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Representation matters

Autumn Harry's new mural at the University of Nevada, Reno celebrates Pyramid Lake and the people who've worked to protect it Kyle Leutzinger Photo by Jennifer Kent.

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Autumn Harry is a University of Nevada, Reno alumna, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, a devoted Indigenous rights advocate, and a fly-fishing guide for her business, Kooyoee Pa'a Guides. She recently finished painting a four-panel mural on the University campus, between the Pennington Student Achievement Center and the Ansari Business Building that depicts Pyramid Lake, some of the fish and plants that live there, and some of the people who helped fight for the lake's protection.

The mural, painted on a four-panel wall located right in the center of campus, commemorates the University's 150 years as a university, at a time when the [Office of Indigenous Relations](#) is working to increase Indigenous representation on campus. Among Autumn's goals, she said, were to help people understand the Truckee River watershed and to recognize the Paiute and Washoe people who have worked to protect the water and the land.



Photos by Autumn Harry.

This is Autumn's second mural. Her first was installed on a temporary plywood structure outside of the Patagonia Outlet in downtown Reno as part of a beautification project during the COVID pandemic shutdown in 2020. It is now inside, in the stairwell. To get the University commission, she submitted a letter of intent, a letter of interest, and some sample artwork to the Office of Indigenous Relations. She made it past the initial cut and produced a design that resonated with the committee.

"Growing up on the reservation definitely influenced my artistic career," Autumn said. "I have artists in my family, and my art is heavily influenced by my upbringing. Being a fly-fishing guide, fish are important to me and my community, so they're represented in almost all my pieces, including trout and cui-ui. Water is a big component as well. Growing up at Pyramid Lake, at the terminal end of the watershed, we see so many impacts. I also have a master's in geography, which influences my perspective."

One of the mural's panels features silhouettes of prominent Northern Paiute, Western Shoshone, and Washoe tribe members including Western Shoshone land rights activists Mary and Carrie Dann; Corbin Harney, a Western Shoshone leader who dedicated his life to ending nuclear testing on Native land; and Autumn's father, Norm Harry, former chairman of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and a longtime water rights activist.



Indigenous students from across the state live and learn at the University of Nevada, Reno during Native LEAD program

The program is a week-long immersive experience for Indigenous high school students who want to attend college
Ashton Despain



The Office of Indigenous Relations at the University of Nevada, Reno hosted the second annual Native Learn, Empower, Achieve, Dream (LEAD) program this July. The week-long immersive program hosts Indigenous high school students from Nevada who are given the opportunity to live and learn on campus at the University.

On Monday, July 8 the [Native LEAD](#) program kicked off the experience, welcoming 15 students. The program was crafted for students to explore college life, immerse themselves into campus, and learn valuable insights about the academic, financial, cultural and social aspects of attending university as well as the resources the campus offers.

“The Native LEAD program focuses on Native youth who may be potentially interested in attending college,” Daphne Emm Hooper, the director of Indigenous relations at the University of Nevada, Reno, said. “They come to the University from all over the state, some from rural areas, and the experience is an eye-opener for many about how college may benefit them.”

Activities in the program included learning about resources on campus like the Office of Indigenous Relations and the [Multicultural Center](#). Academically, students learned about STEM, business, finance, and other potential areas of study available at the University.



Students at the Orvis School of Nursing doing hands-on experiments.

Faculty and staff welcomed and checked the participating students into Argenta residence hall, kicking off the start of an exciting week. They ate meals on campus including a few from the University dining hall, Pack Place, and toured the E.L. Wiegand Fitness Center. The students participated in a financial literacy night with Great Basin Federal Credit Union representatives who shared information on budgeting, credit and additional resources to support their financial literacy journeys.

Students learned about the [Nevada INBRE Tribal Academy of Health and Science program](#) at the University, and got a tour of the [Orvis School of Nursing](#) and the [Innovation Center](#). Vernon Rogers of the Yerington Paiute Tribe taught the students how to play hand games on the Quad.

Led by Michon Eben, the tribal historic preservation officer at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and Rochanne Downs, NAGPRA liaison and project manager, students also learned about cultural resources. They visited the [Anthropology Research Museum](#), located in the Ansari Business Building, and enjoyed a brief Introduction to Archaeology lecture. Students also explored the @One and [Special Collections](#) at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and enjoyed a movie night.

For this first time, the camp included a visit to the [University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe](#) campus. Students visited the campus, toured the Gatekeepers Museum, met with University Sustainability Manager Phoebe Judge and spent some time cooling off in the lake. Students not only experienced the rigorous lifestyle that comes with attending college, but they also learned the important balance between hard work and making time for themselves.



Students at the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe campus overlooking the lake.

Students were selected for participation in the program after applying online. The application asked the students to explain why they want to attend the program, what aspects of college they are interested in and other questions about what they want to do after they graduate high school. This allows the program designers to craft each activity and event uniquely for the students' interests. The coordinators of the program keep the number of participants relatively low so that they can ensure each student gets personalized attention and focus.

“Reno is a different experience for many of our participants,” Emm Hooper said. “Many come from rural communities so campus, Reno and Lake Tahoe are all novel experiences for them. The program helps them visualize themselves as actual students here.”

More information about the program including how to apply can be found on the [Office of Indigenous Relations website](#).

[Northern Nevada Public Health](#)

Earn up to \$300 in gift cards by signing up for the Heat & Wildfire Smoke Research Project!

Participants in this study will help health experts learn how heat and smoke impact people who don't have a central air-conditioning unit (AC) in their home and how to help them protect their health. To learn more and sign-up visit: <https://www.dri.edu/project/heat-wildfire-smoke/>

RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR NEW HEALTH RESEARCH PROJECT!
Get up to \$300 in gifts cards!

Summer heat and wildfire smoke can have **BIG** impacts on the health of you and your loved ones. Want to learn how, and what you can do to stay safe? Join us to find out!

- **Who can be in this project?** Adults (18 or older) who live in Washoe County.
- **What will I be asked to do?** Click on the link in the text below for details.
- **When is this project?** Spring 2024–Spring 2025.
- **Will I receive something from this project?** Yes, up to \$300 in gift cards.
- **How can I sign up?** Click anywhere on this graphic to access registration.
- **Who is doing this project?** Desert Research Institute (DRI) and Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH).

Questions? Contact: heatandsmokeproject@gmail.com





[dri.edu](https://www.dri.edu)

[Participate in study](#)

[Summertime in Washoe County can be hot and smoky. People that have a central air-conditioning \(AC\) unit at home can run it to keep the air cool and clean. People that don't have AC have a harder time protecting their health. The purpose of this project is to learn how heat and smoke impact the hea...](#)



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October PowWows

Oct 5 - 6, [Chumash InterTribal Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Santa Ynez CA](#)

This annual celebration will take place at the corner of Highway 246 and Meadowvale Road in Santa Ynez, California. Additional details will...

Oct 5 - 6, [Hart of the West Native American Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Newhall CA](#)
Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm Sunday 10:00 - 5:00pm MC: Glen Begay Arena Director: Vic Chavez Head Man: Sammy Sierra Head Woman: Erica...

Oct 5 [Marshfield Pow Wow -October 2024](#) - [Marshfield MO](#)
Free Admission. Everyone Welcome! Schedule: 1:00pm-2:00pm Gourd Dance 2:00pm-5:00pm Intertribals Dinner Break 6:00pm-7:00pm Gourd Dance 7:00pm Grand Entry 7:00pm-10:00pm...

Oct 5 [Native Days Car & Bike Show 2024](#) - [Clovis CA](#)
Education & Charity Fundraiser Join us for a day of Cars, Culture & Fun, featuring: Native American Drumming and Dancers - Craft...

Oct 5-6 [Sacred Springs Pow Wow 2024](#) - [San Marcos TX](#)
Meadows Center for Water and the Environment 201 San Marcos Springs Drive, San Marcos, TX, 78666 Admissions:...

Oct 5 - 6 [Three Sisters Intertribal Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Mineral City OH](#)
Grand Entry 12:00pm Pow Wow Glow Dance Saturday at DARK (approximately 7:30pm) Head Man- Trevor McWilliams Head Woman- Lydia Green Miller Head...

Oct 11 - 13 [36th Annual Black Hills Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Rapid City SD](#)
Tickets go on sale September 3, 2024. Admission: 3 Day Pass: \$36.00 (13-64); \$25.00 (4-12) 3 Day Pass Groups: \$30.00 (25 or...

Oct 11-13 [Chukchansi 2024 Pow Wow](#) - [Coarsegold CA](#)

Oct 11-13 [Snow Mountain Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Las Vegas NV](#)
32nd Annual Las Vegas Paiute Snow Mountain Pow Wow More details to come soon!
Announced Dance Specials: Red Dress, Team Dance. More...

Oct 12-13 [10th Annual Harvest Moon Inter-Tribal Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Boonville MO](#)
Starting Saturday at 12:30 and Sunday at 12:00 Dinner will be provided for...

Oct 12-13 [28th Annual Midwest SOARRING Foundation Harvest Pow Wow 2024](#) - [Wheaton IL](#)
All are welcome to Midwest SOARRING Foundation's family-friendly indoor Pow Wow!
Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Sunday, October 13, 2024...

Oct 12 [Berkeley's 32nd Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow & Indian Market 2024](#) - [Berkeley CA](#)
Gourd Dance, Round dance, Committee Specials and Intertribals. 10 am - 6 pm. Free admission. Celebrate with us in honor of all..

Oct 12 [Southeastern Mvskoke Nation Creek Friend's Festival 2024](#) - [Troy AL](#)

Come out and join the Southeastern Mvskoke Nation for their inaugural Creek Friend's Festival!
There will be dancers, story telling, music, arts and crafts vendors,...

Oct 12 [7th Annual Indigenous Peoples Day \(Pomona, CA\) 2024](#) [Pomona CA](#)

11:00am-6:00pm Hosted by Rumsen Am:a Turataj Ohlone Tribe For Vendor Booth Info Contact
rquiroga.org@yahoo.com For Miscellaneous Info Contact rumsenama.secy@gmail.com

Oct 14 [2nd Annual Honoring Native Nations Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Santa Fe NM](#)

This Pow Wow is the 2nd annual Indigenous People's Day hosted by the Santa Fe Indigenous
Center in Santa Fe New Mexico....

Oct 18 [1st Annual The Roll Call of Veterans Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Louisville KY](#)

We are co hosting our event with our brothers and sisters of the Ohio Valley Native American
Warrior Society OVNAVWS. Education Day.

Oct 18-20 [NAIA 43rd Annual Indian Education Tennessee Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Nashville TN](#)

Admission: Cash only at the Gate! Adults: \$8.00 Seniors: \$4.00 Children 6-12: \$4.00 5 &
Under: Free Handicapped: Free Master of Ceremonies:...

Oct 18-19 [Tonto Apache Tribe of Payson, AZ Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Payson AZ](#)

Free Admission! Bring your own chair. Pow Wow & Gourd Dancing Schedule: Friday: 5:00pm
Gourd Dancing; 7:00pm Grand Entry Saturday: 12:00pm Gourd...

Oct 19-20 [11th Annual Nocalula Falls Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Gadsden AL](#)

Limited Seating - Bring your own chairs. Admission: Adults \$5.00; Ages 6-14 & 65 and Older
\$3.00; Families (limit 5) \$10.00 This...

Oct 19 [18th Annual Santa Ynez Chumash Culture Day 2024](#) [- Santa Ynez CA](#)

If You Would Like to Bring A Dance Group, please contact Hannah Lent at hlent@chumash.gov
or 805-325-5539 A room block is available...

Oct 19 [2nd Annual Dinosaur Valley Intertribal Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Glen Rose TX](#)

Exhibition Dancers, Drums & Song. Native American Craft Vendors. Fry Bread.

Oct 19-20 [4th Annual Red Canyon Pow Wow 2024](#) [- Moab UT](#)

4th Annual Red Canyon Powwow. This is a dance and drum contest. This is an outdoor event.
Bring your chairs & canopies....

Oct 19 [The 3rd Annual National Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Parade 2024](#) [- New York NY](#)

A social Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Parade, honoring the various Cultures and Allies
Day full of various activities celebration. Line up...

Oct 19 **[Sierra Native Alliance Pow Wow 2024](#)** **[- Auburn CA](#)**
10:00am to 9:00pm Competition/Exhibition Dancing Native Food and Art Booths Cultural Demonstrations Dancers and Singers call - Shonnie Bear - (559)...

Oct 19 **[16th Annual American Indian Festival \(Maryland\) 2024 - Upper Marlboro MD](#)**
Come to the 16th Annual American Indian Festival at Patuxent River Park on Saturday, October 19th from 11:00am-4:00pm! This Eastern Woodland-focused festival is FREE to...

Oct 25-26 **[Native Arts Expo 2024](#)** **[- Mendocino CA](#)**
10:00am-4:00pm Both Days Join us for the annual Native Arts Expo

Oct 26 **[Rocky Mountain College Pow Wow 2024](#)** **[- Billings MT](#)**
5:00pm - 10:00pm

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**[Western Freedom Nevada](#)**

Google is taking a bold step toward [#CleanEnergy](#) development by teaming up with [NV Energy](#) to power its Nevada data centers with 115 megawatts of geothermal electricity. This groundbreaking partnership hopes to not only propel Google closer to its 2030 clean energy goal but also highlight the crucial role of regional collaboration in driving sustainable solutions for the tech industry. Learn more>>><https://www.reuters.com/.../google-partners-with-nevada...>

### **Scholarships with October 16-31 Deadlines**

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| <a href="#">Balanced Man Scholarship - Stevens Institute of Technology</a> | \$2,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Abe Voron Award</a>                                        | \$3,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Edward O. Fritts Award</a>                                 | \$1,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Founders Award</a>                                         | \$1,500   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA John Bayliss Award</a>                                     | \$3,500   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Library of American Broadcasting Foundation Award</a>      | \$3,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Peter B. Orlik Award</a>                                   | \$3,500   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Richard Eaton Foundation Award</a>                         | \$4,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BEA Vincent T. Wasilewski Award</a>                            | \$4,000   | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Luce Scholars Program</a>                                      | Varies    | October 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Bruce Fishkin Scholarship Fund</a>                             | \$50,000  | October 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Daniels Scholarship Program</a>                                | \$304,236 | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Flinn Scholarship</a>                                          | \$130,000 | October 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">SVC Foundation College Scholarship</a>                         | \$5,000   | October 18, 2024 |



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| <a href="#">Andrew J. Zabierek Memorial Scholarship for Massachusetts Veterans</a> | \$2,500   | October 01, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Rossiter Family Scholarship On Behalf of William J. Rizzo, Jr.</a>     | \$10,000  | October 20, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Saatchi Diversity Scholarship</a>                                      | \$10,000  | October 21, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WSOS Career and Technical Scholarship</a>                              | \$1,500   | October 21, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Fund Your Future PAVE Student Aid Program</a>                          | \$1,000   | October 23, 2024 |
| <a href="#">New York State Senate Undergraduate Program</a>                        | \$8,800   | October 25, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Point Foundation BIPOC Scholarship</a>                                 | \$1,500   | October 26, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The National Housing Endowment/Lee S. Evans Scholarship</a>            | Varies    | October 26, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Albert &amp; Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation Scholarship</a>     | \$4,000   | October 30, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Alma Exley Scholarship</a>                                             | \$5,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BAEF Fellowships for Belgians</a>                                      | \$100,000 | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Belgian American Educational Foundation</a>                            | \$34,000  | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BG Foundation</a>                                                      | \$1,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">BigFuture \$40k Essay-Free Scholarship</a>                             | \$40,000  | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">California Polytechnic State University Scholarships</a>               | Varies    | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Chiropractic Scholarship Program</a>                                   | \$2,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Doc Cohen Franchising Scholarship</a>                                  | \$3,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Infinitus Dream Scholarship Fund</a>                                   | \$3,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Mel C. Marshall Student Scholarship</a>                                | \$500     | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">National Rice Month Scholarship Contest</a>                            | \$5,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Pennsylvania Society of Public Accountants Scholarships</a>            | \$3,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">PinkRose Breast Cancer Scholarship</a>                                 | \$1,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">SC Wildlife Federation Scholarships</a>                                | \$500     | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Steel Root Scholarship</a>                                             | \$10,000  | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Students of the Year - Middle Tennessee</a>                            | \$2,000   | October 31, 2024 |
| <a href="#">VFW Voice of Democracy Competition</a>                                 |           |                  |



**As removal of dams frees Klamath River, California tribes see hope of saving salmon** <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-08-28/klamath-river-dam-removal-completed>

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NIH launches \$270 million anti-overdose research program for, and led by, Native Americans

Initiative is largest such effort to focus on hard-hit native groups
<https://www.statnews.com/2024/08/28/drug-overdose-crisis-native-americans-nih-270-million-research-project/>

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**The condition of affairs in Indian Territory and California. A report**

- Charles Cornelius Coffin Painter was an agent of the Indian Rights Association, headquartered in Philadelphia. The condition of affairs in Indian Territory and California (1888) reports Painter's findings at the Seger Colony and Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Anadarko, Iowa, Comanche, Wichita, and Ponca agencies and reservations in the Indian Territory. In California, he visits Indian settlements and reservations at Cohuilla, Agua Caliente, San Ysabel, Mesa Grande, Captain Grande, and San Jacinto. He discusses incursions on Native American lands and schools for the Mission Indians and legal actions on behalf of the San Fernando Indians.
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**Ute Ethnobotany Garden at the Ute Indian Museum** Montrose, Colorado This high-desert oasis spotlights some of Colorado's most sacred native plants.

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Delta, Colorado

Ute Council Tree

The giant stump of the once towering cottonwood where Ute people held tribal meetings.
(I remember some ITC meetings outside under a tree.....)

Project 2025: Environmental Impacts Part IV (Bureau of Indian Affairs)

<https://thecynicalenvironmentalist.substack.com/p/project-2025-environmental-impacts-248>

Native Americans for Sovereignty and Preservation Supports Project 2025

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