

PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY

Native American Scholarship Information Night



Agenda

5:00 Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

5:10 Alumni Motivational Speaker

5:15 Scholarship Information Presentation

6:15 Dinner - Q/A - Networking - Closing Remarks

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement



We would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute tribes.

We honor and recognize the Indigenous Peoples who have cared for this land for generations and continue to be an integral part of this community.

Well Wishes

November marks Native American Heritage Month, a time for recognizing the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Native American peoples. Celebrating this month provides an opportunity to acknowledge and honor our diverse cultures and traditions that have shaped our nation.

Native American Heritage Month not only highlights the importance of preserving these vibrant traditions and histories but also educates us about the significant roles Native Americans have played in our society.

By celebrating this month, we foster respect, understanding, and appreciation for the diverse cultural tapestry that is woven into the fabric of America.

Our Purpose

Title VI Indian Education Program

- Support the efforts of local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, post-secondary institutions, and other entities
- To meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students so that students can meet higher academic achievement standards.

<https://compliance.jordandistrict.org/native/>



Advocates

Dr. Chuck Foster - American Indian Education Specialist for the Utah State Board of Education

Dr. Ami Shah - Program Administrator

Malinda Jensen - Administrative Assistant

Nick West - Program Coordinator & Middle School Student Mentor

Lori Packer - Elementary School Student Mentor

Kaitlin Durfey - High School Student Mentor

Resources

- Program Brochures
- 506 Forms
- Business Cards
- Event Flyer/Handout
 - Contact Information
 - Scholarship Links
 - Notes Section
 - Detailed Agenda



Objectives

Pathways to Prosperity is an event dedicated to empowering Native American high school students by

- providing information on scholarship opportunities tailored to your unique backgrounds and aspirations.
- to guide students and families through the process of accessing resources that can make higher education more affordable and attainable to pursue your goals with confidence.

We Ask....

- During the presentations, please use your handout to write questions.
- We will not be taking questions during the presentations.
- During the Q/A - Networking portion of the event you will be able to ask any questions.
- Take pictures of the slides you would like for your reference.

Alumni Presentation - Sequoya Lee

- Graduated from Copper Hills High School in 2023
- President of the Native American Club
- Currently a freshman studying Cello Performance at BYU, Provo

Sequoya is Navajo and Comanche on her paternal side, a descendant from the Tó dích'íi'nii Clan and Samoan on her maternal side.

Sequoya was awarded:

- The Chief Manuelito Scholarship from the Navajo Nation
- The Brigham Young University's Multicultural Scholarship
- The BYU School of Music Scholarship

Her plan is to pursue a doctorate degree in music and cello performance and to teach and work as a professional chamber musician.

Scholarship Information Presentation - Ashley Heaton

- Ashley Heaton is a dedicated high school counselor at Herriman High School, where she focuses on empowering Native American students to pursue higher education and trade school.
- As a proud member of the Navajo Nation, Ashley is passionate about helping students navigate the numerous funding opportunities available today—resources that were not as accessible during her own educational journey.
- Her commitment to fostering success in her students is evident in her advocacy for their futures.

Dinner - Q/A - Networking

- Please enjoy your meal that is complementary of Domino's Pizza. We really appreciate their partnership.
- As you finish your meal, please take the rest of the night to do some meet and greets with these amazing resources.
- Ask all of your questions/concerns/upcoming plans with high school counselors or the various College/University/Scholarship booths.
- If you are interested in discussing options of joining our Native American Planning Committee, please visit our table by the door.
- For those here for Professional Development, please go to the PD room upstairs to discuss additional scholarship information for high school students.

Closing Remarks

- This evening has been all about opening doors to opportunity, helping students envision a bright future, and laying out the various pathways that can lead to prosperity. But we would also like to note that all of this information isn't just for high school students, it can be beneficial for anyone looking to climb the ladder of education.
- Please know that anytime you see one of the advocates introduced at the beginning of the evening, a counselor, or one of these university/college/scholarship representatives, you have someone that believes in you and wants to see you succeed.
- We hope that you have enjoyed this event and that we have provided you with a variety of opportunities to create your own pathway to prosperity that is unique to you.
- We wish you safe travels home and thank you for being with us tonight.