



Youth Receive the COVID-19 Vaccination at Vaccine Clinic

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Youth ages 12-18 had the opportunity to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine during a vaccine clinic on Thursday, May 20, in the Salt River High School lobby. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community youth were given their first dose and will return to get their second dose in three weeks.

"Today we are using the Pfizer vaccine, which is under the emergency youth authorization for youth 12 years and older. It is pretty much the only one available on the U.S. market for the youth," said pharmacist Andrew DeMotto. "We are trying the best we can to get a jump-start on the children in that age range. Our goal is to try to vaccinate as many kids here as possible."

Clinical Services Manager Marianne Bennett explained that there will be future clinics during the summer and that the event only had a limited supply of the vaccine.

SRPMIC member Elayne Lucero brought her triplets in to receive the vaccine to help limit their chances of catching the COVID-19 virus.

"They like playing baseball, and when we go to [baseball] games in the city, [the authorities] are really very [lax about people] wearing masks. My concern is that over the summer it's going to get even more lax," said Lucero. She said she worries about her kids' health, because two of them have asthma. "I want to keep them safe."



Kaleb Lucero gets his COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic held at the Salt River High School on May 20, 2021.

For information on future COVID-19 vaccination clinics for youth in the Community, follow the SRPMIC on social media at @srpmic and Salt River Schools at @saltriverschools or you can see ad on page 3 for additional information.

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New Extended Stay Hotel Now Open at the Talking Stick Entertainment District



A ribbon cutting kicked off the Staybridge Suites grand opening, the extended stay hotel is located at the Talking Stick Entertainment District.

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The newest hotel to open in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held its grand-opening event on Thursday, May 20. The Staybridge Suites Scottsdale-Talking Stick has been operational since October 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the hotel was unable to hold a grand opening at that time.

SRPMIC Council representatives and other dignitaries helped welcome the Staybridge Suites to its new home in Salt River. Council representative Thomas Largo gave the opening prayer, which was followed by a

welcome speech from SRPMIC President Martin Harvier.

Harvier reminisced about what the surrounding area looked like before the spring training facility was built and all of the development that followed.

"When serving as the [SRPMIC] vice-president, in my second year [came] the proposal to build the spring training facility. [Back then] this whole area was like a desert. There was an old golf course that was rundown and overgrown," said Harvier. "It was a tough decision for our Council to build that facility; the economy fell, but it was an opportunity. Council felt that

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The Save Oak Flat Act: An Update



A sign that reads, "Respect native holy site" at Oak Flat. Photo provided by Thomas Wright

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On March 15, chair of the Natural Resources Committee Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) introduced the Save Oak Flat Act, H.R. 1884, with plans to permanently protect the Oak Flat (or Chi'chil Bildagoteel) area of Arizona's Tonto National Forest from recent mining proposals.

In the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act, a provision mandated that the federal government transfer 2,422 acres of Tonto National Forest land to Resolution Copper, a joint ven-

ture owned by Rio Tinto Mining Company and BHP Billiton, to mine the region. The Oak Flat area is considered sacred by the Apache and other Arizona tribes.

On March 1, it was announced that the U.S. Forest Service withdrew its final environmental impact statement and draft record of decision issued on January 15, and, according to the Natural Resources Committee, "will conduct a thorough review before proceeding any further with the preparation of new analyses at the site."

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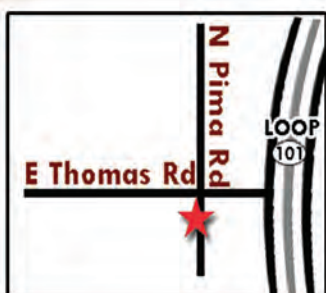
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Weekly Update - May 28



SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 5/26/2021

In the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as of Friday, May 28, we have administered a total of 12,079 vaccinations and have vaccinated 81 youth ages 12 to 17. As of this morning, a total of 16,482 COVID-19 tests have been completed by our healthcare staff. We currently have eight active COVID-19 cases and two individuals hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers go to those in the hospital and their families, and we also ask that you send prayers their way.

Starting on June 7 and every Friday after that, the SRPMIC will vaccinate youth and young adults ages 12 to 17 at the COVID-19 vaccine site. They will be given the Pfizer vaccine, which is the currently approved COVID-19 vaccine for this age group. All those wanting this vaccine will need to have an appointment. If you wish to have your child vaccinated, call the Community's COVID-19 hotline at (480) 362-2603, option 2, to schedule an appointment. (See ad on this page.)

We continue to offer the Moderna vaccine at the COVID-19 vaccine site. If you are 18 or older and want to get the COVID-19 vaccine, we are making it convenient by expanding the service. Appointments are not necessary, but recommended. Those with an appointment will receive vaccine priority.

We will be expanding COVID-19 vaccination to other days of the week and other locations soon. The Salt River Clinic will begin providing Moderna vaccines on Tuesday; this is only for individuals who have a medical record at the clinic. A mobile vaccine unit will also serve different locations in the Community beginning this month. This mobile COVID-19 vaccine unit will be set up at the Lehi Community Center parking lot on Monday, June 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, June 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to noon; Friday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon; and Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. Look for announcements for additional locations and dates. (See ad on this page.)

Being fully vaccinated has its benefits and will help keep our families safe. You are able to meet in person with oth-

ers if they have received a COVID-19 vaccine. This is really good.

The SRPMIC government is expected to stay in Phase 2 until the end of June. As part of Phase 2, the government is conducting random COVID-19 testing for employees. Employees who show proof of the vaccine can opt out of the testing. This means that the government offices and services are still not fully staffed, and we still have employees working from home. Staff who are working in the offices are available to provide assistance to our Community members. If you need services, we recommend that you first call the department and make an appointment so that the staff can best serve you. Also, if you are feeling ill or having any symptoms, please do not come to the government offices. Our staff are happy to meet with you via phone or to schedule another time to meet in person when you are feeling better. We want everyone to remain healthy.

May 31 was Memorial Day. Services were held at St. Francis Catholic Church, where we placed a wreath honoring all our veterans throughout the Community. We also held a remembrance at the USS Arizona Memorial for those who lost their lives during World War II. But you don't need a special day to remember those who served in the military to protect our freedom. Remember them always, because they gave a lot. Some of them came home broken. Some did not want to speak of the horrors they saw. Some of them did not come home at all. We lost many of our brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. I remember when we did a ceremony at the Day School, one of our elders, a past president, said that she still hears the voices of those young men who went off to World War II. Please remember those who served.

Thank you for this time.

Feds OK New Arizona Tribal Casino and Sports Betting Deal

PHOENIX (AP) — Gambling on sporting events and online fantasy sports betting became legal in Arizona on Monday, along with a host of new gambling options at tribal casinos, after the U.S. Department of the Interior approved an updated tribal gaming compact with the state.

The approval puts into effect emergency legislation Gov. Doug Ducey signed in April that was a counterpart to the new tribal gambling agreement. The deal the Republican governor signed with the tribes allows them to expand their casino gambling offerings and offer sports and fantasy betting.

Outside of the reservation casinos, major professional sports groups will be able to offer wagering on pro sports like the NFL, and NBA. And online fantasy sports operations like DraftKings can piggyback on the licenses.

The approval by the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs was the last cog needed for the gambling options to be fully legal in the state.

Pro teams will need to get state-issued licenses and set up operations. Backers of the legislation hope that is possible by the start of the NFL season this fall.

The tribes fiercely protected their exclusive right to most gambling in Arizona under the gaming compact approved by the state's voters in 2002 and will continue to get that protection under the new deal.

In addition to the new sports and online betting, the tribes can now greatly expand their exclusive gambling offerings, adding games such as Baccarat and craps and increasing the number of slot machines while maintaining existing offerings of blackjack and poker.

Ducey hailed the milestone, which came after five years of negotiations with tribes.

"Gaming creates thousands of jobs for Arizonans, it generates tax revenue that benefits key areas of our communities, and it draws visitors to our state," Ducey said in a statement.

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	Enrolled Residents	Enrolled Non-Residents	Non-Enrolled Residents	Non-Enrolled / Non-Residents	Total	All Residents	All Enrolled
Completed Tests	9214	2475	1496	3265	16450	10710	11689
Positive	999	275	215	371	1860	1214	1274
Negative	8043	2158	1250	2827	14278	9293	10201
Currently Hospitalized	2	0	0	0	2	2	2
Recovered	958	266	208	367	1799	1166	1224
Active Cases	9	0	0	0	9	9	9
Deaths	32	9	7	3	51	39	41

**Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment*

*** Additional testing data has been provided by an external partner [dating back August 19]*

**** COVID-19 Results Round Up will go live week of Sept. 14 increasing data collection with individuals self-reporting*

SRPMIC COVID-19 VACCINE MOBILE UNIT

First stop, Lehi!

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will offer the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to 18+ from a Mobile Unit in June. Various locations will be announced to provide more options for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

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WHEN?

June 7, Monday	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
June 9, Wednesday	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
June 10, Thursday	9 a.m. to noon
June 11, Friday	9 a.m. to noon
June 12, Saturday	9 a.m. to noon

JULY Schedule (Second Dose)

July 12, Monday	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
July 14, Wednesday	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
July 15, Thursday	9 a.m. to noon
July 16, Friday	9 a.m. to noon
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What Parents Should Know

- * The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the only vaccine currently available for ages 12-17. Those 18 or older should get whichever vaccine is first available.
- * Your child will need a second shot of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine 3 weeks after their first shot.
- * COVID-19 vaccines can be received with other vaccines at the same childhood wellness visit, without having to wait between vaccines.
- * Your child may have some side effect (fever, body aches, sore arm) which are normal signs that their body is building protection.
- * Talk to your child about what they can expect at their vaccine appointment, and remind them that vaccines keep them and others healthy.

Coming soon - Salt River Schools vaccine clinic will be available during summer

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Is It Safe To Go To Big Sporting Events During The Pandemic?

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

Is it safe to go to big sporting events during the pandemic?

Not yet, but there are ways to make it safer if you go.

“Yelling, chanting, hugging and generally pouring out our sports enthusiasm is still not the safest activity,” noted Jennifer Dowd, associate professor of population health at University of Oxford and chief scientific officer of Dear Pandemic, a website that offers expert opinions.

If you do decide to go to a game, outdoor stadiums are safer than indoor arenas, which won’t be as well ventilated. Venues that limit attendance and require masks are safer as well. Some teams are requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test for the coronavirus.

Once at the stadium, avoid indoor bars, restaurants and box seating, Dowd said. “Spaces that are indoors with lots of people eating and drinking without masks are still among the riskiest,” she said.

Going to a game is much safer if you’re fully vaccinated, notes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the agency advises wearing masks at crowded sports events regardless of

whether you’ve had your shots.

Evidence on the safety of big games is mixed. The NFL says it safely hosted 1.2 million fans at 119 games during the 2020 season. Some studies that haven’t yet been vetted by outside experts have reached differing conclusions about whether the football season led to more infections. The study findings can’t be certain, since they were based on disease rates in counties, not on contact tracing investigations.

Dr. Peter Hotez, an infectious disease specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said enough Americans will likely be fully vaccinated by June or July to see significant declines in transmission of the virus.

“The risk won’t go to zero,” Hotez said, but it will drop enough that sporting events, restaurants and larger gatherings may be much safer.

The CDC offers additional guidance to help sports fans make decisions as the pandemic continues, such as checking with event organizers about what safety measures are being taken. An important reminder: If you have symptoms, are waiting for a virus test result or have been exposed to someone who’s infected, you should stay home, the CDC says.



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New Extended Stay Hotel Now Open at the Talking Stick Entertainment District

building [the spring training] facility would be a magnet for bringing economic development to this area, which we have seen since then.”

Harvier expressed his gratitude for the employment opportunities that the Staybridge Suites hotel will offer to SRPMIC members.

“Having businesses located in the Community offers our members an opportunity for employment, and that is important to us as a Community,” said Harvier. “I feel that we are a big part of the East Valley as far as growth and opportunity.”

Norm Leslie, president of National Hospitality Services, gave a brief overview of the Staybridge Suites and what an extended-stay hotel has to offer.

“Every room is a suite. [We have] studio [and] one- to two-bedroom [suites]; we even have a couple of three- and four-bedroom suites. We have all the amenities of home. If you are staying two nights or two months, you are going to feel at home at this hotel,” said Leslie. “We are so lucky and proud to have a great crew that runs this hotel day and night. They are fully committed to the whole concept of hospitality; they want to see a smile on your face and want to see you feel great about your decision to stay at the Staybridge.”

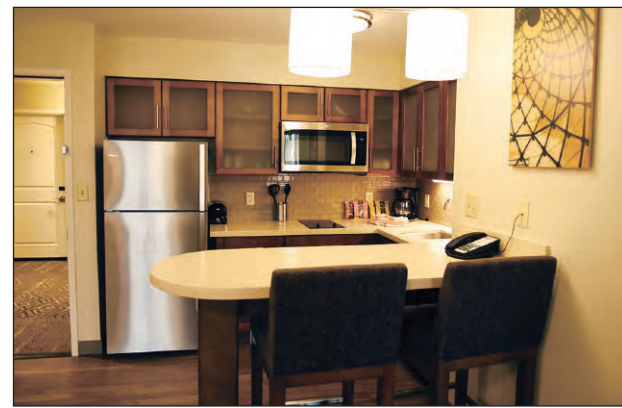
The Staybridge Suites Scottsdale-Talking Stick is located at 9141 E. Hummingbird Lane (at the Pavilions at Talking Stick Shopping Center), between Salt River Fields at Talking Stick and Home Depot. Rooms range from a studio suite to four-bedroom suites with a kitchen. Other amenities include daily breakfast, complimentary laundry, 24-hour fitness center, pool and more.

Dave Ekman, president of Bridge Hospitality, couldn't be happier and more proud of finally having the hotel's grand opening.

“We're excited to be a part of the Talking Stick Entertainment District,” said Ekman. “This area is one of the greatest not only in the Valley of the Sun, but across the country. We just think it's a super spot and we're very proud of our hotel.”



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SRPMIC Council representative Thomas Largo and President Martin Harvier meet Staybridge Suites employees who are members of the SRPMIC.

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The Save Oak Flat Act: An Update

On April 13, the House Natural Resources Committee, the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States (SCIP) hosted a virtual, fully remote legislative hearing on H.R. 1884, and on April 28 the House Natural Resources Committee Democrats, led by Grijalva, held a full committee markup to push the act.

“From the outset of the plan to do a land transfer with Rio Tinto Mining Company regarding Oak Flat, we were opposed to it,” said Grijalva. “There were various efforts that were conducted on the part of my Republican colleagues from Arizona to try to get it as a stand-alone piece of legislation, and it failed on the

House floor. It never appeared on the Senate side. So, on a bipartisan level, the feeling was that it was not something that Congress should support. As a piece of legislation to approve the land transfer, it failed. But what was able to be done was to put in a clause in the middle of the night, into this must-pass piece of legislation, insert it in there [to authorize the land transfer].”

Grijalva said that one of the reasons why he introduced the act was because he felt that on a historical level, in regard to cultural and religious protection, Indigenous people affected by the decision to mine copper at Oak Flat need to be respected.



The serene, natural beauty of the land and water at Oak Flat. Photo provided by Thomas Wright



Visitors at a swimming hole at Oak Flat. Photo provided by Thomas Wright

“More and more churches and [communities of faith] are rallying behind the legislation to repeal this deal because of what they believe is an assault on religious freedom,” said Grijalva.

This is the third time Grijalva has filed this piece of legislation, and there is no current date set to send the Save Oak Flat Act to the House floor.

“We’re going to continue to push to get it on the floor and take a vote and send it to the

Senate,” said Grijalva. “This is [for] Oak Flat, but what it symbolizes is the relationship between Indian Country and the U.S. federal government.”

Shane Anton, SRPMIC tribal historic preservation officer, said that O’odham people traveled and traded widely near Oak Flat and beyond. There is archaeological evidence of O’odham sites on or near the Oak Flat area.



Campgrounds at Oak Flat, with a sign that says, “Protect sacred Oak Flat.” Photo provided by Thomas Wright

O’odham Piipaash Language Program Hosts Sandal-Making Class



Finished product from a previous sandal-making class. Photo provided by Helema Andrews

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On May 19, the O’odham Piipaash Language Program hosted its first virtual sandal-making class, which was offered to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members.

Daryl Lynn Jay of Hu’u Consulting was the instructor of the event, and the class also included virtual instruction for making O’odham strand necklaces.

According to Senior Multimedia Specialist Helema Andrews, the class went well and participants enjoyed learning the craft. Ten women registered for the class and eight participated overall. This was the second sandal-making class out of two offered in May.

“The interest has been overwhelming, and we will continue to provide these types of classes in the future,” said Andrews.

Andrews said that, for the most part, historically O’odham men and women didn’t wear shoes at all, but when a foot covering was needed, leather sandals would be worn. They were worn mainly for walking long distances, walking on

rough terrain and for protection from the elements.

For more information on future classes, head to the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department webpage at www.saltrivercrd.org.



Sandal-making process from the virtual sandal-making class. Screenshot provided by Helema Andrews



Sandal-making materials from the virtual sandal-making class. Screenshot provided by Helema Andrews

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Todd Auger Retires After 28 Years With SRPMIC

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Engineering and Construction Services (ECS) Director Todd Auger is retiring after 28 years working for the Community.



Todd Auger. Photo provided by Brenna Wilson

Auger's last day was May 24, and he made quite an impact on the Community, as measured by the number of staff members who were more than glad to share their experiences with Auger during his time at SRPMIC.

His first day serving the Community was May 10, 1993. Auger was initially hired as a computer-aided designer/technician in the Planning and Zoning Division (later "Zoning" was replaced with "Engineering") of the Community Development Department (CDD).

"My role was to provide general drafting support for any tribal engineering, surveying or architectural design projects," said Auger. He also assisted with and maintained the Community's addressing and street assignment system for the United States Postal Service and assisted with the development of a



Fall Overhaul 2016. Left to right: Scott Thigpen, Todd Auger, Benny Bowlin, Jerome Carlos. Photo provided by Harold Jones

geographical information system (GIS) for the Community.

"My work area was in the downstairs conference room of the Old Administration building," recalled Auger. "This was the building that had two long ramps—one ramp that went up to Administration and the other ramp that went down to several departments, CDD, Tribal Housing and IT."

According to Auger, in the spring of 1996 the SRPMIC Council reorganized the CDD and approved the separation of the Planning and Engineering division. The Planning and Engineering program was given full department status. The two departments negotiated over the next six months to define and finalize roles, responsibilities and functions. The proposed Planning and Engineering Department consisted of six new divisions: Planning, Design, Survey, Building Compliance, Construction Management, and Computer-Aided Drafting/Geographical Information Systems.

The original nine individuals of the CDD that transitioned into the new Planning and Engineering Department were:

- Bryan Meyers, department head/director
- Fred Martinez, senior civil inspector
- Leanne Anton, administrative clerk
- Karen Schurz, permitting
- Angie Washington, right of ways
- Curtis Chiago, survey
- Bruce Rutter, survey
- Mike Sexton, survey
- Todd Auger, CAD/GIS

In the fall of 1996, the department was officially named the Engineering and Construction Services (ECS) Department, and the staff was relocated to two Williams Field barrack buildings on the east side of the tribal campus.

In 1997, Auger transitioned into an assistant director position for the newly formed ECS department. In 2001, he was placed in an "acting" capacity as director, and in 2004 he was competitively selected as director and served in that role until his last day with the Community.

Auger served on a few enterprise boards and was appointed to oversee the closure of the Red Mountain Trap and Skeet Club, Cypress Golf Course and the Secured Vehicle Storage. He was also involved in the development of several projects in the Loop 101 commercial corridor of the Community.

Auger said that it was his friend Bryan Meyers, now community manager for the SRPMIC, who introduced him to the Community and gave him the courage to commit to the Community's purpose and serve its people.

Auger's legacy at the Community is something that will positively impact many generations," said Meyers. "I have had the pleasure of serving with Todd Auger at the SRPMIC for over 27 years. Throughout Todd's career of service he consistently demonstrated his dedica-

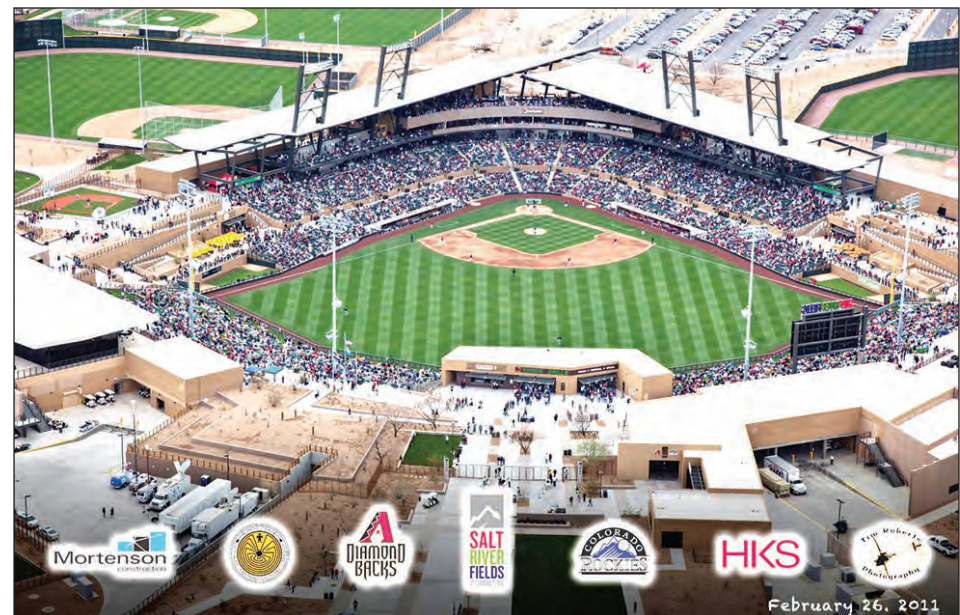
tion to the Community. Todd's service exemplified the Community values of honesty, respect for self and others, work ethic, humility, tolerance, compassion, accountability, quality service, dependability and innovation. Todd's personal contributions toward bettering the lives of Community members are unsurpassed by any employee that I have served with at the Community."

Scott Thigpen, assistant director of ECS, said that Auger has never been afraid to try new things. "Not only does he encourage a creative approach to getting work done, he also understands failure as a milestone on the road to success," said Thigpen. "Without judgment, he constantly encourages his team to keep trying. Todd's lasting legacy will be his mentorship and the lesson that we all need to trust one another."

Coworkers shared plenty of entertaining memories of Auger. Harold Jones of the ECS Design Division said that there is a video that exists somewhere of Auger's "convincing and award-



Two Waters Tribal Complex, one of the many projects Auger was a big part of. Photo provided by Harold Jones



Aerial shot of Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, one of the many projects Auger was a big part of. Photo provided by Harold Jones

winning" lip-synch re-creation of the Commodores' hit "Brick House" during one of the early employee get-togethers at the "old" Lehi Community Center circa 1998.

"Todd is still famous for pulling out a sheet of tracing paper and creating colorful architectural renderings on the front end of a big project to provide vision and to help jump-start the scoping process," said Jones. "I always admired Todd's ability and willingness to roll up his sleeves to complete those oddball tasks and projects that no one else dared to tackle. I cannot count the times that I have seen or heard the Community manager tell Todd, 'I have a special project for you,' simply because he knew Todd would get it done."

Steve Pokrzywka, construction management division manager for ECS, said that during the time Auger was director, a few of his signature projects that he can be proud of are the Two Waters Tribal Complex, the Salt River Fields spring training facility and the Scottsdale AutoShow development at Salt

ward while keeping budget and project timeline constraints," said Pokrzywka.

Auger has many memories of his time at the Community, and he said that one in particular stood out: when ECS and Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) employees would schedule basketball scrimmages during their lunchtimes at the Multi-Purpose building or at the Scottsdale Community College gym.

"The SRFD would generally win most of the time, but it was fun to compete and get some exercise," he said. "I still have bruises from trying to get the rebounds."

Auger plans to spend his retirement with his spouse, visiting family in Michigan during the summer and volunteering to assist his son-in-law in coaching a high school freshman football team in east Mesa.

"Thank you for allowing me to be a guest in the Community for the past 28 years," said Auger to the Community. "I have been honored and privileged to serve the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members, espe-



Aerial shot of the Scottsdale AutoShow at Salt River, one of the many projects Auger was a big part of. Photo provided by Harold Jones

River. "Todd understood how to navigate the Community's onerous development requirements [and] could build a team starting with other directors and staff to effectively push a project for-

cially the seniors and elders, and to be a meaningful part of the Engineering and Construction Services Department."

Take Action for Our Elders: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Senior Services Department (SSD)/Adult Protective Services (APS) team wants to bring to light some things to look out for while protecting our elders from preventable harm.

To acknowledge this day, APS will be hosting its own Community Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 23 with APS contact information and resources for education on abuse, neglect and exploitation of elders, as well as a giveaway of promotional items. APS will also be giving out T-shirts to the first 250 people who sign their pledge to be the Community's protectors, protecting elders from abuse.

APS Social Worker II Delaine Rodriguez said that raising awareness about elder abuse can teach children the historical lessons from their ancestors about honoring the elders and bringing balance to society. "The [children] would gain a new respect and empathy to continue and share the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of Native American history through lessons of an elder," said Rodriguez.

Alfonso Havatone, SSD Social Services manager, holds a similar view on the collective responsibility of the Community in keeping our elders safe.

"When caring for an elder, it's always best to report when in doubt [and] make a referral for a welfare check," said Havatone. "[APS] will follow up on every referral received and exhaust the referral to make sure our elderly



SRPMIC Senior Services Department logo. Photo provided by SRPMIC SSD

"It is the tradition and custom of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to honor and protect the elderly and vulnerable adults of the Community."

Adult Protective Services

are safe. A referral (a report or welfare check) allows us to assess the elderly person's needs and facilitate referrals to

SSD to make sure their needs are fully met."

"One thing we as a Community can do is take action. Action produces results when we are actively getting involved for change," said APS Social Worker II Adrian Doctor. "Historical lessons teach us to get involved with our elderly population by checking on them on a daily basis to see if they have enough food in their kitchens and they are well stocked in household supplies, clothing and first aid/medical items."

SSD stresses that it is not in the business of removing seniors from their

homes or families. Their goal is to provide family reunification in a safe manner when appropriate and to maintain the elderly and vulnerable adults within the family structure.

"We all have a responsibility in keeping our elderly safe. They are our teachers, advisors, mentors and [they] possess our culture [in language, song and way of life]," said Havatone.

Signs of Elder Abuse

- Injuries such as bruises, cuts or broken bones
- Self-neglect: missing medical appointments, non-compliant with medical advice and self-care
- Malnourishment or weight loss
- Poor hygiene
- Symptoms of anxiety, depression or confusion
- Unexplained transactions or loss of money
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June 17	June 4
July 1	June 18
July 15	July 2
Aug 5	July 16

SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srpmic-nsn.gov
For more information please call (480) 362-7750.

Senior Services Meal Schedule

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SENIORS/CLIENTS RECEIVING SSD PROVIDED MEALS:

Effective 4/19/2021

The Senior Services Department will be returning to hot lunch meals delivered and served though the meal pick up line Monday through Friday. The distribution will include:
(1) hot lunch meal served daily

SCHEDULE:

Home Delivered Meals only:
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Drive thru Meals pickup for Salt River and Lehi locations:
11p.m.- 12 p.m.
Monday - Friday

If you have questions, please call Senior Services Department at (480) 362 - 6350



JUNE 27
NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
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National HIV Testing Day is on June 27 this year. This is a day to encourage people ages 13 to 64 to get tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which can lead to AIDS. It is also meant to raise awareness about the importance of testing and early diagnosis. Increasing awareness helps prevent the spread of HIV and helps those who test positive to get immediate treatment that reduces their illness and transmission of the virus.

According to the Indian Health Service, there was a 30% decline in HIV deaths among American Indians and Alaska Natives from 2014 to 2018, and the Native death rate from HIV/AIDS is now below that of whites in the United States.

To help prevent the spread of HIV, get tested, use protection such as con-

doms during intercourse, and ask your healthcare provider about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Those who test HIV-positive can follow a treatment plan to stay healthy and to protect others.

The Salt River Health Clinic provides HIV testing for Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and for anyone with an Indian Health Service chart.

"The fastest way of getting tested at the Salt River Health Clinic is by calling and making a same-day appointment," said Jessi Budka, Salt River Health Clinic phlebotomist. "The test is a quick and easy blood test that is sent out to the Phoenix Indian Medical Center [for processing]. The patient should receive their results within 24 hours."

To make an appointment for HIV testing, call the Salt River Health Clinic at (480) 946-9066.

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Spokane's North Central High to Replace Indians Mascot

Mascot
SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Spokane Public Schools board has approved retiring the North Central High School Indians mascot, plus a name change at Sheridan Elementary and new mascot to replace the Braves at Garry Middle School.

run afoul of a new state law that bans the use of Native American mascots. Sheridan Elementary is named for 19th Century Gen. Phil Sheridan, who was quoted as saying "the only good Indians I ever saw were dead."

The Spokesman-Review reported the changes were unanimously approved on Wednesday.

According to the new law, North Central and Garry have until the end of 2021 to choose new mascots. These changes would include the removal of old symbols from gym floors, reader boards and other surfaces.

The changes at North Central and Sheridan had been in the works since last year, with widespread school and community support for both.

The procedure will be slightly different at Sheridan. The district will solicit new names from patrons, then form a screening committee to review the suggestions and recommend three finalists for board approval.

In all three cases, the district will move forward with students, staff and community members to find a new name or mascot.

The Indians and Braves mascots

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Questions? 480-362-6600
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SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY DAY

TALENT SHOW

COMMUNITY MEMBER VIRTUAL CONTEST
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CONTEST BEGINS ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021

DEADLINE FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 12PM

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Provide in email: Name, Age & Photos.
Email: events@srpmic-nsn.gov

We will post the name of the winners via video to be shown on all SRP-MIC social media platforms on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. If you are a winner, we will notify you by email. Participants must complete/sign the photo/video release.

This contest is family friendly. Your video/photos should not include any obscenities or inappropriate content. Failure to comply will disqualify you from entering.

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June 2021 -DISTRICT MEETINGS-

* All meetings are virtual*

-- agenda items subject to change --

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA
CM Enos DISTRICT A Mon, June 7, 2021 5 p.m.	Agenda not scheduled at time of print
CM Antone DISTRICT B Sat. June 26, 2021 9 a.m.	Agenda not scheduled at time of print
CM Doka DISTRICT C Sat., June 12, 2021 9 a.m.	Agenda not scheduled at time of print
CM Grey DISTRICT D Thurs., June 3, 2021 5 p.m.	Agenda not scheduled at time of print
CM Largo DISTRICT E Mon. June 28, 2021 5 p.m.	Agenda not scheduled at time of print
CM Scabby / CM Dallas LEHI DISTRICT Tues., June 15, 2021 5:15 p.m.	Agenda not scheduled at time of print

Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at (480) 362-7466

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Mesa, AZ 85211
Pastor Merrill Jones
(480) 234-6091
SERVICES
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1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Neil Price
(480) 278-0750
SERVICES
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Mesa, AZ 85203
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430 N. Dobson Rd.

Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171
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Rev. Melvin C. Anton
(480) 941-5419
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MEMORIAL SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The next of kin can contact Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 to notify Memorial Services staff of the passing of a loved one. The next of kin will need to provide the full name and birthdate of the loved one who has passed to begin the verification process. Families can schedule to:

- Meet via Skype with Memorial Services staff
- Meet over the phone with Memorial Services staff

TRADITIONAL PIIPAASH CREMATION

Families must seek guidance from a traditional advisor. The family must notify Memorial Services staff if they are planning a Piipaash cremation.

SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- No wakes, funerals or family meetings held at any tribal facility or at any home within the Community
- No funeral announcements will be posted by Memorial Services staff. This is the responsibility of the family.
- No set ups will be provided at the home.

SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Graveside service at cemeteries ONLY (20 people maximum and services not to exceed 2 hours)
- Family and guests over the age of 7 years must wear masks
- 30 x 20 tent provided at cemetery
- Hand wash station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john will be available
- 10 chairs spaced 6ft apart (Please do not move chairs and practice social distancing)
- If family wishes to hand dig grave, tools will be provided
- Casket cart or table for urn

Time Line of Memorial Services changes due to the following Emergency Declarations

- **3/17/20**— SRPMIC Council declared Emergency Declaration in Community
 - Memorial Services changed services to graveside ONLY (Limited to 20 people at services & up to 2 hours per services)
- **3/21/20**— SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
 - Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings at facilities
 - Encouraged wearing face masks
- **4/19/20**— 2nd Directive by SRPMIC Council: All individuals 7 years or age and older within the Community are required to wear a face mask outside their residence
 - Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear face masks
- **4/1/20**— 1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings

Families needing Memorial Services assistance during this time may call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 to schedule an appointment.

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information.

Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION:

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
ADDRESS: 10040 EAST OSBORN RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256
CONTACT: (480) 362-6315

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ABDUAL-AZIM, NAFIA – Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0190 Court Date: June 24, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BECERRA, OSCAR GARCIA - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0070 Court Date: June 15, 2021 at 11 a.m.

BIAKEDDY, ARLEN WOLF JACOB - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0038/0039 Court Date: June 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

BIAKEDDY, ARLEN WOLF JACOB- Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-19-0045/0046 Court Date: June 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

BOONE SR., ISAAC - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0071-0075 Court Date: July 7, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BOONE SR., ISAAC - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0114-0118 Court Date: July 7, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BURKE, BRANDEE LYN – Review/ Initial Child Support Hearing/ Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: J-19-0007/J-21-0063 Court Date: July 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

BURNS, CHRISTINE ANN - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0054/0055

Court Date: June 23, 2021 at 11 a.m.

CARPENTER, CE:DAGI JU:K - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0144/J-19-0055 Court Date: June 10, 2021 at 10 a.m.

CHIAGO SR., Vincent Vernon Lee - Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: August 31, 2021 at 9 a.m.

COOPS, ELIAS CHARLES - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0057/0058 Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 11 a.m.

CURTIS, LILA STAR - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0100/0101 Court Date: July 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

ENOS, CLAUNCEY FRAGELL - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0180 Court Date: June 24, 2021 at 10 a.m.

ENOS, ELLIOT CECIL - Evidentiary Paternity/Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: J-21-0051 Court Date: June 22, 2021 at 11 a.m.

ENOS, ROCHELLE MICHELLE - Review Hearing Case: J-17-0039 Court Date: August 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

ENOS, YVETTE MARIE - Paternity Hearing Case: J-20-0004 Court Date: June 23, 2021 at 10 a.m.

ENOS, YVETTE MARIE - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0209/J-19-0169 Court Date: July 12, 2021 at 10 a.m.

FAIR, EDWARD GLEN - Initial Guardianship Hearing/ Review Hearing Case: J-18-0205/J-19-0019 Court Date: June 22, 2021 at 10 a.m.

FRANCISCO, MARISSA MARTINA - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0083 Court Date: July 19, 2021 at 11 a.m.

GUTIERREZ, TONY ULYESE HILLIAN - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0161 Court Date: July 12, 2021 at 9 a.m.

HOWARD, MIRISSA CHERI - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0169 Court Date: July 8, 2021 at 9 a.m.

HOWARD, RITA ALMIRA - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0161 Court Date: July 12, 2021 at 9 a.m.

JACKSON SR., ADAM BRIAN - Review Hearing Case: J-12-0214/J-14-0143 Court Date: July 13, 2021 at 10 a.m.

JIMERSON, FELICIA KIM - Adjudication Hearing Case: J-21-0045/0046/0047 Court Date: July 6, 2021 at 11 a.m.

JOHNSON SR., TYSON DELROY - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0067 Court Date: June 29, 2021 at 9 a.m.

KILGORE, ADRIANA MICHELLE LEE - Initial Guardianship Hearing/Review Hearing Case: J-18-0205/J-19-0019 Court Date: June 22, 2021 at 10 a.m.

LEWIS, ROBI COREY - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0083 Court Date: July 19, 2021 at 11 a.m.

LEWIS, ROSEMARY RACHEL - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0057/0058 Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 11 a.m.

LEWIS, SALIA MARIE - Disposition Hearing Case: J-20-0089 Court Date: June 29, 2021 at 11 a.m.

LEWIS-CHIAGO, MICHELLE RENEE - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-19-0168 Court Date: June 30, 2021 at 11 a.m.

LOPEZ, ALEJANDRA GAIL - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0053 Court Date: June 23, 2021 at 11 a.m.

LOSEY, DAVID JAY – Review/ Permanency Hearing Case: J-19-0191 Court Date: June 24, 2021 at 11 a.m.

MAEZ, SCOTTY JOE - Review Hearing Case: J-16-0095 Court Date: June 22, 2021 at 9 a.m.

MANUEL, CHELSEA PAIGE - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0038/0039 Court Date: June 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

MANUEL, CHELSEA PAIGE - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-19-0045/0046 Court Date: June 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.

MANUEL, MORNING STAR LORENA - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0040 Court Date: June 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

MARTINEZ, LORENZA ANN - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0071-0075 Court Date: July 7, 2021 at 9 a.m.

MARTINEZ, LORENZA ANN - Review Hearing Case: J-20-0114-0118 Court Date: July 7, 2021 at 9 a.m.

MORATAYA SR., CESILIO - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0180 Court Date: June 24, 2021 at 10 a.m.

PHILLIPS, TRAVISIENA ANN - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0076/0077 Court Date: June 10, 2021 at 9 a.m.

RAMIREZ SR., GABRIEL MARK - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: J-21-0040 Court Date: June 17,

2021 at 10 a.m.

RHODES, LAKOTA FELIX - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0209/J-19-0169 Court Date: July 12, 2021 at 10 a.m.

SANTO-BURKE, CARMELITA IRIS - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0070 Court Date: June 15, 2021 at 11 a.m.

SMITH, PATRICIA MILDRED – Review/Permanency Hearing/ Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 10 a.m.

SOTO, CRUZ BACA - Evidentiary Termination of Parental/Child Relationship Case: J-20-0084 Court Date: June 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

SPEX, DEVEN ARLESSE - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0079 Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 9 a.m.

SPEX, ELDON RON - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0079 Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 9 a.m.

STACEY, JEFFREY ARTHUR – Review/Permanency/Exceptional Care Hearings Case: J-20-0091/0092 Court Date: June 28, 2021 at 10 a.m.

STEVENS, NICHOLETTE - Initial Paternity Hearing Case: J-21-0066 Court Date: June 7, 2021 at 10 a.m.

UNKNOWN FATHER - Evidentiary Termination of Parental-Child Relationship Case: J-19-0134/0135 Minor: Jane Doe D.O.B. 10/04/2005 Minor: Jane Doe D.O.B. 10/04/2006, Mother's Name: Irene Jane Conger Flavela, Court Date: July 1, 2021 at 11 a.m.

VALENCIA, ALICIA MARIE - Review Hearing Case: J-16-0173 Court Date: August 31, 2021 at 9 a.m.

VEST, DWIGHT EDMUND - Review Hearing Case: J-19-0147/J-20-0046-0048 Court Date: July 14, 2021 at 9 a.m.

WELLINGTON, RACHEL LYNN - Formal Hearing Case: J-21-0052 Court Date: June 23, 2021 at 11 a.m.

WILSON, MARINA JEAN - Initial Child Support Hearing Case: J-21-0068/0069 Court Date: June 9, 2021 at 10 a.m.

WILSON, MARINA JEAN. - INITIAL CHILD SUPPORT HEARING CASE: J-21-0067 COURT DATE: JUNE 29, 2021 AT 9 A.M.

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ALL HEARINGS AT THIS TIME ARE BEING HEARD TELEPHONIC, PLEASE CALL THE COURT MAIN NUMBER 5 MIN PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED HEARING TIME, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A PHONE YOU MAY STILL APPEAR AT THE COURT. MASK ARE MANDATORY, IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE COURT BUILDING.

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ARTEAGA, MARIA SELENA - Civil Complaint Hearing Case: C-21-0030 Court Date: June 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

BURNS, JULIE MARIE - Restraining Order Hearing Case: R-21-0015 Court Date: July 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

BURNS, JULIE MARIE - Initial Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0074 Court Date: July 1, 2021 at 10:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF MARLENE P. KING-CARRIZOSA - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0036 Court Date: July 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.

HILL, NAHEMAH - Guardianship Hearing Case: C-21-0046 Court Date: June 22, 2021 at 11 a.m.

JACKSON, SOLEIL FAITH - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-18-0074 Court Date: June 16, 2021 at 9 a.m.

LEWIS, JUANITA LORRAINE - Status Hearing Case: C-19-0019 Court Date: June 29, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

LEWIS, TRISTA MAE - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-21-0034 Court Date: July 1, 2021 at 9 a.m.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF LYNFORD

EDUARDO LOPEZ SR - Probate Hearing Case: P-20-0035 Court Date: July 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

MADA, ANGEL - Review Hearing Case: CF-21-0006 Court Date: June 17, 2021 at 10 a.m.

MANUEL, JORDAN SEQUOYAH - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: CF-19-0177 Court Date: June 10, 2021 at 10 a.m.

MELCHOR, JOANNIE ARLINDA - Default Judgment Hearing Case: C-21-0040 Court Date: July 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

MIGUEL JR., MICHAEL WAYNE - Status Hearing Case: CF-21-0015 Court Date: June 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

OCHOA, JADE PHILANA RANZ - Status Hearing Case: CF-21-0015 Court Date: June 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

PACHECO, ROSARIO - Paternity Hearing Case: CF-21-0032 Court Date: June 23, 2021 at 10 a.m.

SPEX, ERICA VICTORIA - Evidentiary Guardianship Hearing Case: CF-21-0030 Court Date: July 26, 2021 at 11 a.m.

STONE, SHAWNA LANE - Order to Show Cause Hearing Case: C-19-0159 Court Date: June 16, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

THOMAS JR, CECIL WADE - Evidentiary Child Support Hearing Case: CFCS-20-0026 Court Date: June 9, 2021 at 9 a.m.

UNKNOWN FATHER, ITMO: Robles, Zarin Mathias- (DOB:6/25/03-DOD:11/2/20) - Status Hearing Case: P-21-0026 Court Date: June 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

WHITE, GILBERT - ORDER OF PROTECTION HEARING CASE: DVOP-21-0011 Court Date: July 9, 2021 at 9 a.m.

DEFAULT NOTICES

ROBERT LAWRENCE GOODWIN C-21-0045 DEFAULT NOTICE COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. ROBERT LAWRENCE GOODWIN TO: ROBERT LAWRENCE GOODWIN, RESPONDENT

1. A Complaint / Petition has been filed against you in this Court and your immediate attention to this fact is urgent if you do not want judgment entered against you.
 2. The Court record reflects that you have failed to respond to defend by filing an answer, motion to dismiss, request for extension of time or other responsive pleading and you have failed to attend hearings at the Court called for this matter.
 3. If you do not defend against this suit within Thirty (30) days from the date the Process Server hands you this or you are served with it otherwise as permitted under the Community Code, the Court may enter default judgment against you.
 4. A default judgment may have serious, adverse, and irreversible consequences against you.
 5. If you want to defend against the claim and avoid default judgment entered against you, you must file a written answer, motion to dismiss or other responsive pleading within thirty (30) days from when you are served with this Notice. The Court will not extend time for your response and you must make your response in writing, no oral responses will be accepted

6. If you do nothing, the Court may give Judgment for what the Complaint demands. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
 DATED this 13th of April, 2021.
 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT
NOTICE OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Court, State of Arizona, Maricopa County original jurisdiction court case number CFCS-21-0012 Notice of Judgment and Order of Child Support is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED and is hereby ENTERED on the 12th day of May, 2021. It is further, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent Eunicia Hayes shall pay child support in the amount of \$498.00 to Petitioner, Chalyse Schurz. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$6,622.00 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2033. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. TRISTA MAE LEWIS C-21-0034 MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT TO: TRISTA MAE LEWIS, RESPONDENT

1. The Court has received a Motion for Entry of Default Judgment filed against you in this Court. A copy of the Motion and affidavit of amounts owing is attached to this Notice.
 2. You are given Ten (10) days from the date the Process Server hands you this to file an Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading.
 3. If you want to Deny the Motion, you must file a Written Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading within 10 days of service unless the law requires otherwise.
 4. You should go at once to a Legal Counsel or Advocate to see if they will prepare a written answer for you.
 5. If you do nothing, the Court may grant a Default Judgment against you and you will be obligated to pay the judgment and award. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
 DATED this 14th of May, 2021
 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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Chalyse Schurz. Payment shall be made to Petitioner within thirty (30) days of this Order. Petitioner is granted a judgment of back support in the amount of \$6,622.00 against the Respondent. The Order of support presumptively terminates on May 30, 2033. This order is final for purposes of appeal.

JORDAN SEQUOYAH MANUEL CF-19-0177 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE I.T.M.O.: K.J.M. (D.O.B.:1/3/2016) T.K.R.: (D.O.B.:2/12/2012) TO: JORDAN SEQUOYAH MANUEL,

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the above-entitled court on the 10th day of June, 2021 at 10 a.m., in Court Room #1, and show cause why you should not be held in contempt for Failure to Appear for Annual Guardianship Hearing on April 22, 2021 at 9 a.m. after being duly served. FAILURE TO APPEAR will result in a Bench Warrant issued for your arrest for Contempt of Court from (\$6-41) of the Code or Ordinances. You are entitled to subpoena witnesses on your behalf and to be represented by counsel.
 ORDERED this 29th day of April, 2021.
 Judge Raymond Deer - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

COUNTRY CLUB CARS V. JOANNIE ARLINDA MELCHOR

C-21-0040 MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT TO: JOANNIE ARLINDA MELCHOR, RESPONDENT

1. The Court has received a Motion for Entry of Default Judgment filed against you in this Court. A copy of the Motion and affidavit of amounts owing is attached to this Notice.
 2. You are given Ten (10) days from the date the Process Server hands you this to file an Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading.
 3. If you want to Deny the Motion, you must file a Written Answer, Motion to Dismiss or other responsive pleading within 10 days of service unless the law requires otherwise.
 4. You should go at once to a Legal Counsel or Advocate to see if they will prepare a written answer for you.
 5. If you do nothing, the Court may grant a Default Judgment against you and you will be obligated to pay the judgment and award. (Section 5-16.1, Judgment by Default)
 DATED this 14th of May, 2021
 CLERK OF COURT - SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA COMMUNITY COURT

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Community Relations Manager (Multimedia)	Continuous

For more information contact the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - Human Resources Department
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**2ND QUARTER 2021
 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE -
 JUNE 30, 2021**

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the

**July 2021 Per Capita
 Payment.**

Deadlines for CHANGES

Direct Deposit Start-Ups and Changes: Tuesday, July 13th at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. **All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers.** Forms received by this date will be effective for the **July 2021** payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the **October 2021** payout.

Per Capita Eligibility: Tuesday, July 20th , at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this

date will be effective for the **January 2021** payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of **February 2021**.

Discontinue Direct Deposits: Wednesday, July 13th , at 5 p.m.. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

*****Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

Tax Withholding Changes: Wednesday, July 20th , at 5 p.m.. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding: Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services at (480) 362-7600; Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita at (480) 362-7710.

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Notice of Public Meeting for Comments

**Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
 2020 Air Monitoring Network Plan Report**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
 AIR QUALITY PROGRAM**

Purpose of Meeting: To provide an opportunity for public to comment on Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community's 2020 Air Monitoring Network Plan Report

SUMMARY: The Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), Community Development Department's (CDD) Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division (EPNR) Air Quality Program (AQP) make its annual air monitoring network plan available for public comments before submission to the Environmental Protection Agency Region 9. In agreement with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 58.10 stated the annual air monitoring network plan and periodic network assessment. The SRPMIC presents data collected from the monitoring network on network design, detailed data statistics, network plan purposes and the proposed changes information. The document is available for review at CDD/EPNR website www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/epnr/aqhome.

PUBLIC MEETING:
 This a virtual public comment meeting hosted by the SRPMIC CDD-EPNR will be held on:
 Thursday, June 3, 2021
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 Skype Meeting
 Join by phone: 14803635990 Conference ID: 8089049

This meeting invites all members of the public to a hearing on AQP SRPMIC 2020 Air Monitoring Network Plan Report. CDD/EPNR AQP is providing an opportunity for interested parties to submit all written comments submitted to CDD/EPNR, 10005 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 or e-mail to epnr@srpmic-nsn.gov. The deadline for comment period is June 19, 2021.



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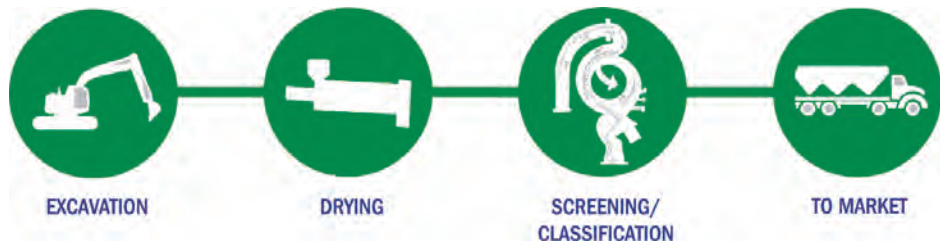
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JUNE

ONGOING - WIC UPDATES -

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ONGOING - SRPMIC DIABETES PREVENTION SERVICES WELCOME BACK TO THE WOLF FITNESS CENTER, -

Limited capacity open sessions Monday - Friday, 1-hour open sessions by APPOINTMENT ONLY - 6:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by leaving your full name, contact info- phone number & email, time, area of facility use (Main fitness area, aerobics room, spin room, track, Senior Fitness room). *SRPMIC Members & verified WOLF members only. No guests at this time. Call (480) 362-7320 to make an appointment.

ONGOING - SALT RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY MATERIALS DROP OFF TIMES ARE,

8 a.m.- 5 p.m. located in the WOLF Parking lot Monday thru Friday. During Phase Two, the WOLF remains closed to the Public due to COVID-19 and

following SRPMIC guidelines. For any questions call SRTL at (480) 362-6600 or email Tribal-Library@srpmic-nsn.gov

1-24 CURBSIDE MEAL PICKUP, WEEKDAYS 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at ECEC (Chaparral/Center) Face mask required. Free breakfast and lunch meals for any youth age 18 and under regardless of where they live or attend school. Meal deliveries will be available in a limited fashion for families who request it from June 1-24th (Mon.-Thurs. only, except for Friday, June 18). Call Transportation Department at (480) 362-2127 to learn more.

4 JOIN HIGHER EDUCATION STAFF, Chat sessions are scheduled the first Friday of every month from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. To learn important information about all kinds of college-related topics, including applications, funding, scholarships, counseling, and more! Deadlines are fast approaching. Learn how to submit a complete application. Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts, and feel confident about your higher education goals. Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register for the meeting link or to ask questions!

5 MISS SALT RIVER, ART

WALK VIRTUAL 5K, Don't forget to post your pics! Join Miss Salt River 2020-2021, Isabella Dockerty, for a virtual 5K walk to encourage and support artistic expression and wellness. Decorate your shirt and get those steps in with your family and friends! Be sure to take a photo and share it on social media! Tag Miss Salt River Committee on Facebook and Instagram. You can also use the hashtag #ArtWalkwith-MissSaltRiver 2021.

7 COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m., will take place at the Salt River Assembly of God Church, 10657 E. Virginia Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85256. For those who wish to submit unspoken prayer requests can do so by emailing: srpmicprayerbreakfast@gmail.com. **Please wear your mask and practice social distancing.** Breakfast served. If you have questions, please reach out to Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7469 or Tamar at (480) 362-7973.

12 COMMUNITY DAY 2021- DRIVE-THRU GIVEAWAY, 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. Come out and grab your Community Day Swag! Door Mats, Bucket hats and Kids gift bag. One (1) Door Mat per car. Adult/Children must be in car to receive gift. Must wear mask and No walk ups. Community Relations -

Events (480) 362-7740 Email: events@srpmic-nsn.gov .

20 SOCIAL SERVICES- PAN-DEMIC ASSISTANCE. Were you in the care of social services and recently turned 18 or will turn 18 during the pandemic? You may be eligible for assistance! If you believe you fall into this category there may be resources available to you! For more information contact Social Services at (480) 362-5645.

21 F.A.C.E SUMMER SCHOOL (SRES), JUNE 21-JULY 8 AT 7:45 a.m.-12 pm. Located at SRES. F.A.C.E (Family and Child Education) Program is now accepting application for the summer. This program is offering to children ages 3 and 4 years old. The summer program will give students an opportunity to experience what school will be like in the Fall while participating in fun learning Activities. Applications available at SRES. For more information contact SRES at (480) 362-2400.

21 PRE-K SUMMER SCHOOL, Mon-Thurs. June 21-July 15 at SRES. A program for student attending Kindergarten Beginning Fall 2021. Children will be introduced to school environment & school - readiness activities, including, field trips, social interaction, routines,

reading, counting, pre-writing, music, movement, and more! For more information and find the program application online at SRES.SaltRiverSchools.org or call (480) 362-2400 email Cheyenne.Enos@saltriverschools.org or Devin.Hardin@saltriverschools.org

21 EAGLES CLUB IS BACK FOR SUMMER- SUMMER SCHOOL 2021, June 21-July 15 Mon.-Thurs. at 8 a.m.-2 p.m. located at SRES. Join us for 4 weeks of summer school fun! Open to SRES enrolled students entering 1st grade- 6th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. A little bit of academics, a little bit for activities -sign up today! Free Breakfast, Lunch and transportation for SRPMIC residents. For more information call (480) 603-7484 or email sres.saltriverschools.org

27 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TEEN GIRL DBT GROUP THERAPY GROUP FOR ONE HOUR ONCE A WEEK FOR GRADES 9-12 ON THURSDAYS 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. via Skype. The goal of the group is to increase healthy coping, social skills, and peer interactions. We can help assist teens in learning new practice therapeutic skills, such as distress tolerance and emotional regulation. Join group safely through Skype in the comfort in your home. For questions or information please call BHS at

(480) 362-5707.

24 ZOOM WITH A COUNSELOR - GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP, 5 p.m. via Zoom. Join BHS counselors Paulina Smith, LAC NCC and Micki Begay, MS in a safe space to talk, share stories, support each other, and learn ways to cope. For each group will be running on forth Thursday each month through December of 2021. Join Zoom Meeting ID: <http://zoom.us/j/81776569929> for more information on this group support call BHS (480) 362-5707 or to submit anonymous questions prior to the Zoom: email Jessica.Hunter@srpmic-nsn.gov

COMMUNITY RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICE HOURS COMMUNITY RELATIONS CAN BE REACHED AT (480) 362-7740.

Hours of Operation for in-person Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Temporarily closed from 12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. AVAILABLE BY PHONE ONLY FROM 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

FACEMASKS ARE REQUIRED WITH SRPMIC.

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2021 SRES PROMOTION PARADE





Koa Se:eh Gouveia

ECEC
Continue to amaze everyone around you. Keep doing your best! We love you very much and pray that the Lord will guide you as you continue to learn and grow. Love, your Family



Kase Higgins

ECEC
Hello kindergarten!



Jaclynn Silversmith

ECEC
Congrats baby girl, we all love you & wish nothing but the best in life. You're just getting started Jaclynn, keep reaching for the stars. Love mom, dad & family



Rizzoe Turner

ECEC
Our Baby Boy is heading to kindergarten! We have seen you grow so much and become Rizzoe. You are amazing and we love you and are very proud of you!



Madelyn "Maddi" Kameroff

Noah Webster
Yay Maddi!! We are all so proud of you and love you so much. A repeat Honor Roll student and we cannot wait to see you conquer your educational journey!!



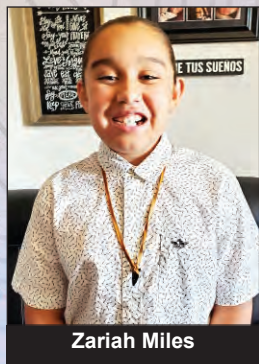
Christopher Joseph Osife

Critter, you've finished kindergarten and we're so proud of you. We're proud of all the things you've overcome and all you've achieved. Love mom, daddy, and Savannah.



Victoria Elmer

Noah Webster
Mommy is proud of you this year for completing top of your class on Honor Roll each quarter! You've earned it. First Grade was a breeze! Love mommy and sister!



Zariah Miles

You've have come so far, we are excited for your accomplishments. Continue to conquer goals, your potential expands beyond the edges of the universe. Love Dad, Mom, ZenZi and Pancho



Lauryn Chiago

Ishikawa Elementary School
Congratulations on your 6th grade graduation Lauryn! We are proud of you and your accomplishments! Love Mom, Dad, your siblings, and all your grandparents, aunts and uncles.



Rene Uriarte, III

Salt River Elementary School
Happy Promotion! From, your family



Layne Chiago

Stapley Jr. High School
Congratulations on your 8th grade promotion Layne! We are proud of you and your accomplishments! Love Mom, Dad, your siblings, and all your grandparents, aunts and uncles.



Liam Shea Enos

Rancho Solano Preparatory School
Congratulations Baby! On to High School you go. We are all super proud of you! Continue to strive! Love Mom, Dad and brother

2009 Salt River Elementary School Kindergarteners Graduate in the Class of 2021

BY TASHA SILVERHORN
O'odham Action News
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In 2009, I interviewed eight Salt River Elementary School kindergarten students during their last week of school. I asked them a couple of questions, including what they wanted to be when they grew up and what their favorite thing was that they had learned that year.

The eight students were Angelina Biakeddy, Stacia Burns, Ricky Butler, Iyanna Chavarria, Chloe Johnson, Ladeanna Lewis, Curtis Lopez, Chris Manuel, Pablo Martinez and David Smith. I was able to get in contact with Biakeddy, Johnson, Lopez and Smith, all of whom graduated with the Class of 2021. I wanted to interview them again and see if they were still going to pursue their kindergarten dreams or if their interests had changed over the last 12 years.

Let's follow up with these four high school graduates and see what their interests and future plans are.

ANGELINA BIAKEDDY

Parents: Belen and Arlen

Biakeddy

SRES Teacher in 2009:

Ms. Dickman, Kindergarten

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A dentist, so I can take care of people's teeth.

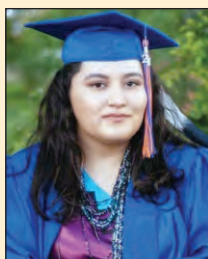
Is this still a career you want to pursue or has your career interest changed?

Not quite; I feel my interests have changed since then. It's still unclear, but I would like to do something that deals with math. Maybe be an economist or work in a bank.

What is your favorite thing you learned at school this year? I liked learning how to plant beans.

What has been your favorite thing you learned through elementary, middle school and high school? I cycled through a lot of interests; I got into band, playing the clarinet, but I quit two years ago. Now I love learning about geometry. World history was interesting, but learning math was really fun. I [developed a love] for math.

Thank you to my mom, sister, my grandmas and my friends who were there for moral support.



CHLOE JOHNSON

Parents: Dawn Sinoqui and

Shawn Johnson

SRES Teacher in 2009:

Ms. Carlos, Kindergarten

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a veterinarian because I like pets.

Is this still a career you want to pursue or has your career interest changed?

I don't have any set plans as of now, but I am looking to do something in e-commerce or real estate. I want to have a stable income and retire early.

What is your favorite thing you learned at school this year? Reading books.

What has been your favorite thing you learned through elementary, middle school and high school? I love learning about math, such as college algebra and stained glass. I also loved meeting new people and experiencing new things. Joining Youth Council helped a lot.

I want to thank my mom, all of my sisters and all of my friends.



CURTIS LOPEZ

Parents: Henry Osif and Lori

Stevens (uncle and auntie)

SRES Teacher in 2009:

Ms. Dickman, Kindergarten

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a cop, so I can catch bad people.

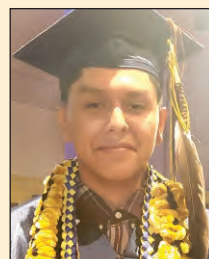
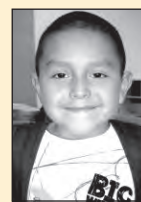
Is this still a career you want to pursue or has your career interest changed?

Currently, I am not sure which career path to take right now. But I will be going to community college in the fall.

What is your favorite thing you learned at school this year? Reading books.

What has been your favorite thing you learned through elementary, middle school and high school? Algebra II was one of my classes; it's pretty easy.

Thank you to my family for making me go to school even when I didn't want to.



DAVID SMITH

SRES Teacher in 2009: Ms.

Valencia, Kindergarten

Parents: Daniel and Jody Smith

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a doctor at a hospital.

Is this still a career you want to pursue or has your career interest changed?

A lot has changed. I want to get into journalism; I will be going to Scottsdale Community College and then transfer to Arizona State University. When I was a little kid, I was always in the newspaper, and that made me interested in working at a newspaper.

What is your favorite thing you learned at school this year? My ABC's and playing with friends.

What has been your favorite thing you learned through elementary, middle school and high school? My favorite subject in high school was writing those classes were always fun.

Thank you to my family, especially my dad for being a great role model to me.



Q&A: BEN ANTON

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY Master's Degree in Real Estate Development

Tell us about your educational background.
I have been going to school on and off since 2006, but in 2017 I finally dedicated myself to finishing. I received my associate degree in general business from Scottsdale Community College in 2019, my bachelor's degree in hospitality management from Grand Canyon University in 2020, and my master's degree in real estate development from Arizona State University in 2021.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

The most rewarding experience was taking my kids to school with me. At each school I asked my professors if my kids could come to one or two classes. This was special to me, so when my kids go to college they can look back and see I completed the same classes.

What are your future plans?

My goal is to open my own development company specializing in tribal development. I want to build a network among all tribes to help develop projects on and off the reservations. The network would allow tribes who are looking for funding to help each other.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

I will open my business and have done at least \$100 million in development projects for tribes by then. [Also, I want to be] the best dad I can be [and help] others think bigger.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

All the opportunities I missed and the doors that kept getting closed on me because of my lack of education is what drove me to finish my degrees.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

The biggest obstacle for me was time management. Finding time for my family, working at the casino, my



real estate duties and school was a challenge, but it can be done. It took me having a strict schedule and learning to say no.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

He who says he can and he who says he can't are both right. Make up your mind to finish school and do it!

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursued your education?

I want to say thank you to the tribe for paying for my schooling. Many of my classmates were not so fortunate, and it allowed me to leave school with a better opportunity to grow while others have to worry about student debt. I want to thank my family and my mentors who have helped me so much along the way.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My maternal grandparents are Mary Mead and the late Dennis Alley. My paternal grandparents are Rita Summers and the late Gerald Anton. My mother is Denise Alley and my father is Kim Anton.

Q&A: LAVENDA BALDERAS

SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Associate Degree in Business

Tell us about your educational background.

I went to Salt River High School and just recently graduated from Scottsdale Community College with an A.A. degree in business.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

My most rewarding college experience was when I finally received my degree. I felt a great sense of accomplishment.

What are your future plans?

My future plans include attending Arizona State University in the fall of 2021 to pursue my bachelor's degree in business.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

In the next 10 years I hope to have a master's degree and work for my Community.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

My two boys, Taj and CJ, influenced me to pursue a higher education. I wanted to set a good example and be their role model.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

I did face some obstacles while attending college, being the mother of two boys. It was difficult at times, but with perseverance, hard work and dedication, I pushed through. My boys were my motivation, and I was focused on succeeding.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

Take the opportunity to pursue an educa-



tion. It may be overwhelming at first, but the end result is definitely worth it.

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursued your education?

I would like to thank my family for their support through my educational journey, and the tribe for making this all possible.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My mother is Connie Balderas, and my grandparent on my mother's side is Lavenda Manuel. My father is Gumercindo Balderas, and my grandparents on my father's side are Gabriel Balderas and Rebecca Balderas.

Q&A: ANTHONY GONZALES

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY Master of Science in Nursing

Tell us about your educational background.

I attended nursing school in California at Long Beach City College from 2001 to 2003. I completed my associate of science in nursing in December 2003. Halfway through the registered nurse program, I passed my licensed vocational nurse board exams and began working in the emergency room at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. I earned my California registered nurse's license in 2003 and continued working as an emergency room R.N. In 2014, I returned to school at Northern Arizona University and completed a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) in December 2016. I followed my undergraduate work with a master of science program in nursing to start my graduate journey back in spring 2017. Many obstacles crossed my path, and walking across the finish line was not easy. However, I now have completed my long-term goal of getting a master of science in nursing (MSN) degree, graduating this spring.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

My school journey started at a local junior college after I lost a good job for being young and dumb. I worked in hospitals as a nursing assistant and knew I did not want to do that for the rest of my life. Since I knew I wanted to be a nurse, I needed to get particular prerequisites out of the way to be ready. When I completed all the requirements, I met other corequisites. Chosen from a waitlist, I was an alternate and was extremely excited to begin my nursing school journey back in 2001. Crossing the finish line in December 2003 would be my most rewarding experience.

I am a first-generation college student who completed associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. Finishing my master's is a close second reward compared to my recent doctorate acceptance at the University of Dayton. My doctorate program was to start on May 3, but it was postponed until fall 2021 since my completion was current and I recognized that I needed a summer break.

What are your future plans?

I have spent many years working in hospitals and have trained in medical telemetry, stepdown, ICU, emergency and trauma areas. I have begun to understand hospital operations on a macro (large) and micro (small) scale. I have learned that master's in business the key to managing hospital resources. Looking ahead to the future, my work goal is chief nursing officer, chief executive officer or chief operating officer. Gathering more business tools is what an MBA offers; training to be a better version of myself involves hard work in data gathering and analysis.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

In 10 years, I want to be in a position of influence or be an agent of change. I began my higher-education journey in hopes of becoming better paid. Now, my sights on wealth dominance have altered to a different reality. How can I better prepare my family to join a workforce that non-Natives dominate? I want to teach my children the value and importance of education. I want my offspring's kids to be prepared to fight back and gain a foothold in the business world.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

I remember my nursing school dean, Dr. Brenda Harrell. Before joining her program, I asked if many guys pursued nursing. She explained how my life could be different by becoming a nurse. During the program, I had failed one semester and thought the world would cave in on me. Dr. Harrell was there to



pick me up and not feel sorry for me, but encourage me to go forward. I still remember the day I graduated; she gave me a big hug and smile and told me my work was only getting started.

I graduated with my MSN many years after beginning my nursing journey. After being accepted recently into a doctorate program in business, I shared my good news with my retired professor, and I felt tears of joy as I listened to the crack in her voice over the phone.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

The wall of obstacles blocking my path will stop me—if I allow it. At one point I started an MBA program at Pepperdine University, but I had to transfer to a lower-cost school because it was too expensive. My point would be this: Keep moving forward, and don't let words, things or people block your path.

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursue your education?

I'd like to thank my wife, Rose, for bearing with me through some gut-wrenching times. My children supported me with hugs and kisses, and [I'd like to thank] Luisa Ashtari for all the help she provides. [Thank you to all] the instructors for really developing quality programs that challenge my mental growth as a professional. They are the true heroes that go unsung, and I can't begin to thank them enough. Northern Arizona University gets my thanks for having such terrific teachers and excellent faculty support. I want to give a huge thank-you to Mario West, Gabe Munoz, Tonya Coakley and Rebecca Ronstadt-Contreras at SRPMIC Higher Education for guiding me through the tribe's financial aid support.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My parents are Paul and Terri Gonzales; my brother is Ricky Gonzales and my sister is Vicky Gonzales. [Thank you to my] grandma Francis Kisto and Tammy Kisto. Thank you for the love and support you show me. I want to say thank you to all my relatives for helping this kid become a responsible adult; all the words and wisdom shared have been of value. I love and thank each and every one of you.



Fantasia Painter

University of California, Berkeley
PhD in Ethnic Studies
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You were focused, determined and followed through with your goals. You are an inspiration. Go Strong O'odham Women!



Elisabeth Thomas

Arizona State University
We are so proud of you and all your hard work! It wasn't easy but you did it! Keep breaking barriers for the family. WE LOVE YOU! Your Ramirez Family

Q&A: RAMONA GONZALES

**NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
Master's Degree in Elementary Education**

Tell us about your educational background.

I graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2011 with a degree in elementary education with an early childhood endorsement. I've been teaching since 2012 at Salt River Elementary School. I started out as a substitute teacher and then was eventually hired for a first-grade position at the school. I have been teaching first grade ever since. After many years, I decided to return to school to pursue my master's degree. I graduated on November 25, 2020, with a master's degree in elementary education with an emphasis in reading K-8, with distinction.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

When I first started with NAU, I was part of a cohort for two years. I really liked being able to collaborate with others in-person and build a strong network of support throughout that time. We took classes at night, on Saturdays and during the summer. I was hoping to find [something] similar for my master's program, [but] I couldn't find anything that would work while I was teaching full-time. An NAU advisor encouraged me to try online learning. I was reluctant at first but decided to give it a try. I didn't have as close of a collaboration as with my cohort, but I gained a different kind of experience in that I was in charge of my own learning. I decided that I would go into each class with the mindset that I was gathering knowledge and skills to bring back into the classroom. This mindset, I believe, is why I was successful.

What are your future plans?

I will continue to teach at Salt River Elementary School. It was always my plan to get an education, become a teacher and bring that knowledge back into the Community to serve our children. Our tribe provides a wonderful scholarship program through [the] Higher Education [Department], and it is a privilege to have that opportunity. I do plan on continuing my college education in the future.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

In the next 10 years I still see myself teaching; perhaps I will take more of a leadership role. I will continue learning and explore different areas in education.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

My family always encouraged me to graduate from high school and go to college. In my head it was never a question of if I'd go to college, but when. I'll admit there were hardships when I felt like quitting at different stages in my journey. I chose to start my college career at Scottsdale Community College and take my time until I met the



requirements for the education program at NAU. I was also self-motivated to become a teacher because I wanted to be a role model for the children in our Community, so they would have someone who understands where they come from in a way that my Mesa teachers didn't understand me growing up. I think it's important for our children to see themselves represented in the teachers who educate them.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

I would say that an obstacle I faced was figuring out how to balance teaching full-time and being a parent while doing online classes. The courses were rigorous, requiring extensive reading each night and assignments due every other day. I chose to take only one class per semester so that I would not feel overwhelmed. I had to plan for myself how and when I would complete my assignments so I could successfully pass my classes. I printed out blank calendars at the start each class, read the syllabus and marked out the assignments for the entire semester. **There were many late nights.**

What advice would you give people

My advice would be to take that first step forward and meet with an advisor. Start with a small course load if needed. Keep trying and have determination. Tell yourself that you can do this and you will finish this no matter what, no matter how long it takes.

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursued your education?

I would like to thank my entire family for always being supportive and encouraging, and for being understanding when I couldn't attend all the family events because I had homework. I am grateful to my mother for providing a safe and nurturing environment growing up in order for me to pursue my dreams. Also, thank you to SRPMIC Higher Education for giving me the opportunity to further my education.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My mother is Teresa Gonzales and my father is Neal Gonzales. My maternal grandparents are Shirley Martinez and the late Manuel Martinez. My paternal grandparents are the late Sybil Alvarado and the late Severo Gonzales.

Q&A: JANET JOHNSON

**GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY
Masters of Public Administration (MPA) with an emphasis in Government & Policy**

Tell us about your educational background.

I began at Grand Canyon University (GCU) in 2017 due to the cohort program started with the Community. In 2019 I obtained my bachelor's degree, and immediately following that I began my master's program. I elected to stay at GCU to finish out my master's program because of the school culture and dynamics. Prior to deciding my field of study, I spoke with Henry Osif, who told me about his interest for an MPA, which sparked my curiosity. I also spoke to Lena Jackson about her MBA, because that was my original intent. I then met with Scott McIntosh, a GCU counselor, who helped me sort out my options and see the bigger picture for my educational achievement. I finally decided to apply for the Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in Government & Policy. The degree would help me come full circle with my career, personal growth and educational goal. On May 15, I attended a virtual commencement ceremony at my home with my family. They were able to witness and be part of the ceremony, including a countdown to move my tassel to the left, officially noting I received my MPA and making my journey complete.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

I adapted very quickly to the online classes and was able to study around a flexible 24/7 timeframe. As an online student, I was able to absorb a whole new perspective through classroom discussions, researching and broadening my learning. When the pandemic hit, there was minimal impact to my studies due to the online nature of the program. Online classes became the best part of my education. I studied with students across the country and was able to learn from each of them, along with my professors.

What are your future plans?

They say the sky's the limit; however, I plan to continue working for the Community and using the knowledge I have gained to prepare for our future.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

Here in the SRPMIC Community Relations Department, I hope to expand upon our communication outreach as new technology develops. It will be interesting to view how the "new normal" will affect the Community in the years to come.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

Education has always been an inner passion of mine. I believe it is important to achieve your passion no matter how long it takes, because the end result is personally rewarding and may be influential to others.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome



them?

The main obstacle I faced was the passing of my brother and sister within a month. It took a toll on me, and I took a month off. This setback extended my studies, and my completion date moved from December 2020 to March 2021. I was okay with this because we don't know when life's tragedies will happen. I'm actually glad I graduated in 2021, as 2020 will always be remembered as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

Take time to seek advice from others if you are not sure of your career goal, choice of field or school. Plan for a journey and be committed. Set milestones along the way, whether it be classes completed or grades achieved. Know there will be obstacles, but don't give up. Enjoy the learning experiences and the benefits you will gain by the choice you made to obtain a degree. Know your Community supports you and has provided an opportunity for you to achieve a higher education. It takes perseverance, dedication and a mindset to complete; all are achievable.

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursued your education?

First, I would like to thank the SRPMIC for fully supporting the opportunity to obtain my degrees. I am deeply grateful. My family stood by my side as I sat in my room in the corner on my computer, sometimes studying all night. My grandkids—someday they will understand Grandma's journey. Joyla Gates, my higher ed counselor, was always there with encouraging words, quick at responding, and helped me figure out my paperwork. Thanks to Henry, Lena and Scott for taking the time to speak with me about their experiences, which helped me figure out my continued journey. My friends near and far whose understanding was both encouraging and special, I can't thank you enough. And last but not least, my co-workers in Community Relations. I appreciate each of you.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

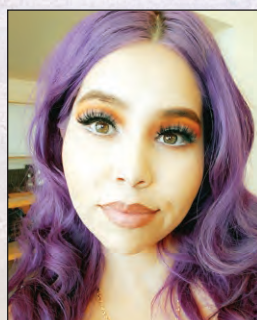
My parents are Barbara C. Johnson and the late Lloyd F. Johnson.



Samantha Chiago
University of Phoenix



Brenden Dallas
Grand Canyon State University



Cristina Diaz
Paul Mitchell School Phoenix



Aimee Fonger
Utah State University



Michaela King
Truckee Meadows Community College



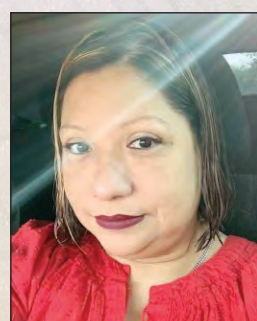
Vanessa Lechuga
Scottsdale Community College



Christina Lewis
American Institute of Dental Assisting



Olowan Sara Martinez
Oglala Lakota College



Bobbie Rose Osife
Arizona College



Hunter Phillips
University of Colorado-Boulder

Q&A: ARLENA MORENO

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY Master's Degree in Social Work—Advanced Generalist

Tell us about your educational background.
In May 2017 I graduated from Mesa Community College and then transferred to Arizona State University. In May 2020, I graduated with my bachelor's degree in social work (BSW). Before I graduated with my BSW, I applied for graduate school and was accepted into the advanced standing master's program, which I started a week after graduating with my bachelor's degree. On May 3, I graduated with my master's degree in social work—advanced generalist. I chose to major in social work because I wanted a career where I can help others overcome challenges they are experiencing during their lives.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

The most rewarding college experience I had was the friendships I made during my time at ASU. I met individuals like myself who wanted to better themselves and make a difference in the lives of others and their communities. As social work majors, we were subjected to the harsh realities of life such as substance abuse, violence, poverty, child abuse, homelessness and mental illness that helped us create a bond for doing this type of work. Having this group of friends made school and internship manageable because we supported one another through difficult times academically and personally. We also supported each other through the good times as well. These relationships I have with these individuals will always be close to my heart, and no matter where we go in life, we will always have a friend/colleague in this field.

What are your future plans?

I do not have any future plans set in stone yet. I do have some ideas. I would like to build my career here in Salt River and give back to my Community. I want to help others achieve their own greatness and support them through their ordeals. Soon I will be starting a new position here in the Community in the Health and Human Services Department. I am excited to start this new position and work for the people of Salt River. I am looking forward to working with other professionals and learning more about our tribal government.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

In the next 10 years, I hope to receive my licensure as a clinical social worker (LCSW). I would like to go back to school and get my doctorate in social work and hopefully teach for Mesa Community College or ASU. One goal I would like to achieve within the next 10 years is becoming a director for one of our tribal departments, either Social Services, Health and Human Services or Senior Services. Maybe I'll even run for Council—anything can happen in the next 10 years. No matter what happens, I want to continue serving the Community in any way possible.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

My parents influenced me to go back to school. When I was little, I remember my mom going to the Maricopa Skills Center, where she was taking classes for accounting. I saw how hard she worked to receive her certificate and how happy she was once she graduated from the program. I asked her one time why she was going to school, and she said education is the key to success, it will help you find a job. My dad was the main influencer when it came to education. Throughout my life he would encourage me to go to school and get an education because he did not want me to struggle when it came to finding a job. He would say go to school, get a career, and make that easy money. Watching my parents overcome their struggles and seeing how hard they worked to provide for the family gave me the courage to go back to school and earn my degree. They were my inspiration, and now I hope to be an inspiration for my nieces and nephews.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

Yes, while attending ASU there were moments when I wanted to quit because I was feeling overwhelmed with the number of assignments and projects that I had to complete. When I started to feel over-



whelmed, I reached out to my professors and shared with them that I was having difficulty meeting the deadlines, and they were willing to work with me on completing all my assignments on a timely manner. Communicating with my professors really helped because they were all social workers and understand the difficulties of being a student because they had to go through the same process as I did. When I was really having a hard time, I reached out to my mentor and he always said, "The hassle for the tassel," which I found annoying at times, but he was right. The obstacles that I endured were all worth it and made me a stronger person who finally knows her potential.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

The first thing is to research the colleges you want to attend and see what programs or majors they have to offer. At first, enroll in two classes to see how it feels to be a college student. Just taking one class will help you determine if higher education is for you, just give it a try. Another suggestion is get to know your classmates—exchange phone numbers or emails, because they will be the ones to help you pass the course. If you're having difficulty with an assignment or missed a class, reach out to them because they know how life can be as a college student. Lastly, I would advise individuals to utilize the programs the tribe has to offer, such as Salt River Higher Education and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Both programs are unique in their own way, but their common goal is to assist Community members in pursuing an educational degree. If you're still unclear or have questions, reach out to the staff at both agencies. There is someone there who is willing to answer your questions and guide you on your educational path.

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursued your education?

Yes, quite a few people supported me along my educational journey. First, I would like to thank Creator, for giving me the strength to keep going and being my guide throughout this process. Thank you to my family and friends for their love, patience, laughter and support. I would like to thank the tribe for investing in me and helping me make this a reality. Finally, there are two special people I would like to thank, my mentor James Smith and ASU social work professor Karen Kattau. These two have been by my side throughout my educational career and stood by me when times were hard. I just want to say thank you, James and Karen, for everything. I am very blessed to have you both in my life.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My parents are the late Arturo and Jennifer (Makil) Moreno. My maternal grandparents are the late Philip and Sylvia Makil. My paternal grandparents are the late Jose and Maria Moreno.

Q&A: NORMALINDA ENAS SIDNEY



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY Master's of Sustainability Leadership (MSL)

Tell us about your educational background.

In addition to graduating with a master's degree in sustainability leadership, I have a bachelor of science in interior design from Northern Arizona University and am certified by the Council for Interior Design Qualification, #32954.

Describe your most rewarding college experience(s).

The most rewarding experience I had was connecting with my mentor, Natacha B. Brice, a humanitarian and micro-finance pioneer. Natacha is a leader in empowering women of all ages in underserved communities and has worked in the revitalization of the housing needs in Haiti after hurricanes and earthquakes. After our interactions, I found similarities to my own design projects working for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in the homes of seniors through the Senior Home Repair and Replacement Program (SHRRP), designing for fixed-income, low-mobility clients.

What are your future plans?

Through my sustainability research I saw clear overlaps to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. After making this connection, I eagerly designed a web series called Deeply Rooted. The web series is designed to teach the young women of the SRPMIC how to sew a traditional skirt as a way to stress the importance of sustainability to Salt River. Due to a lack of funding and research requirements, registration was limited; however, I would like to continue this work by offering more workshops. My future plan is to make this proof of concept accessible to more participants.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

In 10 years, I hope to be assisting my children in their careers or educational goals. Time certainly passes so fast, and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

Who or what influenced you to pursue your higher education?

In high school I was lucky enough to find a vocational skill which I excelled at. My high school drafting teacher suggested I take community college courses in computer-aided drafting (CAD). At 17 years old I was taking

CAD classes and general studies courses as an independent study. This confidence boost gave me the courage to pursue higher education. Thank you, Mr. [Brett] Hartzell for showing me a skill I still use today.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

My family was impacted by COVID-19, and at the peak of the pandemic I was overwhelmed by problems I had no control over. Instead of focusing on the bad, I plugged away at completing daily to-do lists, and this helped me stay focused on goals instead of doubt and uncertainty.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

It is important to meet deadlines, no matter if you are just getting started or continuing your studies. When applying for school, writing personal statements and securing funding you tend to be waiting for someone else to complete a portion of the requirements, so be mindful of lead times. I encourage anyone who is looking into schools or vocational studies to make an appointment with the advisors at the SRPMIC Higher Education program. They have assisted many students through the process and can help with FAFSA tips and provide you with campus resources.

Is there anyone you would like to thank for their support as you pursued your education?

I want to thank my parents for offering an environment full of love and prayer. They instilled confidence in me and showed me the power of prayers and hard work. I'm so grateful to all my current and past mentors. This includes my friends, co-workers and leaders at my workplace who have given their time in offering advice or taking a glance at my research. I'd also like to thank my siblings and children, who listened to my presentations and pitches so many times that they can be honorary graduates. Lastly, to the person who has held my hand through everything—thank you, Loren!

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My parents are Norman Sr. and Delphina (Massey) Enas of the SRPMIC. My paternal grandparents are the late Lowell and Mattie (Stewart) Enos, also of SRPMIC. My maternal grandparents are the late Dennis Sr. and Nellie Massey of Canyon Day, White Mountain Apache Tribe.



THINKING ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE?

The Salt River Higher Education Program Provides Financial Aid, Scholarship, recruitment, Retention and advising services to Community members interested in furthering their education.

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Xavier Robert Belvado

Alhambra High School
Congratulations!



Sariah Jim

Coronado High School
Congratulations!



Curtis Lopez

East Valley Academy
Curtis, way to turn it around in order to graduate on time YOU DID IT! We are all proud of you, as Grandma would say "Bless Your Heart!"



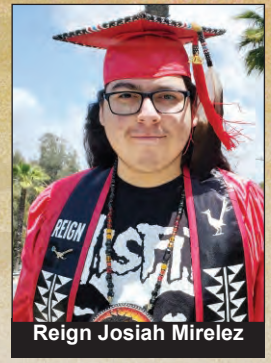
Anessa Monique Sampson

East Valley Academy
Congratulations Babe! You did it! Now go and do what makes you happy! Love you, Martinez, Pablo, Sampson, and Osif Family



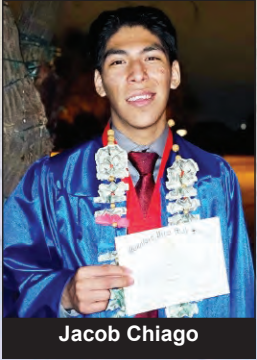
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Geronimo High School
Congratulations on your accomplishment of graduating from Geronimo High as a Valedictorian and being accepted into the University of California, Berkeley. You have made your family proud!



Reign Josiah Mirelez

Julian Charter High School
We are so proud of your determination and hard work. You've made the impossible possible with the love and support of so many. We love you!!!



Jacob Chiago

Mountain View High School
Congratulations on your High School graduation Jake! We are proud of you and your accomplishments! Love Mom, Dad, your siblings, and all your grandparents, aunts and uncles



Caleb Dash

Mountain View High School
Congratulations!



Haleigh LaRose

Mountain View High School
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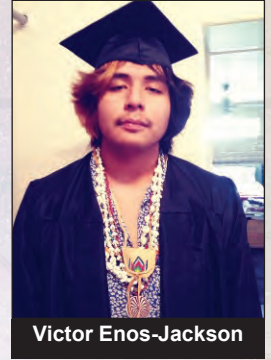
Patrick Perkins

North High School
Happy Graduation! From your family!



Elizabeth Salas

Red Mountain High School
Congratulations!



Victor Enos-Jackson

Saguaro High School
Parents: The late Yohana Enos and Victor Jackson Jr.
Maternal grandmother is Josie Enos and his paternal grandfather is the late Peter Shenandoah, Onondaga Nation. Congratulations!



Jessica Martinez

Saguaro High School
Happy Graduation! Love, the family



Serena Ruiz

Saguaro High School
Congratulations!



Priscilla Marie Lopez

Saint Joseph High School
Congratulations



Malechi L. Andreas

Skyline High School
Congratulations!



Daesha Begay

Westwood High School
Congratulations!



Angelina Biakeddy

Westwood High School
Congratulations! You've overcome many obstacles the past year and we are so proud of you. We cherish the funny, beautiful, resilient and hardworking young woman you are. Love your family



Kaitlyn Joy Castaneda

Westwood High School
Kaitlyn we are so very proud of your well-deserved success. We wish you all the best on your next adventure! You did it! Love Mom, Dad, Gabby, Anthony and Caleb.



Sky Blessing Enos

Westwood High School
Parents: Shea Enos, Sr. and the late Sylvia Enos
We are so proud of you for being a 2021 Westwood graduate! We can't wait to see what the future holds for you Babygirl! Reach for the stars Skye!



Chloe A. Johnson

Westwood High School
Congratulations!



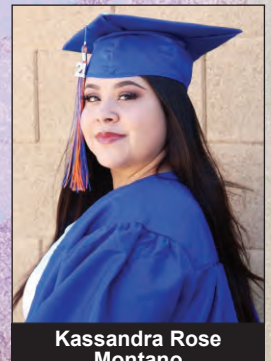
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Congratulations!



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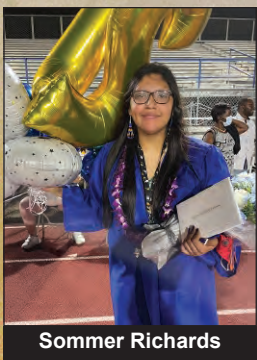
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Parent: Benjalina Villalpando
We are so proud of you. Wasn't easy but you never gave up. You did it! Love you so much mom, Sonny, Tori, Ariana, Syla, Xavier, and your entire family



Elias Montoya

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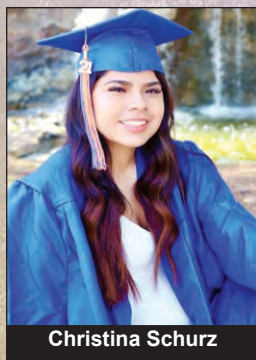
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The love and joy our family felt while watching this once little girl. Who jumped in the ditch to save two puppies, get her diploma was truly a blessing.



Aubri Scabby

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Congratulations!



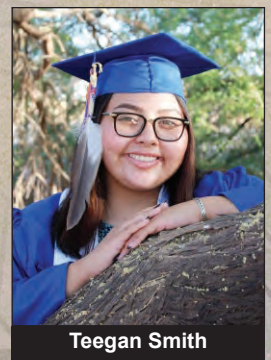
Christina Schurz

Westwood High School
Congratulations!



David Smith

Westwood High School
David we are proud of your accomplishments keep pushing forward. Great things will follow. We love you Mom, Dad, and all your Family



Teegan Smith

Westwood High School
Congratulations!

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Congratulations
CLASS OF 2021!

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AND WE ARE
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YOU!**