



May Newsletter

Southern Oregon Indian Education

101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

<https://www.soed.k12.or.us/migrant-ed-ell/>

Culture & Family Nights

FREE DINNER & SUPPLIES PROVIDED!

Josephine County: Thursdays: May 2,7,16

Evergreen Elementary School: 520 W River St. Cave Junction OR @ 4:45PM-Multicultural Presentations

Tuesday May 7th: 6-8PM Reinhart Volunteer Park: 1690 SW Webster Rd. Grants Pass OR 97526

REZBALL(basketball), SOFTBALL, FAMILY FUN!

AllCare: 1701 NE 7th ST Grants Pass @ 6PM-7:30PM

Necklace Making – Round Dance-Terese Hall

RSVP: Jasi Swick, Jasilyn_swick@soed.k12.or.us

GOOGLE FORM: <https://forms.gle/j3tAWfFAQpfp1AaE6>

Jackson County: Medford

Tuesdays 5:30-8:00PM

RSVP: Teresa Cisneros Teresa_cisneros@soed.k12.or.us

SOESD 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

How to register for the program

Parents/guardians needs to fill out the [Title VII Student Eligibility Form \(Form 506\)](#) (PDF file) in order to register their American Indian/Alaska Native student. Please use a separate form for each student. Please return the completed form to: SOESD Indian Education, 101 N Grape St. Medford OR 97501

Upcoming Events:

May 2nd: SOU Daniel French 2:30

May 2nd: Culture Night Evergreen

May 3rd: Kerby Farmer's Market

CPC Cochair, Echo Miller, will lead a MMIW awareness and

remembrance ceremony at 4PM

May 5th: National Day of

Awareness for MMIW



May 7th- Culture Night Medford

May 7th-Rezball Grants Pass Park

May 9th & 10th Jasi attending

Oregon Indian Ed. Conference

May 11th – GRADUATION

CEREMONY AT RCC WHITE CITY

May 14th-Culture Night Medford

May 16th-Culture Night AllCare

May 21st Culture Night Medford

May 27th-31st Jasi is taking this week off and will not be available.

June 1st-2nd- SOIC Veteran's

Powwow at White City VA

Special Thanks:

Kenwani'Cahee Kravitz

Dan Wahpepah

Terese Hall and SOIC

NEW INTAKE FORM!

Please take time to fill this out and someone will contact you. We are also working on a parent training on how to navigate your school in bully situations and bias incidents. This training will include:

1. Difference between bullying and a bias incident
2. Recognizing bias
3. What to do when you bring concerns to the school and nothing changes.
4. How to address administration and teachers.
5. The importance of keeping records, journaling and advocates.
6. The process of reporting an incident and what to expect. **Fill out the form here:**

<https://forms.gle/iDgitAUnRLbezRog8>

FEEDBACK SURVEY!

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE OUR FEEDBACK SURVEY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!

<https://forms.gle/FfN2A22uRKoxXCir8>

Consortium Parent Committee ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND POSTED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

First Monday of each month May 6th 6:30-7:30 PM
Monthly Zoom Meeting

- <https://soesd.zoom.us/j/96500943910>
- Meeting ID: 965 0094 3910

For public comment inquiries please contact Jasi Swick,
Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us 3 DAYS PRIOR

RECENT EVENTS:

We attended the 31st Annual SOU NASU: Native American Student Union Pow-Wow and showcased our first-time dancers in a coming out ceremony. Special thanks to the Southern Oregon University NASU: Native American Student Union and powwow planning committee for a wonderful community event. Thank you to Keeli and Jared for the years of support and mentorship to our program and students! Thanks to all our families for attending!



SOU CAMPUS TOUR WITH KENWANI KRAVITZ TRIBAL LIAISON AND NASU: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

Our families enjoyed a tour of SOU, a great dinner at the HAWK, and we got to hear from the NASU College students. Thank you so much to NASU at SOU, Chava Florendo, and Kenwanicahee Kravitz for welcoming us like family! WOPILA TANKA!



NASU: NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT UNIONS

Grants Pass High School

- Advisors: Watson & Perry
- rwatson@grantspass.k12.or.us
- fperry@grantspass.k12.or.us
- Meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 3:20PM after school in room 206 Perry's classroom

Illinois Valley High School

- Advisor: Szijjarto
- jaim.szijarto@threerivers.k12.or.us

Fruitdale Elementary School

- Advisor: Constance Palaia
- constance.palaia@marr@threerivers.k12.or.us

South Medford High School

- Advisors: Jensen, & Bruce
- Jennifer.Bruce@medford.k12.or.us
- Danielle.Jensen@medford.k12.or.us
- Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in room A222

Ashland Middle School

- Advisor: Hardy & Royse
- Brittany.Hardy@ashland.k12.or.us
- Andrea.Royse@ashland.k12.or.us

Ashland High School

- Advisor: Katie Barber
- Katie.Barber@ashland.k12.or.us

Walker & Hellman Elementary North Medford High School

Eagle Point High School

- Advisor: Sunshine Damico-Ivy
- DamicoIvyS@eaglepnt.k12.or.us




Konaway Nika Tillicum
NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH ACADEMY

JOIN KONAWAY NIKA TILLICUM: The application to attend Konaway Nika Tillicum 2024 is now live! Konaway will be held July 6-13, 2024, on Southern Oregon University campus. More information about Konaway and the application can be found at <https://inside.sou.edu/youth/konaway-nika-tillicum.html> . You can email konaway@sou.edu with any questions. This is for youth entering 8th grade to completion of 12th grade and is a highly successful camp, the first of its kind!

MMIW: Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women


MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S AWARENESS DAY
MAY 5
UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS



A red hand-print, often over the mouth, has become a symbol of opposition against violence toward Native and Indigenous women. It represents being unable to speak up or be heard, an experience felt by many women of color.

In this photo, children who are citizens of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians demonstrate the red hand-print at the Expanding Horizons Youth Center, located in Myrtle Creek.

#MMIP
#MMIW



Please use care, this a very difficult time of mourning, grieving, and remembrance for the families impacted with Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Women, Girls, People, Two Spirited, Children, and Relatives. This is not a photo opportunity. This is a call to action for change and to bring awareness to our collective cries. This is a national crisis affecting all of Indian Country. Please spread awareness and review the resources provided but please do so in a way that is respectful to our grieving families. Please take care of yourself and your own Spiritual Health before looking for ways to become involved to improve our communities. Also remember, the best way to honor those that we have lost is to check in on their living relatives.

STATISTICS

MORE THAN 81.6% OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE MEN HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME. THIS INCLUDES 27.5% WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE (ROSAY, 2016).

APRIL 2024
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

STATISTICS

MORE THAN 84.3% OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME. THIS INCLUDES 56.1% WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE (ROSAY, 2016).

APRIL 2024
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Deborah Miranda & ire'ne lara silva

MMIW/P Awareness Event **Poetry Workshop**

Monday, May 6, 2024 Tuesday, May 7, 2024
3 pm: opening & creative projects (led by kimih) 12:30 pm
4 pm: Open mic followed by poetry reading with Deborah Miranda & ire'ne lara silva facilitated by Deborah & ire'ne
Location: kaku-ixt mana ina haws sign up at: <https://beav.es/CRL>
Location: kaku-ixt mana ina haws



Sponsored by Indigenous Studies in collaboration with the kaku-ixt mana ina haws.
For accommodations related to a disability, contact luhui.whitebear@oregonstate.edu or 541-737-7831.

Oregon State University

STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline **LIVE** **Community Chat Series**

Shining a Light: Exploring the Intersection of Domestic Violence and MMIW

Thursday, May 9th
2:00pm-3:00pm CST


Pre-Register at:
<https://bit.ly/3xP7VtL>



WEAR RED ON MAY 5TH

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

niwrc.org



Kerby Farmer's Market at 4 PM on Friday May 3rd
Echo Miller is leading an awareness event.

Support the leading organizations developing policy and legislation: National Indigenous Women's Resource Center: <https://www.niwrc.org/policy-center/mmiw>

Missing Murdered Indigenous Women USA: <https://mmiwusa.org/>

Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women: <https://www.csvanw.org/mmiw/>

How Can We Help MMIW? FROM WE R NATIVE RESOURCE GUIDES:

There are a few ways to get involved as an MMIW advocate. Here are some tips to get started in your community:

Tip 1 – Education

We each have more to learn about the MMIW movement. For example, did you know that some people chose not to use MMIW, because they believe it is not inclusive enough? Some people use other terms, such as: MMIWG = Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, MMIR = Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, MMIP = Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. The Indigenous people who are too young to be considered adults and those who identify as men, Two-Spirit, trans, or non-binary are also affected by high rates of disappearances and murders. Each of the terms above focuses on raising awareness for Indigenous people (more broadly than just women) who are impacted by violence.

Take some time to learn more about MMIW, MMIWG, MMIP, and MMIR. Here are a few places to start:

- [It Starts With Us](#)
- **Lakota People’s Law Project:** [MMIW Resource Guide](#)

Tip 2 – Use your voice

Each of our voices carries magnificent power. By sharing stories, pictures, videos, and other things with each other, we can help keep the MMIW movement going strong. Speak to your friends and trusted adults, and consider using social media as an outlet to remember MMIW to keep the movement going. Sometimes, people use hashtags (#MMIW, #MMIP, #MMIWG, #MMIR) to be able to quickly find other stories and see how many people are involved.

Tip 3 – Support, not shame

Remember that no one life is more or less valuable than any other. Evaluating our own personal lives, questioning our own internal biases or judgements about others is important. MMIP affects everyone – regardless of their place of living, work, free time activities, or health status. Those MMIP who engage in [substance misuse](#), stigmatized sexual activities, or are houseless deserve just as much shame-free and stigma-free support than MMIP who do not engage in those behaviors.

Tip 4 – Practice self-care

Many of us are impacted by MMIW and MMIP. [Taking care of yourself](#), leaving room for grief, and identifying good coping skills to [manage your mental health](#) while engaging in MMIW advocacy is key to continuing the movement.

Get Help If it is safe to do so, speak with a trusted adult. School counselors, nurses, teachers, principals, Tribal leaders, or other trusted adults are there to help guide and support anyone in need.

- Sometimes things are too overwhelming to deal with alone. If you need free advice from a trained counselor, simply text the word “NATIVE” to 741741.
- StrongHearts Native Helpline: 1-844-7NATIVE (), you can connect anonymously with a Native advocate.
- The [National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center](#) and the [Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women](#) fight for safety and sovereignty for Native women.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS:



[001-2020-21 Tribal Regalia at Public School Ceremonies](#)

“Under Oregon law, public schools “may not prohibit a student from wearing Native American items of cultural significance at a public-school event.” Items of “cultural significance” are defined by the statute as “items or objects that are traditionally associated with a Native American or that have religious or cultural significance to a Native American.” The statute further defines a “public school event” to include “a graduation ceremony, an award ceremony, a public meeting or any other public event held or sponsored by a school district.”

[American Civil Liberties Union: Self Advocacy Oregon Tribal Regalia Letter Template](#)



Colt Gill
Director of the Oregon Department of Education

Executive Numbered Memo 001-2020-21 Tribal Regalia at Public School Ceremonies

TO: Superintendents and Principals
FROM: Colt Gill, Director of the Oregon Department of Education and Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction
DATE: May 27, 2021
RE: Tribal Regalia at Public School Ceremonies

As we begin preparing for graduation this year, I am pleased to share the passage of [House Bill 2052](#) regarding Tribal Regalia. This bill became effective upon passage and is now law in Oregon. This law recognizes the inherent right of tribal sovereignty wherein American Indian /Alaska Native students can wear their tribal regalia or items of cultural significance at graduation and other public school ceremonies.

High school graduation is a time of excitement and a time to honor the accomplishment of students, families, and our communities. The passing of the Tribal Regalia bill extends this celebration by honoring the hard work and achievements of our American Indian / Alaska Native students, honoring culturally inclusive ceremonies, and reflecting and acknowledging the diversity of our students and families.

The Oregon Department of Education is committed to fostering district government-to-government relationships with the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon. We have heard from tribal partners and other American Indian students and families how meaningful it is to wear cultural items during graduation ceremonies as a means of honoring their tribe, their community, and their heritage.

The Oregon Department of Education fully supports students who would like to outwardly wear items honoring their unique Native American cultures. This law provides opportunities for American Indian / Alaska Native students to honor their heritage by wearing items of cultural significance such as eagle feathers, cedar, beaded caps, tribal insignias, and stoles during graduation ceremonies. As districts begin implementing the Tribal Regalia Law this spring, I encourage you to review current policies which may conflict with the passing of HB 2052; in the event a conflict exists, important policy changes should and must occur.

The Oregon Department of Education appreciates all you do to support educational equity in our state and to create a school environment that is culturally honoring and inclusive of our diverse students and communities.

Please contact Indian Education Director [April Campbell](#) with any questions.



Levi Buker, 2021 Graduate
North Medford High School



Indian Education



GRADUATION CLASS OF 2024

THE SOESD INDIAN
EDUCATION
PROGRAM WOULD
LIKE TO HONOR THE
2024 GRADUATES!

May 11th at 4 pm
Rogue Community College
Table Rock Campus
7800 Pacific Ave
White City, OR 97503
Building A, room 184

**2024 High School
Graduates & GED
Recipients**

**Incoming
Kindergarteners**

*Your whole family is
invited to attend!*

There will be a **BLANKET
CEREMONY** FEATURING **SOIC:
Southern Oregon Indian Center**

FREE Dinner provided

PLEASE JOIN US!



**KINDLY FILL OUT THE
GOOGLE FORM LINK**

[https://forms.gle/Xeivbf6q2e
WooKJfA](https://forms.gle/Xeivbf6q2eWooKJfA)



Saturday May 11th, 2024, beginning at 4PM - Graduation Honoring and Kindergarten Welcome!

Rogue Community College Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Ave, White City OR 97503, Building A room 184

We are having our graduation blanket ceremony for our High School Graduates and GED recipients. SOESD Indian Education is proud to be able to gift an 8th Generation blanket highlighting their accomplishments. This will feature elders from the SOIC: Southern Oregon Indian Center and we will receive Kenwani'cahee Kravitz as a keynote speaker to address our youth. Our incoming kindergarten Indian Education students can apply to join our program and will receive a backpack filled with school supplies from our graduating seniors. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/YtxgoP4iqda9sYsN9>

24th ANNUAL
ROGUE VALLEY VETERANS
POWWOW

June 1st and 2nd 2024

VA REHABILITATION CENTER AND CLINICS,
8495 CRATER LAKE HWY,
WHITE CITY



PUBLIC WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY 1ST
GOURD DANCING 10:00 AM
GRAND ENTRY 1:00 & 7:00 PM
FEAST: 5:00 – 7:00 PM
SUNDAY 2ND
GOURD DANCING 10:00 AM
GRAND ENTRY 1:00 PM
CEREMONY CLOSES 4:00 PM

MC: Bob Tom
Arena Director: Stuart Whitehead
Host Drum: Steiger Butte
Gourd Drum: Jononaii

HONORING ALL VETERANS
Gold Star and Blue Star
Mothers

NO DOGS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR WEAPONS ALLOWED

To Reserve your Vendor Space call: Abbey Wilder at 918-409-5010

For more information Call: Nick Hall at 541-659-0309

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT ROGUE VALLEY POWWOW
Any food donations for the Feast will be gladly accepted!



The Southern Oregon Indian Center has extended an opportunity for our students and families to learn about attending a powwow, Terese Hall is joining our Grants Pass NASU: Native American Student Union to share protocols and knowledge with our NASU students. Terese will also be attending the last culture night in Josephine County on May 16th to teach protocols and the history of the pow-wow to our students and families.

Volunteers are needed to honor our Veteran's at the Veteran's Powwow. Please contact Terese Hall if you can volunteer. As always, our SOESD Indian Education students will learn elder care of checking in on elders, offering water, or sitting with anyone that wants to share a story with them. Call Terese Hall, 541-295-5606

Food prep

Fry-bread

Clean up

And more!



Veteran's Powwow
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

SOIC: Southern Oregon Indian Center

Contact Terese Hall
to volunteer
541-295-5606

VA Rehabilitation Center and
Clinics
8495 Crater Lake HWY White
City OR

June 1st and 2nd 2024

Multicultural Kids Day Camp 2024

June 24th - June 28th

9 am to 4 pm

Valley of the Rogue State Park

Cultural Immersion for Youth, Ages 11 - 14

Archery, Basket Weaving, Flint Knapping, Drumming, Crafts, Storytelling,
Music, Nature, Trip to Table Rock &
Ti'lomikh Falls and much more!



Sponsored By:

the Multicultural Association of
Southern Oregon,

Southern Oregon Indian Center,

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

In Collaboration with Oregon Parks and Recreation

Limited to 30 campers ~ No Cost

Online Registration at www.MCASO.org

Email: don.senter@kskq.org Or Call: 541-301-7072





Indian Education

CULTURE NIGHT

THURSDAY: MAY 2ND
TIME: 4:45PM-7:00PM
EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY
520 W River St. Cave Junction

Free to attend- Dinner Provided



For self identifying American Indian/Alaskan Native Families K-12 & students and families of SOESD Indian Education

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/j3tAWfAQpfp1AaE6>

JASI SWICK: JASILYN_SWICK@SOESD.K12.OR.US

YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

CHECKOUT:

- [WEBSITE](#)
- [YOUTUBE](#)
- [FACEBOOK](#)

Show up in your regalia for a dance presentation at the Evergreen Elementary School & enjoy learning about other cultures!



SCAN ME

May 2, 2024

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

DANIEL FRENCH

trainer, entertainer, and storyteller



"Unleash the Power of Your Story"

Josephine County Culture Night RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/mVxduBwxhX8snuNK9>

Please RSVP every time you plan to attend!

MAGNETIC PERFORMER

years on the world stage 15

Founding member of Las Cafeteras

Music with a message

...Sharing stages with

Natalia Lafourcade, Halluci Nation, Michael Franti, Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeroes, !Gypsy Kings, LA Philharmonic & More

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
SU 323



MORE INFO: EDI@SOU.EDU

SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION

REZBALL

CULTURE & FAMILY NIGHT



TUESDAY: MAY 7TH @ 6
REINHART PARK
1690 SW WEBSTER ST GRANTS PASS



POTLUCK DINNER

JASILYN_SWICK@SOESD.K12.OR.US

RSVP: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/MVXDUBWXHX8SNUNK9](https://forms.gle/mVxduBwxhX8snuNK9)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking to replenish our Leadership Team with some new volunteers committed to equitable community change.



jocoequityproject@gmail.com

SOCIALS: [FACEBOOK: TERESA SOESD INDIANED](#)

[YOUTUBE: SOESD STAFF TRAINING VIDEOS](#)

Teresa Cisneros (She, Her, Hers)

Carrizo/Comecrudo Nation of Texas

SOESD Indian Education Facilitator

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JASI (JC) SWICK (She, Her, Hers)

Cheyenne River & Standing Rock Lakota Oyate'

SOESD Indian Education Facilitator

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Jasilyn_swick@soesd.k12.or.us

<https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/migrant-ed-ell/>

THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRESENTS

Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander
TOWN HALL

Learn more about the work of the *Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Plan* through these community engagement opportunities

MAY 6, 2024, 5-6:30P SALEM, OREGON CHUUKESE INTERPRETER MCKAY HS. COMMONS AREA	MAY 7, 2024, 5-6:30P SALEM, OREGON MARSHALLESE INTERPRETER MCKAY HS. COMMONS AREA
MAY 13, 2024, 6-7:30P EUGENE, OREGON UO JAQUA CENTER 2ND FLR CLASSROOM	MAY 14, 2024, 5-6:30P ALOHA, OREGON ALOHA HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA

MAY 20, 2024
12-1P & 5-6P
ON ZOOM
MEETING ID: 160 754 3074 | PASSWORD: NHPIOR

Scan Code to Register

For more information, contact:
Carol.Matsuzaki@ode.oregon.gov



**SOESD INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM,
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