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"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer."  
~Anita Krizzan

We welcome spring 2026! We have been busy as bees at NPAC, developing new opportunities for our participants to expand their skills and earn some extra \$\$\$. Learn more about the **Indigenous Civic Leadership Program** coming this summer to Albuquerque and Gallup. There are numerous opportunities for urban Natives to find work, and several emerging fields of study listed in this month's newsletter. Please take some time to check out the newsletter. Thank you for being part of the NPAC family.

Stay safe,  
Deanna Aquilar - Director of Programs

- Don't Miss Out on What's Next**
- Albuquerque, New Mexico**
    - Albuquerque's **4th Birthday Celebration** - April 18, 2026
      - 12PM to 4PM; Historic Old Town Plaza
    - Route 66: Roads & Rails Festival** - April 18-19, 2026
      - Albuquerque Rail Yards
    - Gathering of Nations: The Last Dance** - April 24-25, 2026
      - Tingley Coliseum
  - Farmington, New Mexico**
    - Lowrider Cultural in the United States** - April 25, 2026
      - 10 AM to 5 PM; Farmington Museum
  - Gallup, New Mexico**
    - 11th Annual Spring Job Fair** - April 10, 2026
      - 12 PM to 4 PM; Rio West Mall

Happy Birthday to all our wonderful April participants! 🎉 We hope this month is filled with joy, laughter, and celebrations that are as fantastic as you are. Enjoy your special day! 🍕🎂🎈

**TIMESHEET DUE DATES AND OFFICE CLOSURES**

Timesheets	Pay Date	Office Closures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 10, 2026</li> <li>April 24, 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 3, 2026</li> <li>April 17, 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 3, 2026 - Good Friday</li> </ul>

**JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**

The National Indian Youth Council / Native American Professional Advancement Center (NIYC/NPAC) is seeking passionate leaders to join our Board of Directors and help empower urban Native communities in Albuquerque, Farmington, and Gallup.

**WHY JOIN US?**

- ✓ Guide strategic advocacy, education, and professional development programs.
- ✓ Support fundraising and outreach to uplift Native voices.
- ✓ Be a champion for Native leadership and economic self-sufficiency.

**APPLY BY APRIL 30, 2026!**

Send your statement of interest & resume to **Darius Smith** at [darius@npacnm.org](mailto:darius@npacnm.org)

**LEARN MORE ABOUT US AT: NPACNM.ORG**

**We Are Hiring!**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

APPLICATION CLOSES  
Tuesday, April 14 | 5:00PM MST

**APPLY TODAY**

Native Workforce Partners

**Sho-Bans in the Spotlight: Lorraine Edmo, first Sho-Ban News editor**  
By Lorraine Edmo

FORT HALL — The Sho-Ban News evolved back in 1970 as a monthly newspaper after Lorraine P. Edmo graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Montana, Missoula.

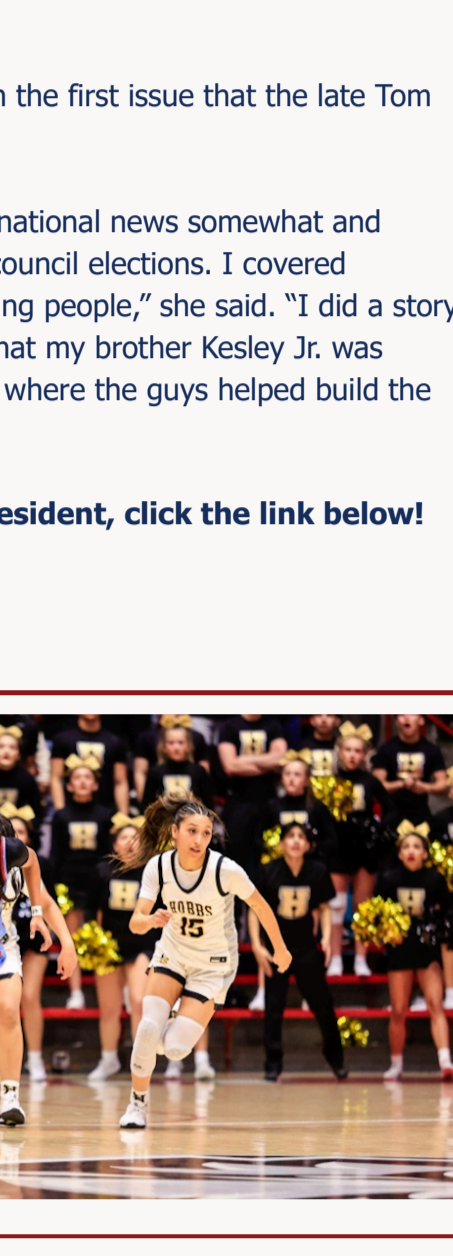
She wanted to do something on the reservation after graduation, so she talked to the tribal council and asked them to support a tribal newspaper, she started pulling things together and was hired as editor.

She requested them to pay for printing and producing the newspaper once a month. Lorraine did the reporting and the photos — it was printed at the Blackfoot News. All her writing was done on an electric typewriter and she had a little office at the 1896 building.

Lorraine did 11 or 12 issues and she still has copies of them. Approximately 500 copies were printed and tribal custodian, the late Jesse Pabawena helped her mail them. Then tribal secretary Monte Faulkner helped her print the labels.

The name for the newspaper Sho-Ban News came after she ran a contest in the first issue that the late Tom Eschier Sr. won.

When asked about stories she covered, she replied, "Everything. I covered national news somewhat and water rights issues. I covered this happening on the reservation, like the council elections. I covered projects — there was an archaeological project going on that employed young people," she said. "I did a story about building the rodeo grounds because that year in 1970 was the year that my brother Kesley Jr. was directing the project, it was some sort of an economic development project where the guys helped build the rodeo grounds," in the current location....



If you liked to read more about Lorraine Edmo, NPAC's Board President, click the link below!

[Sho-Ban News](#)

**NPAC WOULD LIKE TO CONGRADULATE SANDIA'S KAIYAH BENALLY FOR BEING NAMED GATORADE NEW MEXICO GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR!**

[Click here to read the full story](#)

**Be Prepared for ICE**

**Operation Rainbow Bridge.**

**What every Relative should know:**

- Carry a valid state ID.
- Stay calm, do not resist or escalate.
- If detained, say: "I am exercising my right to remain silent. I want to speak to an attorney."
- If signed from up or you home, ask for a signed waiver by a judge. Do NOT sign the document.
- Document the encounter: video, audio, names, times, details.
- Report it immediately: [info@operationrainbowbridge.com](mailto:info@operationrainbowbridge.com) Office of Navajo Nation Human Rights: (928) 871-7426

**Additional Contact:**  
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Navajo Office of Vital Records (928) 871-6884  
Operation Rainbow Bridge: I-855-HELPORB | 1-855-435-7678 | [info@operationrainbowbridge.com](mailto:info@operationrainbowbridge.com)  
More Info: [www.operationrainbowbridge.com](http://www.operationrainbowbridge.com)

**Information on the Navajo Nation Identification Cards - Navajo Office of Vital Records & Identification**

**\*\*Monday-Friday: within the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY, PLEASE CALL 928-871-6884)\*\***

The NN ID's have an expiration date of 4 years, every time they expire clients will have to contact the office for renewal. These NN ID's do not have any passport capabilities, if you are traveling overseas or crossing boards, the office highly encourages clients to apply for a Passport.

**Extra Information (if applicable):**

- Marriage license/finalized divorce decrees
- Finalized court orders pertaining to Name Change or Date of Birth Change with the Revised Birth certificate

**\*All documents must be in the original, we will not accept copies. Make sure documents are not torn, taped, or laminated.\***

*For more information please click the image below.*

**Required Documents:**

- State certificate of birth or Affidavit of Birth (AOB) from NOVRI
- Certified Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood (CIB)
- Valid State issues ID or Driver's License
- (NO TEMPORARY ID AND NO PASSPORTS)
- \$17.00 Money Order, per person (We do not accept cash or credit card)

**\*PLEASE, keep money orders blank! Our staff will inform the clients on how to fill it out.\***

**2026 Alaska Indigenous Research Program**

**Are you Alaska Native or American Indian and interested in health research?**

**Are you a researcher or health professional and interested in Alaska Native health research?**

**Looking for an exciting way to start your summer and experience campus life?**

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:** Since 2019, the Alaska Indigenous Research Program (AKIRP) has provided indigenous-centered, cross-cultural research education and training to indigenous and non-indigenous students, researchers, health professionals and scientists.

**PROGRAM GOAL:** AKIRP is a collaboration between the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and Alaska Pacific University (APU) to increase the health research capacity of Alaska Native and American Indian people and communities.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

- Understand indigenous worldviews and apply the Two-Eyed Seeing framework.
- Conduct equitable and ethical health research with Alaska Native and American Indian people and communities.
- Apply appropriate research methods (Indigenous and Western).
- Understand historical and cultural context of health research.

**CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM EXPERIENCE:**

- **Week One | Advanced Research** | May 4-8: Designed for experienced researchers and health professionals.
- **Week Two | Research Ethics** | May 11-15: Designed for all levels of research experience.
- **Week Three | Introductory Research** | May 18-22: Designed for those interested in health research.

**Participants should attend selected weeks in their entirety.**  
*Paid full-time internships will be offered for Alaska Native and American Indian undergraduate and graduate students. Applications will open in January on the ANTHC job postings webpage.*

**PROGRAM BENEFITS:**

- Breakfast and lunch on program days.
- Travel scholarships are available.
- Internships are available.

**Program Dates: May 4-22, 2026**  
**May 26-July 31, 2026**

**Theresa Wells**  
Program Coordinator: [twells@anthc.org](mailto:twells@anthc.org)  
**Amanda Francis**  
Internship Coordinator: [akirp@anthc.org](mailto:akirp@anthc.org)

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**INDIGENOUS TEACHER PREPARATION PROJECT**

TRAIN TO BECOME A TEACHER FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES

**CNM**  
Schools of Education

**2026 SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM**

FREE TO ATTEND  
JUNE 28 - JULY 24

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- ✓ SUMMER BRIDGE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION
- ✓ VERIFICATION OF TRIBAL AFFILIATION
- ✓ HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- ✓ PHYSICAL RECORD
- ✓ IMMUNIZATION RECORD
- ✓ HOUSING APPLICATION

**application DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2026**

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [SUMMERBRIDGE@SIPI.EDU](mailto:SUMMERBRIDGE@SIPI.EDU)

**SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**  
9169 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 | [www.siipi.edu](http://www.siipi.edu) | 800.586.7474

**NH Initiative**  
NATIVE HEALTH INITIATIVE

**Healthcare of Tomorrow**

Why join HOT as a mentee?

- Monthly meetings with guest speakers of various health backgrounds each month (nursing, family medicine, traditional wellness etc)
- Complete a community health project to benefit your community
- Networking opportunities
- Students receive information on college prep, scholarships, and more!
- Get CPR certified, gaining experience, first aid training
- \$400 stipend

Why join HOT as a mentor?

- Mentoring a high school student interested in learning more about your health career!
- Networking opportunities
- Educating our youth!

**APPLICATION OPENS: MARCH 15TH 2026**  
**PRIORITY DEADLINE: JUNE 1st 2026**

Questions: Contact Barbara [barbara@lovingservice.us](mailto:barbara@lovingservice.us)

[Mentee application](#)

**Association of American Indian Affairs**

**The American Indian College Fund is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. They encourage applicants to submit their application by May 31, 2026 to receive priority review.**

**Apply Here!**

**NATIVE STUDENTS**  
Scholarship Applications OPEN UNTIL May 31, 2026  
**APPLY TODAY!**

Learn more here: [indian-affairs.org/native-scholarship](http://indian-affairs.org/native-scholarship)

**100** ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION 1923-1948-2022

**SEVEN GENERATIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CENTER

Native American Health Center (NAHC) is committed to investing in the health and education of our future generations. The Seven Generations Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance for Native American and Alaska Native students residing in Alameda, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties. The Seven Generations Scholarship is an investment in the health and education of our future generations.

**The 2026 application closes on May 15th.**

**Apply Now!**

**Anonymous Was A Women Environmental Art Grants (AWAW EAG)**

The program will provide one-time grants of up to \$20,000 to support environmental art projects led by woman, transgender, and gender-nonconforming artists in the United States and U.S. Territories.

Applications are open until April 7 at 5PM ET

**Scholarships for Native Students in STEM Fields**

**AISES**  
ADVANCING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN STEM

AISES is committed to empowering students from American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and First Nations communities. With the support of our donors and partners, we provide scholarships that open pathways to impactful STEM careers.

Here is a list of the scholarships that AISES offers:

- ARDC Scholarship
- A.T. Anderson Scholarship
- Indian Motorcycle Academic Scholarship
- Indian Motorcycle Trade Scholarship
- Indigenous Peoples Education Fund Scholarship
- RISE Scholarship
- Sports and Technology Scholarship

**Scholarship applications close April 30, 2026.**

**\*\*If awarded, award notifications will be sent out in the Fall of 2026\*\***

**Apply Here!**

**Prosperity Works - Efficiency Upgrades**

Many homes could use help becoming more energy efficient – which saves energy and money! Prosperity Works offers energy assessments through our partner, Energy Works, to low-income households. These energy assessments help us determine which retrofits your home needs most.

**Learn More**

**New Mexico Rural Water Association (NMRWA)**

To graduate from this program, the apprentice must complete:

- At least 4000 OJT hours,
- At least 235 RTI (Related Technical Instruction) class hours,
- Earn 2 satisfactory evaluations from a mentor (one every 12-months),
- Attend 4 scheduled conferences (Annual Conference in April at the Isleta Resort and Casino; Fall Conference at Las Cruces Convention Center) and
- Pass the New Mexico Environment Department Levels 1 & 2 exams.

Funding may be available for books and online classes to apprentices.

To apply for this career opportunity, click this link:

**NMRWA**

**This month in harm reduction!**

**Don't smoke! Your brain will thank you for it!**

Commercial cigarettes are full of junk!

- Metals
- Artificial Flavoring
- 7000+ Chemicals
- 70+ Cancer Causing Carcinogens

Being exposed to cigarette smoke can cause:

- Cancer
- Reversing of the brain which leads to addiction
- Increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- Increased risk of developing gum disease
- Increased risk of blindness

Take care of your brain and your brain will take care of you!

**Work Experience Program: Farmington Job Openings**

- **Alta Dance Academy** is seeking an on-site Social Media Manager to assist with strategizing, help with content creation, as well as networking and communicating with various communities/companies through social platforms.
- **Capacity Builders** is seeking an on-site Administrative Assistant – HR, Administrative Assistant, Transport Dispatcher, and an Accounting Specialist to assist with general office and administrative work, communicate, organizing and conduct activities and day-to-day route with transportation service providers, as well as provide accurate general accounting and data entry services.
- **Northwest New Mexico Arts** is seeking an Art Assistant who will assist with promoting different community projects/events, assists and performs afterschool summer art camp activities for community youth and adults. Assists with statistical data collection and reporting for grant/funding sources. Attend any training/meetings mandatory for position.
- **ECHO Food Bank** is seeking a Warehouse helper who will assist in packaging, stocking, working the drive-thru, completing paperwork, cleaning and any other duties as assigned.
- **Too Cool Automotive** is seeking a Automotive Technician, Automotive Tech Trainee, Shop Hand/Helper and an Administrative Assistant who will assist in clerical duties, maintaining and keeping the shop/office clean, as well as being able to create work orders, vehicle repair quotes, take vehicle information and manage vehicle service and repairs.
- **Roots Home Health Care** is seeking a receptionist who will assist staff with appointment scheduling, answering calls/questions, inform staff members of meetings and perform other duties as requested.
- **BeHive Homes** is seeking a Personal Care Attendant who will conduct activities of daily living, assist with cooking, carry out housekeeping duties, attend to laundry, complete vital checks and record documentation.

**\*\*Please note: The Albuquerque and Gallup offices do not have any Work Experience openings at the moment.\*\***

**Did You Know...**

As April brings warmer days, it's also a significant time for raising awareness and action for critical causes. This month is dedicated to Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention, and it highlights the urgent issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Both of these concerns are of great importance and require our collective attention and effort.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is about recognizing the realities of sexual violence and supporting survivors. It's a time to educate ourselves and our communities to foster a safer and more supportive environment. Simultaneously, the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women sheds light on the heightened risks faced by Indigenous communities. This month, we are reminded to support ongoing efforts for justice and solidarity with Indigenous women and girls. Attending awareness walks, contributing to advocacy groups, or spreading information are effective ways to contribute.

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge these critical issues. Supporting these causes can make a difference in the lives of many

<b>Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women</b> Abuse and Sexual Assault 505.243.9199 <b>CSVANW</b>	<b>National Domestic Violence Hotline</b> Abuse and Sexual Assault 800.799.7233 <b>NDVH</b>	<b>Albuquerque SANE Collaborative</b> 505.884.7263 <b>ABQ SANE</b>
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