



WIOA Section 166 Outstanding Participant

Nominated by

California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.



Cheyenne Tex



“How could a Native person, in a society that wasn’t built for me, survive and make it in life?”

WIOA gave me a chance to network with my Native community to not only obtain job leads but to also understand my career path.



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Nominated by the
Phoenix Indian Center

Yvonne YellowHair-Church

I am Kiyaa'aanni/towering Clan which is traditionally the mother's clan and born to my father's clan of Ta'neeszahnil/Tangle-Badlands clan. My maternal grandparents are TI'izilani/Manygoats clan and my paternal grandparents are Tae'desqiznii/Rock Gap clan.



The Phoenix Indian Center helped me in my own healing journey. I feel more invigorated and proud of my Native heritage. My new job as an Intake Specialist at Native Connections where I help provide information to others about available services for those struggling with sub-



P.L. 102-477 Outstanding Participant

Nominated by the
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Jacob Johnson



If I could say something to someone who is struggling or having obstacles and is overwhelmed, I would say to reconnect with your high power, trust and believe in yourself, anything is possible even when you don't think so or see the light at the end of the tunnel....



P.L. 102-477 Outstanding Participant

Nominated by the
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

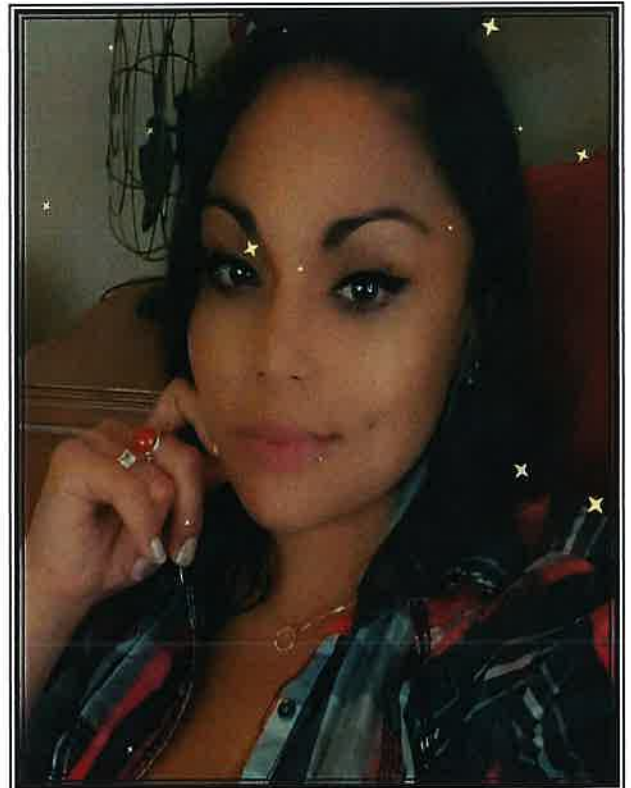
Sara Farmer

I am truly grateful for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate 477 program once I was comfortable enough in my recovery.



This program has done so much positive in my life and has given me a “helping hand” while life knocked me down”.

I am honored to say that I've been 3 years sober, and employed for almost a year with a full-time job.



Alice Bigpond Roach Memorial Scholarship



Nominated by the
Santo Domingo Pueblo

Megan Lewis



Megan Lewis, like Alice Bigpond Roach, embodies the spirit of service demonstrating dedication and a tireless work ethic.

Shaped by the wisdom of her late maternal grandparents, Ms. Lewis has blossomed into a remarkable young woman who continues to serve the community with distinction. Her overall dream is to receive my master's in athletic training, and eventually work for a collegiate team.

I am a 2022 graduate from Fort Lewis College, I have received my Bachelor degree in Exercise Physiology and double minored in Coaching and Nutrition. With my background and knowledge, I hope to give back to the community and educate on how to safely reach your own personal fitness goals or just overall being in better health.





Howard Yackus Memorial Scholarship

Nominated by the
Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagra Counties

Audrey Shenandoah



As far back as I can remember, I have always wanted to become a teacher. My dream is to return to the Onondaga Nation and become a teacher at the Onandaga Nation School. I have worked very hard during my college years. I am preparing to walk the stage in in May and I will finish up my undergrad degree with student teaching in the fall. I will receive my bachelor's degree in January 2025. I plan on continuing my education in the Fall of 2025 to complete my master's degree, specializing in special education.

Without the help from the Native American Services WIOA 166 program, I don't believe my college experiences would be as great as it has been.



Outstanding Employer

*Nominated by the
Cherokee Nation*

Gadugi Call Center



- ◆ American Rescue Plan Act Provided for tribal governments to help turn the tide of the pandemic, address the economic fallout, and build a strong foundation for recovery.
- ◆ June 7, 2021 the Gadugi Call Center began operations
- ◆ 100% Native American owned, operated and staffed
- ◆ Utilizes Work Experience Participants
- ◆ In the last twelve months alone, the call technicians handled 106,870 contacts with citizens: text, chat, email and phone calls.



Gadugi - "Coming Together"