



## 2021 Ak-Chin Council Inauguration

Story and photos by: R. Peters



At left, Judge, Yancy Jencsok oversees the Oath of Office for re-elected Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, as Miguel's youngest daughter Stella Miguel holds the Bible.



Above, newly elected Vice-Chairman, Lemuel Vincent takes his Oath of Office, virtually, in front of his home, as wife Nellie and brother Norman Vincent, Jr. hold the Bible.

On January 6, 2021, the Ak-Chin Indian Community witnessed the 2021 Ak-Chin Council Inauguration for Chairman and Vice-Chairman in a unique way. Due to social distancing measures, in line with COVID-19 protocols, both ceremonies were viewed virtually.

Newly elected Vice-Chairman, Lemuel Vincent took his Oath of Office in front of his home in the Farms subdivision, with his wife Nellie Vincent and brother Norman Vincent by his side. Unfortunately, the live feed was interrupted and was unable to be

viewed. Vice-Chairman's acceptance speech was also unable to be viewed live, and was scheduled to be later streamed on the Community's Facebook page.

Vice-Chairman Vincent's acceptance speech acknowledged and thanked all those who took the time to see the live stream as well as thanking all his supporters for helping him achieve his goal.

"What can I say, it's been a long hard road getting to this junction in my life...

but through family, friends, relatives and especially my supporters I want to thank you guys from the bottom of my heart for giving my strength to go on. And for those of you that did not support, I just pray that you give me a chance to prove to you that I am worthy in this position."

He shared with a chuckle about his long road to get elected, "People ask me if I'm ready for the position that I'm stepping into now and my reply was I've been ready since day one. It took 13 years and six elections later and I'm here."

Re-elected Chairman, Robert Miguel performed his Oath of Office in Ak-Chin's council chambers with his wife Connie Miguel and daughter Stella in attendance. Chairman Miguel offered his acceptance speech and remarks, which were all streamed live on FB.

Chairman Miguel shared a few comments shared a few comments from his Inaugural speech.

"It continues to be one of my greatest honors to represent my Community in the capacity of Chairman."

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## Ak-Chin begins new year with new Manager Damian Murrieta

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As the new year's crops begin to sprout, Ak-Chin Farms looks forward to another fruitful year. Who better to begin the year than with new Ak-Chin Farms Manager Damian Murrieta.

Murrieta shares his connection with agriculture, work history and goals for Ak-Chin Farms.

I grew up in Coolidge, AZ and was born and raised in agriculture. My grandfathers both worked on local farms as supervisors and my father was a Pest Control Advisor in the area.

It was the time spent with them on the farm that taught me the pride that comes with raising crops and being a steward of the land. I attribute my interest in farming to family.

I began my first paid farming job in 1987 as a farm laborer and have continued in agriculture with 33 years of experience. Upon graduation from Coolidge High School I started classes at Central Arizona College where I earned an AAS in Agriculture.

I then moved on to New Mexico State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1997. While in New Mexico, I worked as a field scout for Mountain Pass Canning Co. inspecting chili, onion and bean crops.

After graduation I returned home to Arizona and became a licensed Pest Control Advisor in Arizona and California working for Wilbur-Ellis Co. and Helena Chemical Co. consulting with growers

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## MUSD extends closure to in-person learning

On January 8, 2021, Maricopa Unified School District Superintendent, Tracey Lopeman provided the following information with her scheduled Superintendent Snapshot.

**Maricopa Unified School District will extend the closure to in-person learning through Friday, January 29.** In-person will resume on Monday, February 1.

During the Temporary In-Person Closure:

- MUSD teachers will continue to offer **distance learning** through Friday January

29. Teachers will provide additional information regarding access to online instruction.

- **Grab and go meals** will be available for pick up between at the times listed below:
  - Elementary Schools - 11:00 AM -12:30 PM
  - Maricopa Wells Middle School - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
  - Desert Wind Middle School - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
  - Maricopa High School - 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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## Have a Happy New Year

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Our Country has started its first weeks of 2021 on a very rocky-road, from the breaching of our Capitol, to increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Although, this hasn't been an easy transition to the start of a new year, with a positive outlook on the world and its flaws, a new beginning is on the horizon. There are so many incredible possibilities this year brings, it is important not to focus too much on the negativities that are happening all around us and give your mind a much-needed break, to focus on the good things a new year can bring.

For many people a new year means a new start on life, a brand-new slate to recreate their foundations of self-



being. As we continue to make modifications to our life's journey for the betterment, we can take the opportunities of all the new days ahead to create something that brings more light into our lives.

Making new year's resolutions can fall short without perseverance, the same came

be said about self-motivation. These negative thoughts will cloud the psyche and make many things big or small improbable, but it is not impossible to achieve.

A new year is no place for self-doubt, but one for self-love. That is easier said than done for even the strongest

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# Yes....you've seen this before

By Candace Allcott,  
Ak-Chin Elderly Care Worker Supervisor

I have asked those pesky Care Workers to do their Intake Reassessments in January.

With social distancing in mind we can take information over the phone or when you pick up your meal. Please allow them to visit with you and get these done. Please bear with us! We'll try to make it as painless as possible!



## What is an Intake?

Our services are paid for with federal grants and with those grants come rules and requirements that we must follow. One of these requirements is Intakes.

A client intake form is a questionnaire our department uses to document the information to show that you are qualified to receive services from our department.

It asks an elder to provide information that can help our department both determine whether that Elder is qualified for services, and shape a strategy to address that Elder's needs, interests, and services.

## We are required to keep a record

of every elder who receives our services. Whether it is for 46 meals a month, 23 meals a month, or 1 meal a year. All services must be counted, recorded, and reported to the various funding sources.

The first Intake we do is when you first become an Elder (Age 55). From this we have proof of eligibility. Each year thereafter we are required to do an Intake Reassessment.

It takes anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes depending on if there are any changes. We also do a reassessment if you have not used our services in the past, but it is determined you need or want them.

For example, if you turn 55 and don't need or want our services but something changes. Maybe you become sick or have an injury or illness that makes it difficult to cook for yourself. Maybe you don't have transportation and need a ride to the clinic. These services must be documented and you must have an up to date Intake on file to receive them.



- If you receive a food box or gift card for food, those services must be documented and you must have a current Intake on file.

- If you pick up or receive meals from our department you must have an Intake and allow intake reassessments each year or when it's determined you want or need our services.

- If you need or want transportation from our department we must have an up to date assessment.

- If you receive food boxes or gift cards from our department you must have an Intake on file.

At this time, we can take intake information over the phone or when you pick up a meal. Homebound Elders and Caregivers will be given an Intake form with their meal.

Thank you. May you be happy and stay healthy this new year.

The Elder Staff



## VEKOL MARKET RE-OPEN

**STORE HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday: 6:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday-Sunday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**DELI HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday: 6:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Breakfast: 6:00 am to 10:00 am  
Lunch: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Breakfast: 6:00 am to 10:00 am  
Lunch: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**520-568-1653/1654**  
**47021 West Farrell Road**  
**Maricopa, AZ 85139**

## Farm Manager continued from Front

in Central AZ, Yuma AZ and Imperial Valley CA. During this time, I worked with a wide variety of crops such as cotton, alfalfa, grains, corn, melons, chili and winter vegetables.

In 2006 my family and I returned to Central Arizona and I had the experience of working as the Farm Manager for Knorr Farms, a local Maricopa farming family that raises cotton, grains, corn, melons and chili utilizing modern techniques of irrigation and tillage practices.

In March of 2015, I began working for Ak-Chin Farms and have worked as a Farm Supervisor and Assistant Farm Manager. I am proud and excited to now take on the challenge of Farm Manager.

The primary goal is to continue to work with the Ak-Chin Community Council and our Farm Board to prioritize the safety and well-being of our employees and their families.

As essential workers, our farm employees are here for one another and continue to step up to cover for one another reducing little work interruption and keeping the farm moving forward during

this Covid-19 pandemic. Ak Chin Farms grows high quality feeds for the local dairy industry.

This past year has been extremely difficult for the dairy industry to survive and their struggles in the market are then passed down to suppliers of the raw product they consume, such as corn and alfalfa.

Our goal for this year is to have a diverse crop plan that supplies multiple markets. I will continue to look for new opportunities of crops to grow.

One example of this is our new working relationship with Duncan Family Farms.

They are growing organic winter vegetables on the farm and although this is a small project, I feel with the quality water and farmland the community has this partnership is a great opportunity for growth.

Damian will continue to work with former Farm Manager, Steve Coester. Steve, who has worked with Ak-Chin since 1984, will continue to be Ak-Chin's "Water Master" and will supervise its irrigation systems.

## January Elder Breakfast/Lunch Menu

<p><b>15 (B)</b> Chicken fried steak, biscuit &amp; gravy, scram eggs, grapes, bar, juice/(L) Wild Rice &amp; Turkey Soup, Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, Cake</p> <p><b>18 Center Closed – Martin Luther King Day</b></p> <p><b>19 (B)</b> Sausage &amp; Egg Burrito, fruit cup, granola bar, juice/ (L) Hamburgers, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p><b>20 (B)</b> Cream of Wheat, cinnamon raisin toast, boiled eggs, banana, cereal, bar, milk/ (L) Chicken Parmesan, Red Quinoa, Wax Beans, Butternut Squash, Blueberry Cobbler</p> <p><b>21 (B)</b> Pancakes, scrambled eggs, grapes, granola bar, juice/ (L) Lima Beans, Turkey over Stuffing (D), Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Fresh Cut Fruit</p> <p><b>22 (B)</b> Bacon, scram eggs, hash browns, toast, yogurt, banana granola bar, juice / (L) Red Chili Indian Tacos, Corn on Cob, Pears</p>	<p><b>25 (B)</b> Spam &amp; Egg Burrito, fruit cup, granola bar, juice/ (L) Bar-B-Que Ribs, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Apples, Oranges</p> <p><b>26 (B)</b> Chorizo &amp; Eggs, beans, hash browns, tortilla, sliced apples, granola bar, juice/ (L) Chicken Spinach Bake, Asparagus, Normandy Vegetables, Apple Sauce</p> <p><b>27 (B)</b> Bacon, scrambled eggs, toast, grapes, granola bar, juice/ (L) Lasagna Roll Ups, Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Carrots, Rolls–Grapes</p> <p><b>28 (B)</b> Oatmeal, bagel &amp; cream cheese, boiled eggs, banana, cereal, granola bar, milk/ (L) Pizza &amp; Salad, Chicken Wings, Jell-O</p> <p><b>29 (B)</b> Biscuits &amp; gravy, bacon, scram eggs, sliced apples, yogurt, granola bar, juice/ (L) Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Cookies</p>
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## New Year continued from Front

willed person in the world, but taking baby steps to make

these miraculous improvements will not be regrettable ones.

Cherish the good days, friends and family that this new year will bring.

Do what it takes to make this life an unforgettable one.

## What should I do if...

I've been in close contact with someone...

### What counts as "close contact?"

- You spent a PROLONGED period of time in the same room.
- You had DIRECT PHYSICAL CONTACT with the person (e.g., kissing, hugging).
- You SHARED eating or drinking utensils with them.
- You came into contact with their RESPIRATORY SECRETIONS (e.g., they coughed on you).

...who has tested positive for COVID-19?

...who is being tested?

...who might have been exposed...

...who has been in close contact with someone ELSE who might have been exposed?

**What if I have symptoms?**  
If you are experiencing symptoms, such as fever, dry cough, or difficulty breathing, call....



### Ak-Chin Indian Community

**COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION LINE**  
**520-568-1265**

If you are having a medical emergency please call 911

## How do I...

**...self-quarantine?**  
STAY HOME for 14 days. AVOID CONTACT with other people. DON'T SHARE household items.

**...self-monitor?**  
BE ALERT for symptoms of COVID-19, especially a dry cough or shortness of breath. TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE every morning and night, and write it down. CALL a doctor if you have trouble breathing or a fever (temperature of 100.4°F or 38°C). DON'T seek medical treatment without calling first!

**...practice social distancing?**  
STAY HOME as much as possible. DON'T physically get close to people/ try to stay at least 6 feet away. DON'T hug or shake hands. AVOID groups of people and frequently touched surfaces.

**Practice great hygiene!**  
WASH your hands frequently AVOID TOUCHING your face WIPE DOWN frequently touched surfaces regularly

Learn more at: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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The Ak-Chin O'odham Runner is a Community Newspaper and encourages Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos, poems or a great story that you would like to share, please contact us so we can include it in "YOUR" newspaper. Also, if you have suggestions or comments about "YOUR" newspaper, let the Runner Staff know that too.

All submitted letters MUST be signed by the author and are limited to 200 words. Authors must also include their name, address, and phone number. Names can be omitted by request. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

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**DEADLINE**  
Don't forget the DEADLINE for the February 5 - 18, 2021 issue is due by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

Material submitted after the **JANUARY 29TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.

*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*



**\*NOTICE\***  
**2021 Agricultural Lease Payment**

In compliance with SRPMIC Emergency Declaration Directives for COVID-19, the 2021 Agricultural Lease payment to landowners will be made by mail, direct deposit, or SRPMIC Pay Card only. There will be no in person payout.

On Friday, January 22, 2021, Agricultural Lease Payment checks will be mailed to your address on file or, if you have elected to use direct deposit, disbursement will occur to the financial institution on file with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Finance Department. Incorrect information will cause a delay in receiving your payment. To update your address or direct deposit information, or to sign up for direct deposit, please contact:

SRPMIC Vendor Maintenance, ph: (480) 362-7729  
(staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Arizona time)  
The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020.  
Please call as soon as possible.

Pay Card disbursement will be placed onto your SRPMIC Pay Card on Friday, January 22, 2021. To sign up for a SRPMIC Pay Card for your lease payment or to add your lease payment to an already issued SRPMIC Pay Card, please contact the SRPMIC Finance Department at (480) 362-7620. The last day for Agricultural Lease Payment updates is December 16, 2020.

Payments less than \$15.00. All direct deposit and Pay Card payments will be disbursed regardless of the amount. For checks less than \$15.00, landowners will need to contact the SRPMIC Finance Department and request that a check be mailed. Such checks will be processed 7-10 business days following the request after January 22, 2021.

Questions? Contact the SRPMIC Finance Leasing Payment Office (480) 362-7730.  
\*Agricultural lease payments will be made based upon former payments received and cleared through banking institutions by January 4, 2021.

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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY CIVIL COURT  
COUNTY OF PINAL, STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF: J.F.J. CASE NO.: CV-2020-021-AD

Concerning: Minor(s), SUMMONS TO APPEAR

BRIAN JOHNSON

THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY TO:  
BRIAN JOHNSON

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear before the Court in the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court, 45525 W. Farrell RD, Ak-Chin, Arizona on Tuesday the 23<sup>RD</sup> day of February, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for a Final Adoption Hearing.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENT YOU AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE DURING THE PROCEEDINGS.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Civil Court, in the County of Pinal, in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020

*Deanna Rascon*  
Deanna Rascon, Court Administrator  
of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Court

**Inauguration continued from Front**

Miguel also talked about his intentions over the next four years. towards a bright future. Together we can move in providing services and care with the concept of what our former leaders and community members, whom are no longer with us, have strived, sacrificed and paved for us."

"Despite the era of the pandemic, I'm excited to continue to help with the development and positive direction of the Community as we move

**MUSD continued from Front**

- Schools will provide an **on-site Learning Lab** for students who need a quiet, safe environment to independently engage in their remote classes during the school day. The Learning Labs are similar to a supervised study hall. Transportation is available. Please watch your email for details specific to your child's school.
- ESS students who may require **in-person learning** (based on staff recommendations) will receive an email with additional information on Monday, January 11.

You can view general updates to our COVID-19 Data Dashboard at [www.musd20.org/covid19dashboard](http://www.musd20.org/covid19dashboard).

Thank you and stay well.

Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent  
Maricopa Unified School District

**MUSD**  
**GRAB & GO LUNCH**  
**IS BACK!!**

**AT MILTON ANTONIO PARK**  
PARKING LOT  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**TIME: 11:00AM - 12:30PM**  
**\*MASKS ARE REQUIRED\***

No Lunch distribution on Monday January 18, 2021 due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, there will be no trash picked up on Monday, January 18th.**

**Instead, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, January 19th.**

**\*REMINDER\***

Trash collection days for the Community are: **Monday & Friday** (except for holidays)

Recycling collection on **Thursday**

Thank you,  
*The Sanitation department*



**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
**Help Stop the Spread**  
*The importance of quarantine, isolation, and social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19*

**What does it mean to be exposed to COVID-19?**  
Anyone who has had close contact (about 6 ft.) with someone infected (sick) with coronavirus (COVID-19) for a prolonged period of time. This includes visiting, sharing space with, or having been coughed or sneezed on by a person that is infected with COVID-19. If you are unsure about having close contact with someone, the Ak-Chin Incident Management Team can help identify close contacts through contact tracing and will notify you if they think you have been exposed to a known case and provide you with instructions for next steps.

**What is Quarantine and what happens when you are Quarantined?**  
Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have had been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick with the virus or if they are infected and have no symptoms. The recommended length of quarantine is 14 days from exposure. If you have been quarantined, **avoid leaving your home unless absolutely necessary**. This means no work, no school, no visitors, or going to public places. People in quarantine should stay home, stay away from others, and monitor their health for developing symptoms. They should also wear a face mask and wash hands often.

**Isolation vs. Quarantine: What's the difference?**  
Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. Isolation keeps **someone who is infected (already sick) with the virus away from others**. Staying in isolation keeps infected people away from healthy people to prevent COVID-19 from spreading. If you are sick with COVID-19, isolate yourself by staying in a specific "sick room" of the house. Use a separate bathroom if available, and use your own items such as eating utensils, towels, bedding, etc. Everyone in the household should wear a face mask and wash hands often.

**What is Social Distancing?**  
Social distancing, also called "physical distancing" means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people. To practice social distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people both indoor and outdoor spaces. Please avoid non-essential trips in the community. You can still exercise outdoors or get groceries when needed however it is recommended to avoid crowds or gatherings and maintain distance from those around you. Please take steps to limit the number of people you come into close contact with. This will help to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

We understand being cooped up inside can be unbearable at times. Remember, we are all in this together. Following quarantines, isolations, social distancing, including wearing face masks, and washing hands will help slow - and eventually stop - the spread of COVID-19. For any questions, please contact the Ak-Chin COVID-19 info hotline at (520) 568-1265.

Ak-Chin Incident Management Team



The Behavioral Health Division of the Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department currently offers virtual services for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Behavioral services conducted virtually include:

- Intake and assessment
- Individual counseling
- Substance abuse group
- Anger management group
- Parenting group services
- Case management

For any questions regarding services offered by the Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Behavioral Health Division, contact any of the following numbers for additional information

**Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department**  
Main Number: 520-568-1090

**Job Elliott MS, LPC, LISAC, Behavioral Health Therapist**  
Health and Human Service Department:  
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# Antonio Rodriguez begins delayed basketball season with Legacy Traditional School

Maricopa Legacy Traditional 6th grader and Ak-Chin member, Antonio Rodriguez had his first intramural middle school basketball games this past Saturday against Legacy Chandler and Legacy East Mesa.

The season has been delayed for over a month due to the Covid pandemic but has continued with additional restrictions,

including the most current from Legacy, which prohibits spectators to attend indoor sports.

Although there won't be anyone cheering Antonio from the bleachers, his family will be cheering safe from home through the Maricopa Legacy School's Facebook page that will be posting quarterly updates on the games.

Story and photos submitted by Jennifer King



ABOVE: Antonio Rodriguez is game day ready.



AT LEFT: Antonio goes for a block against rival school.

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Deadline to RSVP January 15th!

Call or text: (520) 612-1013  
Email: [akchinlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:akchinlibrary@gmail.com) for more information.

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Open to all Ak-Chin Members, Residents and Employees and their immediate family.

## WORD SEARCH

Note: words can be forward or backward, up or down or diagonal

INSPIRATION GOAL	RESOLUTION RESILIENCE	STRENGTH OVERCOME	HEALING RECOVERY																
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# Copa Glow Night Market

**DATE:**  
January 15, 2021  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**TETHERED BALLOON RIDES, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS AND CRAFT BEER GARDEN**

**LOCATION:**  
Copper Sky Regional Park  
44345 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Maricopa, Arizona 85138

# NATIVE FUTURES ARE BRIGHT.

Native American Journalists Association

### 2021 NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship application open through April 30

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is now accepting applications for the [2021 NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship](#) through April 30. NAJA will select five students for one-time awards of \$10,000 each for the NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship for Indigenous students pursuing journalism and media.

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled juniors, seniors, or graduate students at an accredited university within the United States. Applicants must highlight a commitment to Indigenous storytelling as demonstrated by completed coursework, clips/work samples and a letter of recommendation from a professor or internship supervisor familiar with their work and attesting to career commitment.

### 2021 NAJA-NBC News Summer Fellowship applications open through Jan. 27

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is now accepting applications for the [2021 NAJA-NBC News Summer Fellows Program](#) through Jan. 27. The NAJA-NBC News Summer Fellowship gives students real world experience and exposure to one of the world's leading news divisions, which includes NBC News, MSNBC and CNBC.

NBCUniversal will offer fellows the opportunity to join one of the following NBC programs or platforms for summer 2021 as interns:

- America's No. 1 morning news program, "The Today Show"
- The top ranked evening program, "Nightly News with Lester Holt"
- Our primetime long form news program, "Dateline"
- Our 24-hour cable news channel, MSNBC
- Our top rated business news cable channel, CNBC
- Our digital organization, including our array of digital properties

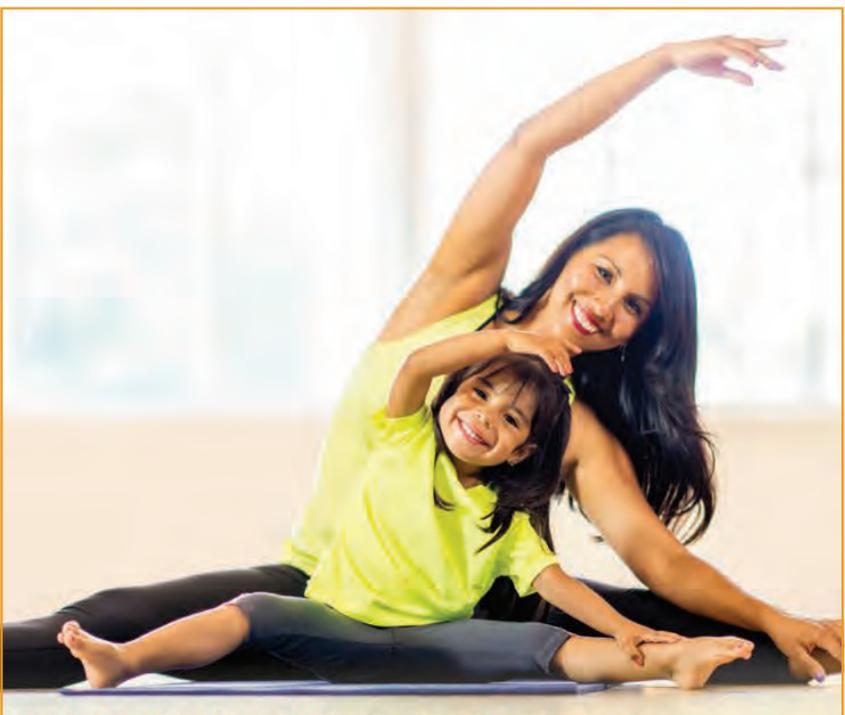
The fellows selected will receive \$16.50 an hour, plus overtime (over 40 hours per week) for 10 weeks during the summer. NBCUniversal will offer a \$2,000 housing or technology stipend. The housing stipend is available for candidates who reside outside a 50 mile radius from the Tri-State Area offices. The stipend will be provided for technology upgrades for any remote internships (\*see below note regarding COVID-19). Production experience is preferred, but not required.

All the internships are located in 30 Rockefeller Center, with the exception of the placements at CNBC, which are located in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Transportation is provided to Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, from various locations in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The official start date of the program is Monday, June 7. If applicants' academic schedule impedes this start date, alternatives can be discussed.

\*COVID 19: During this time, we ask that all applicants bear with us as we determine the best avenue for hosting Summer Fellows. We are awaiting information and developments about the state of the pandemic that will enable us to decide whether the internship will be held remotely or in person at offices in 30 Rockefeller Plaza or at Englewood Cliffs. We will continue to keep applicants posted as we make decisions about the summer programs.

**About the Native American Journalists Association**  
NAJA serves more than 700 members, including media professionals working in tribal, freelance, independent and mainstream news outlets, as well as academia and students covering Indigenous communities and representing tribal nations from across North America.



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- Wednesday, January 13th
- Wednesday, January 20th
- Wednesday, January 27th
- Wednesday, February 03rd
- Wednesday, February 10th
- Wednesday, February 17th
- Wednesday February 24th

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

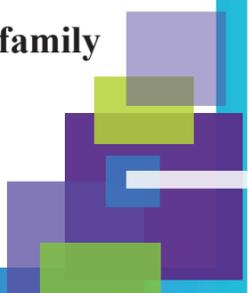
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| <b>1/1</b><br>Timothy Nanstiel, <i>TGA</i>  | <b>1/15</b><br>Veronica Armadillo, <i>Maintenance</i>   |
| <b>1/3</b><br>Johnny Ramirez, <i>EPD</i>  | <b>1/16</b><br>Maressa Robles, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>   |
| <b>1/5</b><br>Christopher Beginski, <i>Fire &amp; Safety</i><br>DelRoy Narcia, <i>Security Guard</i><br>Andrew Jimenez, <i>Sanitation</i> | <b>1/17</b><br>Celest Soliz, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>   |
| <b>1/6</b><br>Jose Miguel, <i>Parks &amp; Recreation</i><br>Henrietta Rubio, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>                                       | <b>1/20</b><br>Joe Medina, <i>EPD</i>   |
| <b>1/7</b><br>Gabriel Pablo, <i>IS</i><br>Wayne Allison, <i>Law &amp; Order</i><br>Steve Peters, <i>Retail</i>                            | <b>1/21</b><br>Vera Pablo, <i>Maintenance</i>   |
| <b>1/9</b><br>Jennifer Hill, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>   | <b>1/23</b><br>Leonard Allen, <i>EPD</i><br>Kris Narcia, <i>Security Guard</i><br>Judy Curry, <i>Education</i><br>Amber Antone, <i>Him Dak Museum</i> |
| <b>1/10</b><br>Gilbert Celaya, <i>Law &amp; Order</i>   | <b>1/26</b><br>Beatrice Romo, <i>Parks &amp; Recreation</i><br>Thomas Carlyle, <i>Parks &amp; Recreation</i>  |
| <b>1/11</b><br>Octavio Machado, <i>Council</i>  | <b>1/28</b><br>Felicia Vincent, <i>Cultural</i>   |
| <b>1/13</b><br>Elizabeth Chavez, <i>Elderly</i><br>Teri De La Cruz, <i>Health Education</i>   | <b>1/29</b><br>Genevieve Miguel, <i>Him Dak Museum</i>  |
| <b>1/14</b><br>Michael Heronema, <i>Security Guard</i><br>Teresa Valisto, <i>Education</i>  | <b>1/31</b><br>Carlton Carlyle, <i>EPD</i>  |



## WISHES

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Jonathan, Joshua, Mateo, and Ian and my granddaughters Estalynn and Saraih  
 Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Cubby  
 Love your family



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JANUARY</b>					1 Duane Narcia	2 Jolene Campbell Azlynn Carra
3 	4 Skylar Luna Stephen Narcia Alexandra Osife Jaianna Pilone	5 DelRoy Narcia Joseph Pilone	6 Heaven Coble Yolanda Melero-Moroyoqui Jose Miguel, Sr. Joseph Narcia, Jr.	7 Gabriel Pablo Brandon Smith Kevin Villegas	8 Ethan Humeyumptewa Ashley Manuel Jessica Zabawa	9 Jose Balderrama Jennifer Hill Paden Marsh Leo Thomas
10 Jason Luz	11 Edward Rocha Euphrasia Mike Persephanie Antone Octavio Machado Bradley Miguel Mylaunah Robles	12 Celiyah Antone	13 Amarissa Garcia Ella Lewis Ezri Miguel Viviana Rascon	14 Karli Hoffman Kimberly Smith Teresa Valisto	15 Carmella Ortiz Jakob Thomas	16 Verdina Aguilla Karly Campbell Dallaz Jackson-Narcia Eduardo Santiago
17 Dawn Lewis Stacey Yarberry	18 Nathaniel Enos Sanya Enos Richard Joaquin, IV Dominique White	19 Perla Corona Rosalino Ormsby	20 Joe Medina Juan Medina Adriana Narcia Phoenix-Michelle Alejandro Roland Narcia Jonathan Peters Joshua Peters Bernadine Romo	21 	22 Leah Castro Francisco Kaniatobe Marie Lewis Estalynn Lopez	23 Amber Antone Kris Narcia Maite Ortega Saraih Peters Danielle Shade-Theel
24 	25 Jaime Salcido	26 Thomas Carlyle Beatrice Romo Freddie Salas	27 Chelsey Mike Lydell Delowe, Jr. Anthony Rogers Mario Santiago	28 Anariece Carra Aniyaa Carra Richard Quintero Felicia Vincent	29 Lucas Antone Spencer Antone Paulette Kisto Genevieve Miguel Patricia Perillo April Smith Irene Smith Byron White	30 Micah Coble Horacio Valles
31 Carlton Carlyle, Sr. Celeste Gloria Mateo Rodriguez						

# TUCKER ALLEN WINS GRAPEVINE AMATEUR



narrowly missed a birdie putt on 18 to force a playoff. Neuheisel shot a final round 71 (-1) to finish at -10. Tiger Tahvilardi (Huntington Beach, CA) and Sam Sommerhauser (Rocklin CA) finished in third place at -7.

**ALLEN ON THE VICTORIES:**  
 "This past week meant a lot to me, I loved being in the hunt on the last three holes in both events and being able to win them both is a great feeling. Thank you for having these tournaments during covid times and thank you to Ak-Chin Southern Dunes for having us for a week."

The Grapevine Amateur was originally scheduled to be held at Silverado Golf Resort in Napa, California, but Ak-Chin Southern Dunes stepped into the void when it became difficult to administer the event in California. Both golf courses are premier golf facilities known for hosting high-level competitions. The Grapevine is the first event in the 2021-22 Troon Saguaro Amateur Series. For more information on the Series please go to [www.SaguaroAmateur.com](http://www.SaguaroAmateur.com).

Tucker Allen holds up the champion trophy after winning the Grapevine Amateur at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club

## Back-to-Back Wins at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes for Allen

Maricopa, Arizona—Tucker Allen two-putted from the fringe on the 18th hole for a one-shot win in the Grapevine Amateur over Scottsdale's Joe Neuheisel at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club.

of Oklahoma golf team, shot rounds of 67-69-69 (-11) to win back-to-back world amateur titles at Southern Dunes in the same week. On Monday he held off a slew of challengers to claim the Saguaro Amateur.

Wasting no time, he then won the Grapevine Amateur after birdieing four of his last six holes. Neuheisel, the overnight leader and a senior at Boise State,

Allen, a native of Tolar, Texas, and a member of the University

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<p>3  PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER                      REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>4  MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>5  <b>PARMI</b> CAST IRON COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>6  <b>PARMI</b> CAST IRON COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>7  BLING OUT YOUR EARS AT THE GIFT SHOP</p>	<p>8  REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>9  MAMA MIA! TRY THE MARGHERITA FLATBREAD AT OAK &amp; FORK</p>
<p>10  REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>11  MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>12  <b>PARMI</b> CAST IRON COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>13  <b>PARMI</b> CAST IRON COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>14  CELEBRATE THE DAY ON THE OAK &amp; FORK PATIO</p>	<p>15  REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>16  WATCH THE GAME IN THE LOUNGE</p>
<p>17  PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER                      REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>18  CASH BLIZZARD SWEEPSTAKES MYSTERY REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p>19  <b>PARMI</b> CAST IRON COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>20  <b>PARMI</b> CAST IRON COOKWARE SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p>21  SWIM UP TO THE BAR &amp; ORDER A COCKTAIL IN OUR HEATED POOL</p>	<p>22  REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p>23  <b>Brentwood!</b> FOOD PROCESSOR GIVEAWAY</p>
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<p>31  PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER                      REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>\$20K FUN IN 2021 CASH SWEEPSTAKES</b>                      FINALE DRAWING - FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 AT 7PM                      WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$20,000 IN CASH!</p>					

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