



Hawaii Graduation Trip 2024



Community member graduates enjoy an evening at Germaine's Luau; l-r: Araya Pena, Haedin De Paola, Delayna Antone, Emily Peters, Evone Santiago, Taylor Santiago, Noahli Antone, Esperanza Miranda, Josephina Salas-Vargas, Mylauni Antone, Nicolas Olivas and Jadon Valenzuela.

Story by Raychel Peters, photos submitted

July 8-15, twelve Ak-Chin Community members headed overseas to the tropical island of Oahu where they enjoyed a week of pure paradise.

All were treated to the trip, compliments of the Ak-Chin Indian Community as a reward incentive for obtaining their high school diplomas.

This year's group included: Delayna Antone, Mylauni Antone, Noahli Antone, Haedin De Paola, Esperanza Miranda, Nicolas Olivas, Araya Pena, Emily

Peters, Josephina Salas-Vargas, Evone Santiago, Taylor Santiago, and Jadon Valenzuela.

Upon their arrival to the airport, they received a

Miranda Iniestra receives Degree in Health Studies



Congratulations to Miranda (Vincent) Iniestra who recently graduated from Carrington College, Mesa Arizona with her Associates of Science Degree in Health Studies. She also earned a certificate in Medical Assisting in 2013.

Miranda is the daughter of the late Lester Vincent Jr. of Ak-Chin Indian Community and Delphine Chiago of Gila River Indian Community. Her grandparents were Lester Vincent Sr. (baʼ) and Christine (Norris) Vincent (baʼ).

Miranda shares her educational experience with the Runner.

Who inspired you to further your education?

My inspiration to further my education would be my 10-year-old daughter Sofia Iniestra "Shark". I want to show her education is important and it's never too late to pursue your dreams. And to reach for the stars, she can be anything she wants to be.

What was one of the hardest classes you took?

College Algebra was quite the hardest but with countless hours of studying and hair pulling, I finished my class with an A. It was one of my proudest moments during my education journey.

What was one of your favorite classes/subjects?

My favorite class and subject was Environmental Science. I really enjoyed it. I even had to do a science project and I haven't done one since I was in elementary school. It was fun.

When did you decide on your major field of study?

I decided on my field of study last year in October when I was wrongfully terminated from my last employer. I decided to further my career (and) not be in that situation again.

What intrigued you most to get degree in your field of study?

I already accumulated more than half the credits to obtain my Associates Degree so I studied to obtain the remaining credits.

Please share one of your best college memories?

My best College memories was walking across the stage.

What advice would you give to a young student looking to further their education?

Advice to all young students is to go as far as you can in school and follow your dreams. It's never too late. And don't settle for less, go for more than what's out there. See the world. Be all you can be, you have all the resources and support from our tribe and it's such a blessing to be able to have that.

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Introducing the 2024 Ak-Chin Education Staff

Submitted by Ak-Chin Education, photos by Runner Staff

Education Division Director, Dr. Jeff Thornburg

My name is Jeff Thornburg. I completed my doctoral degree in education leadership in 2023; my dissertation topic was 'Indigenous Decolonizing School Leadership.'

career on the Navajo Nation as an elementary teacher and have taught elementary, gifted, middle and high school math, and college courses. During my time as K-12/JOM Manager, our program received the 2013 National Johnson O'Malley Exemplary Program Award.

On Wednesday, September 6th, I joined the Ak-Chin Education Division as Director. I have been in the field of education for 30 years, with 20 of those years spent within the Gila River Indian Community in roles such as teacher, curriculum specialist, K-12/JOM Manager, Academic Coach, Assistant Principal, and Assistant Director of Tribal Education.

I also wrote and taught courses for K-12 gifted students at the ASU Center for Academic Precocity and developed online courses for gifted teacher certification for the University of Texas.

My education philosophy has long been 'Student Centered/Data Driven.' My leadership style is Servant Leadership, seeking to serve students and staff. I aspire to achieve Transformational Leadership, achieving more than what was



Education Director, Dr. Jeff Thornburg earned his doctoral degree in 2023. He traveled to Indianapolis with his mother, brother, sister and son to attend his graduation ceremony, July 26. (Submitted photo)

thought possible.

As Director, I will strive to achieve the Community's education goals as a humble servant of the Ak-Chin Indian Community. I look forward to the possibilities and am

excited about what we can (and will) achieve.

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First Day of Pre-K

Story and photo by Kristen Villegas

One exciting milestone for any parent is their child going to school; though bittersweet at times, it is nice to see the progression of a child's growth through their life.

Every milestone is met

with a new one in the making. With that being said, Ak-Chin Preschool welcomed this year's Pre-K classes on August 12, 2024. This school year will be an important step in these youngster's educational journey.

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Gila River Elder Visit

Submitted by Leslie Carlyle-Burnett, Ak-Chin Elder Center Director

On July 30, 2024, the Gila River Elders made a special visit to the Ak-Chin Elder Center, bringing a day filled with fun activities.

The morning was filled with engaging and fun games that sparked much laughter and excitement. Following the games and activities, everyone gathered for a delicious lunch featuring a sandwich bar and hearty potato soup.

The visit was a highlight of the day, as the Gila River Elders are a fun bunch to play and eat with. There was a lot of laughter - making the occasion memorable for all.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community Elders thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with friends and family, and the day ended on a high note with everyone eagerly anticipating the next visit from their Gila River counterparts.



Chairman Miguel speaks at Democratic National Convention

Ak-Chin Chairman, Robert Miguel was selected to be a panelist at the Democratic National Convention during the Native American Caucus portion scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st.

The week-long event, held in Chicago, will feature a number of meetings and sessions with Democratic Congressional and Senatorial leaders from throughout the Nation, and will feature the

official acceptance of the Democratic Party ticket for President, from current Vice President Kamala Harris. It will also be the moment when Minnesota Governor Tim Walz accepts his nomination for Vice President.

Chairman Miguel has personally met with Vice President Harris during her visits to Arizona and in Washington D.C. on a few occasions. Earlier this year, Chairman met

with Minnesota Governor Walz in Phoenix, prior to his selection by Vice President Harris as her running mate.

The DNC Native Caucus works to bolster the participation of Native Americans in the activities and structure of the Democratic Party. The Native Caucus strives to elect and recruit Native American Democrats to run for public office and ensure the rights of

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Economic Development Zone Master Plan Workshop



July 31, elders were asked to participate in the second Economic Development Zone Master Plan workshop. The workshop provided reviewing of two Land Uses Options and input of the design guidelines. Another meeting for Community Member employees was held on July 30.

During the workshop, Kimley-Horn presented two masterplan exhibits, #1 represented the current zoning and Airport Master Plan concepts. #2 depicted new land plan concepts with "commercial" uses in the area, while still retaining industrial uses.

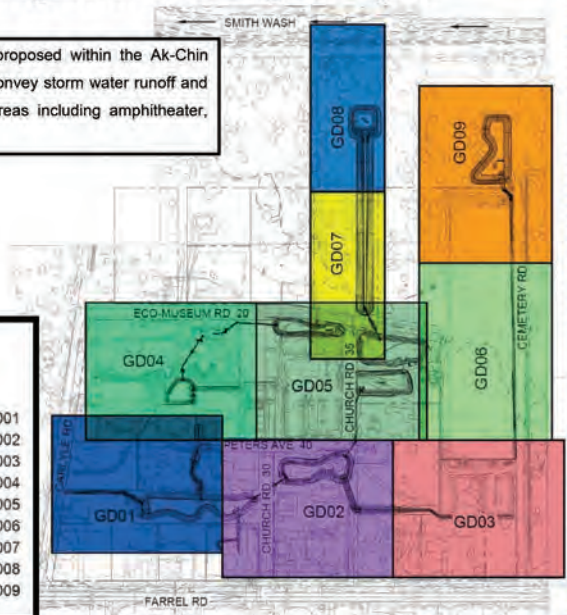
A number of Community members were in support of the commercial use plan. Suggestions were shared for a gas station/convenience store and restaurants (Whataburger was mentioned more than once).

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION Village Regional Drainage Project

Project Intent: The infrastructure proposed within the Ak-Chin Village will be able to capture and convey storm water runoff and minimize flooding to three major areas including amphitheater, Church and Cemetery.

PROJECT COORDINATION:
Capital Projects
Him-Dak
Public Works
Water Operations
Pimmex Contracting Co.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE BY AREA		
Start	Finish	Area
10/1/2024	10/31/2024	GD01
10/1/2024	10/31/2024	GD02
9/24/2024	10/24/2024	GD03
9/24/2024	10/24/2024	GD04
9/17/2024	10/17/2024	GD05
9/10/2024	10/10/2024	GD06
8/27/2024	9/26/2024	GD07
8/20/2024	9/19/2024	GD08
9/3/2024	10/3/2024	GD09



Elder Calendar

*Breakfast Served 7 AM to 8:30 AM
*Lunch Served 12 PM to 1 PM

*Chair Yoga is located in the Elder Center Craft Room, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 AM to 10 AM

Menu Subject to Change Without Notice

*Movie Questions? Call the Elder Center at 520-568-1760
*For Transportation Call Georgia at 520-568-1769

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		8/21 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit <i>Angel Home Health Care Presentation w/ Erin Kariuki</i> Pork Chop, Sauteed Spinach, Baked Potato, Sliced Apple/Orange	8/22 Breakfast Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Fruit & Yogurt Steak over Salad w/Avocado, Rolls, Watermelon	8/23 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Salad Bean or Chicken Tostada, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn on Cob, Strawberry & Cream
8/26 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, English Muffin, Banana Indian Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Cookies	8/27 Veggie Scrambled Potatoes, Avocado Slices Scone & Fruit Black Eyed Peas, Baked Chicken (D), Yellow Squash, Green Beans, Grapes	8/28 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Peaches with Cottage Cheese <i>Movie Day</i> Chicken Tortilla Soup, Cheese Quesadilla, Fresh Cut Fruit	8/29 Bread Pudding Scrambled Eggs, Bacon Fruit Salad Beef Fajitas, Lettuce/ Tomato, Rice, Ice-Cream Sundae	8/30 Breakfast Burrito, Salsa & Sour Cream, Fruit & Yogurt Hamburger, French Fries, Ranch Style Beans, Plums
9/2 Center Closed - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	9/3 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Fruit Chili Beans, Chili Meat, Yams/Potato, Tropical Fruit	9/4 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Apples <i>Movie Day</i> <i>Elder Games at Service Center 9:30 AM</i> Sausage w/Bell Peppers, Sauteed Cabbage, Yellow Squash, Apple Sauce	9/5 Bacon & Eggs, Avocado Slices, Ricotta Toast w/ Fruit <i>Information on Challenges of Raising Grandchildren ACIOA-Meeting 9AM to 12PM</i> Squash Casserole, Wild Rice, Salad, Rolls, Pineapple	9/6 Potato Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffin, Fruit Salad Tuna or Chicken Sandwich, Corn on Cob, Apple/Orange

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and wishes may be phoned in, faxed or e-mailed.

ARTWORK, LETTERS, STORIES

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.

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 **September 6-19, 2024** issue is due by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH**

Please submit all announcements, wishes, etc. no later than **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH**

Material submitted after the **AUGUST 30TH DEADLINE** cannot be guaranteed placement. If appropriate and relevant, it will be included in the next issue.



a traditional lei greeting officially welcoming them to Honolulu, Hawaii. They were then whisked away to their hotel, which was super close to Waikiki Beach.

During their weeklong vacation they were able to enjoy many tours and events including: Pearl Harbor, Arizona Memorial and Punchbowl Tour, Oahu Grand Circle Island Tour, Polynesian Cultural Center and Germaine's Luau.

During their free days the group ventured out to enjoy the beach. "We went every day!" shared Esperanza Miranda who was one of the group leaders.

Esperanza also shared that they enjoyed the tours, sightseeing, fireworks on the beach and the food. She even showed the spam musubi she had in her purse, that she said everyone pretty much took a liking to.

One brave senior even decided to swim with the sharks. Taylor Santiago took her own little tour to the town of Haleiwa

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on North Shore, where she then went on a boat excursion about 3 miles out and got into a cage, which was lowered into shark infested waters.

"I've always seen videos on social media and wanted to try it out." Taylor shared.

She suggested for future shark-seekers to go as early as possible (before 8am) to avoid the choppy weather and invest in a good waterproof camera case.

"It was really exciting and amazing to be so close to these 8-10 foot sharks. I definitely want to go again, but free diving, for an even cooler experience."

If you are an Ak-Chin enrolled community member and high school graduate that has not participated in a senior trip sponsored by the Community, please contact Flora Howerton, Ak-Chin Purchasing Manager at 520-568-1043 or FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us so she can sign you up for the next trip.



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1 IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
2 MARICOPA, ARIZONA
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4 AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY, Plaintiff, CASE NO.: PN-2024-00014-
5 vs. DESIREE CARRA, Defendant. SUMMONS
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7 AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY to: DESIREE CARRA
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9 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend in the above-
10 entitled matter.
11 (X) FOR A CONTINUED INITIAL HEARING
12 () FOR TRIAL/SENTENCE. If you have any witnesses, please provide the clerk
13 with a list, as soon as possible so that subpoenas can be issued out for your trial.
14 This is a trial, if you have a counsel representing you, they must notify the court.
15 If it appears that you must continue this matter, please submit a written motion to
16 continue before the date and time set for trial.
17 YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Ak-Chin Tribal Court Office, Ak-Chin, AZ, on
18 the 12th day of September 2024, at 10:00 AM.
19 IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR you may be prosecuted in this Court on the charge of
20 CONTEMPT, CHAPTER II, Section 2.13 of the Ak-Chin Law & Order Code; and a
21 WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST will be issued.
22 GIVEN under my hand and seal of the AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT, County
23 of Pinal, in the State of Arizona.
24 DATED this 22nd day of July, 2024.
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Special Education Coordinator, Matt Tess

I would like to take time and reintroduce myself. My name is Matthew Tess, but everyone knows me as "Mr. Matt". I currently work with Ak-Chin students/families who are in the Special Education program. My journey with education began in 2008 when I graduated



Kinder-5th Truant Officer, Dwayne Yazzie

Hello, my name is Dwayne Yazzie and I am from the Dine' Nation, also known as the Navajo Nation. I am one of the two Truant Officers at the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Education Department. While some people might understand as an enforcer of school



Middle School & High School Truant Officer, Kenyen Thompson

My name is Kenyen Thompson, and I am the new Truant Officer for the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Education Department. As a member of the Gila River Indian Community, I am thrilled to begin this role and bring a positive influence to students



Out of District Advisor/Tutor, Diana Carlyle

What interested me in education is that education isn't limited to classroom teaching. There are various roles, such as school advisors, administrators, and many others within the education system that make a difference in a child's life every day. One thing I like is



Saddleback & Butterfield elementary Kinder-2nd grade Advisor Vera Pablo

Hello, my name is Vera Pablo. I am the Student Advisor for K-2nd grade at Saddleback Elementary and Butterfield Elementary. I love working with children and helping them with their education.



Maricopa Elementary Kinder-5th grade Advisor, Diana Velazquez

Greetings to the Members and Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, My name is Diana Velazquez. I have been working in the Education Sector for the past nine years as a tutor, supporting students from K-12th grade. For the past five years, I have been part of the Ak-Chin Education Department, and in 2022, I was hired full-time to work alongside families and their scholars as an Advisor.



Maricopa Wells Middle School 6th-7th grade advisor, Ms. Estrella Reyes-Helpingstine

Hello, I'm Estrella and I'm excited to be the Maricopa Wells Middle School 6th and 7th grade student advisor.



Maricopa Wells Middle School 8th grade & M 9th grade, Student Advisor Mr. DeVon Bryant "Mr. Von"

Hello, my name is Mr. Von Bryant. I am a past recipient of the "Spirit of Unity" award from



High School Student Advisor, Savannah Boyd

I enjoy working with children and this was a great opportunity for me to continue working with children. When I was younger, I had no



Higher Education Enrollment/ Academic Advisor, Lenny Dempsey

I think education is important and the key to success.

My previous position was



Education Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Tera Manuel

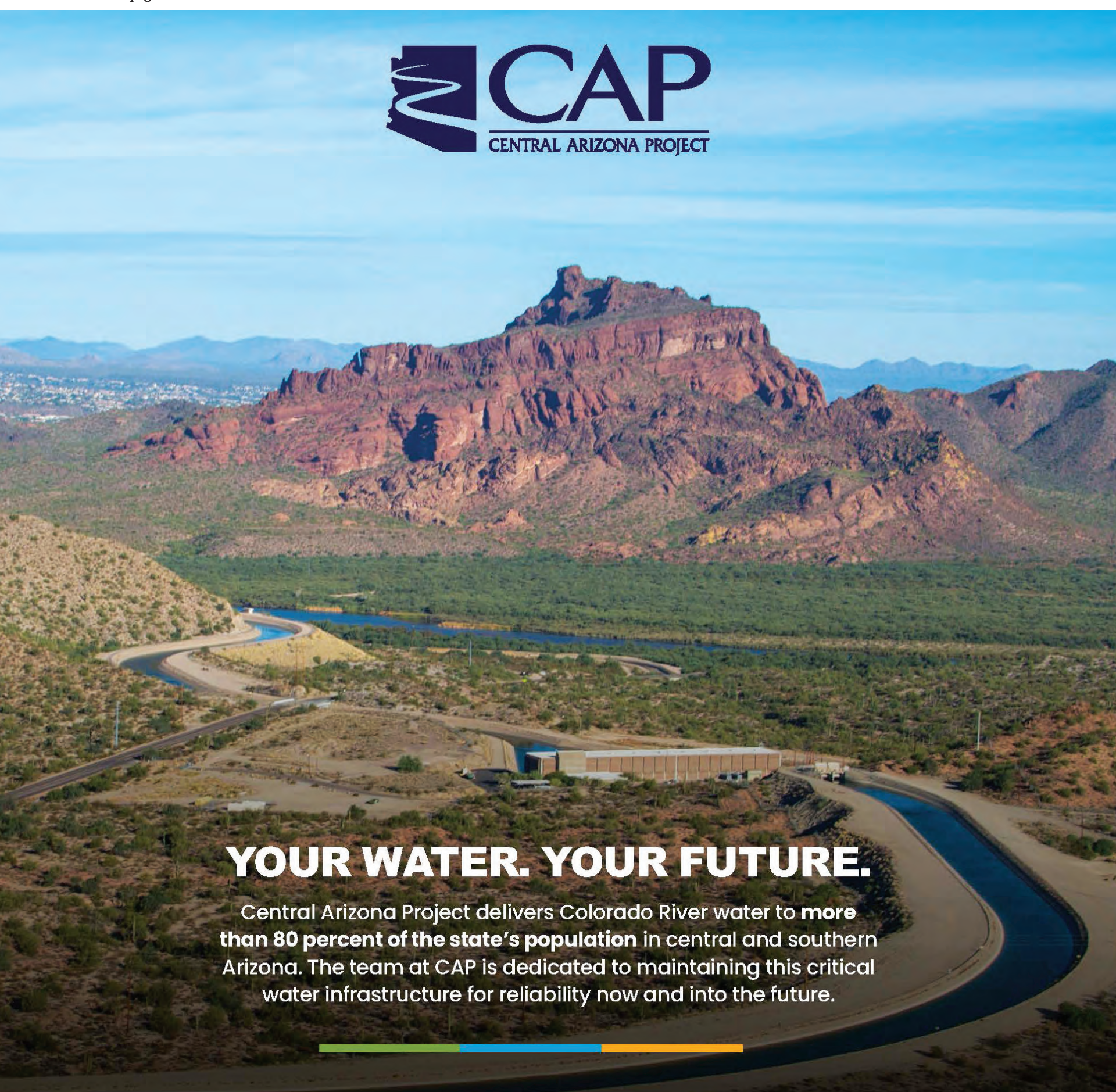
Greetings to all family members and residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve and advocate on behalf of Ak-Chin students. One of my goals is to provide a supportive environment for Maricopa Elementary students and their families.

My advice to my Maricopa Elementary school children: Be the best version of yourself. Don't leave for tomorrow what you can accomplish today! Never quit! You got this!

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ELECTION

The 2024 Community Election will be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**, at the Service Center. The polls will open promptly at 6:00 AM and close promptly at 2:00 PM. This election will be to elect members to serve in the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions, as the terms of Robert Miguel and Lemuel Vincent, will expire.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought for Ak-Chin members who are interested in being a candidate to serve on the Community Council for a four (4) year term commencing in January 2025.

Nomination Forms will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters through Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera, beginning **Friday, August 16, 2024** through **Monday, September 16, 2024** between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Members may self-nominate. Candidates who are not self-nominated must accept the nomination in writing and the acceptance must be notarized. All Nomination Forms must be completed and received by not later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, September 16, 2024**. Nomination Forms must be returned to Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera at Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR NOMINATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION FORM.

AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates will be required to sign a notarized Affidavit of Qualifications for Community Council Member. Affidavits will be available at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office through Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera, beginning **Wednesday, September 11, 2024** through **Monday, September 16, 2024**, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Affidavits must be completed and turned in no later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, September 16, 2024**.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- Is currently an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and has been an enrolled member for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election.
- Is at least twenty-five (25) years of age
- Has been residing on the Ak-Chin Indian Reservation or on land owned in fee by the Ak-Chin Indian Community for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election
- Has never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty in any tribal, state or Federal court or of an offense which would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor involving dishonesty under the laws of Arizona.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the Reservation on any election day, or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place on such day, may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person as instructed below or by sending a letter to the Community Election Board at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Absentee Ballots may be requested in-person from Vicki Smith or Mercedes Rivera, at the Ak-Chin Tribal Headquarters Office beginning **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**, through **Friday, November 8, 2024**, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Absentee ballots may be returned either in-person or by mail. Absentee Ballots which are returned by mail must be notarized and postmarked no later than **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. In person drop off, of Notarized Absentee Ballots, must be turned in no later than 5:00 PM on **Friday, November 15, 2024**.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution provides that the members of the Community Council shall obtain the training required to properly perform their duties including, but not limited to, training on financial management and the conduct of meetings.

CODE OF ETHICS

Council Members are subject to a Code of Ethics, which is adopted pursuant to Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution.

ELIGIBLE VOTER LIST

Copies of the Eligible Voter List will be posted at the following locations:
Community Headquarters Office
Vekol Market
Justice Complex
Service Center
Him-Dak Museum

Members are encouraged to verify that their name is on the Eligible Voter List. If your name is not on the Eligible Voter List and you think it should be, contact the Enrollment Office at (520) 568-1029. In order to be on the Eligible Voter List you must be 18 years of age or older and be an enrolled member of the Community on or before Election Day.

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFIED/DISQUALIFIED VOTES

QUALIFIED - Any ballot with at least one (1) vote.
DISQUALIFIED - Any ballot with more than three (3) votes.
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PARENTS – CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN OR NEAR THE VOTING POLLS.

Community members with questions about the Election Ordinance or the election process (including the candidate nomination and qualification process) may contact the Election Board at akchinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us.

Indigenous Peoples are protected.

The Native Caucus serves as a resource for the DNC and Democratic campaigns for information regarding Native American issues.

During the Native American Caucus, attendees from nationwide will hear from top leaders on how the Democratic Party is prioritizing, at the forefront of the party and agenda, of issues facing the Native American

communities. Chairman Miguel's invitation to speak, was sent respectfully by, Clara Pratte, DNC Native American Caucus Chair and Jaime Harrison, DNC Chair.



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Miranda with husband Philip and daughter Sofia.

If you had to do it all over again, would you do anything different?

I would not do anything different. I appreciate everything and everyone who supported me in my education journey and especially the Ak-Chin Community for giving me the opportunity to advance in my career.

What do you plan to do next?

I plan on getting a part-time job right now to help catch up on my bills. Then reapply to further my education journey. I'm not done yet. My goal is to become a Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technician.

I would like to thank Ak-Chin Community for making it possible for me to pursue my dreams. I am thankful and grateful for their support.



Please Join Us!

Come and Celebrate the
12th Anniversary of the Historic BIA Agent House
August 28, 2024

Afternoon: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Evening: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for cake, ice cream, snacks and a tour of our Historic BIA House.

For more information call the Him-Dak Museum at (520) 568-1350



ART SESSION: CERAMICS

COME CREATE!

LEARN HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CERAMIC PIECE FROM START TO FINISH

Location: Art Building (Him-Dak Museum)

Session Begins: August 13, 2024

Session Ends: September 19, 2024

When: Every Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM (Members, Residents, Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian Community) 4:30PM to 7:00PM (Members & Residents of the Ak-Chin Indian Community)

COME IN ANYTIME BETWEEN THE TIMES ABOVE/ WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE

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For transportation please call: 520-568-1350 (Please call before 4:00 p.m.)

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For any additional questions please call: 520-568-1350

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guidance from anyone to explain to me the opportunities after high school, I was a little rez kid trying to figure it out, find my own way, and I did find it eventually. Not having that educational guidance for myself is what I hope to provide to the children in this community and any information I can continue to assist with so they can further their education.

All the previous jobs I have held have always been working with children from infants to teenagers. I have always enjoyed working with children in all capacities, one past job I held was working in a federal TRIO Program as an Assistant Director in Colorado at the University of Colorado in Boulder. This program was intended to support and motivate Native American high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds to provide them opportunities to prepare for entry into college, and succeed in higher education. The students came from several different Indian reservations from all over the United States and spent six weeks on the college campus to support them with preparing for college. Working with this program helped me to gain more insight on educational support and resources for Native American students.

Goals I have for my current position is to see each and every student graduate from high school and further their education whether it be in a trade school, community college, or university, and to also guide students on advocating for themselves in the educational setting by asking questions, addressing concerns, and being mindful of opportunities and resources that are out there.

My advice for this year's students is prove people wrong, if someone tells you that you can't get the credit, won't graduate, don't have it in you to go onto higher education... do the opposite and prove them wrong...get the credit, graduate, and further your education.

"Believe in yourself even when no one else does. If someone tells you that you can't do it, prove them wrong." -Unknown

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working with the Native American population.

Goals: Provide open communications and keeping up with the times, especially when it comes to new technology and applications.

Advice to students? Stay in school, if you are not present you cannot learn.

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D. Carlyle continued

that as an advisor I can encourage children to dream - Dreams lead to big ideas- which can lead to changes for the future. As an advisor, I can positively influence a child's way of thinking or doing. Essentially, I want to be that positive influence in their lives.

Yes, I have worked with students/children in the past as a school nurse. My role was to take care of students in a different way. Now I get to see the educational aspect of it, which I love.

As an advisor I have the opportunity to make a positive impact on student's lives. Whether it is helping a struggling student overcome challenges or inspiring a love for a subject; these moments can be incredibly rewarding. I want to inspire kids to think beyond their comfort zones and challenge them to reach their full potential. My goal is for children to understand that they are smart and capable of learning; no matter their ability.

Be your own advocate, ask questions, get organized; organization is the key to success. Get to know your advisor, we are here to help. Always embrace the opportunity to try new things whether is in academics, sports or any other interest that makes you happy.

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V. Montana continued

From a young age, I have been dedicated to supporting children, starting with babysitting and extending to roles in Life Teen Youth Ministry and the HOMEBOYZ Youth Intervention Program, where I assisted troubled teens in obtaining their G.E.D., diplomas, and seeking employment.

My Goals are to encourage and support students and their families. Set positive expectations. Maintain strong communication with students, teachers, and parents
My Motto: "Do not give up... you will succeed!"

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M. Tess continued

from ASU (GO SUN DEVILS!) with a Bachelors in Education. When I began this career, I worked as a substitute teacher for the Chandler Unified School District and in 2012, I moved to full time as a paraprofessional. By 2014, I was hired as a part-time tutor for the Ak-Chin Education Department and working

with 1st grade and 3rd grade students.

On April 06, 2015, I began working as the Middle School Advisor for Ak-Chin Education and over the last nine years I have been here, my position has changed from one place to another. I am currently the special education coordinator for Ak-Chin Education.

I chose education in college after tutoring my fellow classmates. The joy of working with people and helping them understanding school has been my biggest incentive to be an educator. Education is the one of the few things that people can always fall back on.

When it comes to working with students from different background my motto is, "Look at these fingers on my hand. They are not all the same, but they work together to get a grip on things."

Best Regards, Matt Tess
"Mr. Matt"
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D. Yazzie continued

attendance, we strive to be much more. Our goal as Truant Officers is to support and encourage the families and students of our community, helping them overcome the challenges of truancy and habitual truancy.

I have worked in the Health Field for 13 years, with one year in Behavioral Health and 12 years in Health Education. I am excited to be part of the dynamic team here at the Education Department, where I feel everyone has a genuine love and passion for sincerely supporting students in their

educational endeavors.

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K. Thompson continued

struggling with truancy. I want students and parents to understand that our role as Truant Officers is not about enforcement but encouragement.

We aim to educate families on truancy and its impact on students. By highlighting the benefits of regular school attendance—such as promotion, graduation, field trips, and future opportunities—we hope to foster a supportive environment focused on positive interactions. With 11 years of experience in the education field, I look forward to many more years of service. Our door is always open to ideas, meetings, and support for parents and guardians.

I am excited to work for this community and positively impact student success.

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E. Helpingstine continued

I'm passionate about supporting students in their journey to success. I believe positive interactions in education are essential to create life-long learners.

My goal is to help each student discover their unique voice and talents and to guide them in using these gifts to shape a bright future for themselves. I hope to

see our students develop positive characteristics and leadership traits. I will work on building skills that will not only help students excel academically but also prepare them to contribute meaningfully to the world. Every student, no matter the journey, or obstacle that comes along is capable of greatness.

I would like to thank parents, grandparents, guardians and other adults in the lives of these students. I deeply appreciate the encouragement you provide to your children. Your partnership is instrumental in fostering a positive and productive learning experience. As we move forward in the school year, I would like to ask for your ongoing engagement with your student and the Education staff. Together, we can overcome challenges, celebrate achievements and help student thrive personally as well as academically.

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D. Bryant continued

the City of Mesa. My mission in life is to "Inspire, Uplift, and Propel individuals as they elevate to their next level of lifelong success." Throughout my career, I have received numerous awards for my contributions in the fields of prevention, youth development, program enrichment, and community mobilization.

I join the Ak-Chin community after 16 years of service in the MUSD 20 educational arena. I have appeared on several

public broadcast shows and served in various community leadership roles within Maricopa County, AZ. For my tireless volunteer efforts, I have been honored by city governments, community agencies, and a past Governor of Arizona.

My Goal: To serve, advocate, and challenge students to be their very best.

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T. Manuel continued

I would like to take the time to properly introduce myself. My name is Tera Manuel, but the students call me "Mrs. T." I am the administrative assistant for the Education Department. I have worked in education for the past six years and previously spent ten years working for the Farms.

I am truly blessed to be working with some amazing students and families here in the community. I feel deeply invested in every student's educational future, and I am committed to doing anything I can to enhance their educational journey. I want all families to know that I am here to help make this journey smoother and more fulfilling.

My honest advice to the students is that "School will be the easiest thing you will do in your lifetime." Embrace it, work hard, and make the most of every opportunity.

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THE HARRAH'S DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AT HARRAH'S AK-CHIN CASINO IS NOW SEEKING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE HDS SUPERVISOR POSITION!

The role of the HDS Supervisor is to assist in the administration and implementation of the HDS Career Development Program. The HDS Supervisor plays a key role in enabling participating team members to develop skills to successfully perform in current/future positions within the company.

The HDS Program is exclusively for enrolled Ak-Chin Community members and designed to integrate high potential members into key areas of the casino entertainment industry.

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum one year supervisory experience
Minimum one year leadership experience, education, self-directed learning, career development or related experience/field
Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred
Experience in conducting/facilitating adult training courses preferred
Handles individualized development, goal setting and career planning for HDS Associates
Works with operations managers and trainers to develop department expectations, analyze performance and provide feedback on performance of participants
Responsible for conducting rotational, mid-year, and annual performance reviews with HDS Associates
Demonstrates expertise in all service standards and clearly communicates expectations to team members
Rigorously hold all team members accountable to exhibiting all service standards at all times and ensure they know the value that these behaviors create for the guests, employees and Company
Models a passion for the Company mission, vision, and values as well as inspiring team members to do the same
Must be an effective coach and development of team members by using the leader coaching skills
Creates onboarding training experiences for new hires to set them up for success
Plan and execute career development activities including marketing, promotional materials, job fairs, etc. for potential HDS associates and community youth
Understands the community aspects, cultural values, goals, and attributes pertaining to the Ak-Chin Indian Community
Possesses interpersonal skills to help community members succeed by positively connecting and engaging with the program participants, team members, management, and the Ak-Chin Indian Community

INTERESTED CANDIDATES MAY VIEW THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION BY VISITING CAESARS.COM/CAREERS



FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ERICA OLIVER AT (480) 802-5181

Pre-K continued from Front



Young students enjoying indoor activities on their first day of school.

ESPORTS Night with the Rec!

Story Submitted by Eduardo Santiago, Parks & Recreation

7/25/2024 - Our night was filled with kids laughing, competing and having friendly matches amongst each other, in hopes to ignite a gaming passion that will lead to an education or career for the youth. Mario Kart and Smash bros were huge hits with the kids as well as Fortnite. At the end of gaming, we raffled off a few items to entice more to want to come, giving away 4 gaming chairs, 2 bean bag chairs and 3 Water and Ice gift cards. We



plan to host a gaming night competitively at least once a month with hopes of having practices once a week or biweekly. We encourage parents to reach out to the Parks and Rec department for more

information in regards to what their kids would like to see more of when it comes to competitive gaming.

Here's picture with the winners from left to right (Top row) Isabella Antone- \$10 gift card, Yael Ramirez- gamer chair, Jonah Dickerson-\$10 gift card, (Bottom row) Arrow Santiago- \$10 gamer chair, Terry Santiago-gamer chair, Raven Santiago- gamer chair, Elizabeth Antone- bean bag chair, Angelica Antone- bean bag chair (Not shown) Jacob Dickerson- \$10 gift card



Ak-Chin Fire offers CPR & 1st Aid Classes

Story and photos by Kristen Villegas



someone is having a heart attack, stroke, seizure, etc.

There were also discussions of environmental emergencies, care for someone who is exposed to poison, insect bites/stings and how to assist someone with an epi-pen.

Ak-Chin Fire department provided all community employees the opportunity to get their CPR and 1st Aid certification for free starting July 24th - August 14th.

(Automatic External Defibrillator), how to respond to a choking victim, and opioid overdose and how to use Naloxone in the CPR portion of the classes.

Through visual demonstration from Barbara, the participants learned a variety of ways to save someone in a desperate situation.

This opportunity was not missed as several of the classes filled up just hours after the email was sent. Consisting of 4-hour to 8-hour sessions, the classes were taught by Mrs. Barbara Elliott who is currently the fire department's EMS Coordinator.

The First Aid Training covered several situations where someone may need medical attention; this included how to treat injuries of all kinds, how to recognize when

Are you interested in getting your certification? Ak-Chin Fire plans to host another round of classes in the future, for more information please contact Barbara Elliott at BElliott@ak-chin.nsn.us.



Reading is for Everyone! – Arizona Talking Book Library

Story and photos submitted by Robin Vincent, Ak-Chin Library

On July 31st, Ak-Chin Library staff was taken on a work fieldtrip to visit tribal libraries, led by Melanie Toledo.



Our first stop however, was not a tribal library – this was equally impressive and just as inspiring as all the other locations we visited that day.

with your needs! They even have a device that translates from text-to-braille in real time just by uploading the file to a drive or SD card!

If you have or know someone that deals with loss of sight, total blindness, has a perceptual or reading disability, please check out the Talking Book Library! Offering free services,

With outlets such as that, no one has to miss out on reading, ever!

they distribute. They say, "If you can hold a screwdriver, you can help!" They are always accepting volunteers to help out with all kinds of things, including the chance to loan your voice and read a book aloud, recorded for those to listen to! You get to record in a cool audio booth as well.



Talking Book provides not only books and magazines in braille, they carry audio recordings, movies with audio descriptions and equipment to assist

The workers and volunteers that provide these services do such an amazing job, even teaching people how to repair the devices

The whole tour, plus meeting the people that work together to make this possible, it really opened my eyes to a new world in terms of learning. I hope more people utilize the services Talking Book offers and I hope people take time to volunteer there!

Fun fact: Louis Braille came up with the official literary system after being introduced to Night Writing, created by Charles Barbier. It was a form used by Napoleon's army to work on tactics at night and communicate in the dark. Braille simplified it and made it what it is today! Cool, right?



Back to School
Ready for a new school year?

Set kids up for success by enrolling them in health care coverage and scheduling their back-to-school wellness visit.



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Your baby is the future of your Tribal community.
Take care of yourself and your baby during pregnancy.

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Prenatal care visits help reduce problems during birth and give you a way to learn more about what to expect during pregnancy.

GO TO APPOINTMENTS REGULARLY.

You will have many check-ups during your pregnancy. Try not to miss any – they are all important.

Make an appointment with your healthcare provider
if you are or think you may be pregnant.

For more information about the
ITCA Maternal Health Innovation
Program, scan the QR code or
go to bit.ly/ITCAMHI.



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES

JOB OPENINGS

Current Job Openings:

- Police Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer (certified and non-certified)
- Detention Officer Certified part-time
- Communications Officer
- Security Guard
- Communications Officer part-time
- Compensation Analyst
- Accountant
- Child And Family Therapist
- Substance Abuse Therapist
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Plant O&M Technician
- Security Systems Technician
- Environmental Technician
- Library Manager

Open to Enrolled Community Members Only:


- Oral Historian
- Cultural Resource Specialist
- Cultural Resource Monitor
- Museum Technician (2)

Open to Enrolled Community Members and Employees:

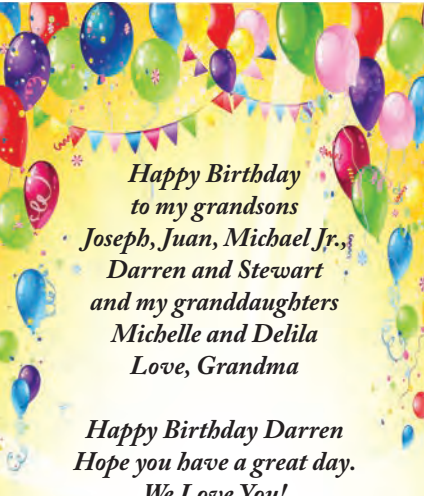
- Graphic Artist – closes 08/21/2024

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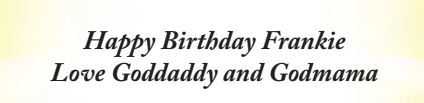
To review the full job description and apply visit www.ak-chin.nsn.us, Job Openings, and apply online. ALL positions close at midnight (12:00 p.m.) on the closing date. Great benefits. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.



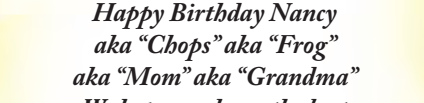
Happiest 101st Birthday to Ak-Chin's Most Cherished Elder Virginia Thomas



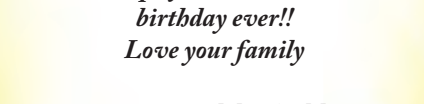
Happy Birthday to my grandsons Joseph, Juan, Michael Jr., Darren and Stewart and my granddaughters Michelle and Delila Love, Grandma



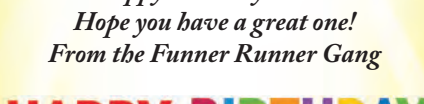
Happy Birthday Darren Hope you have a great day. We Love You!



Happy Birthday Frankie Love Goddaddy and Godmama



Happy Birthday Nancy aka "Chops" aka "Frog" aka "Mom" aka "Grandma" We hope you have the best birthday ever!! Love your family




Happy Birthday Delila Hope you have a great one! From the Funner Runner Gang


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays 8/16 - 8/31

<p>AUGUST 16TH Virginia Thomas Virginia Mejia Christopher Vincent Lashey White Brandon Dean David Oliver Joseph Zabawa</p> <p>AUGUST 17TH Johnny Perkins Jasper Justin Chaning Hoffman</p> <p>AUGUST 18TH Juan Lopez</p> <p>AUGUST 19TH Lisa Miller Delora Vincent Owen Santiago Florine Vincent Anthony Narcia Sr. Jasmine Kaniatobe Amanda Narcia</p>	<p>AUGUST 21ST Sharon Pablo Doria Garcia</p> <p>AUGUST 22ND Nancy Carlyle Michelle Narcia Lorice Manuel Cruz Machado Reginald Delores Jonathan Justin</p> <p>AUGUST 23RD Dorissa Garcia Jacoby Warren</p> <p>AUGUST 24TH Michael Peters Jr. Jeffrey Manuel</p> <p>AUGUST 25TH Janaya Lopez</p> <p>AUGUST 26TH Senia Santiago Denise Lewis</p>	<p>AUGUST 27TH Andrew Narcia</p> <p>AUGUST 28TH Darren Peters Jacob Vincent Jr. Delila Villegas Stacey Smith Wilson Antone Stewart Peters Eleanor Anderson</p> <p>AUGUST 29TH Emmeline Montero-Zamudio Frankie Carlyle</p> <p>AUGUST 30TH Amiyah Deleon Amare Santiago Joseph Navarrette Jr. Arnulfo Bandin III Candi Chavez</p> <p>AUGUST 31ST Misty Quintero</p>
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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE FIRE SERVICE?
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FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH 6PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 30TH 6PM

@ THE AK-CHIN FIRE STATION
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EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS 8/16 - 8/31

<p>8/16 Rudy Aguirre, TGA</p> <p>8/17 Chaning Hoffman, EPD</p> <p>8/21 Doria Garcia, Education Daniel Mercado, Community Operations Dale Vance, Fire</p>	<p>8/22 Reginald Delores, HR</p> <p>8/23 Dorissa Garcia, Community Gov. Brandy Nelson, EPD</p> <p>8/24 Brenice Kaisem, Police</p> <p>8/26 Lorenzo Holcomb, Police</p>	<p>Miranda Whitfield, Housing</p> <p>8/27 Blanca Briones, HR Gary Carr, Maintenance</p> <p>8/28 Rogelio Anquamea, TGA Wilson Antone, Library Alaysia Benion, Retail Department Agustina Glavan Pereyra, Police</p>	<p>Darren Peters, Fire Delila Villegas, Runner-Newspaper</p> <p>8/30 Candi Chavez, Sanitation Christopher Johnston, Community Operations</p> <p>8/31 John Sullivan, Fire</p>
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Ak-Chin Him Dak Halloween Crafts

Tuesday,
October 8th, 2024
Him Dak Art Building
4:30 pm - 7 pm

Open to all Community Members & Residents
Transportation Provided.
Please call Before 4:00 pm
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EMPLOYEE UPDATES

 Jessica Mercado Recreation Program Assistant PARKS & REC	 Quinton Palanti Motor Pool MAINTENANCE	 Kyle Peters Maintenance Technician MAINTENANCE	 Cecily Peters Community Events Manager EVENTS
 Samantha Alejandro Contracts & Grants Specialist CONTRACTS AND GRANTS	 Rogelio Anquamea Tribal Gaming Agent TGA	 Esther Alvarez Events Planner EVENTS	 Leyla Salcido Teacher's Aide EARLY CHILDHOOD
 Miranda Whitfield Housing Program Counselor HOUSING	 Monique Alvarez Communication Officer LAW & ORDER-COMMUNICATIONS	 Stephen Martinez Deli Clerk VEKOL	 Clayton Antone Driver TRANSIT

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				 Aqua Zumba 6 PM - 7 PM		
CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 6PM POOL OPEN 1PM - 7PM	CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 9PM POOL CLOSED	CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 9PM POOL CLOSED	CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 9PM POOL OPEN 1PM-7PM	CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 9PM POOL OPEN 1PM-7PM	CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 9PM POOL OPEN 1PM-7PM	CLOSED GYM OPEN W.R. 8AM - 6PM POOL OPEN 1PM - 7PM
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For any inquiry (520) 568-1740 or recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

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*W.R. = WEIGHT ROOM



SAVE THE DATE

HIM-DAK HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

- GAMES
- CANDY
- PRIZES
- FOOD
- COSTUME CONTEST



Harrahs Donation To Local Area Nonprofits



Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino team members pose in front of one of the many NRT kiosk machines located throughout the casino.

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Aug. 7, 2024) –Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests donated nearly \$20,000 to local area nonprofits through their NRT kiosk donations during Q2 2024. The NRT kiosk machines provide an opportunity for guests to give back in a meaningful way by donating their \$0.99 or less change when cashing out their slot machine voucher via the NRT machines.

"Giving back to the community is important to us at Harrah's Ak-Chin and we love that our guests have the opportunity to join us in the mission," said HERO Committee Chair Barbara Achten. "The NRT kiosks have spotlighted their generosity and just how big an impact our guests make with just a little bit of change. We are grateful for their support."

Since the slot donation program began in October 2022, the program has raised more than \$104,760 for local nonprofit organizations.

Organizations supported by the NRT donations in Q2 2024 included:

- Against Abuse, Inc.
- Boys and Girls Club of America
- F.O.R. Maricopa
- Meals on Wheels of America

Individuals or organizations interested in submitting a request for support can do so by completing an application on the Caesars website at <https://www.caesars.com/corporate-social-responsibility/social-programs/social-impact/regional-and-property-giving>.

About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino: Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, located in Maricopa, Arizona, proudly marks its 30th anniversary as the state's first and only tribal casino with an international management partner. As part of the renowned Caesars Entertainment family, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino stands out as the sole casino in Arizona to offer guests the

opportunity to unlock exclusive benefits and prizes through its esteemed Caesars Rewards program, valid worldwide across the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

The casino offers an extensive array of gaming options, including Bingo, Craps, sports betting, slot machines, video poker, video Keno, statewide progressives, and blackjack.

In addition to its diverse gaming offerings, Harrah's Ak-Chin provides a delightful culinary experience with dining options that include the Copper Cactus Grill, Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave's Restaurant, and Dunkin'®.

With 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, a spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool featuring a swim-up bar, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino offers an unparalleled resort experience.

As the casino celebrates its 30th anniversary, Harrah's Ak-Chin remains committed to providing a world-class entertainment experience while contributing positively to the local community.

For more information about Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, please visit www.harrahsakchin.com. Guests must be 21 or older to gamble. Remember to "Know When To Stop Before You Start.®" If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1-800-NEXT STEP. ©2024, Caesars License Company, LLC.

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Saturday September 28th XPLOSION

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Saturday October 26th DJ LO

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5X TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER MONDAY, AUGUST 26 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024 PROMOTIONAL KIOSK · 8AM – 11:59PM						
1. WIN YOUR WHEELS! 10X EARNING	2. AGAVE'S CANTINA NIGHTS	3. GIFT SHOP TREAT YOURSELF AT THE GIFT SHOP CANTINA NIGHTS	4. SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!	5. MONDAYS NEED DUNKIN', TOO!	6. STEVE AZAR™ LUGGAGE SET GIVEAWAY	7. 10X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER PEGBOARD WEDNESDAYS FOREVER YOUNG
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