

WELCOME TO The New School Year

Welcome

Hello and welcome to a new academic year! The Jordan Native American Program is excited to start this journey with you. We have a year full of engaging events, opportunities, and helpful reminders to support the success of our Native students and families. Our goal is to foster a warm, nurturing environment where academic achievement, cultural pride, and community engagement thrive.

As we begin, let's embrace new beginnings, reconnect with friends, set new goals, and celebrate our rich heritage together. We look forward to a year of learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Fall Family Fair

Join us on September 18th from 4–7 pm at the Viridian in West Jordan for an evening of fun and community building! Hosted by Jordan School District's Language and Cultural Services, this free event features booths, games, prizes, and activities for all ages. Visit our Jordan Title VI Native Program Bead Booth to meet our staff, connect with families, and learn about resources for Native students. Don't miss this chance to engage with our community!



Academic Support and Mentors

We want to remind our students about the excellent academic support services and dedicated mentors available to you. In the coming weeks, mentors for elementary, middle, and high school students will be visiting schools, bringing gifts and surprises! These visits offer individualized support, tailored advice, and opportunities to ask questions to help you succeed academically. Please take full advantage of these resources designed to empower your learning journey. If you would like to meet with your mentor or need assistance, please reach out—we are here to help.

Field Trips

We are excited to announce several field trips planned for the upcoming year, tailored to each mentoring group. These trips are designed to be both educational and enjoyable, offering our students meaningful cultural experiences and lasting memories. While we are still finalizing the dates, this year JNAP will visit the Hogle Zoo and the Aquarium, as well as the "Our Native Voices" exhibit, SheTech conference, and the Hutchings Museum.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM



Career and Scholarship Night

On November 6th, we will host a Career and Scholarship Night at JATC South in Riverton. This event will provide students with essential information and resources to support their academic and career planning. We welcome volunteers to help organize the event—your support is key to making it successful and informative.

We are also seeking recommendations for community leaders and industry professionals to share their career journeys and insights with our Native students. If you know someone who would inspire and empower our students, please let us know. Suggestions for speakers are greatly appreciated. Contact Kaitlin Durfey with your recommendations.

Indian Parent Planning Committee

We invite all parents and guardians to join our Indian Parent Planning Committee, which plays a vital role in shaping our program's activities and services. While regular attendance is not required, meetings are held every Thursday at 12:30 PM. Your input matters—by participating, you can make a meaningful impact in our community.

Service Projects

We value giving back and fostering service within our Native American communities. Service projects reinforce our cultural values, strengthen community bonds, and empower our youth. We invite students, parents, and community members to suggest impactful projects that reflect our values and community needs. Please share your ideas with us.

PROGRAM CONTACT INFO

Dr. Ami Shah

Program Administrator
801-567-8172
ami.shah@jordandistrict.org

Malinda Jensen

Administrative Assistant
801-567-8325
malinda.jensen@jordandistrict.org

Nick West

Coordinator & Middle School
Student Mentor
801-567-8343
nicholas.west@jordandistrict.org

Lori Packer

Elementary School Student Mentor
801-567-8178
lori.packer@jordandistrict.org

Kaitlin Durfey

High School Student Mentor
801-567-8317
kaitlin.durfey@jordandistrict.org