



# The Office of Indian Education Newsletter

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Hello, everyone! The school year is well underway and we know you are all busy with your many exciting events, programs, and services! The OIE team just returned from a week in Oklahoma at the National Indian Education Association Convention. The team delivered great sessions highlighting the discretionary and formula programs, as well as an engaging town hall session with OIE Director, Julian Guerrero. It was also a great opportunity to connect with many of you in person!

This edition of the newsletter brings lots of great news, exciting events, and useful resources. We share the new grants awarded, announce the new Native American Language Resource Center, spotlight an ARP-AIRE grantee, feature news regarding Native American Heritage Month and the Student Artist Competition, and highlight a number of upcoming events. We also want to hear from you about the types of features and information you would like to see in future editions of the OIE newsletter. Use the link below to share your great ideas!

[Share your suggestion here!](#)



# WELCOME

## Office of Indian Education Awards New Grants

OIE is excited to announce new grantees for three of the discretionary grant programs. The State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) program awarded one new grant. The Native American Language (NAL@ED) program awarded five new grants. The Demonstration grants Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) program awarded 43 new grants. OIE welcomes and congratulates the 49 new grantees and invites you to learn more about them on the OIE [website](#).

# NAL

## Native American Language

- Comanche Academy Charter School
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Enemy Swim Day School
- Little Wound School Board
- Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

# NYCP

## Native Youth Community Projects

- Alaska Gateway School District
- Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government
- Anchorage School District
- Aztec Municipal School District
- Blackwater Community School
- Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.
- Crazy Horse School
- Dallas Inter-Tribal Center
- Del Norte County Office of Education
- Devils Lake Public School District
- Educational Service Unit 2

# STEP

## State Tribal Education Partnership

- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

- Fairbanks Native Association
- Fort Peck Community College
- Goldbelt Heritage Foundation
- Grand View School
- Iditarod Area School District
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe (IRA)
- Lapwai School District
- Lincoln Public Schools
- Little Wound School Board, Inc.
- Lower Yukon School District
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Nevada Department of Education
- Niobrara Public Schools
- Northwest Arctic Borough School District
- Osage County Interlocal Cooperative
- Phoenix Indian Center
- Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council
- Salish Kootenai College
- San Diego County Superintendent of Schools
- San Juan County School District
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
- Southeast Island School District
- Stilwell Public Schools
- Virginia Tribal Education Consortium, Inc.
- Washoe County School District
- Wellpinit School District #49
- Wiyot Tribe
- Yukon Koyukuk School District



OIE's annual Native American Heritage Month Celebration will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. ET. We look forward to sharing the great things OIE grantees are doing across Indian Country! Register to attend [here](#).



## Native American Language Resource Center

The Office of Indian Education (OIE) will launch a Native American Language Resource Center to support schools, programs, and individuals engaged in the reclamation, revitalization, preservation, and instruction of Indigenous languages, as envisioned in the Native American Languages Act of 1990.

To register for upcoming engagement sessions, the NALRC newsletter, and more, [click here](#).



## Coeur d'Alene Intergenerational Place-Making Program

(FY21 ARP-AIRE Grantee)

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Education Department engaged youth in learning aspects of history about the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and how external forces, such as environmental, political, cultural, social and economic forces have affected and continue to impact the Coeur d'Alene people and the reservation communities. The four-week summer program instilled in youth a sense of place-consciousness, a growing understanding of the impact of external forces, and a desire to engage in advocacy for the future development of the communities in which they live.

**SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP '22**

CLIMATE EXPLORERS    ADVANCED ART AND ANIMATION    VOICES TO HEAR    ANIMATION STORYTELLING    MEDICINAL PLANTS    PHOTOGRAPHY

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**  
This year, all tracks will follow a common theme. During this four-week program you will learn new skills and take a journey through Coeur d'Alene Tribal history. This will include the creation of the missions, the Battle of Ingossemisn (Sieptoe), and events that led to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe relocating to DeSmet.

**ACCESS THE APPLICATION**  
[www.cda.tribe-nsn.gov/education/summer-youth-internship/](http://www.cda.tribe-nsn.gov/education/summer-youth-internship/)  
OR  
Use your camera on your smartphone to access the Summer Youth Internship webpage.

**PROGRAM DATE**  
June 13th - July 8th

**ELIGIBILITY**  
7th grade (age 12+) to 12th grade  
*Minimum age of 14 for Climate Explorers*  
**AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**  
- Coeur d'Alene Tribal Member  
- Community Member

**PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
APPLICANTS TO THE PROGRAM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY  
**April 29th, 2022**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The summer program gave youth opportunities to explore unique learning experiences and obtain valuable skills, and deepened connections to the land and to Coeur d'Alene Tribal history. The program had six tracks: storytelling, medicinal plants, photography, advanced art and animation, climate explorers, and voices 2 hear. Students learned about the history of the Coeur d'Alene people during the period of 1842-1907, including the impact of the Catholic Missions, how the community of

DeSmet was created, how Hangman Creek got its name, and what happened before and after the Battle with Colonel Steptoe.

The summer program aimed to develop critical reflection in the students, which in turn will lead to their understanding of the Coeur d'Alene Core Values and how they relate to critical consciousness as they become change agents and future leaders. Learn more about the summer program and view student-created materials [here](#).



November is national Native American Heritage Month! We've gathered a few resources to help you prepare activities for your community.

- [Spirit Rangers](#), a new animated children's show on Netflix, follows three Indigenous siblings named Kodi, Summer, and Eddy Skycedar who are tasked with becoming Spirit Rangers and embodying various animals to protect the national park they call home. Karissa Valencia, the show's creator, was inspired by her upbringing and the tribal stories her father would tell her about nature and animals.
- The [2022 Native Cinema Showcase](#) is an annual celebration of the best in Indigenous film. The online program includes a total of 35 films (six features and 30 shorts) representing 30 Native nations in eight different countries. There are 10 Indigenous languages spoken in the films and genres include documentaries, music videos, kid-friendly shorts, films in Indigenous languages, and more.
- Explore traditional foods through [recipes from Oglala Lakota Sioux chef, Sean Sherman](#), such as Tepary Beans with Chile-Agave Glaze or Chia Pudding with Berries and Popped Amaranth. First Nations Development Institute developed [three free cookbooks](#) in collaboration with Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and the STAR School on Navajo Nation. Dishes range from Navajo Squash Blossom Soup to Sweet Potato Orange Muffins; and one of the cookbooks focuses on making the most of items commonly received through the Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).
- November is also time to vote! [Native Vote](#) is a nonpartisan initiative focusing on voter registration, Get-Out-The-Native-Vote (GOTNV), election protection, education and data collection. Website resources help to encourage and ensure Native voter voices are heard.

**Do You Follow Us on Twitter?**

Here's an example of what you're missing if you don't! We share upcoming events, funding opportunities, useful resources, and interesting news stories.

We'd love to stay connected. Follow us  
[@OIEIndianEd!](https://twitter.com/OIEIndianEd)



## Save the Dates for These Events

### 10th International Indigenous Research Conference 2022

Virtual | November 15-18, 2022

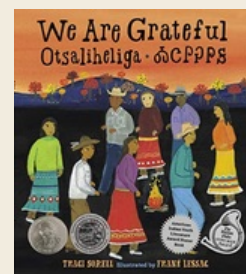
New Zealand's Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga invites you to join its second virtual and 10th International Indigenous Research Conference (IIRC). IIRC is a time for reflection, sharing, planning, innovating, getting inspired. Hot topics include climate change, living sustainably, Indigenous rights and wellbeing, Indigenous data sovereignty, Indigenous distinctiveness, and building firm foundations for flourishing Indigenous futures. Free Keynote Only registration will give you access to the internationally renowned, Indigenous Keynote speakers.

Visit the [website](#) to register for this event.

### We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga with Children's Author Traci Sorell

Virtual | November 9, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET

Join Cherokee Nation citizen and award-winning children's author, Traci Sorell, as she shares her book *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*. Discover how a Cherokee family and their tribal nation express thanks for celebrations big and small. This program is part of Sonoma County Library's celebration of Native American Heritage Month.



Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### Native Ways of Knowing Webinar Series for 2022-2023

Virtual | Twice Monthly from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST, Various Dates

San Diego County Office of Education and California Indian Education for All are hosting a free, Native Ways of Knowing Webinar Series. K-12 educators and leaders are invited to learn from several renowned Native American professors, scholars, and changemakers. Participants will access free culturally responsive resources to improve representations and classroom climates for teaching and learning about California's first peoples. Live and interactive webinars are designed for participants to gain knowledge on supporting literacy, cultural competency, and culturally responsive instruction for Native American students. Each session will include access to free, open-source lesson plans, resources, and instructional materials.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

**National Diversity in STEM Conference**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico | October 27-29, 2022

The largest multidisciplinary and multicultural STEM diversity event in the country, the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) conference is a gathering that serves to equip, empower, and energize participants for their academic and professional paths in STEM. Over the course of the event, college-level through professional attendees are immersed in cutting-edge STEM research, professional development sessions, motivational keynote speakers, and the Graduate School & Career Expo Hall, as well as multicultural celebrations and traditions, and an inclusive and welcoming community of peers, mentors, and role models. The SACNAS conference is a broadly inclusive space where you are encouraged and empowered to bring your whole self to STEM.

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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