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Native American Tribes

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells Wakan-Tanka (the Great Spirit), and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us. This is the real peace, and the others are but reflections of this.

The second peace is that which is made between two individuals.

The third is that which is made between two nations.

But above all you should understand that there can never be peace between nations until there is known that true peace, which, as I have often said, is within the souls of men.”

-Black Elk. Ogalala Sioux

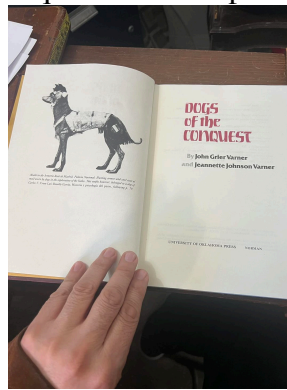
## Shellmound village returned to tribe

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**Tribal housing gets some help.** The spending bill Congress passed and Biden signed last week included more funding for tribal housing programs. It also reauthorized some tribal housing legislation that hadn't been reauthorized for more than a decade, and that should mean funding for tribal housing will increase in the future. Over the last several years, adjusted for inflation, funding for tribal housing had been decreasing. Busy Ms. Todd reports: [Rosen helps secure increased funding for tribal housing programs](#)

## [Mexican Indigenous Truth](#)

A very rare book. The only one I know of that focuses on the Spaniard's ultimate weapon: Dogs. Man-eating dogs. Mastiffs & Greyhounds. It was impossible for the Indians to sneak up on the Spanish or ambush them. More important than the horse. They hunted down slaves in the forests, assisted in hunting, and were vicious killers. The Spanish had human meat markets for dog food. Several notable Dogs were covered. This is a fascinating focus on a subject rarely mentioned - "**Dogs of the Conquest**"! #book #oop #dogsoftheconquest #aztec #spaniard #conquest link in



the bio!

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Training in virtual reality with **ForgeFX Training Simulation Software** helps welding students learn the specialized skills they need to start a new career.  
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**Urban native Era (UNE)** is a company that is building a platform to not only spread awareness about indigenous issues, but to also show the diverse and complexity of indigenous nations across the world. Through the power of storytelling, UNE uses design, film, and photography as



tools to empower collective change.

Carnaval San Francisco invites you to a jubilant showcase of local dancers competing to be crowned king and queen of the 46th annual Carnaval. Revel in the rhythm and artistry as contestants bring the spirit of Latin American, Caribbean and African Diasporas to the stage inspired by this year's theme "**Honor Indigenous Roots.**" Cheer for your favorites and be part of San Francisco's living cultural tapestry!



[kqed.org](https://www.kqed.org)

## Carnaval Dance Competition

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### Next Week - National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: March 19, 2024

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. These calls are free and open to the public.

**Registration Link:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_XlgAdMDiSnuzJAIQGTZ6rA](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_XlgAdMDiSnuzJAIQGTZ6rA)

#### Agenda:

- **Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Regulatory Update**
  - **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers Technology Review**
  - **Integrated Iron and Steel**
  - **Gasoline Distribution**
- **Community Spotlight – California Healthy Nails Safer Products Initiative**
- **National Environmental Justice Advisory Council**
- **External Civil Rights Update**

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

Please email [farrell.ericka@epa.gov](mailto:farrell.ericka@epa.gov) to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls, please email [farrell.ericka@epa.gov](mailto:farrell.ericka@epa.gov)

Recordings and meeting materials for all calls are posted here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>.

## Colorado River basin states pitch two alternative plans

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To: Keith Moyer <[kmoyer@reviewjournal.com](mailto:kmoyer@reviewjournal.com)>

Dear Editor and Staff,

This letter to the Editor is in response to Alan Halaly's article on 3-3-24, "Just Beneath the Surface" on lithium rush **to educate the Las Vegas Review Journal staff about abuse of the Shoshone people** by propaganda not unlike the first stories written about the Great Basin that accompanied the gold rush of the 1850's that led to the killing of Indigenous people. Not one word of the Shoshone property owners rights, title or interests is shoddy writing by the fourth estate we all rely on to tell the truth and the full story.

Property is not a thing but, a relationship between people in regard to things. That relationship in the Great Basin is the law by treaty and the Constitution Article 6, Section 2, treaties are supreme. The Treaty of Ruby Valley is in full force and effect and is omitted in your article. This is to advise you as the fourth estate that, the Shoshone Nation of Indians does not consent to the inclusion of our property into the boundaries or jurisdiction of any state or territory.

Your article is a propaganda strike at the sovereignty of the Shoshone people that ought be corrected by writing the complete story including the true facts that Shoshone title remains unextinguished. Ownership of the lands at issue in the Ioneer Rhyolite Ridge boron and lithium mines is Shoshone property as is the vast majority of the Great Basin. Nevada continues the violence against the Shoshone people by economically disenfranchising the indigenous owners of the land, a violence focusing discrimination on the Shoshone people and land. Nevada takes from Shoshone land and discriminates by returning nothing to the Shoshone yet every unit of local government receives funds except Native Americans. It is fraud, racketeering and, as aforementioned a violence against the Shoshone people who own the land.

A good example of the ownership question is the inability of the Department of Energy (DOE) to prove ownership of the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level nuclear waste repository. After spending \$15 billion dollars the DOE cannot prove ownership to the proposed site even with the Air Force and the BLM, the other BLM, the Bureau of Land Management master title plats that is the land status record of the US government because the Shoshone treaties (Consolidated Treaty Series, Volume 127-1863).

Our scoping comments last year bear out the facts and risks of radiation exposure. Your newspaper's story is an abuse no matter how you justify it. Do better research and investigate the issues thoroughly to protect the property owners and correct the abuse. Our primary comments are submitted to the BLM proponents project and below my signature are our supplemental comments.

Sincerely, Principal Man Ian Zabarte

Supplemental Comments of Ian Zabarte, Secretary of State of the Western Shoshone National Council of the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians, Treaty of Ruby Valley 1863 (Consolidated Treaty Series Volume 127-1863).

### **Scoping Comments**

The proponent Ioneer Rhyolite Ridge lithium mine acting under the agency of the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management pending funding from the US Department of Energy are seek to defraud the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians of rights, title and interests that should accrue to the benefit of the Western Shoshone people. The United States makes no claim of ownership of Western Shoshone property rights defined by the Treaty of Ruby Valley and instead seeks to occupy and exploit the same treaty defined land.

The 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley is in “full force and effect” in “Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law” made by Bruce R. Thompson of the Federal District Court in Reno on remand from the US Supreme Court 1990 and no explicit extinguishment of Indian title has occurred. The only court to address the title issue was the Ninth Circuit Court in *US v. Dann* concluding that Western Shoshone title was not in issue and never actually litigated. The US Supreme Court did not in fact deem or change any facts of Western Shoshone title and instead crafted a term of judicial legislation inferring that Western Shoshone title was “deemed” somehow to be extinguished by the very acts contemplated by the treaty. No explicit act of Congress took place to extinguish Western Shoshone aboriginal title and no court could change the facts unless by fraud or malfeasance as is the case in *US v. Dann*. Therefore, the scope of the present environmental assessment must include the socioeconomic impact to the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians from fraud and trespassing by the proponent through agency of the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management inflicting conditions intended to bring about the destruction of the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians in violation of the Treaty of Ruby Valley. Funds including taxes, royalties, grants or payments equal to taxes from Shoshone property at the mine site given to Nevada are violence against the Western Shoshone people, an economic war caused by trespass...taxation without representation. Nevada provides funds to every unit of local government except Indians that is racism.

Acts of US coordinate agencies on behalf of the proponent failing to understand and investigate the socioeconomic impact to the Western Shoshone people living on the land is environmental racism.

The Western Shoshone bear a disproportionate burden of risk from mine activities because of lifestyle differences not investigated or understood. Diet, mobility and shelter shaped over thousands of years are not know to the proponent and ought to be investigated for land and water use impacts. Failure to investigate and understand the living lifeways of the Western Shoshone people will produce impact to spiritual properties through physical impairment and psychological impact, a stigma or special effect.

Additionally, impact to spiritual belief in water—stigma effect;

Impact to Western Shoshone conservation lifeways—stigma effect;

Impact to shared sense of tribal community—stigma effect;

Impact to Western Shoshone freedom of religion—physical use impairment;

Impact to medicine plants needing water—physical effect;

Impact to medicinal mineral made with water—physical effect;

Impact to water used in medicinal treatments—physical impairment;

Failure to calculate risk using a culturally appropriate context resulting in a disproportionate burden or risk from impairment to the Western Shoshone people.

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**Researchers make significant breakthrough to solve unmet need for potable water in Navajo Nation: 'This device can work for us'**  
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/lifestyle-buzz/researchers-make-significant-breakthrough-to-solve-unmet-need-for-potable-water-in-navajo-nation-this-device-can-work-for-us/ar-BB1jR3Bx?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=U531&cvid=79c5bde7e1ad47bda402981bcfc18333&ei=44>

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*The idea of an afterlife has never really convinced me, but I do believe in my ancestors: their glory, their pain, their tenderness, their shortcomings, their love, their fear, and their joy. That they may or may not have lived for me, but that in my every breath and thought they may exist through me.*

*This is another way of saying that I often do a thing where I think that I owe it to them to live a life worthy of theirs. I am from many kinds of people, but most of them struggled magnificently, and whatever shame resides in this truth was never ours to bear. My closest approximation of faith is that it would seem a tremendous waste if my folks outlasted whatever they were running from—or reached wherever they were running to—just for me to idle in their wake. —anon*

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**State launches new foster care training program:** Nevada's Division of Child and Family Services is enhancing foster care support with new online training programs. The initiative, led by Shelby Riley, a social worker with personal foster care experience in Reno, aims to recruit and educate foster parents across rural Nevada. ([elkodaily.com](http://elkodaily.com))

**University of Nevada, Reno:** "The FAFSA filing priority deadline has been extended to March 29, 2024. To be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid, you must submit your 2024 FAFSA application by the new filing deadline. If you are experiencing issues..." ([Instagram](https://www.instagram.com))

**Duty, Honor, Outrage: Change to West Point's mission statement sparks controversy**

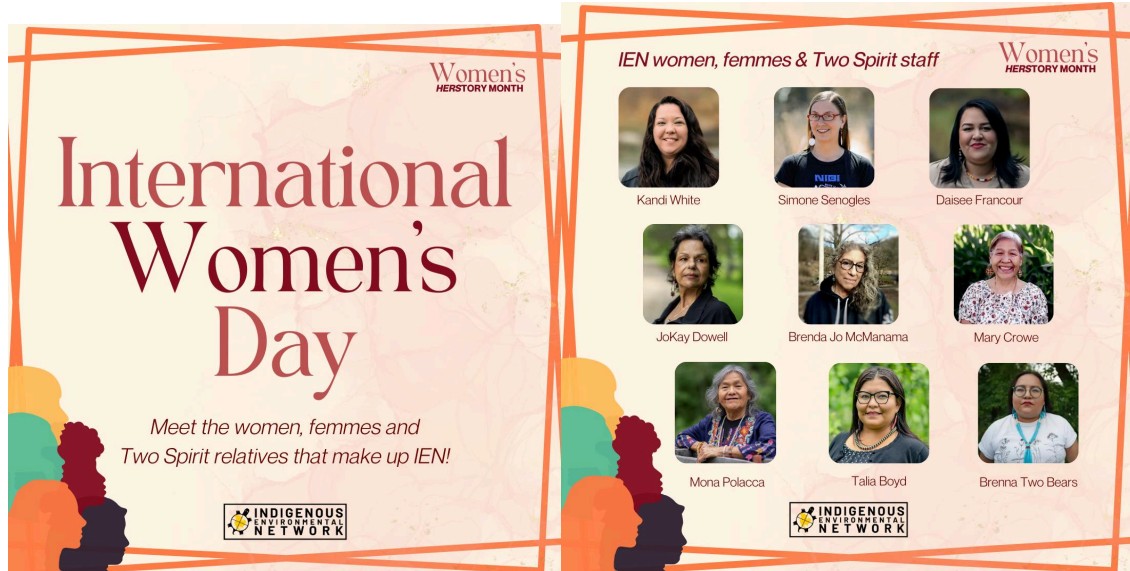
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By [Lex Pryor](#) Mar 12, 2024,  
[Indigenous Environmental Network](#)

On this [#InternationalWomensDay](#), and **everyday**, we honor all the powerful women, femmes, and Two Spirits in our families, communities, and across Mother Earth! Matriarchs and 2S are the cornerstones of our communities, breathing life into the web of life. We recognize them as trailblazers, changemakers, system shakers, truth tellers, knowledge keepers, educators, caretakers and so much more. At IEN, we have many women, femmes and 2S that are leading the fight to protect and defend Mother Earth. Join in recognizing the power of women in herstory, and those who are paving the way for the next seven generations.

[#WomensHerstoryMonth](#) [#MeetOurTeam](#)





[Kessler Keener Foundation](#)

[Meet Tziavi](#)



*"I don't think the concept of manifest destiny is fair at all... We're all living on the same Earth together and you can't take land, but they took the land and they moved the people like they weren't people. My ancestors were relocated to where we are right now, but we are one of the five Tribes that were relocated from the Boise Valley which is now Boise. It's crazy how people from Boise wouldn't even know that the land they're standing on had Indians on it... that's where we lived, that's where we raised our children, that's where we gathered and sang songs and they moved us hundreds of miles away from our homelands."*

Tziavi is enrolled with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and is a descendant of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation where she currently lives. She loves her rich Indigenous culture and all of the ways her people take care of each other. Tziavi hopes to raise awareness about the Original Boise Valley People. Tziavi has worked with the Native Get Out to Vote Project in Nevada and helped found the Native Vote Youth Caucus in Nevada. She has been accepted to Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts and during her first semester to study in Quecheun People who live in the Sacred Valley in Peru.

[#NativeVoices](#) [#NativeStudentVoices](#) [#Education](#)  
<https://buff.ly/4c6QZ1c>

**[Yolanda Manning](#) is feeling hopeful.**

What an amazing young Newe/ Ne'me mokoni our granddaughter has become to be! Learning



the importance of who you are, your culture, your history, your language and passing that knowledge on to future generations. We are so very proud of you muatsi, [Tziavi Melendez](#) Tivitsi pisa eh manakwi! (You are doing great things). Eh newenna sumayenna no'no'tsi! (Always remember who you are). Eh meh taibowai, Kai kwitso'i-wa'ni ka newenna sumu'waasi. (In this world today, you may not attain your full potential if you lose sight of who you are).

[#GramaJojosWords](#)

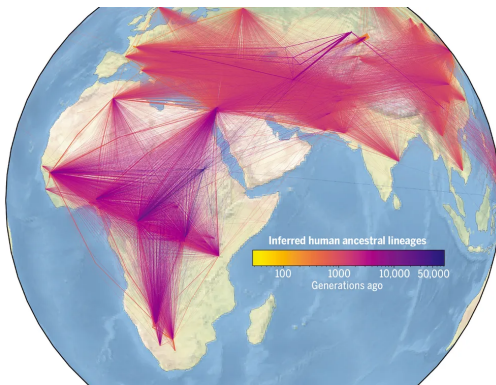
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Here's a quick share for you all.....

In the historical book, Fur Hunters of the West are recorded journal writings of the Boise Valley area. In 1819, Donald McKenzie was leading a group of fur traders in the Boise Valley area. In one of the journal writings it was recorded that between Table Rock and Eagle Island, for 7 miles long were hundreds of camps with teepees, lined up on both sides of the Boise River. This in itself is quite significant of how our Shoshone, Paiute & Bannock people joined together annually as the "Original Boise Valley People."

One can only imagine how beautiful this site must have been!

## Largest Human Family Tree Identifies Nearly 27 Million Ancestors



Researchers create massive genealogical network dating back 100,000 years

Using human genomes, researchers have developed a massive family tree identifying nearly 27 million ancestors dating back more than 100,000 years ago. A unified genealogy of modern and ancient genomes/ Oxford University Big Data Institut

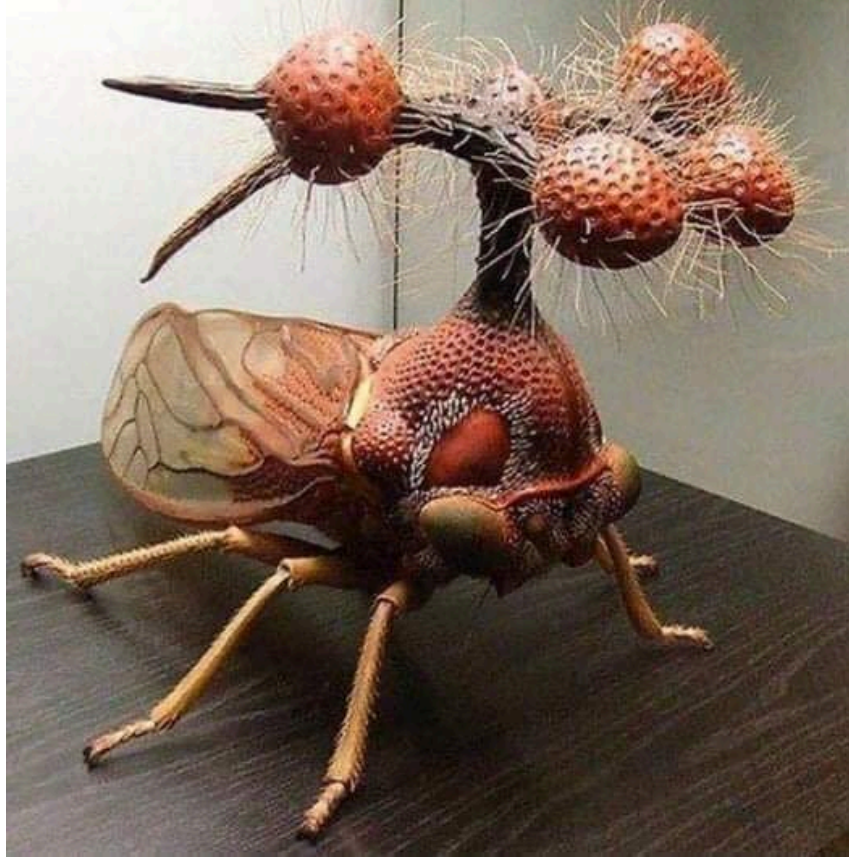
## Happy Sunshine Week

Sunshine Week is an annual, nationwide celebration of people's right to the public records and freedom of information. It's an opportunity to talk about the importance of open government and access to government documents.

## Scholarships with April 20-26 Deadlines

<a href="#">Americans Against Gun Violence National High School Essay Contest</a>	\$3,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">ASID Joel Polsky Prize</a>	\$5,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">ASID Legacy Scholarship for Graduate Students</a>	\$4,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">ASID Legacy Scholarship for Undergraduates</a>	\$4,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">BCC Foundation Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$1,200	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">David Barrett Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$12,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">PSR/Sacramento High School Scholarship Essay Contest</a>	\$3,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">The HCBF Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">Waukegan Park District Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 20, 2024
<a href="#">AAF-Greater Evansville Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">AIA Northeast Illinois Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">CEJC/Bill Dull Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Davis Memorial Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Go Tigers! Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Heart of D91 Go On Award</a>	\$1,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Joseph B. Ezhaya Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Maeck Family Foundation Scholarship</a>	\$2,500	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Michigan Nutrition and Dietetics Institute (MNDI) Scholarships</a>	\$1,500	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">NAWIC Chapter 96 Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Odd Fellows Memorial Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Salvation Army Linden Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association Scholarships</a>	\$3,500	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 21, 2024
<a href="#">#RAREis Scholarship Fund</a>	\$5,000	April 22, 2024
<a href="#">Healthline Stronger Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	April 22, 2024
<a href="#">Kendall-Grundy Community Action Scholarship</a>	Varies	April 22, 2024
<a href="#">LaSPACE LURA Program</a>	\$4,500	April 22, 2024
<a href="#">Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	April 22, 2024
<a href="#">Pearl Elegance Foundation Scholarships</a>	Varies	April 22, 2024

<a href="#"><u>Schwallie Family Scholarship</u></a>	\$3,000	April 22, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Synchrony Scholarship for Autistic Students of Color</u></a>	\$3,000	April 22, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Microsoft Imagine Cup</u></a>	\$50,000	April 23, 2024
<a href="#"><u>PFLAG South Orange County Student Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,500	April 23, 2024
<a href="#"><u>St. Boniface Young Artist Showcase</u></a>	\$1,000	April 23, 2024
<a href="#"><u>SVCF Honmyo Nguyen Family Trust Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,000	April 23, 2024
<a href="#"><u>The Hyacinth Scarlett Music Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$500	April 23, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Girls on the Run Molly Molk College Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,500	April 24, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Gloria Barron Wilderness Society Scholarship</u></a>	\$25,000	April 24, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Marocchi Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,500	April 24, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation Scholarship Program</u></a>	Varies	April 24, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Salem Glen College Assistance Program</u></a>	\$2,500	April 24, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Vermont Federal Credit Union Educational Scholarships</u></a>	\$2,000	April 24, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Create Real Impact Contest</u></a>	\$10,000	April 25, 2024
<a href="#"><u>J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship</u></a>	\$10,000	April 25, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Lily and Catello Sorrentino Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$6,000	April 25, 2024
<a href="#"><u>NATAS Southeast Foundation Scholarship</u></a>	\$6,000	April 25, 2024
<a href="#"><u>AIANTA Tourism &amp; Hospitality Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Alpay Scholarship Exhibition</u></a>	\$5,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Bishop Thomas V. Daily Vocations Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,500	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	Varies	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship</u></a>	\$10,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>NCITD International Trade Scholarship Program</u></a>	\$1,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships</u></a>	\$1,500	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Saint Patrick's Scholarship Fund</u></a>	\$24,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>Smile Train College Scholarship Program</u></a>	\$5,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>SWE Detroit High School Advance, Aspire, Achieve Awards</u></a>	Varies	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>The Weston Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,000	April 26, 2024
<a href="#"><u>VABA Aviation Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,000	April 26, 2024



**Brazilian Treehopper (Bocidium)**  
All creatures, big and small.....