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## Our Mission

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*Tribal Youth Court, TYC, aims to cultivate wellness-based responses to low status offenses. The TYC centers on educating tribal youth about tribal restorative justice practices and empowers them to engage in these practices in service of their communities.*

## Greetings,

Happy New Year! As we say goodbye to the past year, and eagerly step into a new one, we hope you all are filled with excitement and anticipation for the new adventures that lie ahead! A new year holds the promise of new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and unlimited journeys for all of us!

We hope our community continues to come together this year and embrace the spirit of renewal and optimism that comes with the start of a brand new chapter. This year is not just a continuation, but an invitation to explore uncharted territories, set ambitious goals, and revel in the joy of shared accomplishments.

As we navigate our plans and goals for the coming months, remember that the Tribal Youth Court is here to help support the community. We will continue to work with our youth, promoting wellness, education, community collaboration, and healing. The Tribal Youth Court is looking to expand its reach this year, and to have the opportunity to work with even more members of our community. Stay tuned for more details on this development!

Our Honors Program continues on! Registration for our spring course with SDSU, American Indian Studies in Written Communication, is now open. Please visit our website for more details on our Honors Program and how to register for the course.

May this New Year be a canvas of possibilities, painted with colors of wellness, success, and meaningful connections. Let us learn from every experience, as we grow together as a community. Wishing you all a wonderful new year filled with prosperity and happiness!

# Here's what to look for in January:



## January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day

New Year's Day is celebrated on the first day of January. It marks the end of one year and the beginning of another. Many people start the new year by making resolutions in hopes of a prosperous year. Many also spend this day gathering with family and friends to celebrate another new year.

## January 9<sup>th</sup>: National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

January 9<sup>th</sup> is a perfect day to show appreciation to law enforcement. While this should be done as often as possible, use this opportunity to show officers that we understand how difficult their jobs are and that we appreciate their sacrifice and risk.

## January 11<sup>th</sup>: International Thank-You Day

Let this day serve as a reminder to express our gratitude to those who have had positive impacts on our lives in some way. There are so many ways to express gratitude. A genuine "thank you," can go far, but there are other ways to express thanks. Writing a note, planning a special activity together, or even sending a sweet text can show a person just how much you appreciate them and how thankful you are to have them in your life.

## January 15<sup>th</sup>: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Also referred to as Civil Rights Day, this day is observed on the third Monday of January. This day celebrates the movement started by Martin Luther King Jr. to end racism and inequality in the U.S. This campaign led by Martin Luther King and others ended legalized racial segregation and other forms of discrimination in the U.S. against people of color.

## January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is one of the most important celebrations in Chinese culture. It celebrates the new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. There are symbolic foods during the 15 day celebration. And you will note the abundance of the color red during this time, which signifies luck, vitality, happiness and good fortune in the new year.

## Month of January: National Staying Healthy Month

Welcome January and kick off the new year with a special, health-focused celebration! This theme encourages everyone to focus on overall well-being and self-care. Try to carry these healthy habits throughout the new year!



## Coordinator's Corner

Our local readers may have observed the construction on the Rincon reservation behind the Rincon Market on Vally Center Road. The Rincon tribe began construction of an expanded market with an approved shipping facility, providing customers with the convenience of accepting packages and mail from major shippers. Customers can rent private post boxes, similar to traditional post office boxes. According to Tribal Chairman, Bo Mazzetti, this feature is introduced as a, "convenience for the local people," allowing them to receive packages from prominent carriers such as Amazon, UPS, and FedEx.

The Rincon Market, also known locally as "Sam's Market," is not only expanding, but also diversifying its offerings, now offering fresh produce and packaged meat, items that the original market did not carry. It will also have a new expanded parking area for RVs.

While the initial hope was to have the new market open in November, the new expected Grand Opening date is set for February 1<sup>st</sup>. We encourage our readers to explore the new market and take advantage of the new amenities!



## Current Events>>> Law in the News

★ The multimillion-dollar estate of Abigail Kawānanakoa, known as Hawaii's last princess, was finally settled last month. Kawānanakoa died of natural causes in December 2022, at the age of 96.

Court documents reveal that there will be at least \$100 million left to support Native Hawaiian causes. Resolving her estate is meaningful to Hawaiian natives because it is the last of what is known as "alli," or royal trusts, set up by royalty to benefit Native Hawaiians. This money will also allow for Kawānanakoa's foundation, established to preserve Hawaiian culture and language, to continue its mission.

Abigail Kawānanakoa was a descendant of Hawaiian royalty, with a lineage tracing back to Princess Abigail Campbell Kawānanakoa. She was the great-granddaughter of James Campbell, an Irish businessman who amassed his fortune as a sugar plantation owner, from whom she inherited her wealth. She cared deeply about advancing Hawaiian culture and has been recognized for her contributions to her community, and her support of various cultural and charitable causes. She allocated funds to varied causes, including establishing scholarships and providing funding for medical bills and funerals for Native Hawaiians, as well as many other causes dear to her.

The money left behind by Kawānanakoa will support similar efforts. She will be remembered for her thoughtfulness and "deep, deep love," for her people.

# Tribal Youth Court

## What's Happening in January

The Tribal Youth Court has a full schedule coming up! See below for some upcoming dates.

### - Upcoming Calendar Events for January:

- January 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, the court will be closed for the New Year's holiday
- All month, open registration for SDSU Course AMIND120. See website for more details



*Happy New Year! As we bid farewell to the past and embrace the future, may we all feel the surge of excitement for the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead. Let us welcome 2024 with open hearts and the spirit of optimism!*



## Intertribal Court of Southern California

*The Tribal Youth Court is a division of the Intertribal Court of Southern California (ICSC). Please refer to this section to find current news and updates about the court.*

### About the Court...

The ICSC serves as a consortium of tribes from across Southern California. ICSC currently serves the thirteen of its member tribes hearing cases on public safety issues, tort claims, family law, conservatorships and more. We highlight one of our member tribes below.

Please visit [www.intertribalcourt.org](http://www.intertribalcourt.org) to learn more court and its member tribes.

### Frequently Asked Questions Ask the court >>>

**Question:** How can I refer my child?

**Answer:** Referrals can be made by completing our Referral Form. You can complete the referral form at the court or reach out to us to request a referral via email. Once we receive the referral, we may follow up with any additional questions regarding the youth to help in determining eligibility.



# Final thoughts...

## Fun Law Fact:

**In Alaska, it is illegal to wake a sleeping bear to take a selfie. Unfortunately, this law exists because tourists, in fact, were visiting bear dens during their hibernation period, with the goal of a selfie. You could risk walking away with a fine, or worse, your life!**

## Court Humor:

**Lawyer: “Now that you have been acquitted, please tell me the truth? Did you steal the car?”**

**Client: “ After hearing your amazing argument in court this morning, I’m starting to think I didn’t!”**

## Announcements:

- **Our PDM Honors Program course will start in February. Registration for the course is linked on our website. You can also email us to assist with registration.**



Coming Soon >>>

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*TYC and ICSC Updates*

*PDM Honors Program Spring Course*

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