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From Wisconsin to California, Indigenous nations are reacquiring land. It's part of a global "landback" movement to return stolen Native lands to tribal control. Is the restoration of land just symbolic, or does it represent a real step forward on the path to restoring Native culture and tribal sovereignty? In this episode:

- Rebecca Nagle, Cherokee writer and journalist, author of *By the Fire We Carry*

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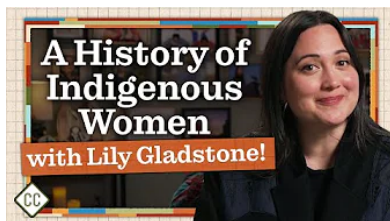
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Wednesday's action furthers President Trump's moves to weaken environmental regulations and aid automakers.

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Join us Thursday December 11, 2025, at 1:30pm PST to learn about the SBA Nevada District Office's nomination categories, eligibility, and tips for writing an award-winning nomination!

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Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Any legal resident of the United States or its Territories who owns 51% of a business and operates a small business for a minimum of three years and have received at least one type of SBA assistance.
- Submission Deadline: Thursday, December 22, 2025, 11:00am PT

Nominations can only be accepted for one award category. Those who have received a small business award in the past three years are not eligible. Anyone can nominate a small business, and a small business can self-nominate. For local area and other related information, visit online at [Nevada District Office Awards | U.S. Small Business Administration](#).

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Salmon returning to Bay Area creek for first time in 70 years could be sign of environmental renewal to come

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[San Francisco sues Coca-Cola, Kellogg over ultra-processed foods. What that means](#)

LAT, KAREN GARCIA: "In a historic action, San Francisco on Tuesday became the first government to file a lawsuit against food manufacturers over ultra-processed snacks and drinks that officials argue are wreaking havoc on Americans' health."

San Francisco's lawsuit, which names 10 of the most popular food manufacturers known for highly processed fare — Kraft Heinz Company, Mondelez International, Post Holdings, The Coca-Cola Company, PepsiCo, General Mills, Nestle USA, Kellogg, Mars Incorporated and Conagra Brands — argues that the food industry knew its products were making people sick, but continued to market the addictive foods to maximize profits."

Dell Delivers Donation

Michael and Susan Dell announced yesterday they will donate \$6.3B to [25 million American children](#) — among the largest-ever private donations to Americans.

The donation is designed to fill some gaps from "Trump Accounts," 530A accounts established by Congress earlier this year ([see explainer](#)). Those accounts, similar to 529 plans, will be seeded with \$1K each for all US children born between 2025 and 2028. The money will be invested in tax-deferred index funds; families who max out their \$5K-per-year contributions could expect their child to accumulate \$191K before tax by age 18. The Dell donation will similarly provide seed funding (\$250 per child) for nearly 80% of US children aged 10 and younger — kids born before 2025 whose families live in ZIP codes with a median income of \$150K or less.

The Dells are one of the wealthiest families in the US. Michael Dell, who founded Dell Technologies in 1984, has a reported fortune of nearly \$150B ([see more](#), w/video).

~How Native American VC Betsy Fore Invests With Heart And Discipline (and makes the Forbes "30 List") Nov 11, 2025, 09:00am EST

By [Geri Stengel](#),

Geri Stengel writes about the success factors of women entrepreneurs.



Betsy Fore, founding partner at Velveteen Ventures, a purpose-driven VC firm, which invests in family, health, and planet.

Betsy Fore, author of Built on Purpose: Discover Your Deep Inner Why and Manifest the Business of Your Dreams

Betsy Fore is reshaping what it means to be a venture capitalist. As one of the first Native American women to raise an all-institutional venture capital fund, the founding partner of Velveteen Ventures is proving that investing with empathy and ancestral wisdom can generate both purpose and profit. Named one of Blueprint Capital Advisors' Power100 Asset Managers in

Venture Capital, Fore's journey from startup founder to investor reflects a shift in how capital, culture, and care can intersect.

Her new book, *Built on Purpose: Discover Your Deep Inner Why and Manifest the Business of Your Dreams*, distills her philosophy of [aligning inner values with business success](#)—what she calls finding your “Deep Inner Why.” By backing founders who build for “[the next seven generations](#),” Velveteen Ventures shows that impact and innovation aren't opposing forces but the same force—when driven by love, purpose, and discipline.

From Founder To VC—A Journey Rooted In Purpose

Fore's career began in product design, where she learned to solve real problems through empathy and innovation. That mindset led her to found WonderWoof, a “Fitbit for dogs,” and later Tiny Organics, a baby food company built on the belief that the first bite can shape lifelong eating habits.

A near-fatal car accident when she was 15 changed her outlook on life. “Anyone who's had a near-death experience knows it shapes and changes you,” she explains. “I was acutely aware at a relatively young age that I had been given another chance at life and I needed to use every day to try and make a ripple of an impact.”

That brush with mortality and, later, motherhood deepened her understanding of purpose. “Every company I built was for one of my babies,” she notes. She created WonderWoof for her terrier, Whisky; founded Tiny Organics for her first son, Sebastian; launched Natives Rising when her son Azure was born; and closed Velveteen Ventures' first institutional round the day her daughter Amelia arrived—a series of ventures born from love and family.

Her new book, *Built on Purpose*, draws from these lessons, weaving neuroscience, spirituality, and entrepreneurship. Fore defines her “Deep Inner Why” as “bringing good things to life through love by fostering connection and joy, and making a tangible positive difference in the world.”

Building Velveteen Ventures—Capital For The Next Seven Generations

Velveteen Ventures was born from Fore's desire to invest in founders who align business growth with long-term societal good. The firm's name comes from *The Velveteen Rabbit*, the children's story about love bringing something to life. Her grandmother, who gave her the plush rabbit from Goodwill when she was five, read the story's iconic “What Is Real” passage at her wedding.

“Velveteen is about believing that if you pour enough love, care, and attention into something, it can become real,” Fore said. “That's what founders do every day—they believe in the magic of their ideas enough to make them real.”

The fund's investment thesis follows the Indigenous “seven-generation” principle—an ethos that asks leaders to consider how today's actions will impact descendants seven generations into the future. Velveteen invests at the intersection of [family, health, and planet](#), with a focus on children's well-being and climate resilience.

Fore's partner, Karla Brollier, previously built Patagonia's Home Planet Fund and served as an advisor on Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. Together, they are bringing an Indigenous lens to climate and impact investing, ensuring that equity and sustainability are embedded from the start.

"We've had the privilege of working with Betsy through our engagement in the Indigenous investment space," remarks Ann Eubank of GEM Investments, who serves on Velveteen Ventures' Limited Partner Advisory Committee. "She sees around corners and builds with discipline, and we're proud to back Velveteen Ventures as they build for the next seven generations."

Institutional Trust In Inclusive Capital



Betsy Fore, founding partner at Velveteen Ventures and Jacob Walthour, CEO of Blueprint Capital Advisors.

Betsy Fore, author of *Built on Purpose: Discover Your Deep Inner Why and Manifest the Business of Your Dreams* Raising an all-institutional round as a Native woman was no small feat. Fore faced the typical headwinds of first-time fund managers—compounded by the lack of representation for Indigenous and women investors in venture capital.

"Betsy Fore is a truly inspiring Native venture capitalist," said Jacob Walthour, CEO of Blueprint Capital Advisors. "Driven by her deep appreciation of her history and ancestral wisdom—she is proving that purpose and perseverance can turn the most impossible odds into an unstoppable force."

Walthour's firm recognized Fore as one of its *Power100 Asset Managers in Venture Capital*, an acknowledgment that signals growing respect for underrepresented fund leaders who are broadening the definition of what success in venture looks like.

Velveteen's backers include family offices, mission-driven funds, and institutional investors interested in long-term impact. Fore and her funders want to see more Native and women-led funds working together to reshape venture capital—and to make sure our communities are at the table, not just on the pitch deck.

Investing With Empathy—Founders As Manifestors

Fore's investment style blends intuition with operational rigor. Her background as a founder gives her credibility and empathy with entrepreneurs navigating the uncertainty of early-stage growth. "I look for that authentic, unshakeable sense of purpose that guides every decision," she shares. "A founder who has discovered their Deep Inner Why operates from genuine conviction."

“Betsy is the kind of investor you want in your corner—a former operator who understands the grind, leads with empathy, and shows up with strategic clarity. Velveteen brings conviction and heart in equal measure,” observes Shraysi Tandon, founder and CEO of Kidsy, a Velveteen Ventures portfolio company, “I can't wait to gift Betsy's book to my founder networks!”

Fore’s belief in what she calls “manifesting with discipline” challenges the false divide between intuition and business analytics. In *Built on Purpose*, she connects [manifesting to neuroscience](#), showing how intention can rewire neural pathways linked to confidence and motivation. “When we visualize success with emotion,” she emphasizes, “we’re activating the brain’s circuits for focus and resilience. [Velveteen Ventures] invests in founders who do that—who lead with heart and strategy, purpose and performance.”

The Future Is Built On Purpose

Fore’s work sits at the intersection of cultural revival and financial innovation. By combining Indigenous values with modern finance, she is modeling a new kind of venture capital—one that measures success not just in multiples, but in meaning.

She often frames her mission in generational terms. “We’re building for children and the planet—for the next seven generations,” she reflects. “If that’s not the deepest kind of ROI, I don’t know what is.”

Her story also reflects a broader shift in entrepreneurship, as more founders and investors—especially women, Native Americans, and people of color—seek to align profit with purpose. As the business world catches up to that vision, Betsy Fore and Velveteen Ventures are already living it.

Fore believes every founder’s story gains power through purpose. Her journey reflects a broader movement of Native American women redefining leadership, investment, and impact—showing that when purpose drives profit, whole communities rise.

Scholarships (A-L) with a January 31 Deadline

<u>ABF Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship</u>	\$6,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Applegate Jackson Parks Future Teacher Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
<u>ASA Minority Fellowship Program</u>	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
<u>ASNT Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	January 31, 2026
<u>ASNT Fellowship Award</u>	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Baer Reintegration Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
<u>BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship - Western VA</u>	\$1,500	January 31, 2026
<u>Beirut Veterans of America Scholarship</u>	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Betty Hansen Continuing Education/Cultural-Heritage Grant</u>	\$500	January 31, 2026
<u>Brent P. Poor Memorial Scholarship</u>	\$8,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Cancer for College Scholarships</u>	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
<u>CAT Lift Trucks Scholarship Program</u>	\$5,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Charles P. Bell Scholarships and Grants</u>	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Cherokee Nation Foundation Champion At Large Scholarship</u>	\$8,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Cherry Hawk Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	January 31, 2026
<u>Cheryl L. Wase Memorial Scholarship for the Study of Archaeology</u>	Varies	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Alice W. Rooke Scholarship</u>	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR American Indian Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Centennial Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Dr. Aura-Lee A. & James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship</u>	\$8,000	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Dr. Francis Anthony Beneventi Medical Scholarship</u>	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Edward G. and Helen A. Borgens Teacher Scholarships</u>	\$1,500	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Good Citizens Award</u>	\$11,500	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Leo W. and Alberta V. Thomas Utz Scholarship - Math</u>	\$16,000	January 31, 2026
<u>DAR Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	January 31, 2026

Enid Hall Griswold Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	January 31, 2026
EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholarship Program	\$45,000	January 31, 2026
eQuality Scholarships	\$6,000	January 31, 2026
Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship	\$40,000	January 31, 2026
Fair Chance Scholarship	\$3,000	January 31, 2026
Fair Chance Trade School Scholarship	\$3,000	January 31, 2026
Florida Retired Educators Foundation Scholarship	\$4,000	January 31, 2026
Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship	\$3,500	January 31, 2026
Fred Rogers Scholars Program	\$10,000	January 31, 2026
Harry Hampton Fund Scholarship	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Go Texan Scholarship	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
ICAFS Douglas J. Megargle Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	January 31, 2026
ICAFS High School Scholarship	\$750	January 31, 2026
ICAFS Student Training Opportunity and Project (TOP) Grant	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
ICAFS Susan B. Martin Scholarship	\$2,500	January 31, 2026
ICAFS Undergraduate Student Scholarship	\$1,500	January 31, 2026
Incline Friends Scholarship Program	\$2,768	January 31, 2026
InspirASIAN Scholarship Program	\$2,000	January 31, 2026
Irene and Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship	Varies	January 31, 2026
IWEA Clean Water Scholarship	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
IWEA Environmental Career Scholarship	\$500	January 31, 2026
Jihoon Rim Scholarship	\$10,000	January 31, 2026
Keep Iowa Beautiful Scholarships	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
Kent and Carolyn Hojem Music Scholarship	\$4,000	January 31, 2026
LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Scholarship	\$1,000	January 31, 2026
Leslie Andree Hanna Medical Scholarship	\$5,000	January 31, 2026
Licensing International's Scholarship Program	\$10,000	January 31, 2026
Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship	\$20,000	January 31, 2026
Lisa Kaminski Memorial Scholarship	\$3,000	January 31, 2026
LPGA Chevron Changing the Face of Golf Scholarship	\$10,000	January 31, 2026
LPGA Chevron Dinah Shore Scholarship	\$10,000	January 31, 2026
LPGA Marilynn Smith Scholarship	\$5,000	January 31, 2026
LPGA Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship	\$5,000	January 31, 2026
LPGA Renee Powell Scholarship	\$5,000	January 31, 2026

