

## Jordan Native American Program

# NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Holidays!

Dear Community,

As we enter the month of Nil Ch'i Tsoh, and the frost and the winds of December bring our school year calendar to its midway point, We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and guidance you have given to our program. We continue to expand and open new opportunities for our students and rely more and more on our community to help them succeed. Many of you have been a tremendous help, and the Jordan Native Program is immensely grateful. Thank you.

### WANT A BOOK?

The Jordan Native Program believes that supporting Native authors is a great way to both expand the knowledge base and outreach of Native American Culture while striving to improve the literacy rates among our young community members. This year, our program purchased books for our elementary school students, and Lori has been doing a fantastic job getting them into the hands of our young readers. We currently have a few copies left over that are available to members. These copies are free but limited, so please reach out to Lori for a list of books she has available for your students.

### WHO WE ARE?

Utah is home to eight sovereign tribal nations: Confederated Tribes of Goshute, Navajo Nation, Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, San Juan Southern Paiute, Skull Valley Band of Goshute, White Mesa Community of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Ute Indian Tribe. All 8 state and federally recognized tribes are currently represented in our program in addition to several students from tribes that exist outside of the state of Utah such as the Choctaw and Lakota Nations. We are very proud to have such a diverse program and would like to continue to expand support for all tribes. We want to continue to expand our program and seek to be as inclusive as possible. If you would like to share your tribe's culture and be included in our resource lists, please reach out to Malinda.

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## NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY NIGHT

As we transition into the winter, we are excited to begin planning our Native American Community Night. *Save the date for our Native American Community Night on April 4th at West Jordan High!* We would love your assistance in planning this event. Please contact us if you would like to share ideas, volunteer, or become a vendor at the event. Our planning committee will meet weekly starting in January. If you would like to participate in these meetings, please contact Malinda for dates and times. If you cannot attend the meetings but have suggestions on what you would like to see at the Native Community Night, let us know. We are also continuing to expand our list of individuals who want to participate by sharing their cultural experiences, stories, dances, or other communal ceremonies.

Please let us know if you would like to share, and we will contact you.

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### NEED SOME HELP?

Currently, the Jordan Native Program utilizes 3 part-time mentors to help with the scholastic needs of 321 students. Our mentors utilize a variety of monitoring techniques to try and help identify students who could benefit from an active relationship to help improve grades or attendance. Once a student is identified, mentors will then begin meeting with these students and develop a plan for improvement and support. With such a large number of students, we see a tremendous benefit in parents reaching out to help identify students who need additional support. If you feel like your student could benefit from a more active relationship with a mentor, please contact us and we would be happy to develop a plan for student success.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS!

Save the Date!

March 19, 2024

SLCC Native American Conference  
for High School students

April 4, 2024

Native American Community Night

### FLU AND COVID-19 SHOTS

Covid-19 and Flu shots are provided to Urban Indian Center (UICSL) registered clients from 9:00 am – 4:30 PM. An appointment can be scheduled by reaching out to front desk at (801) 486-4877.

For information on UICSL registration,  
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