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Peer Decision Maker Training

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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.

Hello Readers,

Exciting news ahead! After a fantastic turnout at the October Peer Decision Maker (PDM) Training Workshop, we have decided to host these quarterly. The workshops will be held every quarter, and will complement our Honors Program courses that span the academic calendar year.

Our Honors Program courses and training workshops are curated to provide a comprehensive understanding of tribal restorative justice principles. The training workshop is specifically designed to provide participants with knowledge of the Intertribal Court, the Tribal Youth Court, and the broader experience and expectations associated with being a PDM. The primary objective of the training is to equip participants for their roles as peer jurors. The workshop covers all phases of the PDM responsibilities, beginning with the pre-hearing conference and concluding with a mock hearing, where participants actively contribute to defining the parameters of TYC participants' wellness plans.

All workshop participants who complete the training will receive a Certificate of Completion. Furthermore, participants will earn community service for their dedicated time during the training.

Quarterly trainings for 2024 are tentatively scheduled for February, May, August, and November. Concurrently, our PDM Honors Courses will begin in February at SDSU, continue in June at Palomar College, and conclude with the last two courses starting in October at UCSD. We encourage you to explore both training options and become a part of this transformative experience!



Here's what to look for in December:

December 5th:

International Volunteer

Day This day is an international observance to recognize the efforts of volunteers in transforming communities and societies. It is celebrated by many individuals and organizations around the world. How can you celebrate?

December 7th: *National Pearl Harbor Remembrance*

Day This day is commemorated to honor the service men and women who were killed or injured when Japan attacked the U.S. at Pearl Harbor. The attack claimed 2,400 lives on December 7, 1941. It precipitated the U.S. entry into World War II. This is not a public holiday, but many government and public offices hold special events to commemorate the annual observance.

December 7th- 15th: *Hanukkah* Hanukkah begins on Thursday, 12/7 and will end on Monday, 12/15. It is an eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Often referred to as the "Festival of Lights," the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, songs and gifts.

December 25th: *Christmas*

Day Christmas is celebrated around the world. It is a religious holiday, but many people celebrate this day as a time to get together with loved ones exchange gifts, and share in family traditions. Christmas is celebrated in recognition of the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people of Christian faith attend church to celebrate His birth before beginning Christmas festivities. It is a day beloved by children and adults all over the world.



December 31st: *New Years Eve* New Year's Eve marks the last day of the calendar year. Common traditions on NYE include attending parties, making resolutions, and staying up until midnight to ring in the new year. Many people reflect on the past year, as well as make resolutions, or promises for the new year. Do you make resolutions?

Month of December: *Month of Giving*

Let this December be a celebration of heartfelt generosity that goes beyond the gifts under the tree. Infuse the true essence of giving into our lives. Consider volunteering, donating items you no longer need, or spread a little warmth by sending a thoughtful card to someone who could use a lift.

2023



Coordinator's Corner

As we come to the end of 2023, we look back on the year with joy and pride. 2023 has been a year of growth and collaboration that strengthens our program and its commitment to the well-being of our youth and community.

TYC continues to be active in its involvement in outreach and education. This year brought many opportunities to participate in local events and deliver several presentations to various audiences, allowing us to spread awareness about the importance of youth empowerment, justice, and the unique role our TYC plays in shaping a positive future for our communities.

This year also brought official partnerships with San Diego's District Attorney Office and County Probation Department. These collaborations signify a powerful commitment to working hand in hand with external agencies to create a comprehensive support system for our youth.

TYC continues to thrive and expand its partnerships in the realms of prevention and intervention. As we look forward to the new year, TYC is filled with enthusiasm and anticipation. We are committed to furthering our mission, expanding our reach, and deepening our impact on the lives of youth.

We express our deepest gratitude for the support throughout this year. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyous new year!!



Current Events>>> *Law in the News*

★ Judge Shanlyn Park, recently achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Native Hawaiian woman, to be confirmed to the federal bench by the U.S. Senate for the District of Hawaii. Judge Park brings a wealth of legal experience and a commitment to justice in her new role.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Judge Park has deep roots in her community, as well as, a profound understanding of the legal challenges facing the state. Her career has been marked by her passion for public service and her commitment to ensuring the legal system works for everyone.

Judge Park's confirmation is a significant step toward fostering greater representation for women and minorities in the judiciary field. As the first Hawaiian woman to ascend to the federal bench, Judge Park joins a select group of trailblazers who pave the way for future generations. Her story demonstrates that with dedication, persistence, and hard work, people can overcome obstacles to achieve their dreams. We congratulate Judge Park on this historic achievement and anticipate the positive impact she will undoubtedly make on the federal bench.

Tribal Youth Court

What's Happening in *December*

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

- Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Saturday, December 9th – Our PDM Honors course, *Intro to Tribal Legal Studies*, will hold its course final as a Moot Court final. This event will be held at the court.
- In December, the court will be closed on some days in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Please see court closures below:
 - In observance of Christmas, the court will close Thursday, December 21st at 12:00 pm and remain closed through Tuesday, December 26th
 - In observance of New Year's Day, the court will be closed from Friday, December 29th- Tuesday, January 2nd. The court will open again on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 for regular business hours.



As we gather around the hearth of tradition and unity, embracing the spirit of togetherness, the Tribal Youth Court extends our heartfelt Christmas and New Year greetings. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, that unfolds with hope and prosperity. May this upcoming year be a time of reflection, renewal, and shared blessings.



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 to learn more court and its member tribes.

Frequently Asked Questions Ask the court >>>

Question: What if a youth is not eligible for the Tribal Youth Court?

Answer: Several factors could render a youth ineligible, with two primary reasons being the age of the offender and the nature of the committed offense. Presently, the Tribal Youth Court is undergoing expansion to address such cases by introducing two additional tracks under the TYC. One track aims to accommodate youth involved in more severe offenses, and the other is tailored to formulate age-appropriate wellness plans for offenders aged 18-24. Both tracks are pending the implementation phase, but are expected to be fully operational next year. Stay tuned!



Final thoughts...

Fun Law Fact:

Many states in the U.S. have laws regulating how long you are allowed to leave Christmas lights up after Christmas. In San Diego, you have until February 2nd to remove outdoor lights, or face fines of up to \$250.

Court Humor, with a Festive Twist:

What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's workshop?

- *A rebel without a Claus*

Announcements:

- **Our next PDM Honors Program course will start in Spring, 2024. Stay tuned for more course and registration announcements.**



Coming Soon >>>

In Our January Issue

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