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"It's home" Jack Malotte



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As we get ready to reopen the doors to the public on Monday (1/5), the staff of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum thanks all of our supporters over the past year as we look forward to 2026 and continuing to grow and increase our impact.

In 2025 the SISCCM:

- saw 4,014 guests
- raised over \$33,000 in gift shop sales and donations, the SISCCM does not charge admission, so all raised revenue goes to supporting Indigenous artisans and museum programming
- hosted 2 art exhibitions in our Great Basin Native Artists Gallery, the first was by artist Karma Henry, the second was artist Kim Lawson
- worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to bring over 50 boxes of archives back to campus from the Nevada State Museum for proper curation
- was recognized by the Clark County Commission
- was featured in USA Today as one of the Top 10 Native American Museums in the country
- was featured in Condé Nast Traveler
- cohosted our first movie screening: Remaining Native

- made progress with State of Nevada Public Works on renovating the Old Gymnasium on campus into a community special event space and interpretive space
- started a campaign to get support to renovate the football field into community green space and new powwow grounds
- received some amazing donations from the community
- benefitted from thousands of hours of volunteer time, we are truly grateful for our amazing team of volunteers
- saw our Garden Project mature, grow, and host programs
- hosted numerous school groups from across the state and California
- hosted a number of programs

The SISCCM is the newest @stateofnevadaofficial administered museum, having opened in 2020, and is under the prevue of the [Nevada Department of Native American Affairs](#). While telling the story of the Stewart Indian School we also celebrate contemporary Native American culture and contributions to our community. Join us in 2026 to continue our success and growth. If you want to support the Cultural Center feel free to reach out to Dir. Josh Bonde (joshuabonde@dnaa.nv.gov).

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**[Tashunke Witko Tiwahe/Crazy Horse Family/ECF](#)**

**In** 1883 US Department of Interior instituted the Code of Indian Offenses outlawing our ceremonies. Our ceremonies went underground until 1969 when a medicine man named Pete Catches Sr (pictured) made the bold move of performing a Sundance at Spring Creek out in the open. He invited journalists to the event complete with their cameras to show that our ceremonies were harmless to any outsiders, including to law enforcement. His bold act helped bring about the repeal of the Code of Indian Offenses in 1978. We now perform our ceremonies out in the open today without fear of arrest. We are in debt to Pete and others like him for their sacrifice and dedication to our Lakota ways. Pete was a mentor to Floyd Clown. Floyd's learning experience from Pete is in our book "Crazy Horse the Lakota Warrior's Life and Legacy" found here: <https://reelcontact.com/.../crazy-horse-the-lakota...>

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Joy Harjo once stood in a cold university hallway — broke, divorced, and clutching her baby. A professor looked at her with a dismissive smile and said, “Native women don’t become poets.” That single sentence burned in her chest. “Then I’ll spend my life proving you wrong,” she whispered to herself.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Joy grew up between beauty and pain. Her father, a jazz musician, filled their home with music — and anger. Her mother, gentle but strong, tried to hold the family together. When Joy’s stepfather’s violence became unbearable, she ran away at sixteen, alone and scared. “I left because I wanted to live,” she later said. She hitchhiked to Santa Fe and joined the Institute of American Indian Arts — the place that saved her. There, she learned that stories weren’t just memories — they were survival. In her early twenties, she was a single mother with no home, sleeping on friends’ couches, working wherever she could. Nights were for sketching and trying to stay sane. Then one day, she read a poem by a Native writer — and it felt like lightning struck her soul. “I didn’t know we could do that,” she said, tears in her eyes. “That we could use words to fight back.”

So she began to write — not for applause, but for healing. Her poems were bold, fierce, alive with rhythm and fire. “I am not afraid to be beautiful,” she wrote. “I am not afraid to be wild.” But the world wasn’t ready for her voice. Critics called her “too political.” Men shouted at her readings. Some told her to “go back to the reservation.” She didn’t flinch. “If they can shout,” she said, “so can I.”

She started performing her poems with a saxophone — the same instrument her father once played. Her voice and music merged into something sacred — a ceremony of resistance. Each note, each word, carried the spirits of her ancestors.

Years later, America could no longer ignore her. Joy Harjo became the first Native American U.S. Poet Laureate — the voice of a people who had been silenced for centuries. When the Library of Congress asked her to write a “patriotic” poem, she smiled and said, “I’ll write one. But I’ll include the ghosts this country was built on.”

Even in her triumph, she stayed humble. “Every poem,” she said softly, “is a road back to myself.”

Joy Harjo didn’t just write poetry — she transformed pain into power. The girl who once ran from violence became the woman who taught a nation how to listen. “They told me my voice didn’t matter,” she said. “So I sang louder.”

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**PBS Reno Writers Contest call for 2026 entries** ([kolotv.com](http://kolotv.com)) — PBS Reno is kicking off its 2026 Writers Contest, inviting kindergarten through third-grade students across northern and central Nevada to submit original illustrated stories. Based in **Reno** and backed by the Rotary Club of Reno, the contest offers publication, on-air recognition, and certificates for all participants, aiming to boost kids' creativity and literacy skills.

**A bison’s hump helps it plow through snow with ease**  
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**Reno fire urges more residents to join Community Connect for faster emergency response** ([mynews4.com](http://mynews4.com)) — Reno Fire Department is urging more residents to enroll in Community Connect, a free program that lets you share home details and special needs with firefighters before emergencies. With only about 1,500 sign-ups since 2020, officials say more participation could speed responses, improve rescues for people with disabilities, and help crews navigate pets, gates, and home layouts safely.



- **Tribes stake their claim on the Colorado River, and help conserve it:** *“Tribes across the West have worked with states to protect the Colorado River and conserve enough water to raise elevations in the river’s two largest reservoirs, Lakes Powell and Mead, a move that has helped states during critical droughts. Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming have until Feb. 14 to reach a new water sharing agreement before current operating rules expire at the end of 2026 — or the federal government will step in with their own plan.”* ([Nevada Current](#))

**EPA proposed rule could risk polluting 80% of U.S. wetlands. Tribes are worried**  
“Monday is the deadline for the public to weigh in on a potential rule change by the

Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that could impact which water bodies may be protected from pollution. Tribes are among key stakeholders seeking an extension to comment. WOTUS — or the waters of the United States — is a definition guiding which resources fall under the Clean Water Act, a federal law governing the discharge of pollutants into waterways like rivers, lakes and streams. But as currently written, the proposed EPA rule would narrow the 1972 landmark law’s enforcement with estimates suggesting that 80% of the nation’s wetlands could be at risk. While wetlands make up less than 1% of the Grand Canyon State’s landscape, this fragile ecosystem covers more than 116 million acres nationwide. ... ” [Read more from KJZZ.](#)

### **Water Masters’ documentary highlights local water issues**

“Water is precious in Nevada, now more than ever. As population growth and industrial needs increase the demand for water, researchers at the College of Engineering’s Nevada Center for Water Resiliency (NCWR) seek solutions. The issues are highlighted in a new 30-minute documentary, “Water Masters,” which premiered in December at the University of Nevada, Reno. Produced by Emmy-winning director Dan Druhora, “Water Masters” explores water use along the Truckee River Watershed, the water system connecting Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake. The film examines the concept of upstream and downstream users, highlighting how population growth and the expansion of industry — such as new data centers that require water for cooling — increase water needs. ... ” [Read more from the Tahoe Daily Tribune.](#)

### **‘It’s a feeling of spiritual renewal’: Klamath Tribes react to dam removal**

“The largest dam removal project in the world has officially concluded finishing a project that local tribes have sought to do for decades. The project removed the J.C. Boyle, Irongate, and Copco No. 1 & 2 dams. It was done to restore the local watershed and replenish fish such as salmon that have been unable to swim upstream due to the dams. The project came from local tribes wanting to renew parts of their culture that were lost with the fish being unable to swim upstream in large numbers. “Those fish, as we see it in Indian country, in our tribe, is healing. Medicine,” said Klamath Tribe chairman William Ray Jr. “To not only keep our subsistence going, but also a revival of our culture for fishing.” ... ” [Read more from Channel 12.](#)

### **After historic California dam removal, first salmon swims all the way to Oregon**

“The massive dam-removal project on the Klamath River began to live up to its lofty goal of improving fish passage this week when at least one salmon was observed swimming upriver past the four former dam sites that previously blocked fish. Wildlife officials said Thursday that a chinook salmon was spotted a day earlier at Spencer Creek in Oregon, suggesting that salmon have begun their long-hoped for return to their historic waters above all of the demolished dams. For more than a century, the iconic fish have been unable to complete their migration from the ocean into hundreds of miles of waterways along the California-Oregon border. Lack of access to this cold, abundant water limited their spawning and has contributed to the steep decline of salmon on what was once the third-largest salmon-producing river in the West. ... ” .

**SEE ALSO:** [First salmon since 1912 spotted in Oregon's Klamath Basin, months after dam removal](#), from KTVZ

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[https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/new-species-animal-study-extinction?utm\\_source=join1440&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_placement=newsletter&user\\_id=66c4c6935d78644b3ab73873](https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/new-species-animal-study-extinction?utm_source=join1440&utm_medium=email&utm_placement=newsletter&user_id=66c4c6935d78644b3ab73873)

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**Scholarships with February 1 Deadline**

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| <a href="#">\$25,000 Be Bold No-Essay Scholarship</a>                        | \$25,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Admiral Ronald J. Hays Scholarship</a>                           | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">AFE Scholarships in Floriculture and Horticulture</a>            | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Amanda Reed Memorial Scholarship</a>                             | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">APS Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship</a>                 | \$4,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund</a>                      | \$1,600  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship</a>                  | \$40,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Ashley E. Ketcher Memorial Scholarship</a>                       | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Association for Women in Mathematics Essay Contest</a>           | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Beta Gamma Recruitment Grant</a>                                 | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Betty Harlan Memorial Art Scholarship</a>                        | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Billy Smith Memorial Scholarship</a>                             | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Brig Gen Robert B. and Judith Maguire Scholarship</a>            | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Carolyn Wones Scholarship</a>                                    | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Christian Missionary Scholarship Foundation</a>                  | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Col. Robert P. Moore Scholarship</a>                             | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin Scholarships</a> | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |

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| <a href="#"><u>Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Scholarships</u></a>           | \$10,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Diversity in Structural Engineering Scholarship</u></a>                  | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Dorothy Cleland Memorial NSDAR Scholarship</u></a>                       | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Dr. Gussie M. Ware Memorial Scholarship</u></a>                          | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Duke Award Scholarship</u></a>                                           | \$15,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>EOD Warrior Foundation Scholarship</u></a>                               | \$4,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Era L. and Frances L. Walker Scholarship</u></a>                         | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Ernest and Charlene Stachowiak Memorial Scholarship</u></a>              | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. Scholarships</u></a>            | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Frank Der Yuen Aviation Scholarship</u></a>                              | Varies   | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Garden Club of America Montine M Freeman Scholarship</u></a>             | \$3,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>GCFM Horticulture Scholarship</u></a>                                    | \$3,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>George Snow Scholarship Fund</u></a>                                     | \$12,500 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Gold Star Mission Education Scholarship</u></a>                          | \$1,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship for Women</u></a>                         | \$10,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Henry David Thoreau Scholarship Program</u></a>                          | \$25,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>IEEE Life Member History Fellowship</u></a>                              | \$25,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Islanders Children's Foundation Community Leadership Scholarship</u></a> | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Islanders Children's Foundation Skate into Success Scholarship</u></a>   | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>JLT Scholarship</u></a>                                                  | \$2,500  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>John F. and Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund</u></a>                     | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Kiwanis Children's Fund Key Club Scholarship</u></a>                     | \$2,460  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>LPGA Chevron Changing the Face of Golf Scholarship</u></a>               | \$10,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>LPGA Chevron Dinah Shore Scholarship</u></a>                             | \$10,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>LPGA Marilyn Smith Scholarship</u></a>                                   | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>LPGA Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship</u></a>                              | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>LPGA Renee Powell Scholarship</u></a>                                    | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Military Family Support Trust</u></a>                                    | \$12,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>Mycological Society of America Awards</u></a>                            | \$10,000 | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>NAJA Scholarships</u></a>                                                | \$5,000  | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#"><u>NGC Scholarship</u></a>                                                  | \$4,000  | February 01, 2026 |

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| <a href="#">Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program</a>                             | Full-Tuition | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Oregon Barber and Hairdresser Grant Program</a>                         | Varies       | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Oregon Chafee Education and Training Grant</a>                          | \$5,000      | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">P.J.C. Lindfors Legal Scholarship</a>                                   | \$3,000      | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Pat Tillman Scholarship</a>                                             | Varies       | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">PHAM For Love of Country Scholarship</a>                                | \$10,000     | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Purdue Club of Southern Arizona</a>                                     | \$2,000      | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Renaissance Scholars Program</a>                                        | \$20,000     | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Robert Lewis Baker Memorial Scholarship</a>                             | Varies       | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Roothbert Fund Scholarships</a>                                         | \$7,000      | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">SME Education Foundation Scholarships</a>                               | \$20,000     | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Smith Scholarship</a>                                                   | \$15,000     | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Society of Women Engineers - Lehigh Valley Section</a>                  | \$3,500      | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">WHOI Summer Student Fellowship Program</a>                              | \$8,652      | February 01, 2026 |
| <a href="#">Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Competition</a>                          | \$2,000      | February 02, 2026 |
| <a href="#">ASPET Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) Individual Awards</a> |              |                   |

### **Easier college admissions**

Eligible California high school seniors will be automatically admitted to participating California State University campuses through a new direct-admission program created under Senate Bill 640.

The program will notify students who have completed required coursework and met GPA thresholds, offering admission to one of 16 participating campuses, but not necessarily a student's campus of choice.

The law also directs the California Community Colleges system to develop programs that streamline transfers to four-year universities.

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1.12 note to readers:

Starting to climb out of computer hell.

Apologize for missed dates, etc.

Appreciate your patience and understanding.

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