



Education hosts student field trip to Medieval Times

Story and photos by Eliza Santiago

Friday, June 21, about 50 Ak-Chin students from grades 4th – 12th, along with Education staff members went on a field trip to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Scottsdale, AZ.

The trip was a reward for the students maintaining good grades in school.

Medieval Times takes you back to the 11th Century; housed in a castle with a queen and

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her royalty. Once the students arrived they were given a black and white crown that represented one of the knight's in the queen's kingdom.

The color crown received let them know which knight they would cheer for and the section they would be seated in. They were then allowed to explore inside the castle.

There was a souvenir shop where they sold real swords

and crowns, and they had armor of knights on display. They also had a falcon trainer walking around with his bird.

Then their host welcomed everyone and led them to the Grand Ceremonial Arena. Once seated around the arena, they introduced the top six knights of the kingdom and started the entertainment.

The first part of the show was the falcon trainer, who let his

Congratulations! Eliza Santiago - CAC Graduate



Eliza Santiago on graduation day at Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus, May 10, 2024.

Photo by Albert Santiago

We are more than happy to introduce one of Ak-Chin's recent higher education graduates, Eliza Santiago.

Eliza is the 20-year-old daughter of Albert and Leticia Santiago, granddaughter of Lena Cypriano and big sister to Owen and Layla.

Eliza is a graduate from Maricopa high school, and recently graduated from Central Arizona College on May 10, 2024. She received her Digital Media Arts, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Graphic Design Emphasis.

Eliza is currently working at the

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Everyone gathers under the beautifully decorated vato at the Miguel compound in Ak-Chin to enjoy the San Juan Feast celebration.

2024 Ak-Chin San Juan Feast Celebration

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas

On June 29, the San Juan Church hosted their annual feast where several people came to show support. To start the day, mass began at 10 am followed by three traditional baptisms. At 11:30am they began serving the traditional feast lunch which was chili stew, beans, potato salad, cake, chumuth, yeast bread and bone soup.

There was a concern for the heat, the temperature was high and everyone was encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day with plenty of water provided during lunch and throughout the day.

There was a total of 5 dance groups who performed throughout the day, one being the San Juan Kualiyaya dance group.

After the traditional performances, South Image, coming from Tohono O'odham

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Indian Community, was the band that played during the evening. They began playing at 6pm, and at first the crowd was small. After the sunset and the temperature cooled a bit, people came to enjoy the good music by dancing and watching the band play.

At 9 pm, the San Juan Kualiyaya Dance group performed and did a giveaway dance for many nice items. There were several people coming to the dance floor hoping to grab some goodies.

There was three vendors selling during the dance, Lexy Lopez's Lemme Lemonade U sold fresh ice-cold custom-made lemonades, along with Steven's Pickle Slushies, and the San Juan Kualiyaya Dance group was selling hotdogs throughout the night.

The San Juan Kualiyaya group is actually raising money for

a trip to Universal Studios, California for the Hollywood Halloween Horror Nights in October. During their hotdog sales, they were also selling raffle tickets for their fundraiser. The raffle included 4 different raffle prize options; a 50/50 raffle, which be open until August 2nd.

The 2nd raffle is a five-hour gig from the band Project Kumbia, valued at \$750. The 3rd raffle prize is two tickets for the Monday night football game Arizona Cardinals vs LA Chargers on October 21, 2024.

The 4th raffle consists of gift cards from Dutch Bros, Starbucks, Bath and Body Works, Amazon and Texas Road House, a free service Manicure by Stella, Tupperware set and also gift baskets with movie passes, grill accessories, a self-care bundle, a small lottery or kitchen accessories.

Chairman Robert Miguel attends An Evening with the Presidents event



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel (second from left) in once-in-a-lifetime photo op with President Biden and former President's Obama and Clinton, in New York City.

Story and photo submitted by Chairman Miguel

Earlier this year, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and Governor Stephen Roe-Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community, took part in a special event, which supported President Joe Biden at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

The star-studded event featured former Presidents; Barack Obama and Bill Clinton. Other entertainers which included; Moderator Stephen Colbert, Queen Latifah, Ben Platt, Cynthia Erivo, Lizzo and Lea Michele, performed to a sold-out crowd in downtown New York City.

Prior to the event, Chairman Miguel and Governor Lewis were able to meet with Senators

and Congressional leaders from the Democratic Party. Brief conversations were held with New York Senator, Chuck Schumer, House Minority Leader, Hakeem Jefferies, and other heavy hitters from the Democratic Party.

Both Arizona Tribal Leaders were able to take a photo and have brief discussions with President Biden and the two former Presidents. Another highlight included meeting and having a discussion with Lynda Carter, the original Wonder Woman, who hails from Arizona.

The event was billed as, "An Evening with Joe Biden, Barack Obama & Bill Clinton".

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Tribal Health and Wellness Conference celebrates Cultural Resilience at Harrah's

Story and photos submitted by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Director, Ak-Chin Elder Center



Ak-Chin elders enjoy lunch and conversation at the Tribal Health and Wellness Conference, June 27.

On June 27th, 2024, the Tribal Health and Wellness Conference was held at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Ballroom.

The conference is focused on promoting the well-being of indigenous people and celebrating cultural resilience.

Elders from Ak-Chin were able to attend along with various tribes who gathered for a day filled with learning, sharing, and community.

The keynote speaker for the event was Grandmother Pershlie "Percy" Ami, a respected member of the Hopi/Tewa tribe. Known for her role in the movie, "Touch the Water", Percy delivered an inspiring

speech on the healing power of laughter and clean water.

"Laughter is a universal language," she said. "It brings us together and heals our spirits. And clean water is the foundation of health. Together, they are the best medicine."

Following the keynote address, the conference offered numerous breakout sessions focused on various aspects of health and well-being.

These sessions provided valuable information and practical tips on physical, mental, and emotional health, tailored specifically to the needs of indigenous

communities. The elders particularly enjoyed the delicious lunch, where they had the opportunity to connect with one another and share their own stories and experiences.

The atmosphere was filled with warmth, laughter, and unity, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all.

Overall, the Tribal Health and Wellness Conference was a great success, offering a wonderful way for elders to spend the day, fostering a sense of community, and reinforcing the importance of cultural resilience in promoting health and well-being.

Hula for Health Amongst Native Americans

Do you want to potentially lose some weight, decrease stress, and anxiety? The Strong Heart Study along with the Ak-Chin Indian Community Elder Center invites you to participate in a research study, "Hula for Health Amongst Native Americans." This study is designed for Native Americans aged 30-79 who are interested in reducing stress and increasing activity levels. The exercise is done either standing or sitting in a chair.

Study Details:
The research includes an intervention that might impact anxiety and improve health outcomes.

- **Health Survey and Wellbeing Questionnaire:** Collects data regarding your age, health issues, smoking and alcohol history, and family and community support.
- **Demographic Information:** Basic details about you.
- **Measurements:** Intake measurements of waist, hip, and arms. Blood pressure checks will be collected at the beginning and end of the study.
- **Hula Course:** Enroll in an 8-week Hula course designed to promote health and wellbeing.

Study Visits:
1st Visit/Check-in (Baseline):

- Complete the consent form
- Complete health questionnaire
- Measurements (height, weight, blood pressure check, hip & waist circumference)
- **\$50 gift card**

2nd Check-in (4th Week):

- Same as above
- **\$50 gift card**

3rd Check-in (8th Week):

- Same as above
- **\$100 gift card**
- Class Luau with Hawaiian food
- Completion of class certificates

Total Compensation: \$200
Participants should not miss more than 1-2 classes. Participants who do, without approval, will be compensated at the discretion of the hula class facilitator.

Join us for an enriching journey towards better health through the beautiful and soothing art of Hula!

Classes and days are to be determined. Please call the Elder Center for details and to sign up. 520-568-1760

Embrace the rhythm of Chair Hula and Hula, and dance your way to health and happiness!

Fall Prevention for Elders provided by the Injury Prevention Program



Where: Service Center
Time: 10:00 am-11:00am
When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS FOR ELDERS

let's Be Stronger, as We get Older

Join us!

For Questions email or call Teri De La Cruz, TDelacruz@ak-chin.nsn.us or 520-568-1087

Health Benefits of Pinto Beans:

Vitamin B minerals, iron, magnesium, potassium, fiber, protein, heart health, blood sugar regulation, antioxidant properties, weight management, and supports gut health

Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM</p> <p>*Lunch Served 12PM to 1 PM</p>				<p>7/5</p> <p>CENTER CLOSED</p>
Menu Subject to Change Without Notice				
<p>7/8 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Chili Beans, Chili Meat (D), Butternut Squash, Corn Bread, Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>7/9 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Fish & Chips or Chicken Tenders/Fries, Cole Slaw, Peaches w/Cottage Cheese</p>	<p>7/10 Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Peaches & Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Movie Day</p> <p>Squash Casserole, Brown Rice, Romaine Salad, Wheat/White Rolls, Jell-O</p>	<p>7/11 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mix Berries</p> <p>Ak-Chin Farms Tour 9AM, leaving @ 830AM</p> <p>Grilled Chicken over, Caesar Salad, Avocado, Fresh Cut Fruit</p>	<p>7/12 Breakfast Pizza, Avocado Slices, Fruit Salad, Muffin</p> <p>Philly Cheese steaks, Macaroni Salad, Cucumber /Tomato Salad, Apple Sauce</p>
<p>7/15 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana</p> <p>Red Chili Stew, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Chumath, Pistachio Cake</p>	<p>7/16 Grilled Ham & Cheese, Boiled Eggs, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Ground Beef Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, Grapes</p>	<p>7/17 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Muffin, Fruit</p> <p>Angel Home Health Care Presentation w/ Erin Kariuki, Information on Elder Health and wellness</p> <p>White Beans w/Sausage & Spinach, Pork Chop (D), Broccoli, Carrots, Apple/Orange</p>	<p>7/18 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit</p> <p>Bar-B-Que Ribs, Plain Ribs (D), Baked Potato, Green Beans, Pineapples</p>	<p>7/19 Potatoes with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla, Fruit with Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Hot Dog Bar, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Jell-O</p>
<p>7/22 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, English Muffin, Fruit & Yogurt</p> <p>Split Peas w/Ham, Chicken, Cordon Blue (D), Zucchini, Romaine Salad, Pears</p>	<p>7/23 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Mix Berries</p> <p>Goodwill Shopping</p> <p>Ham Wrap, Green Leaf /Tomato, Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Cookie</p>	<p>7/24 Cereal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Salad</p> <p>Movie Day</p> <p>Chicken Broccoli Stir Fry W/Red Peppers, Fried Rice, Egg Roll, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>7/25 Breakfast Quesadilla, Salsa & Sour Cream, Banana, Scone</p> <p>Pork Chop, Collard Greens, Sweet Potato/Potato (D), Wheat/White Rolls, Jell-O</p>	<p>7/26 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit Grapes with Cottage Cheese</p> <p>Ham Macaroni & Cheese, Romaine Salad, Peas, Wheat/White Roll, Fruit Cocktail</p>

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 The Ak-Chin O'dham 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.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted material for clarity, grammar and good taste. All submissions should be received as typed or non-cursive writing. Please do not submit UPPERCASE or formatted paragraphs.

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NEXT DEADLINE
 Don't forget the DEADLINE for the **July 19 - August 1, 2024** issue is due by **FRIDAY, JULY 12TH**
 Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 12TH**

Material submitted after the **JULY 12TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.



San Juan Feast continued from Front
 The group is selling tickets for their raffle with the 2-4 option raffle prizes being picked on July 19th.
 The 50/50 raffle will be held on August 3, 2024.
 For more information you can reach out to Mathilda Miguel at 520-414-2113.

Photos by Gabe Lopez



Runner enjoys activities with Museum Summer Art Program students

Story by Runner Staff, photo by Auciana Miguel



On Wednesday, June 26th, the Ak-Chin Runner participated in an art activity at the Ak-Chin Him Dak Summer Art Program. At 10am, Runner staff members arrived and began to set up their activities with the different groups of kids from kindergarten-12th grade.

Each group completed activities that would allow them to artistically express themselves.

Runner staff split up into

the different classes to make fun crafts with all the kids. Summer workers Teagan Delma and Auciana Miguel worked with the K-2nd grade group, while photojournalists Kristen Villegas and Ashley Vincent worked with the elementary class and summer worker Eliza Santiago and editor, Raychel Peters set up with the middle/high school group.

Teagan and Auciana showed their group how

to make figures out of clay. Teagan had made an octopus and flower beforehand so the kids could get an idea of what they could make. "They had fun making little flowers and an octopus out of clay." Teagan shared.

Since they got finished early with the two projects, they got to freestyle and make whatever they wanted with the left-over clay. They made some sharks, snakes, cakes, cupcakes, an elephant, turtle, fish, ducks, food, and Olaf from Frozen.

As they sat there modeling clay, we enjoyed listening to all the things the little kids had to say. "One was talking about how he loves sharks, and the others were talking about how they're scared of them," Teagan added, "but in all, it was

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THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY HAS ONE (1) VACANCY FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Vacancy for Ak-Chin Community Members only

Reminder: Community Members can only serve on three (3) Boards or Commissions or Committees maximum at any given time.

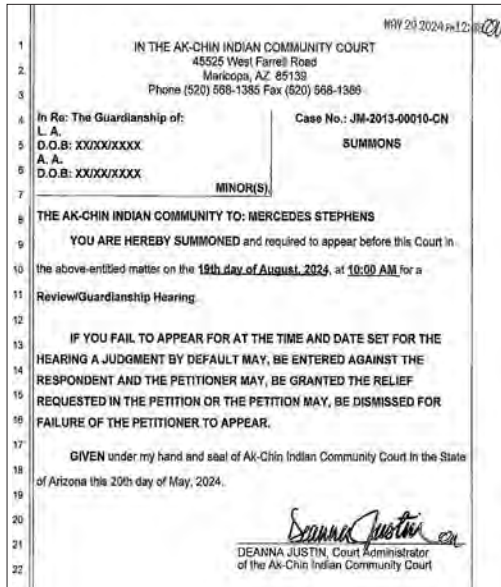
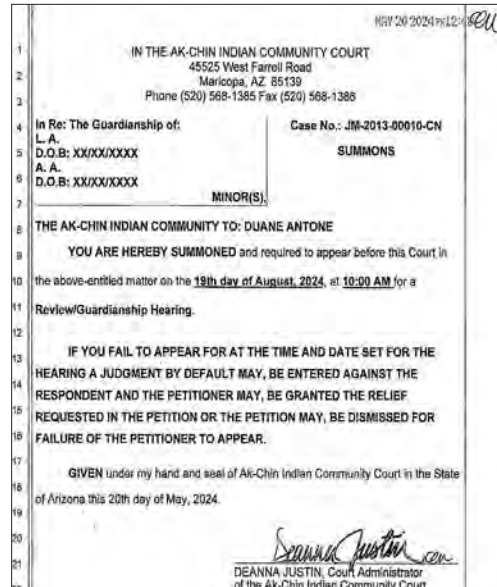
Duties & Responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Prepare plans for the Ak-Chin Indian Community, which are directed toward the best development of the Community.
2. Make and recommend policy to the Community Council in areas of physical and social development.
3. Evaluate and recommend necessary rules and regulations as provided by Ak-Chin law.
4. Hear and make recommendations to Community Council, but not limited to, applications for Special Use Permits, Preliminary and Site Development Plans, Zoning Amendments, and General Plan Amendments.
5. Prepare for and attend all meetings of the Commission except as provided otherwise in the Commission's Bylaws.
6. Conduct themselves according to the Codes of Conduct of the Commission.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be an enrolled Community Member. All interested parties who desire to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission must send a letter of interest to the Tribal Office. Enrolled Community employees must submit documentation from their supervisor allowing them to serve on the Ak-Chin Planning & Zoning Commission. In your letter of interest, please note which Board, Commission or Committee you currently serve on, and when your term expires.

Please send all letters of interest Attn: Ak-Chin Community Tribal Council ATTN: Victoria A. Smith 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, AZ 85138

Deadline to submit letter of interest is Monday, July 8, 2024 by 5:00pm.



AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON 2023 (3) HOMES DEMO & REBUILD PROJECT

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Construction Contract. This Construction projects consist of (3) Homes:

- Demolition and removal of all materials
- Pad build up/compaction
- All permits
- All inspections/survey
- Rebuild/plans provided
- Closeout documents/as-builts
- Safety meetings/construction meeting minutes

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. (MST) on Thursday, July 18, 2024, located at the EPA Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room at 46200 W. Ralph St., Maricopa, AZ 85139. The RFP Packet and information will be provided via thumb drive to those in attendance.

Deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us. Also, Cc: Project Manager, Casey Turgeon at cturgeon@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner will receive Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened. Electronic Proposals may be submitted to FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance to the Community Procurement Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office, 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138, and may be requested by electronic mail at FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us.

The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all pre-proposal. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No proposals shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Proposals without consent of the Owner.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Capital Projects

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON DESIGN-BUILD FOR 2023 (3) HOMES - BEDROOM ADDITION PROJECT and 2023 (3) HOMES - HANDICAP BATHROOM CONVERSION

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors to submit proposals on a Design Build Contract. This project is to design and construct bedroom additions & ADA bathrooms on scattered homes in the Ak-Chin Community.

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The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject, any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without consent of the Owner.

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Ak-Chin Runner department, as a summer worker through Gila River WIOA program. She has also worked for the Boys and Girls Club while attending school.

She says her parents motivated her to attend college. "I also had an amazing graphic design teacher in high school. While in high school I took the dual enrollment class for graphic design, which counts as college credit."

She chose to attend Central Arizona College since it was closer to home, as she drove to school daily. Her favorite class was Art 1, "where we did a lot of realism hand drawings and fruit in bowls. That class was in person so I got to talk with other students face to face."

One of her hardest classes was math. "I don't like math so taking another math class was horrible, but I did pass

and continue with the other classes."

Eliza knew she wanted to do something art related for her study. She took college credit classes for graphic design in high school that led to her decision to study graphic design. "I have always liked making art, whether it was a drawing, creating out of clay, or digitally creating. I wanted to get a career in the arts."

During her downtime from school Eliza enjoyed drawing, playing video games and watching anime.

When asked what advice she would give to a young student looking to further their education, Eliza shared, "If you're undecided on what major you want to do, still go to college and get your general studies out of the way. Once those are done, you really get to enjoy the other classes for

your major."

"I don't think I would do anything different." Eliza added, in reference to her school and field of study.

Right now, she is taking a break from school. "I'm planning to get more job experience."

She again credits her parents, "If my parents had not encouraged and pushed me to go to college, I think I would have not gone at all."

Congratulations, Eliza on your recent graduation and thank you for sharing your story in the Runner.

If you are a community member who recently obtained your higher education degree, we would love to share your story in the Runner. Please reach out to us, by phone: 520-568-1375 or email: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us

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a fun time with the little kids."

"After the kids were done with their clay, we cleaned up, and then we handed out little coloring books for them to take and a July 4th coloring page." Aucianna shared. "The little kids were such good students and so cute."

The two older groups were given an "About Me" activity sheet, created by graphic artist Rebecca Rosoff.

The sheet allowed them to answer questions dedicated to all things about them. Questions like; what are your favorite hobbies, who is your favorite person, music, food, etc. were printed on the sheet.

They were asked to fill out the questions in writing

or to use cut-out words, stickers or drawings to provide answers and to decorate their pages.

The kids interacted with each other while completing their projects, some even helping one another with ideas to use for their individual sheets.

They then decorated their sheets with their own drawings, adding stickers and cut outs of their favorite things. They were also given 4th of July coloring pages



created by Eliza, to color and decorate. Both groups were very creative with their answers, as they shared their favorite animal: turtle, snake, rez dogs, bear, red panda; favorite foods: popovers with beans and cheese, steak, pizza, and chicken

nuggets; favorite movie: Cars, Spiderman, E.T., Ready Player One, Sandlot, Stand by Me; their dreams: painter, MLB player, pro softball player, be a good basketball player, see SZA, meet FaZe Rug, Mr. Beast and ENHYPEN; their favorite G.O.A.T.: Me, Waylon, Steph Curry, Payoya goat and GOAL; "throw 100mph fastball!"

Before leaving each group took a photo with their "About Me" story page.

falcon loose to fly around the audience, going around and above the audience's heads.

Then a horse trainer came out with the queen's best stallions who performed different kinds of jumps. Next came the knights, who performed a series of jousting and swordsmanship games.

First, they had to collect rings hanging from hooks around the arena. Then came the final part of the show, the jousting tournament, where the knights fought one on one in the arena.

They would joust each other on horseback, trying to knock the other off their horse. Once one fell, they would engage in battle on foot, with weapons in hand.

The last battle was against the blue knight and our black and white knight. In the end the black and white knight came out on top and won.

While watching the show servers came out to serve dinner. The starting dish was tomato bisque soup with garlic bread.

Next was the main dish, which they called a roasted "baby dragon" (chicken) with a side of sweet buttered corn and an herb-basted potato. Lastly, the dessert was a cream filled chocolate donut.

As for those who were allergic to some of the items on the menu, they were offered a different choice.



Final Battle, Blue knight vs. Black and White knight








Students take a picture with the falcon and its trainer.



Everyone raises their flag and cheers for the brave black and white knight.

INTRODUCING THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY'S 2024 WIOA SUMMER WORKERS

<p style="text-align: center;">Amarissa Garcia - Community Government</p> <p>Grade and school? Graduated, Maricopa High School</p> <p>Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? One thing I have learned from this job is communication is important.</p> <p>What's one thing you like about working in this department? One thing I like about working in this department is running</p> <p>What is your dream job and how is it different/similar to the job you have right now? My dream job is to become an R.N.</p>	 <p><i>into historic files and learning some of the history behind it.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eliza Santiago - Runner</p> <p>Grade and school? Graduated, Central Arizona College</p> <p>What type of life skills can you get out of this job? Being social, working in a group, cooperating with others.</p> <p>What was your daily routine at your job? Depends, I start at the office. If we have somewhere to take pictures we go, or we work an orders and help with cutting and laminating.</p> <p>What were your thoughts before coming into this new job? That I was going to mess-up a lot. But I was just over-thinking things.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Kylee Machado - Preschool</p> <p>Grade and school? 11th Grade, Maricopa High School</p> <p>Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? Sharing is caring.</p> <p>What's one thing you like about working in this department? Kids and the good, bomb food.</p> <p>How can this job help you in the future? Having a good mindset everyday heading into work.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Kylie Gardner - Housing</p> <p>Grade and school? 11th Grade, Maricopa High School</p> <p>How do you feel about working here? I like working here because it's nice and quiet.</p> <p>Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job? I learned how many homes are on the reservation in total.</p> <p>How can this job help you in the future? This job prepares me to work an office job, so if I have to in the future, I already know what it's like.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Laila Gardner - Education</p> <p>Grade and school? Sophomore, Central Arizona College</p> <p>What type of life skills can you get out of this job? Patience and time-management</p> <p>Do you have anything in common with your job? I worked for education back in the summer of 2019.</p>	 <p><i>This job is helping me improve my people skills.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maverick Santiago - Sanitation</p> <p>Grade and school? 11th Grade, Maricopa High School</p> <p>How do you feel about working here? I enjoy working outside. I like to be outside.</p> <p>What's one thing you like about working in this department? There is always something to do.</p>	 <p>What was your daily routine at your job? Clean the side of the roads.</p>



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Aiden Antone - Community Government

Grade and school?
Graduate, Primavera, Online




How do you feel about working here?
I feel good and it's a change of pace from what I'm used to.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Interpersonal Communication.

What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Critical thinking and problem solving.

Amare Santiago - Housing/Maintenance

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Maricopa High School




What's one thing you like about working at this department?
I'm always busy and the co-workers are cool.

What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Remodeling apartments/houses.

Name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
How to unclog sinks.

Antonio Rodriguez - Fire

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Maricopa High School



Have you worked at this department before?
I was here last year, this is my second year.

What type of life skills can you get from this job?
Work ethics, morals and critical thinking, etc.

What's one thing you like about working in this department?
The people on shift, they are the best

Arianna Bandin - Planning

Grade and school?
11th Grade, Desert Vista High School



How do you feel about working here?
I genuinely enjoy working here because I've learned a lot about the community that I didn't know.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
My favorite memory is walking in

on my first day and seeing my office space filled with my favorite snacks, Legos, flowers, and my name spelled with butterflies.

Auciana Miguel - Runner

Grade and school?
11th Grade, Maricopa High School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
I learned how to make canvases

What's one thing you like about working in this department?
I like that I get to make posters for myself like of my favorite artists, movies.

Can you name anything in common with your job?
I have worked here before.

Baya Olivias - Him-Dak Museum

Grade and school?
11th Grade, Desert Vista High School




How do you feel about working here?
I like working here and making crafts with the kids.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
Taking the kids to the movies and watching Inside Out 2.

What were your thoughts about coming into this new job?
My thoughts were being excited to get money.

Brenley Hackney - Preschool

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Maricopa High School




What was your daily routine at your job?
The first week was just day care and now it's summer school.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
How funny and goofy the kids are

How can this job help you in the future?
It can help me if I want to be a teacher, this is a good starter.

Brian Ruelas - Central Plant

Grade and school?
9th Grade, Maricopa High School



What were your thoughts about coming into this new job?
It was going to be difficult.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
How to check water.

What's your favorite memory you made at this job?
How to check how everything works properly and new people.

Celeste Gloria - Education

Grade and school?
Not in school at the moment.



What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Being more social.

How can this job help you in the future?
If working I may know how to better interact with kids and better help them with their education.

Do you have anything in common with your job?
My mom works at the preschool which is connected with the department.

Dante Peters - Parks and Rec

Grade and school?
8th Grade, Maricopa Wells Middle School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Helping and compassion.

What were your thoughts about coming into this new job?
Excited

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
Helping and getting to know everyone.

Daria Garcia - Education

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Astravo Online Academy




How do you feel about working here?
I like it, I get to help with whatever is needed.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
How to answer the phone in a work place setting

What was your daily routine? *Where ever the help was needed. Sometimes I'd be in the classrooms, front desk or helping prep.*

Draven Soliz - Housing/Maintenance

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Maricopa High School



Have you worked at this department before?
Second year of working at Housing.

What's one thing you like about working in this department?
Changing air filters, changing lights.

How can this job help you in the future?
To be more talkative.

Elizabeth Antone - Fire

Grade and school?
8th Grade, Maricopa Wells Middle School




Have you worked at this department before?
This is my first year working here.

What were your thoughts about coming into this new job?
I was very excited to learn more about firefighters and what they do daily.

How can this job help you in the future?
I can use skills I learned here such as medical knowledge to help in a future situation that requires it.

Emily Peters - EPD

Grade and school?
Freshman, Scottsdale Community College



How can this job help you in the future?
This job is a starting point for exploring the different career paths and discovering what I like the most.


Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
One new thing I learned this summer was how to compost, and ways to engage

What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Overall, just being in a workplace and building good work habits.

the community in the composting process.

Evan Miller - Motor Pool

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Desert Sunrise High School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Tire changes

What were your thoughts before coming into this new job?
Oh God, I'm wasting my final summer with work instead of fun. But work can help in life

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
So far tire change, and learning about the job and the people that work hard.

Haylee Delma - Parks & Recreation

Grade and school?
2nd year, Central Arizona College




How do you feel about working here?
I was excited to be coming back. I was looking forward to meeting new people

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
One thing that I have learned is telephone etiquette.

How can this job help you in the future?
This job can help me in the future with time management and customer service skills and building a professional network.

Jose Balderrama - Education

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Maricopa High School




How do you feel about working here?
It's great, I'm learning new things.

What were your thoughts before coming into this new job?
Who would I be working with.

What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Helping out others.

Joseph Narcia - Parks & Recreation

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Maricopa High School




Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Understanding kids.

How can this job help you in the future?
Helping me work with people.

Do you have anything in common with your job?
My siblings have gotten help from education when they were in school.

Kaelyn Miller - Parks & Recreation

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Desert Sunrise High School




How do you feel about working here?
I love working here, it's super enjoyable and fun.

Can you name one new thing you have learned at this job?
How to use a phone.

What were your thoughts before coming into this new job?
I was nervous and excited for my first job.

Keira Attakai - Him-Dak Museum

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Maricopa High School



Have you worked at this department before?
I have worked here last year, it will be my second time here.

What is your dream job?
My dream job is a tattoo artist and it is not really similar, but art related.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Multi-tasking

Mikayla Matuz - Preschool

Grade and school?
10th Grade, A-Plus school




How do you feel about working here?
I like working here, its cool working with the little kids.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
I've learned patience, kids have tantrums.

Do you have anything in common with your job?
Tia Stephanie and also Tia Amy both work here.

Myles Peters - Central Plant

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Maricopa High School



What kind of skills can you get out of this job?
Time building and working with time management.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
On my birthday they threw me a party and we ate steaks and burgers.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
change the belts out of a FCU (Fan Coil Unit).

Nyaila Miguel - Him-Dak Museum

Grade and school?
9th Grade, Maricopa High School




Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Patience

What was your daily routine at your job?
Clocking in, helping the kids, cleaning up, working on projects, and helping around.

Do you have anything in common with your job?
Art skills

Owen Santiago - Motor Pool

Grade and school?
11th, Maricopa High School



What's one thing you like about working in this department?
I get to work on cars.

What type of skills can you get out of this job?
If I am stuck on the side of the of the road I can look and see if I can fix it.

How can this job help you in the future?
It can help me get a job as a mechanic.

Pate Justin - Health Education

Grade and school?
10th, Maricopa High School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned in this department?
I have learned a lot of information about health care and injury prevention in the community.

How can this job help you in the future?
This job can help me gain more real-life skills I'll need.

What was your daily routine at your job?
It is something new everyday.

Reginald Delores - Sanitation

Grade and school?
Graduate, Maricopa High School



How do you feel about working here?
Awesome, because I learn more about work and coworkers.

What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Problem solving, creative thinking and self-care.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
Working with others and the jokes and simple work with each other.

Stella Miguel - Parks & Recreation

Grade and school?
9th Grade, A-Plus School



What's one thing you like about in this department?
Getting to help others

How can this job help you in the future?
By being more professional.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
Being with the kids.

Taylor Santiago - PRC

Grade and school?
Freshman, Northern Arizona University



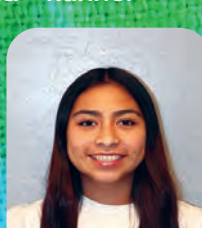
Have you been to this department before?
First year, at purchased/referred care.

What is your dream job?
Anything in healthcare so purchased/referred care covers most things.

What's one thing you like about working in this department?
My own office.

Teagan Delma - Runner

Grade and school?
12th Grade, Maricopa High School



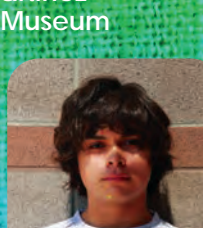
Have you worked at this department before?
Yes, I have been here before, this is my third year working here.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
One new thing I have learned this job was learning about AI Photoshop and finding texts using AI.

What is your Dream Job?
My dream job is to become a Wedding photographer. This job is kind of similar with going out talking to people and working with a camera.

William Martinez - Him-Dak Museum

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Mountain Point High School



What type of life skills can you get out of this job?
Art skills.

Do you have anything in common with your job?
I have worked with children before, Elaine, and Florida are my relatives.

What's your favorite memory you made at your job?
Me and the other coworkers just laughing.

Xavier Garcia - EPD

Grade and school?
11th grade, Maricopa High School



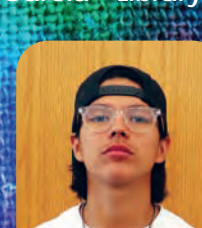
How do you feel about working here?
I think it's good experience and I like working here, because I learn about what they do here.

Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
I learned how they keep our water clean.

What were your thoughts about coming into this new job?
Before I chose this job, I thought it would be boring.

Zachary Valles-Garcia - Library

Grade and school?
10th Grade, Maricopa High School



Can you name at least one new thing you have learned at this job?
Recently I learned to solve a Rubik's cube for a future club.

Do you have anything in common with your job?
I used to come to the library every Monday after school. I used to do the media Monday program.

What was your daily routine at your job?
Show up, clock in, prepare meals for kids, ask other workers if they need any help with anything.



Please remember that all smoking is prohibited at all Gila River Health Care campus locations.

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TEAM COMMUNITY

Please Join Us!

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

4 pm - 7 pm

Viola L. Johnson

Administration Building

Saturday, July 20, 2024

10 am - 2 pm

Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk)

Health Center

If you have any questions, please call (520) 562-3321 Ext. 2803 or email RUNNER@GRHC.ORG

We look forward to seeing you
Respectfully, Gila River Health Care

Join us at one of two events to celebrate the Community's triumphs during the pandemic, celebrate our resilience and to envision our bright future ahead.

You and your family will experience a health fair, healthy dinner option, giveaways, and will be entered into a raffle.

Attendees 18 and older will receive a beautiful canvas tote bag adorned with the commissioned artwork by Paul Molina.



Headstart, School, Child Exams, and Sports PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

BY APPOINTMENT 520-562-1200 Ext. 7337

Reminders:

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Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm

Komatke Health Center

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 am - 4 pm

Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4 pm



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- ▶ Health Education
- ▶ Blood Sugar Screenings

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- ▶ Immunizations**
- ▶ Blood Pressure Screenings
- ▶ Blood Sugar Screenings

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AK-CHIN COMMUNITY PRESENTS

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10TH JULY, 2024

WHAT TO EXPECT

- SCHOOL SUPPLIES FAIR
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For more information: (520) 568-1740 or recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

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July 09, 2024
July 16, 2024
July 23, 2024
July 30, 2024

Ak-Chin Service Center
Tuesdays 6:00p-7:00p

Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080
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JOB OPENINGS

Accountant (2)
Applications Software Technician
Before and After School Teacher
Bus Driver - Early Childhood Education/Preschool
Child and Family Therapist
Communications Officer
Compensation Analyst
Detention Officer - Certified and Non-Certified
Lab Tutor (part-time)
Maintenance Technician (4)
Plant Electrician
Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
Police Officer- Certified and Non-Certified
Security Systems Technician
Substance Abuse Therapist
Teacher's Aide
Teacher's Aide (part-time)
Transit Driver

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Ak-Chin Recreation Center
Thursdays 6:00p-7:00p

July 11, 2024
July 18, 2024
July 25, 2024

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Restorative Yoga with Vickie

Ak-Chin Service Center
Wednesdays 6:00p-7:00p

July 10, 2024
July 17, 2024
July 24, 2024
July 31, 2024

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Wishes

Congratulations Miranda Iniestra on Graduating with an Associates Degree of Science in Health Studies.

Happy Birthday to my daughter Flora Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Lyndsey and Leeann Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Spanky, Chizzer, Shweetie, Lynds and Sister Love your family

RUBIK'S CUBE CLUB

Join Rubik's Cube Club and learn the tricks to solving one of the world's most famous puzzles

- June 21, June 28, July 12
- 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
- ALL AGES WELCOME

Questions? Call Us: (520) 568-1675 or Email: library@ak-chin.nsn.us

CODE CLUB

Learn to code to make your own games and programs!

- Saturday, July 20th
- 12pm- 2pm
- Ak-Chin Indian Community Library

Open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents and children of employees. Ages 8+. Program Pick Up Available for participants that live in the Ak-Chin Community.

For More Information: Call, email or visit us! 520-688-1675 library@ak-chin.nsn.us

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BIRTHDAYS
July 5th - July 18th

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| July 5th
Amanda Kaniatobe
Jilayne Miguel | July 12th
Iris Attakai
Leeanna Jensen
Gloria Martinez- Peters
Evan Miller
Mariah Stephens |
| July 6th
Flora Howerton
Erno Lopez | July 13th
Martin Antone Jr.
Simon Bowman
Jaelyn Justin
Dustin Miguel
Leeann Peters |
| July 7th
David Garcia
Lucio Martinez, IV | July 14th
Esther Alvarez
Noahli Antone
Jayden Hayslip |
| July 8th
Jason Smith | July 15th
Jordan Stephens |
| July 9th
Georgia Corella
Jeremy Johns
Chizzum Justin
Yrene Zepeda | July 16th
Elaina Enos
Linda Smith
Danny Soliz |
| July 10th
Stacy Antone
Whitney Justin
Anthony Lewis
Kenneth Lewis
Elizabeth Machado | July 17th
Jorge Alvarez Jr.
Taos Joaquin |
| July 11th
Lyndsey Peters | July 18th
Abraham Jose
Silas Norris |

Ak-Chin Library

LEGO CLUB

Saturday, 1PM-3PM
July 13th

Bring your children to the Ak-Chin Library and join us in fun Lego activities once a month! Come to the library or contact us to register.

8yrs - 18yrs
Transportation available to Ak-Chin members and residents

Questions? Call us: (520) 568-1675 Or Email us: library@ak-chin.nsn.us

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Services Provided:
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HIV testing and counseling
Birth Control and Pregnancy education
Well-Woman Exams
Pap Smears and Breast Exams
GYN Diagnosis and treatment
Emergency Contraception
Prenatal and Post-Partum Care
Preconception Counseling
Prevention Counseling and Education

Thursday, July 11, 2024
9:00a - 2:30p
Vekol Market Parking Lot

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL
Call or Text us at (520) 371-0132
*** The Mobile Unit is NOT Handicap Accessible***

Happy Birthday!

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 7/5-7/18

6th Flora Howerton	13th Leeann Peters	Rodney Huffaker Nathan Shearer Linda Smith Danny Soliz
8th Adriana Alvarado	14th Esther Alvarez	17th Adan Enriquez Martina Guy
9th Ariel Barr Georgia Corella	15th Keith Franklin David Vaughn	18th Silas Norris
10th Kimberly Creamer	16th Timothy Costello Brian Hammerschmidt	

Explore Science this Summer

Tuesday & Thursday
5pm - 6pm

8yrs-18yrs

Set sail on a journey of scientific discovery with engaging experiments. Learn and have fun this summer at the Ak-Chin Library!

Call us: (520) 568-1675
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AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION

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The Backpack Distribution will be on the following dates:

Monday, July 8, 2024
Monday, July 15, 2024
5:30pm-7:30pm at the Service Center

Forms **MUST** be signed by the parent/guardian to receive the backpack.

Forms for enrolled student members and non-member student residents will be available on site. There is a separate form for the non-member student residents. Non-member student residents **MUST** be on a housing lease, verification and signature from a Housing Representative is required to receive a backpack.

(Housing and Enrollment representatives will be on site for verification)

BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Celebrates 2024 Caesars Founders Award Recipients and Team Members for Caesars Entertainment Years of Service



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino honored its 2024 Caesars Founders Award Recipients at its Years of Service Event on May 7. From left: Founders Award Honorees included Evelina Chavez, Barbara Achten, Anthony Gonzalez, Elvira Ramos, Joseph Bedell, Shalini Prasad, Gustavo Garcia, Denise Kelly and Shelly Christian

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – May 24, 2023) Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino hosted its annual Caesars Entertainment Years of Service Event at The Events Center on May 7. In addition to acknowledging 84 Team Members with tenures from 5 to 30 years, the occasion also celebrated the 2024 Caesars Founders Award recipients.

The 2024 Caesars Founders Awards recognize the outstanding achievements and exceptional contributions of exemplary Team Members. This year's awards recognized individuals who regularly and consistently delivered best-in-class service to Harrah's Ak-Chin guests and internal Team Members while demonstrating Caesars core

values in three categories:

- **Blaze the Trail:** Team Member exemplifies leadership, integrity and ownership
- **All-In On Service:** Team Member exemplifies fun, service and connection
- **Together We Win:** Team Member exemplifies inclusion, care and teamwork

"The annual Founders Awards and Years of Service event is my favorite event of the year," said Senior Vice President and General Manager Michael Kintner. "Now as we approach our 30th Anniversary, we continue to honor and celebrate the dedication of our loyal team members, some of whom

have been with us since we first opened our doors in 1994. In addition to length of service we also honor the outstanding achievements and exceptional contributions of Harrah's Ak-Chin team members that go above and beyond to ensure that our guests feel like they are a part of our family. The Founders Award recipients represent the best of the best and I am extremely proud of their efforts."

The 2024 Founders Award honorees are:

Blaze The Trail

- Evelina Chavez, Facilities
- Anthony Gonzalez, Hotel
- Barbara Achten, Casino Cashiering

All-In On Service

- Denise Kelly, Transportation
- Gustavo Garcia, Beverage
- Shelly Christian, Caesars Rewards

Together We Win

- Elvira Ramos, Security
- Joseph Bedell, Culinary
- Shalini Prasad, Hotel

In further recognition of her commitment to customer service, Achten was selected to represent Harrah's Ak-Chin as its Regional Winner in the Blaze the Trail category and will go on to compete for a companywide distinction at the national level.

"I'm honored to receive this distinction," said Achten.

"While the recognition means a lot and motivates me to continuously find ways to excel in my role, I'm just happy to be a part of an amazing team. They inspire me every day."

Team Members from the past year who have reached significant Caesars Entertainment employment milestones were recognized during the event as well:

- 41 Team Members celebrating 5 years
- 23 Team Members celebrating 10 years
- 4 Team Members celebrating 15 years
- 10 Team Members celebrating 20 years
- 5 Team Members celebrating 25 years
- 1 Team Member celebrating 30 years