JORDAN NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

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Dear Jordan Native American Families,

We hope this message finds you well as we embrace the arrival of spring and embark on another exciting month of activities and opportunities within our community. We have some remarkable updates to share in this April newsletter.

Native American Community Night: Save the Date – April 4th, 5:00–7:30 pm This year's Native American Community Night will be held at West Jordan High School from 5:00 to

7:30 p.m.

The rhythms, traditions, and flavors of our heritage will be happening on April 4th. We invite you and your family to participate in an evening dedicated to celebrating our diverse Native American cultures. Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with cultural performances. Listen to our Keynote Speaker, Miss Native American USU, Emily Kimbrough, and, of course, enjoy delectable Navajo Tacos provided by Fry Me to the Moon. This event is open to all members of our program and free of charge! To help us get an accurate count, RSVP-<u>https://forms.gle/H3mHLApq4d7FkHfP9</u> or email Malinda. All those who RSVP will receive extra tickets for our fabulous prize drawings.

Celebration of Graduates:

Let us come together to honor the 24 exceptional seniors graduating from our program this year at our Native American Community Night on April 4th at West Jordan High. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment have paved the way for a bright future. Join us in celebrating their accomplishments and recognizing their potential as they embark on new journeys. If you have a graduating senior, reach out to Ty Ramone so we can get some information from you to honor your student on April 4th.

Program Participation

If you know of a student who has a parent or grandparent with native documentation, they are eligible to be in our program! We warmly welcome new members to join our vibrant community, where they can engage in cultural activities and receive support for their educational endeavors. Spread the word among friends and family who may be interested! Reach out to Malinda if you know of someone who could benefit from our program.

Field Trip to the Utah Natural History Museum:

We recently organized a field trip for our middle school students to the Utah Natural History Museum to visit the "Our Native Voices" exhibit. This allowed our students to explore and connect with the rich cultural heritage of the eight indigenous tribes in our region. It was a tremendous learning experience, immersing our program participants in the wonders of nature and history. Thirteen middle school students from across the Jordan School District participated in this activity. They were so impressive that we were invited back next year. Good work to all those students who participated, who were great examples and representatives of our community.

American Indian Youth Leadership Conference:

We take great pride in announcing the successful participation of our students at the American Indian Youth Leadership Conference at Salt Lake Community College. Our students expanded their leadership abilities and cultural knowledge, standing tall among their peers by attending various break-out sessions and hearing from indigenous community leaders and keynote speakers. Congratulations to all the participants for expanding their leadership reach within our community.

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. Collection of Books Available for Free:

We have amassed a remarkable collection of books carefully curated to celebrate Native American culture, history, and legacy. These books are available for free to all program members. We believe that embracing literature can deepen our understanding and appreciation of our heritage and help promote the preservation of indigenous languages. Reach out to your mentor to access this wonderful resource.

Final Word:

We hope this glimpse into our upcoming events and initiatives has ignited your enthusiasm. For further updates, stay connected with us through our website and social media platforms. Let us stand united in preserving and promoting our treasured Native American heritage.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team. Together, let's create a thriving community and empower future generations. Wishing you a vibrant April ahead!

<u>Upcoming Events:</u>

April 13, 2024 Weaving Communities & Making Connections Pow Wow Jon M. Huntsman Center

April 16th thru 18th - 8 am to 3 pm. Emergency Medicine with Rural and Indigenous Communities Gathering Salt Lake City Marriot University Park 480 Wakara Way, SLC, UT. 84108

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