

5 Tribes Collaborate to Continue Improving Indian Country

The Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) is a catalyst for change and improvement. We live in a world that is constantly evolving and the Tribe strives to keep ahead of the curve, in order to best serve the NPT membership. Much of this work is behind the scenes through emails, phone calls, and meetings; each being an important step in the process of making goals a reality.

The first week of October was packed with important collaboration and discussion amongst partners from all five tribes in Idaho. On October 1st, Ann McCormack, Economic Development Planner, arranged the Economic Development Planners Meeting. During this meeting, four of the five represented. tribes were

The primary goal of this meeting was to develop a stronger collaboration among the tribes, to best show the State, and beyond, the significant economic impact created by tribes. Steve Peterson, University of Idaho Business & Economics Professor, stated that if the tribes were to tor for Indian Country Today disappear the state of Idaho (ICT). Trahant was excited

would go into a recession. Each tribe is a unique power house, accomplishing big things, ranging from upgrades to new developments. The group went through a number of projects that are in progress and projects that have been completed. The conversation then moved into a discussion about future project ideas, and brainstorming on how all tribes can collaborate and support those ideas, bettering Indian Country as a whole.

The group also had a brief phone conference over lunch with Mark Trahant, Edi-

to talk about ICT and how it supports economic development in Indian Country. ICT posts all press releases they receive, and as of recently the news source joined Associated Press. This allows other news sources to pick up their stories to share, and ultimately spread the word on a larger scale, about the amazing work among tribes. Trahant touched on some of the trends of millennials and how we need to keep abreast of that data. Lastly, he mentioned their latest project, about developing a TV show that will air on PBS for 30 minutes a week, reaching over 50 million homes.

The meeting wrapped up with finalizing details for the economic impact report brochure. Additionally, Amber Schultz-Oliver, Executive Director of Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation

(ATNI EDC), spoke to the group about her work and what ATNI EDC offers to assist tribes. Shultz-Oliver also shared the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report, CEDS, and the group was able to provide feedback.

The following day was an afternoon, Five Tribes Meeting. This meeting is held annually with each tribe taking turns on hosting the meeting. This year the NPT hosted, and invited the leadership and staff from each tribe, with four of the five tribes being represented. The agenda was heavy with pertinent content, and each subject allowed for constructive conversation to occur.

First up was a brief presentation from Tai Simpson, NPT member and social change advocate. She informed the group about the Governor of Idaho proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day, on October 14. This is a big step, as it is the first time this has happened in Idaho. Following, McCormack and Shultz-Oliver provided a review of the previous day's meeting. Leaders voiced some ideas, for additional opportunities to collaborate on economic development. Shannon Wheeler, NPT Executive Committee Chairman, also touched on the value of traditional re-

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Rock On Nimiipuu

Sydel Samuels University of Idaho Distinguished Alumni Recipient

Dr. Tara Taylor Lewis-Clark State College Rising Star Award

Veneice Guillory-Lacy Washington State University GPSA Vice-President 2019-2020

Heath Hewett September Employee of the Month Award



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October

Nimiipuutímtki- The People's Language (Nee-mee-poo-timt-key)

"season when kimíle (larch/tamarack) shed needles"

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(hope-lawl)



Haunted House Candy Ghost Witch Bat Skeleton Scary/Spooky Trick or Treat téemlehpin' 'iníit tepulwéeku's c'éewc'ew qepsí's 'áayat 'úuc'uc pipíscim sisexpíit'ic Q'eyéey'sin 'íitqo ten'eewit tamm-la-pin in-eat tepple-waa-koos tsauw-tsauw kep-sees eye-it oots-oots pi-peet-sim si-sah-pee-tits ke-eye-sin it-ko ten-now-wit

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Fishing Opportunities for Tribal Members to Harvest Steelhead, Fall Chinook and Coho Salmon During Current Steelhead Crisis

Adult hatchery steelhead returns to the Dworshak hatchery are projected to be substantially below that required to meet this year's hatchery broodstock need and therefore will not be able to produce enough fish to meet future smolt release goals. This crisis necessitated the Tribal closure of mainstem Clearwater fisheries for fall chinook, coho, and steelhead effective October 1, 2019. The unprecedented closure of tribal fisheries in the mainstem Clearwater River and North Fork Clearwater was an extremely difficult decision by the Nez Perce Tribe, but this decision was made to ensure future steelhead returns support fisheries for future generations.

What Fishing Opportunities Still Exist?

As a result of closures to certain fisheries, there are still fish to be harvested in other locations. Although harvest on the mainstem Clearwater River is closed, other rivers in the Snake River basin are projected to return steelhead, fall chinook, and coho at levels high enough to support Tribal harvest. Steelhead and fall Chinook stocks returning to the Snake River up to Hells Canyon Dam, Grande Ronde, Imnaha and Salmon rivers will provide harvest opportunities this year. Also the coho run into tributaries of the Clearwater River will provide fishing opportunities along with returns of steelhead to the upper Clearwater, Lochsa and Selway rivers.

Species, Places, & Timeframes

Fall Steelhead:

The Snake River at Hellar Bar and the lower Grande Ronde River
Salmon River from Whitebird to Vinegar Creek
Upper Clearwater/Lochsa/Selway

Spring Steelhead:

•Potlatch River, Asotin Creek, Lapwai Creek, Grande Ronde River from Bogan's to Troy, OR, Joseph Creek from confluence

of Grande Ronde upstream to end of Joseph Creek Road •Wallowa from Minam to Enterprise •Imnaha River from the Mouth to Little Sheep Creek •Salmon from town of Riggins to Stanley, the Little Salmon from the mouth to Smokey Bolder Road •Upper Clearwater, Lochsa and Selway rivers.

Fall Chinook:

Snake River upstream of Couse Creek, focusing around Hellar Bar in Snake River
Snake River at Hells Canyon Dam
Salmon River up around town of Whitebird

Coho:

•Lapwai Creek and Clear Creek

Gillnet Fishing Opportunities:

 Mainstem Snake River – Clarkston Bridge upstream to Hells Canyon
 Mainstem Clearwater River – Orofino Bridge upstream to the eastern boundary of the 1863 Reservation

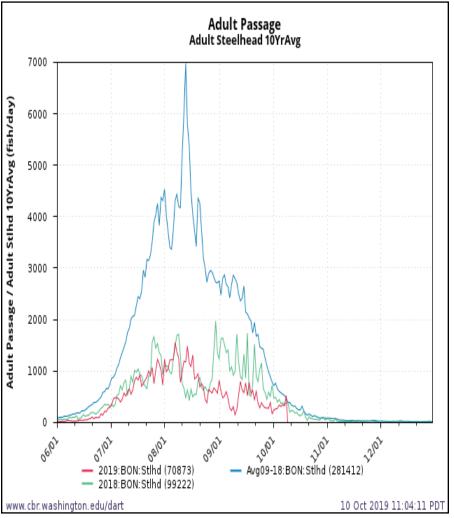
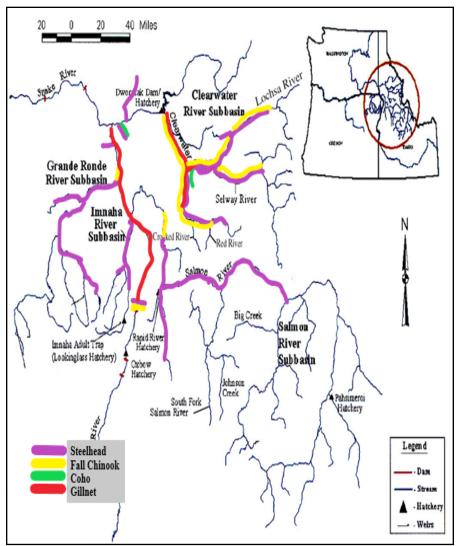
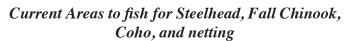


Figure of steelhead numbers over Bonneville Dam showing 2019, 2018, and the 10-year average





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A drive from Wisdom, Montana to Chinook, Montana takes close to six hours. The distance is close to 355 miles, as you take a straight shot north toward the Canadian border. According to Google Maps, it would take an individual around 118 hours, almost five days non-stop, to walk that distance. Let's throw into the equation cold weather, and at times bitter with snow on the ground in some places. It should also be noted that the journey will be alongside a group of some 800 people, including elders and children. Following the battle at Big Hole, the Nez Perce continued on in hopes of finding refuge in Canada. They traveled 1,170 miles in a matter of 51 days. When they arrived at C'aynnim Alikinwaaspa, Place of the Manure Fire, they were just 40 miles short of the Canadian Border where they decided to rest. The next five days would be a battle that would end in siege and the well known surrender speech by Chief Joseph.

When you go to the Bear Paw Battlefield in October, you arrive at beautiful hillsides and rolling plains, with perhaps a dusting of snow on the ground, and the beautiful mountains off to the side as the backdrop. You can walk a trail that is 1 and ¹/₄ mile long, to get a closer view of the battlefield. The hike loops back around to the original view point, but there is also a turn off trail that will take you to Death Rock, where



a number of Chiefs had their lives taken. Along that trail you will see several dug-out pits in the ground, where people laid to take coverage. You will see a number of rocks and areas where visitors left offerings. At the top of one hillside you will see a placard marking where Chief Ollokot fell on September 30, 1877. As you near the end of the trail you will find the burial area of the fallen soldiers. The final point is marked to be near the site where Chief Joseph met with Colonel Miles to surrender his rifle.

The memorial began with a crowd surrounding a circle of chairs, while the drum opened the commemoration. Wilfred "Scotty" Scott, gave opening remarks and thanked those that were able to attend. A strong wind howled as people stood on that hillside wrapped in coats, hats, gloves, and blankets. Though the sun was out, the wind chill made it feel significantly colder. Standing there, you couldn't help but think about how those warriors felt as they were exposed to the elements and therefore you withstand the cold. The ceremony continued on with heartfelt words and stories. Following the completion of the ceremony, attendees disperse to walk the trail and grab food.

The Battlefield is in the midst of the Fort Belknap reservation, which has a deep appreciation for the Nez Perce and the battle they fought. Each year they host the Chief Joseph Pow Wow as a memorial to Chief Joseph and the warriors. The food is hot and fresh, prepared by Kristal Fox and her family. They have been providing food for the past ten years or so. Fox said her father was never an emotional man, however when he told the story of Chief Joseph and the battle he always cried. When she attended the memorial for the first time, she arrived and was shocked, "I got there and it was cold, and the peo-

ple didn't even have coffee." She went home, and with her family, prepared sandwiches for everyone. They have been providing the meal ever since, "The Nez Perce should never come here hungry," Fox said. Though this was the final battle, it was not the end of the fight. Even today, there are still rights the Nez Perce are fighting for. Just as the warriors in the battle of Bear Paw fought for their way of life, the Nez Perce will continue to fight to maintain those rights for the next several generations. The words Chief Joseph spoke may seem to mean surrender, but in reality it was another war strategy to ensure survival of the Nez Perce people.

"Tell General Howard I know his heart. What he told me before, I have in my heart. I am tired of fighting. Our Chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Too-hul-hul-sote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say yes or no. He who leads the young men is dead. It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them have run away to the hills and have no blankets, no food; no one knows here they are, perhaps freezing to death. I want time to look for my children and see how many I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me my chiefs, I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

World War II Veteran Visits National Memorial on Last Frontier Honor Flight

Washington (Gray DC) on October 2nd, 22 veterans from Alaska touched down in Washington on the Last Frontier Honor Flight. It is an opportunity to see memorials erected in their honor on the National Mall and tour the nation's capital. One World War II veteran is taking part in the long, special journey.

Alex Pinkham is the last surviving World War II veteran from the Nez Perce Tribe. Pinkham brought his stories to the nation's capital with him. "I was in the South Pacific for a year and a half," recalls Pinkham. The memories come pouring back for the 94 year old Navy veteran as he rolls along the National Mall. "It's our country. I guess any war that we got we have to fight in it," said Pinkham.

Pinkham says he wanted the fighting to stop when he was manning a cannon on a ship in the Pacific. He says he is still looking for an end to fighting."I hope we quit these darn wars," said Pinkham.



Alex Pinkham is 94 and touring the National Mall on the Last Frontier Honor Flight. (Source: Gray DC)

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22nd Annual "Preparing for Academic Excellence" Math & Science Camp



The 22nd Annual "Preparing for Academic Excellence" (PACE) Math & Science Camp (PACE) was a huge success. The camp was held at the Lapwai Middle/High School in Lapwai, Idaho, on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation from July 15-26, 2019.

We had twenty-six (26) students' sign-up for the camp with twenty-one (21) students' eligible to attend the camp. We accepted the twenty-one (21) students, but only seventeen (17) of students attended and completed the camp. The PACE participants represented five (5) different schools (Lapwai Middle School [Lapwai, ID], Sunridge Middle School [Pendleton, OR], McLoughlin Middle School [Pasco, WA], Lincoln Middle School [Clarkston, WA] and Orofino Middle School [Orofino, ID]. They represented four (4) different States (Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Nevada), and five (5) different Tribal Nations (Nez Perce, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Coeur D'Alene, Yakama and Kalispel.

The Math and Science Teacher of the PACE Math & Science Camp was Ciarra Greene. She is a former PACE student, a former PACE high school and college counselor and a former Environmental Restoration & Waste Management (ERWM) Program Intern. She has an Undergraduate Degree from Northern Arizona University in Chemistry and a Graduate Degree from Portland State University in Science Teaching. The PACE College Counselors were Phil Allen

(Washington State University), Belden Sherman (Lewis-Clark State College) and Emmit Taylor III (North Idaho College), and the PACE High School Counselors were Kelani Smith (Lapwai High School Graduate), Sawaya Greene (Lapwai High School Graduate) and KC Lussoro (Lapwai High School Senior to be). Besides Phil Allen, the other college and high school counselors were participants. former PACE

The PACE Program went on field trips to the Smoke Jumper Academy in Grangeville, ID, Avista Utilities in Clarkston, WA, Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, ID, Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland, WA, Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spaulding, ID, and Dworshak Dam in Ahsahka, ID. We also received presentations from the University of Idaho's Fish & Wildlife Sciences, Lewis-Clark State College's Nursing Program and Technical Division, Washington State University's Native American Program, Department of Energy Representatives from Washington DC and the Richland Offices, Kermit Mankiller (Executive Officer) from the Nez Perce Tribe's Enterprises and Solo Greene (ERWM Education Specialist and PACE Coordinator).

The sponsors of the camp included the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Nez Perce Tribe's Local Education Fund, Department of Energy, Nez Perce Tribe's ERWM Program, Lapwai School District, Nez Pere Tourism, Lewis-Clark State College and Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center.

PACE Individual Awards:

<u>Chinchillas (Belden Sherman & Kelani Smith)</u> -Solara Greene: Cardi B Award -Jayden Leighton: Beyonce' Award -Ayanna Pinkham: H.E.R. Award -Daniel Nunez: Kawi Leonard Award -Christopher Bohnee: Klay Thompson Award -Joseph Taylor: Steph Curry Award

Rugrats (Emmit Taylor III & Sawaya Greene)

-Promise Shawl: Most Talkative Award -Sicily Treetop: Teammate Award -Layson Morrell: Hardest Worker Award -Gabrielle Curry: Miss Sassy Award -Nadia Kash Kash: Super-Star Award

God Squad (Phil Allen & KC Lussoro)

-Talea Slickpoo: Good Effort Award -Dishaun George-Smith: Friendly Award -Joey Payne: All-Around Award -Quenten Kipp: Good Worker Award -Nicolas Alexander: Try Hard Award -Ellicia Bullock: Quiet Award

PACE RECOGNITION AWARD

Sponsored by Jarvis Weaskus (former PACE Student, Counselor & ERWM Intern) -Daniel Nunez (\$25 gift card) - Solara Greene (\$25 gift card) -Christopher Bohnee (\$25 gift card) - Sicily Treetop (\$25 gift card)

PACE SILVER AWARD RECEPIENTS

-Female Student: Jayden Leighton (\$25 gift card) -Male Student: Joey Payne (\$25 gift card)

> PACE GOLD AWARD -Layson Morrell (\$50 gift card)



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sources and traditional gatherers, which is under represented for its economic impact. He noted that we need to better support those traditional ways. "If we can't go gather foods, we are going against who we are meant to be," NPT Chairman Wheeler expressed.

The group then heard from Census representatives, explaining the importance of getting everyone counted in the upcoming year. There are many challenges, and through collaboration with the tribes hopefully many of those issues can be mitigated. They discussed some ways the tribes can help and some of the resources Census can provide. It was stated that the Census is important for federal funding, and ultimately \$800 billion is at risk for tribes. For every tribal member not counted, there is a \$3,000 loss per year, per tribe. They expressed a need to ensure all households participate, all household residents are counted, and we have the folks to assist in gathering the data.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe's (CDA) legal counsel spoke on their continuous battle over water rights. They have been working the case since 2008. On August

9, 2019, the 9th Circuit United States Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the CDA, clarifying the binding power of tribal court decisions. The 9th Circuit ruling holds that when a tribe, acting under its sovereign power to enforce its own laws against a non-member, brings a tribal court judgment to the federal court for recognition, tribal court decisions can be enforced by the federal courts. Ladd Edmo, Shoshone Bannock Tribes' (SBT) Fort Hall Business Council Chairman, advised, "You need to consistently fight, even when you get there, it's not over." The conversation moved into discussing archeological and cultural resource protections on private lands. Currently there is no state policy or protection of laws. There was a consensus among the tribes that this is a continuing issue and dialogue needs to occur, and a process needs to be put in place. Leadership plans to come together to share resources and work towards a solution.

The preceding subject was one of high interest that has been discussed heavily; hemp legalization. Currently it is illegal in the state of Idaho, creating transportation barriers for tribes if they were to

initiate some type of development. As more research is completed and a better understanding is occurring, there are many discoveries to the health benefits of hemp. Overall the tribes had in interest in working towards some type of development, possibly even a collaboration of all tribes in the endeavor. Chantel Greene, NPT Executive Committee Secretary, will lead the movement and is working to produce a Memorandum of Understanding. The next steps are more outreach and education, to get the issue back on the ballot in Idaho 55,000 signatures would need to be gathered.

Legal Counsel CDA then gave a brief update on the legalization of sports betting. Right now, Idaho statute prohibits sports betting. However, this is a potential issue that the CDA is keeping an eye on. They then went on to discuss, along with NPT Legal Counsel, about Peace Officer Status for Tribal Police Officers. On all reservations there are jurisdictional gaps, creating a public safety issue without the ability to enforce those laws. Giving tribal officers Peace Officer status, would

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allow tribal officers to enforce state law on non-tribal members. There were some concerns, but overall leadership agreed that this was important to improve the safety and wellbeing of our reservations.

The meeting wrapped up with updates on the different Governor appointed work groups. There is tribal representation for the Salmon Recovery Work Group, Education Work Group, and the Broadband Task Force. The SBT also shared information on their efforts to change high school mascots that are offensive. They have had two victories thus far, changing the mascots of Boise High School and Teton High School. One final announcement was the soon to be released, "Native Resistance- An Integral Fight for Survival and Life", a book written by Dr. LaNada War Jack, Shoshone Bannock Tribal Member. Lastly, leadership voiced that they should be meeting more frequently than once a year. They plan to start conducting quarterly meetings.

The final meeting for the week was the annual Idaho Council on Indian Affairs (ICIA). The ICIA is made up of leadership from all five tribes, and representatives from the State. Senator Jim Guthrie is the continuing Chair, and the new Vice-chair is SBT Chairman Edmo. The agenda started with an update on Medicaid Expansion in Idaho, with coverage beginning January 1, 2020. It is anticipated that 70,000 will be eligible on that date and will increase capacity with doctors and facilities by more than a third. The coverage will include a list of services, plus additional services if needed. For more information you can visit http:// medicaidexpansion.idaho.gov.

ICIA was then greeted by Governor Brad Little. One of his highest priorities is education. His primary goal is to get children the education and skills needed, and when they are ready to enter the workforce, have them use those acquired skills to aid in bettering Idaho. He has a major concern over the opioid crisis, he stated that Idaho went from 300,000 requests for opioids a year to 22,000,000. The battle is finding an alternative, so we can get away from the use of opioids.

The Idaho Business for Education (IBE) presented on how they are working with Tribes. NPT Executive Committee Chaplain, Bill Picard is a member representing the NPT. Picard has been instrumental in helping meet the needs for tribes and tribal members. IBE has since met with elders, where they were advised that tribal students need to be taught in a way that is relevant to them. We also need more Native American teachers in the schools. The issues of poverty and mental health were also discussed, stating that regardless of these obstacles we need to close the gap so all children can be proficient. The problem starts with the youngest of children; the presenter noted that some children come into kindergarten not even knowing their name. It was

four states that does not have preparation for kindergarten.

The meeting went into updates to ICIA on the SBT success with high school mascot changes and the Dental Health Aide Therapy program. They then dove into a presentation by the National Conference of State Legislatures, on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). There are a number of issues including lack of resources, lack of funding, and lack of data. There are currently 13 states that have enacted measures to address MMIW, Idaho is not one of them. Federal action is being considered through two bipartisan measures, Savanna's Act and Not Invisible Act. Together the bills would enhance coordination among federal and tribal agencies, improve tribal access to law enforcement databases, and standardize the Justice Department's handling of cases of MMIW. Recently, National Caucus of Native American State Legislatures, passed a resolution urging the creation of an accessible and uniform database on MMIW and men.

knowing their name. It was Following the presentanoted that Idaho is only one of tion, NPT Chairman Wheeler, made a motion. His motion proposed presenting the Governor with the idea of creating an MMIW Work Group, with support and input from the tribes. This would increase awareness and communication on the matter. The ICIA approved the motion, and it will now be presented to the Governor.

The final presentation was on Indian Education in Idaho's Public Pre- and Post-Secondary Schools. One of the presenters went into the history of Indian Education Legislation as well as the current efforts. The second presenter spoke on the tribal relations occurring at University of Idaho and how they are helping students succeed in education by implementing culture. It was emphasized that it starts with support from the family, and through their program, they place a heavy focus on this. The meeting wrapped up, and folks began their trek home. Ultimately, the week was full of information and insight, which enabled strong dialogue between all parties. These meetings are, and continue to be, a positive direction for continuation of bettering our tribal nations.



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Meet the New Indigenous Data Sovereignty Fellows & Scholars

The Native Nations Institute is pleased to welcome Cheryl Ellenwood, M.A. (Nez Perce) and Lydia Jennings (Pascua Yaqui and Huichol) as Doctoral Scholars and Ibrahim Garba, M.A., J.D., LL.M. as a Postdoctoral Fellow. They join Doctoral Scholar Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear (Northern Chevenne), Postdoctoral Fellow Dominique David-Chavez (Arawak Taíno), and staff members Andrew Martinez (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community), Mary Beth Jäger (Citizen Potawatomi), and Stephanie Russo Carroll (Ahtna) on the Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSOV) and Governance research team.

Carroll created the team in 2015 prior to co-founding the US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) with Rodriguez-Lonebear, the International Indigenous Data the Research Data Alliance, and the GIDA, the Global Indigenous Data Alliance. Carroll says, "I am excited to add new IDSOV team members to expand the diversity of Indigenous and allied voices that combine deep disciplinary knowledge with activism and advocacy for Indigenous data sovereignty via manuscripts, presentations, and participation in discipline-based organizations. Most importantly, the different ways of knowing and relationships brought to the team by each member enhances the University's ability to support and strengthen Indigenous governance."

Ellenwood is a Public Administration and Management doctoral candidate at the School of Government and Public Policy. Her research focuses on the relationships

Sovereignty Interest Group at between funding entities and nonprofit organizations, as well as the role of legitimacy in diverse resource acquisition.

Garba is a doctoral candidate in the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy program. As an IDSOV Fellow, he will analyze legislation and official documents issued by U.S. tribes to govern research on their territories. More specifically, he will look at how and whether these documents address a series of policy and ethics issues implicated in research with Peoples—issues Indigenous like community engagement, data use and ownership, community benefit, and culturallyresponsive research design.

Jennings is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Environmental Sciences, with a minor in American Indian Policy. Her research focuses on environmental remediation,



Lydia Jennings

Indigenous science, mining policy, and environmental data ownership by tribal nations. Additionally, the National Science Foundation awarded David-Chavez with funding for her IDSOV Post Doctoral Fellowship with Carroll. Through the project "Supporting Indigenous Scholars As Data Stewards and Leaders in STEM," she will study federal entities' ethics and protocols for conducting research with Indigenous communities and on Indigenous lands. David-Chavez is dually appointed as a post doctoral scholar with the Colorado State University's Warner College of Natural Resources.

Garba shared "I participated in January in Tucson in 2017 and was intrigued by how the issues raised in the Indigenous data sovereignty course were connected to other themes in my research on Indigenous self-determination. It has been exciting to join the IDSOV team and continue the conversation in a rich and sustained way."

David-Chavez " So grateful for this opportunity to apply my skills towards supporting Indigenous governance and data sovereignty for Native nations and to continue to learn from an amazing network of mentors and leaders in this movement!"



Cheryl Ellenwood

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<u>StrongHearts Native Helpline Awarded More Than \$2.7M in Federal Grants to</u> Expand Culturally-Based Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

Native helpline for domestic violence and dating violence sets sights on expansion to 24-7 operating hours, integration of digital chat service and inclusion of sexual assault advocacy

EAGAN, Minnesota (October 10, 2019) – Within three years of launching its collaborative project, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) today announced the StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) is receiving two grants from the Office of Victims of Crime under the United States Department of Justice for a combined total of \$2,768,168.00 enhance services to over the next three years.

The awards - provided by the Office of Victims of Crime Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime solicitation and the Field-Generated Program to Improve Services for Victims of Crime - will be utilized to extend the helpline's operating hours to 24 hours a day, develop advocacy training and services to assist survivors of sexual violence, as well as implement digital chat services to help increase accessibility and address caller safety. Launch dates for the digital chat service and 24-7 operating hours will be released at a later time.

A full list of federal grant recipients can be accessed here.

"Considering Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be raped or be a victim of sexual assault than other groups, the StrongHearts Native Helpline serves as a potential lifeline for survivors of these crimes," said Lori Jump, Assistant Director for Strong-Hearts. "We also know in remote areas, some victims may not have phone service or may fear their abusive partner overhearing them in an attempt to call, so providing a digital chat service option is crucial for increasing access for evervone in our communities."

American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from the highest rates of violence in the U.S., according to the National Institute of Justice. In March 2017, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NA-TIVE) began providing callers culturally-based support for domestic violence and dating violence, along with a connection to Native resources. Grounded in an understanding of Native cultures, tribal sovereignty and traditions, Native advocates are specially trained to provide callers with emotional support, crisis intervention, personalized safety planning, and a referral to a Native and Tribal service provider if needed. Currently, the helpline is available every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central time.

"Since the very beginning, StrongHearts staff listened to the critical needs of Native communities across the country and identified the need for 24-7 operations" said Lucy Simpson, Executive Director of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center. "Now with these two awards, we can realize the collective vision of having a dedicated Native helpline to serve survivors of violence in a culturally-rooted way at all hours of the day and night." The StrongHearts Native Helpline was created by and built to serve Tribal communities across the United States, the StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and no-cost service dedicated

to serving Native American survivors of domestic violence and dating violence, along with their concerned family members and friends. By dialing 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483), callers can connect oneon-one with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide immediate support and a connection to Native resources to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. StrongHearts is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) by selecting option 1. www.strongheartshelpline.org.

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OBITUARIES

Nino White, 51, Lewiston, ID



buzz, nephew, son, uncle and brother, Nino Robert White, age 51, born Oct. 1, 1967, passed away Monday, Sept. 23, 2019. He's starting his new journey with Duane White, Steve Paul, Willard Nampooya,

Thomas White and Rose White on the way to meet our creator. He left behind his mother, Martina White; siblings Vince White, Johanna Halsey and Debbie Boles; aunts Beverly and Chrissy and nieces/ nephews Jaleel, Rosalena, Latisha, Martina, Tyiesha, Jayven, Evalynn and Antonio.

He worked around Our beloved friend, cuz- Lewiston as a cook at Lewis-Clark State College and camp crew for the Nez Perce Tribe, but we all know him as kind and willing to help others as extreme as he could. He loved everyone. He will be missed by us all. R.I.P. Nino White.



OCT 17, 2019 🚸 JUMP, 5th Floor 🚸 6-9pm

Join us for an incredible evening celebrating Idaho Rivers United's work protecting Idaho rivers and native fish! This year marks our 25th year of this annual fundraising event. To praise this magnificent anniversary, we will celebrate our iconic fish species and what they mean to all of us. We will debut art and story-boards from our community partners depicting 'What do Salmon Mean to you'.

The evening will include dinner, drinks, silent auction, art stroll (6pm) and a special Happy Hour Host & Toast (5:00-6:00pm) to Kevin Lewis, IRU's Conservation Director of 15 years (he is retiring!)

Please mark your choices and fill out info on back:

AUCTION DONATION

I would like to donate an auction item. If interested, please provide a detailed description on Donation Form. AUCTION DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2019.

ATTEND

□ I would like to reserve a VIP table at the 25th annual gala: \$525 includes a reserved VIP table for 8, parking passes (4), and 2 drink tickets per guests, plus recognition as a sponsor in all marketing materials and at the event. Please fill out Ticket Information section marking the VIP box.

□ I would like to purchase tickets to the event (\$45/each includes dinner, \$30 for current members). Please fill out the Ticket Information box. 🛛 I will be attending the Happy Hour Toast at 5:30 (ticket prices same)

PRESENTATION

I would like to participate as an artist/story - If interested please email <u>anna@idahorivers.org</u> to get more information.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO PROTECT IDAHO RIVERS



Dear Tribal Environmental/Natural/Cultural Resource Professional

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional, the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians are collaborating on an ITEP course: Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation Planning.

When: November 05-07, 2019

Where: Swinomish Tribal Indian Community - Anacortes, WA **Deadline:** Friday, October 01st (*apps received before or by this date will receive priority consideration) To register, click here: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Trainings

This course will provide an overview to planning for climate change impacts, highlighting the work of tribes that have completed an adaptation plan or vulnerability assessment. The course is intended for tribal environmental and natural resource professionals who expect to be or are currently involved in climate change adaptation and resilience planning. Since the course material including presentations and activities will focus on climate change impacts and resilience planning in a specific region, we especially encourage people from this region to attend.

Topics will include but not limited to:

- Climate change in the Northwest/Coastal region Process of developing climate change adaptation plans
- Climate change impacts, vulnerabilities, and adaptation strategies
- Tools and resources for the planning process including ITEP's adaptation toolkit

This course employs a variety of instructional methods such as presentations including tribal case studies, regional science, TEK and large- and small-group discussions, activities and a 1/2-day field trip. Participants will complete a pre-course assignment prior to attending (will be sent after confirmed registration). There are no pre-requisites. However, we expect participants to have a basic understanding of climate change and its impacts on respective tribal resources. ITEP can recommend background material to review upon request.

*If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact us for a form to be sent to you which you must sign and return as an attachment (PDF format preferred) by email to <u>Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu</u> or by fax to ITEP at (928)523-1266 to the attention of Nikki Coolev

Space is limited, so please be sure to get your application in as soon as possible. A draft course agenda is forthcoming and will be provided by email or will be posted on website. ITEP is only able to pay for lodging costs and reimbursing per diem for a limited number of federally recognized tribal participants (unfortunately, we cannot pay for or provide reimbursements for federal or non-tribal organization representatives). All participants are responsible for their own transportation costs (airfare, taxis, shuttle service, mileage, Carpooling may be an option but will have to schedule in advance.)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.









Public Health Advisory ...

Health Advisory Issued for Winchester Lake Due to Harmful Algal Bloom September 27, 2019

Public Health – Idaho North Central District in cooperation with the Nez Perce Tribe are issuing a public health advisory today for Winchester Lake. Residents are urged to use caution when recreating in or near the water

Recent samples taken by the Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division show elevated levels of toxins, produced by cyanobacteria or blue-green algae, which can be harmful to people, pets, and livestock. Those with existing liver or kidney damage are most at risk

Cyanobacteria or blue-green algae are a natural part of Idaho's water bodies. When temperatures rise, their populations can bloom and toxic chemical compounds, or cyanotoxins, can be released into the water. Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) can vary in appearance, and may look like mats, foam, spilled paint, or surface scum, and have a foul odor. While blooms can be discovered in one area of recreational water, they can move around to different areas, water depths and can change in severity.

When recreating near or in any surface water with a health advisory in effect, take the following precautions: Avoid swimming, wading, or other activities. Take extra precautions to ensure children, pets, and livestock are

- not exposed to the water. Do not drink or cook with water containing a bloom. Boiling and filtering the water can increase the risk. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling fish caught in water experiencing a bloom. Cyanotoxins can
- accumulate in fish and the risk to people is being researched. Any fish caught should be cleaned and washed thoroughly in uncontaminated water and any internal organs disposed of before consumption. If people choose to eat fish from this area, filet the fish and remove all of the fat, skin, and organs before cooking. Clean with potable water as soon as possible if water contacts skin or pet fur.
- Symptoms of cyanotoxin exposure include rashes, hives, diarrhea, vomiting, coughing, and/or wheezing. More severe symptoms affecting the liver and nervous system may result from ingesting water. If symptoms persist, consult your healthcare provider.

For information on cyanobacteria blooms and a map of recreational water guality health advisories in Idaho, visit www.deq.idaho.gov/recreation-health-advisories.Many harmful algal blooms are identified through public reporting. If you suspect a bloom on a recreational water body in Idaho, report it to DEQ at https://cyanos.c

If you have questions please contact Ken Clark, Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division at 208-843-7368.

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As we begin working on the special Veterans Day edition of the November Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune, we are seeking your assistance to ensure veterans are listed with their accurate information and photo.

Please provide content to the Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program by <u>October 25th, 2019.</u> Qe'ciyéw'yew

Contact: Mary S. Taylor Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program 208-621-4738 mtaylor@nezperce.org

WELLBRIE WE'RE HORTING IN KAMIAH & WELLBRIETY CELEBRATION DINNER Date: Saturday, Oct. 26th, 2019 Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm Place: Waayas Community Center WHO'S INVITED: ALL KAMIAH COMMUNITY This event is to empower our youth to take time to serve, listen and connect with our elders. We are also celebrating Nimiipuu Wellbriety 1 Year Anniversary. Honoring our elders is prevention. Donations welcome: food dishes, door prizes. Volunteers welcome: Bingo (2pm – 4pm) & Serve Dinner (4pm – 5pm) Contact Jasmine Higheagle 208-790-1066 or jasmineh@nezperce.org Serve, Connect, Listen collaboration w/ Nez Perce Tribe Social Service



If you have any questions stop by and speak with Family Services or call us at 208-843-7330

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Behavioral Health

Many people are struggling with anxiety from the horrific shootings that have been occurring across the nation. Some have commented that they refuse to take their children out in public because they live in fear that they will encounter violence. Just sending their children to school may cause bothersome emotions and without the tools to help, may spend their days in a constant state of worry.

Nimiipuu Health's Behavioral Health staff and counselors are here to help. Our department has qualified trained mental health clinicians that can help ease fears by teaching skills in order to reduce stress and anxiety. We are open from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday for appointments and walk-ins. We also have telehealth providers who can serve the community in their own home via computer, phone, or tablet. Behavioral Health Contacts: Lapwai: 208-843-7244 Kami-

ah: 208-935-0733

Attention Hunters, Fishers & Gatherers

REMINDER TO HUNTERS, FISHERS and GATHERERS While exercising your treaty rights by hunting, fishing, camping and gathering, please respect others, the earth and water as is the Nimiipuu way, and above all keeps a fety in mind. Makes ure camp fires are totally extinguished out before leaving the area.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED FISH & ANIMAL PARTS Nez Perce Tribal Code Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 13-6-6 Animal and Game Waste Animal and game waste from tribal sources on the reservation is not classified as MSW waste by the Tribe. Unused animal parts should be returned to nature in a location that does not bother (sight or smell) others. Section 3-1-19 Wasting Fish and Game A person commits the infraction of wasting fish and game if he permits any fish or gam needlessly to go to waste after killing or wounding the same.

Be mindful of the surroundings where people live or use for recreational purposes when disposing of fish or animal parts. Disposing of fish or animal parts within neighborhoods and too close to communities may cause public health issues and gives off a terrible stench. Waste may also attract pesky insects, unwanted predators (cougars) in the area and may encourage dog packs. A lot of folks walk the Bever Grade road and often voice concerns about unpleasant odors and unsightly mess caused by the dumping of unused animal parts in that area.

Animal Parts: Bury or dump unused animal parts in a remote location away from communities or away from where people might take walks, picnic, camp or use for other recreational purposes. Fish parts: Return unused fish parts to natural water sources that have suffi-

cient stream flow and are away from public access sites, swimming holes, boat ramps, etc. Check with city, town, and county officials in your area on regulations for disposal of animal parts. If you live in Lewiston, you can double bag your animal parts and put them with your regular trash. If you see anybody disposing of animal parts in questionable areas, please get as much

pertinent information as possible including location, vehicle information, license plate number, vehicle make, model & color, the specific area, time and date, and then contact the Tribal Police with the information at (208)843-7141 or the Tribal Conservation Enforcement (number directly below). If you are not sure where to bury unused animal parts check with the Nez Perce Tribe Conservation Enforcement at (208) 843-7143 or toll-free at 1 (877) 790-3474, for specific locations or maps.

RESPECT THE EARTH AND DO NOT LITTER 4-3-54 A person commits the infraction of littering if he deposits upon any public or private property within the Nez Perce Reservation any debris, paper, litter, glass bottles, glass, nails, tacks, hooks, cans, barbed wire, boards, trash, garbage, lighted material or waste substances on any place without authorization from the tribe or the owner of the property affected.

Job Announcement

The Nez Perce Tribal Peacemaker appointment committee is accepting applications from those who would like to be a Peacemaker. Anyone 21 years of age or older who is knowledgeable and respectful of Nez Perce history, culture, and traditions is encouraged to apply. All Peacemakers must pass a criminal background check and sign an oath and confidentiality agreement. Peacemakers will work with the Nez Perce Tribal Court, the Nez Perce Tribal adult Healing to Wellness Court, and the Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court. They will also work with the requirements of the Peace maker code Chapter 1-8.

Applications can be picked up from Law & Order Executive Assistant, Peggy Van Woerkom. For more information, contact peggy via phone or email 208-621-4753, peggy@nezperce.org

Mamay'asnim Hiteemenwees Important Dates

Reminder:

Students will be out trick-or-treating, visiting the tribal offices on Halloween day

Nominations:

Mamay'asnim Hiteemenwees is now taking nominations for the Parent Committee and Policy Council. Parents can nominate themselves or another parent, voting closes October 25. If you would like to nominate for Parent Commmittee or Policy Council, please contact Family Services at 208-843-7330.

Early Release:

October 31 at 12:30 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences

NPTPD Announcement **Citizen Tips and Reminders**

Whitcom 911 Dispatch Whitcom Regional 911 Communication Center is located in Pullman, Washington. Whitcom is the chosen dispatch provider for the NPTPD. This service enhances and improves officers' capabilities and response times to incidents. Why is a dispatch service needed? Officers cover a large area and respond to a number of calls daily, they need a reliable source to inform them when an incident occurs. With Whitcom's cutting edge technology, dispatchers are able to ensure each call is handled efficiently. What services does Whitcom provide? Whitcom dispatchers answer phone calls, document details of the call, and relay the information to the nearest officer. This process also allows the incident to be officially recorded with a case number, and enables the officers to focus on responding. Whitcom is able to provide precise locations and details for each case. With their high end radio system, dispatchers are able to contact officers at any time or location, even in rural areas without access to cellular service.

Do's and Don'ts of Reporting an incident: **Do:** Call Dispatch First, Provide as many details as possible Provide your contact information if requested. Don't: Call/text officers directly, Withhold requested information, Report an incident through social media Please help our officers assist you efficiently by calling dispatch first! Lapwai (208)843-5214 Kamiah (208)935-7777

Emergency 911

PUBLIC NOTICE FEMA 4443-DR-ID

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair and/or replace facilities damaged by Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides occurring from April 7 to 13, 2019. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206.

Under a major disaster declaration (FEMA–4443-DR-ID) signed by the President on June 12, 2019 the following counties have been designated adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for PA: Adams, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Valley counties; and the Nez Perce Tribe. Additional damages and/or counties and tribes may be designated at a later date. All counties and Tribes in the State of Idaho are eligible for HMGP.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain or wetland, or may result in vulnerability to flood damage.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate, and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal and safety considerations. Where there is no opportunity to relocate, FEMA is required to undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize future damages. The public is invited to participate in the process of identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts.

FEMA has determined that for certain types of facilities there are normally no alternatives to restoration in the floodplain/wetland. These are facilities that meet all of the following criteria: 1) FEMA's estimate of the cost of repairs is less than 50% of the cost to replace the entire facility, and is less than \$100,000; 2) the facility is not located in a floodway; 3) the facility has not sustained major structural damage in a previous Presidentially declared flooding disaster or emergency; and 4) the facility is not critical (e.g., the facility is not a hospital, generating plant, emergency operations center, or a facility that contains dangerous materials). FEMA intends to provide assistance for the restoration of these facilities to their pre-disaster condition, except that certain meas-

ures to mitigate the effects of future flooding or other hazards may be included in the work. For example, a bridge or culvert restoration may include a larger waterway opening to decrease the risk of future washouts.

For routine activities, this will be the only public notice provided. Other activities and those involving facilities that do not meet the four criteria are required to undergo more detailed review, including study of alternate locations. Subsequent public notices regarding such projects will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

In many cases, an applicant may have started facility restoration before federal involvement. Even if the facility must undergo detailed review and analysis of alternate locations, FEMA will fund eligible restoration at the original location if the facility is functionally dependent on its floodplain location (e.g., bridges and flood control facilities), or the project facilitates an open space use, or the facility is an integral part of a larger network that is impractical or uneconomical to relocate, such as a road or utility. In such cases, FEMA must also examine the possible effects of not restoring the facility, minimize floodplain/wetland impacts, and determine both that an overriding public need for the facility clearly outweighs the Executive Order requirements to avoid the floodplain/wetland, and that the site is the only practicable alternative. State of Idaho and local officials will confirm to FEMA that proposed actions comply with all applicable State and local floodplain management and wetland protection requirements.

FEMA also intends to provide HMGP funding to the State of Idaho to mitigate future disaster damages. These projects may include construction of new facilities, modification of existing, undamaged facilities, relocation of facilities out of floodplains, demolition of structures, or other types of projects to mitigate future disaster damages. In the course of developing project proposals, subsequent public notices will be published if necessary, as more specific information becomes available.

As noted, this may be the only public notice regarding the above-described actions under the PA and HMGP programs. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to: Dolph Diemont, Federal Coordinating Officer at FEMA Region 10 at 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021-9796 or emailing Science.kilner@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing to either of the above within 15 days of the date of this notice.

Responsible Pet Ownership

We all love and cherish our pets, but they are a responsibility. Pet owners have an obligation to care for their pet's safety and wellbeing as well as on obligation to the safety of those that come in contact with their pet.

Keep an Eye on Your Pets

All pets are expected to be contained for their safety and the safety of others, especially when unsupervised. When outside, pets should be on a leash, in a fenced yard, or in a kennel. Dogs found running at large may be impounded. In the event of impoundment, the owner may be notified if they are known and found. If not, the pet will be taken to a local animal shelter. (§6-

8-8(a)& §6-8-11(b)) Collar and License Your Pets

A collar and license helps to identify and return your pet if it is ever lost. Licensing your pet allows officers to keep record of shots, in the event of an incident involving your pet they can refer to that record. (§6-8-4 & §6-8-3(a))

Your Pet? Your Mess!

Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets; this includes the scattering of garbage, waste or debris and feces on any property that is not the owners. The owner is also at fault for any noise disturbance or trespassing on another's property. (§6-8-10(a)1-4)

Be Aware of Your Pets' Health and Wellbeing

Pet owners should keep up to date on their pets' shots and veterinarian appointments. Pets should receive adequate nourishment including food, water, and any medications. They should also have a sufficient amount of space and a clean living environment. Any pets that appear unhealthy or are living in unhealthy conditions, may be removed from the owner's care. (§4-3-

26(2))

You are Responsible for Your Pet's Actions

If your pet attacks or bites another person you are liable for any injuries or expenses incurred from those injuries. If your pet attacks or bites someone else's pet, you are liable for any damages unless the altercation was due to the injured pet trespassing on your property. (§6-8-19)

If you see something, say something! Help keep us keep our community safe!Lapwai (208)843-5214Emergency 911Kamiah (208)935-7777

Mentor Artist Fellowship Open Call

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation's (NACF) Mentor Artist Fellowship is a regional individual artist project award that focuses on artistic mentoring in the Upper Midwest, Pacific Northwest, and Southwest regions. The Fellowship is open to eligible, established American Indian and Alaska Native artists of 10 years or more who want to mentor an emerging American Indian or Alaska Native artist apprentice in either the Traditional or Contemporary Visual Arts categories for a period of fifteen months, beginning April 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Mentor Artist Fellowship is a \$30,000 award distributed to the mentor artist. The award will be divided as follows: \$20,000 for the mentor, \$5,000 for the joint art project, and \$5,000 for the apprentice's participation (travel expenses, supplies, stipend, etc.).

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BINGE DRINKING TOO MUCH. TOO FAST. TOO DANGEROUS.

Binge drinking is dangerous—and not just for you, but for friends, family, and others who are near you when you consume too much alcohol in too short a timeframe. Risks include:

• alcohol poisoning

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- fatal injuries
- violence

Find ideas for avoiding binge drinking at **IdahoBingeHelp.com**.

Health Idaho North Central District

DON'T MISS OUT!

NATIVE YOUTH, AGES 12-24 YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Students For Success is recruiting youth to serve on a monthly advisory board. To discuss & develop awareness of:

- Suicide Prevention
- Suicide Prevention
 Youth Resiliency

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- Substance Abuse Prevention
- INCENTIVES and Conference Opportunities available!

For more information, please contact Abraham at (208) 621-4613, abeb@nezperce.org **OR** Loraine at (208) 621-4612, loraineh@nezperce.org.



