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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,

Our AIR Program Honors Courses are in full swing! We appreciate and recognize our students currently working on their first college course, while also juggling other school, family, and extracurricular commitments!

Our AIR Honors Program students met for their Mid-Way meeting last month on November 5, 2022. It was a virtual meeting that allowed students to interact with their instructor, Youth Court's Judge Medrano, as well as interact with the mentors and coordinators that have been helping them get through their course. The program's running course is *Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies*, and the group discussion touched on course materials and content.

The guidelines for the course final were introduced to the students during this meeting as well. The final will be in the form of a moot court in which the students will be graded on their application of knowledge acquired in class. It is a fun, challenging day, in which the students get to see their hard work in action. A workshop was run at the Mid-Way meeting on how to utilize course materials on

UC applications and options for UC and CSU related questions. The ultimate goals of our Honors courses are to prepare the students to be Peer Decision Makers in our TYC hearings, and to also prepare students for what is required in a college setting. We hope to help guide our students as they are considering colleges and their paths beyond high school. Our Peer Decision Makers will have the opportunity to assist in the adjudication process of the Youth Court's juvenile offenders. Also, the students enrolled in the courses have the opportunity to experience college learning, under the guidance of mentors from the AIR and Tribal Youth Court programs. The program is designed for student success and our hope is that each student is inspired to pursue higher education after their experience in our Honors courses.

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."

- Albert Einstein

Monthly Round Up: December

Here's what to look for in December:

December 7th: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

A day of infamy, this day is commemorated to honor the thousands of service men and women that were killed or injured when Japan attacked the U.S. at Pearl Harbor. The attack claimed 2,400 lives on December 7, 1941. It also 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 18th : *First Day of Hanukkah* Hanukkah will commence on the evening of Sunday, 12/18 and end on Monday, 12/26. Hanukkah 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 and exchange gifts and share in family traditions. Christmas is celebrated in recognition of the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people of Christian faiths 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: National Write a Friend Month

The holidays can be a lonely time for some, so this is the perfect month to reach out to old and new friends with holiday cards or warm letters. Make someone's holiday even more remarkable by letting them know you care with a few simple, heart felt words.



Coordinator's Corner



Last month, NBA's Phoenix

Suns unveiled their new City Edition uniforms that pay homage to the diverse, Native cultures of Arizona. A Navajo designer worked with Nike to create the 2022-2023 season uniforms that will be played at all home games starting 11/16. The Suns will also wear these uniforms at away games in seven other cities with large Indigenous populations. The development of the newest uniforms was a two-year process in which the NBA worked with the Native American Basketball Invitational. The uniform is turquoise, representing the living stone, and the jersey contains a black sunburst logo across the chest. The uniform features red and white piping along the neck, shoulders and waistband to represent the state's land and soil. And, the color of each player's number is black outline with yellow, red, white and turquoise in the center, chosen from the medicine wheel. The uniform also includes the translation for the word, "Sun," from all of AZ's 22 tribes and a black band of 22 arrows along the bottom of the shorts.

Current Events>>>

Law in the News



★ In last month's election, California voters shut down two attempts to legalize sports betting, putting down a pair of propositions that would have allowed non-Native companies to operate in California. Voters rejected Proposition 26, which would have legalized in-person sports betting, permitting roulette and games played with dice (Craps) at largely tribally-owned casinos in California. Voters also rejected Proposition 27, which would have legalized online and mobile betting for licensed tribes or gambling companies.

★ Markwayne Mullin became the first tribal citizen to win the election to the U.S. Senate in almost twenty years. A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Mullin received 63% of the vote. The last tribal citizen to serve in the Senate was Ben "Nighthorse" Campbell, who is enrolled in the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. There has not been a Native citizen in the Senate since his retirement in 2006. Mullin will be sworn into the Senate in January 2023 and will be the sole tribal citizen there. He refers to himself as the "...only true Native American in the Senate," when he is elected.

Tribal Youth Court: Time Management

In reading our opening feature, we hope you may be considering our Honors Program.

However, taking into consideration that these courses are on top of already set school, work and family obligations, you may also be concerned about managing it all. We can help!

Time management and setting realistic goals are challenges we start to face early in life. This can continually cause stress well into adulthood. The key is to figure out what works for you. There is no “one size fits all,” when it comes to learning how to manage your time. We all have family obligations, school or work commitments, and responsibilities at home. We are all busy! In addition to that, there are many different factors and stressors that can affect how we manage the balance of our many commitments.

Reflect on and assess where you are currently at. What are your biggest commitments and obligations right now? What are your plans and goals for the future? What is standing in your way to achieve your goals or hinder you from keeping commitments? Just answering some of these questions can be stressful, but can also be a good starting point infocusing on what really needs to be prioritized, and what doesn't.

Right now, school and/or work and family obligations are most likely the biggest commitments for most of our readers. These are most likely things we cannot escape and must find ways to manage to get to a place where there is balance.

I find that when I start to feel overwhelmed with too much on my plate, I make a list. It really helps to be able to check something off of a list after it has been accomplished. And, a list can be customized for anything, whether it covers daily, weekly, or monthly obligations. Even if you need to break it down into an hourly list, I find it really helps me with managing tasks and reducing stress or anxiety when I start to feel overwhelmed.

Another strategy is to break down long term goals. Set short term, mid-range and long term goals. Write them down in a planner, or in a place you know will be effective. As each new goal approaches, you can reassess what needs to be done to achieve.

Remember, you can always ask for help! Ask a parent, teacher, coworker, friend, or one of us here at Tribal Youth Court. It is easy to feel overwhelmed sometimes, but it is also easier than you might think to find someone willing to help!



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.

Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians

Established in 1893, the 6,000 acre reservation expands over San Diego, Riverside and Orange Counties. The Pauma Band's tribal affiliation is Luiseño. They are one of the six bands of Luiseño people located in the Southern California area. The name “Pauma,” translates as, “place where the water is.” Pauma has governed itself by custom and tradition. Today, they are governed by a tribal council that consists of four members, including a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Member at Large. Tribal Council sets policies and administers a variety of governmental programs on the reservation.

Please visit www.intertribalcourt.org to learn more court and its member tribes.



Ask the court >>>

Q: How do I know what my court date is? And, what if I can't make it?

A: Each participant will be given plenty of advance notice of scheduled hearings. Our TYC hearings only run on certain days of the month and your hearing will be scheduled according to the day that you enroll in the program. If there is a reason you cannot make your scheduled hearing date, you must let the court know immediately so that we can reschedule. Your attendance at initial and review hearings is required.



Final thoughts...

Fun Law Fact: **It is illegal to own a pinball machine in El Monte, California.**

Court Comedy: *A man is arrested for stealing a can of peaches. He is brought before the judge who asks him...*

“How many peaches were in the can you stole?”

The man replies, “Six your Honor.”

“In that case, you will go to jail for six years, one for each Peach.”

Hearing that, his wife stands and says, “Your Honor, he also stole two cans of peas.”



Tribal Youth Court would like to extend our wishes for a very happy holidays to you and to your families. May it be warm, merry, and bright!!

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