three areas in all of Northern California where Indian doctors from different tribes convened for sacred ceremonies and the exchange of ritual objects and songs for the purpose of healing.” The park has an 11-mile trail network for hiking and mountain biking with spectacular views of San Pablo Bay and all the way to San Francisco. There’s also excellent wildlife viewing, especially for birds of prey. And in recent years, the Tolay Fall Festival has featured Alaguali cultural activities, while the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria have also hosted events at the parks.

Lassen Peak (Kohm Yah-Mah-Yee)

Long before the arrival of Europeans, the Achumawi, Atsugewi, Mountain Maidu, and Yahi/Yana peoples lived in the northeast California area now encompassed by [Lassen Volcanic National Park](#). The archaeological record reveals evidence of human activity here at least as far back as 7,500 years ago. During summer, the four tribes gathered foods at higher elevations before returning to their villages at lower elevations with the arrival of winter. The descendants of these original inhabitants still live nearby and consider the entire park a sacred place, particularly 10,457-foot Lassen Peak, which holds a special spiritual significance.

To learn more about the native cultures of the park, stop into the [Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center](#), located one mile from the park’s Southwest Entrance. In the Mountain Maidu language, the name *Kohn Yah-mah-nee* means “Snow Mountain,” and this was the [first national park](#) visitor center to receive a tribal name.

McArthur-Burney Falls

Anyone who has ever watched the delicate veils of water cascade down a 129-foot-tall moss-cloaked cliff face, then create rainbows over the cerulean pool at the base of McArthur-Burney Falls, would agree that this is a magical place. This transcendently beautiful spot is the centerpiece of [McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park](#) near the small town of Burney and about 64 miles northeast of [Redding](#).

The Ilmawi, the first people to see the waterfall, considered it sacred, as do their modern-day descendants in the [Pit River Tribe](#). According to a state parks document, “The falls were a source of good luck and power if one led a spiritually clean life,” and are still a site for pilgrimages and coming-of-age ceremonies.

Mount Shasta (Waka-nunee-Tuki-Wuki and Uhataahkoo)

Rising to 14,162 feet with a triangular, snowcapped summit visible from a vast area of Northern California, [Mount Shasta](#) plays a central role in the culture and religious traditions of the region’s indigenous peoples. The area’s tribes, including members of the [Karuk](#), [Pit River](#), Shasta, and [Wintu](#), still conduct traditional rituals at sacred places along the slopes and within the forests of this vast volcanic peak—the second tallest in the Cascade Range. According to the Sacred Sites International Foundation, this mountain in the [Shasta-Trinity National Forest](#) is part of the creation stories of several tribes, while the Shasta Nation regards it as the birthplace of the Earth.

Because of their cultural significance, areas above the tree line have been designated as the Mount Shasta Cosmological District and, along with the mountain’s Panther Meadows, are considered eligible for inclusion on the National Historic Register of Historic Places.

The public is not invited to the ceremonies that take place at [Mount Shasta](#). But you can explore on an extensive trail network, and there’s a walk-in [campground](#) (Mount Shasta’s highest) at Panther Meadows.

10 Must-Read Books by Indigenous Authors

The most exciting and engaging contemporary books are being written by Indigenous authors, and they span and transcend genre categories from fantasy, mystery, and poetry to fiction and nonfiction. Vivid storytelling and incredible character development are at the heart of these books, so if you’re on the hunt for your next great read, then be sure to get one of these Indigenous-authored books that are out this year.

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US National Weather Service Reno Nevada

We are partnering with the Mountain Rain or Snow team to grow the community of observers to improve the ways that we track the changes in rain, snow, and mixed precipitation during winter storms. If you have ever noticed snow falling above freezing, then you have first-hand experience as to why technologies struggle with the weather events that are in the “grey area”. Participating is simple: text WINTER to 855-909-0798 to access the browser-based app and learn a few tips. Then, during winter storms, keep your eyes on the sky and send observations whether it is raining, snowing, or a wintry mix. When you sign up, you’ll receive 3 intro texts over the first 3 days. Afterwards, we’ll send you alerts when there is a winter storm in your area. With your observations, scientists at Lynker, DRI, and UNR are working to improve the technologies that differentiate rain, snow, and mixed precipitation. If you want to learn more about the project, visit <https://rainorsnow.org/about>



DINAP NEWS

Grantee Spotlight: The Las Vegas Indian Center

The Las Vegas Indian Center (LVIC) WIOA program assists participants with job search and placement services, interview training, resume building, employment workshops, case management and more. In 2023, LVIC's Executive Director, Rulon Pete, became a sitting member of the Las Vegas Super Bowl Host Committee for 2024. In this role, Pete is helping to advocate for Native American activities during the week of the Super Bowl. The exposure is bringing publicity to the Center and providing work experience opportunities for participants enrolled in WIOA. In addition, LVIC is working with the National Football League's (NFL) Green Project on an event that will be taking place at the Center. Executive Director Pete stated, “The NFL Green Project provided us with a grant to help with planting of trees, plants, and vegetables for our healing garden. It's been a great opportunity working with the NFL which has opened many opportunities for our community.”



Data-Driven Funding Allocations to Meet the Needs of Native American Communities

There are important updates regarding the funding distribution levels for Program Year (PY) 2024. As part of our commitment to serving the needs of Native American communities, the Department of Labor is transitioning to using updated census data and American Community Survey (ACS) data for calculating funding allotments for the Indian and Native American Programs funded by Section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The requirements for this action are outlined in WIOA and Chapter 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Why the Change to Using Recent Data?

The use of the more recent data ensures that our funding distribution aligns with the current demographic trends, economic conditions, and other factors affecting Native American communities. This allows for the allocation of resources more effectively and the design of programs that are responsive to the changing needs of our community. This transition is not only a requirement under the WIOA Law but also a strategic move towards a more data-driven and impactful approach to meeting the needs of Native communities.

What Does This Mean for You?

The use of updated demographic data to calculate funding allotments will have implications on your annual funding allocation for both the Comprehensive Services Program (adult) and the Supplemental Youth Services Program (youth). However, this transition is necessary to ensure that funding is allocated where it is most needed, enabling you to better serve your communities. This change is about making sure that every dollar we invest in Native Communities is having the greatest possible impact.

How Will Grantees, Organizations, and Participants Benefit?

By aligning the census tracts where INA Program funds are distributed with the updated data, we can ensure that resources are directed towards areas and communities where they can make the most impact. This will enable grantee organizations to enhance their service delivery and outcomes, and ultimately, better serve Native American communities. Sharing this information will also help plan for administrative and organizational impacts, ensuring a smooth transition and continued service delivery.

Where Can You Find More Information?

Please be on the lookout for planned conference calls with your Federal Project Officer where you will have an opportunity to learn more about the implementation of the updated data. Also, for more details on the data and the allotment formula, please visit the DINAP website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dinap/>.

Looking Ahead

Change is never easy, but is often necessary for growth and improvement. This transition to using updated census data and the ACS data will enhance our collective ability to serve Native American communities. We look forward to working with you in embracing this change and achieving our shared goals. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of Native Americans.