



I WILL SEE YOU

PATHWAYS EVENT

2023



Agenda

Doors Open: 9:30AM

Welcoming: Jaclyn Gray

Opening Prayer: Eric Begay

Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs, Bryan Newland

RSBCIHI CEO, Bill Thomsen

Assembly Member James Ramos

Miss Sherman, Lacy Whipple, Pomo

Leanna Lomeli, Paiute Tribe of Utah

Special Agent in Charge, Christopher Lorenz

Sherman Apache Boys

Round Dance

Excuse to Quad

Lunch & Booths

Raffles 1:45 *must be present to win

Closing Remarks: 2:00PM

Vision & Goals

This event is brought to you by the I Will See You Project awarded by the Administration for Native Americans to the Native Challenge (NC) Department at Riverside-San Bernardino Indian Health Clinic, and hosted by Sherman Indian High School. In addition to working with Native American youth and families, to effectively address the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, we aim to reach the broader community by bringing you this Pathways Event. We are committed to supporting and strengthening the youth and families we work with, however we realize that the crisis of MMIP is largely due to systemic neglect stemming from historical trauma.

These causes include but are not limited to: data reporting inconsistencies, challenges around criminal jurisdiction, and systemic racism. The results of NC surveys revealed that 56.25% of youth do not trust police. 38.1% of youth reported to have had direct interaction with police, experienced harassment or mistreatment by police. In an effort to improve relations with public safety and wellness personnel (including law enforcement, social workers, etc.) an annual Pathways event was created by Native Challenge in collaboration with other RSBCIHI departments and community partners. The purpose of this event is to promote change by encouraging Native American youth to pursue careers in these fields. Following the presentations youth will have the opportunity ask questions as they rotate from booth to booth.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Assembly Member James Ramos

Assemblymember James C. Ramos, a lifelong resident of the San Manuel Indian Reservation and member of the Serrano/Cahuilla tribe, became the first California Native American state lawmaker in 2018. He currently represents the 45th District, which includes the cities of Fontana, Highland, Mentone, Redlands, Rialto, and San Bernardino. The lawmaker chairs the Assembly Rules Committee, the California Legislative Native American Caucus, Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs, Assembly Select Committee on Youth Homelessness in San Bernardino County and former chair of the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs and former chair of the Inland Empire Caucus.

Ramos is a member of the Serrano/Cahuilla tribe. As a child, Ramos lived with his family in a mobile home in one of the most poverty-stricken areas of the county.

To help support his family while attending school, he worked in fast food restaurants and as a janitor in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. Ramos attended local public schools and graduated from San Geronimo High School. Recognizing the importance of education, he went on to receive an Associate Degree in Business at Victor Valley College, a bachelor's degree in accounting at California State University, San Bernardino, and a master of business administration degree at the University of Redlands. As a successful small business entrepreneur, Ramos accumulated broad experience in many levels of community and government matters. Ramos' commitment to public service led to a number of firsts: first Native American named to the California State Board of Education, the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

During his time on the County Board of Supervisors, he served as Board Chair from 2015-2017 where he oversaw America's largest geographic county and served a community of nearly 2.2 million residents. As chair, Ramos oversaw a county government comprised of more than 40 departments and agencies staffed by more than 25,000 public service professionals providing a wide range of vital services in areas that include public safety, health and human services, economic development, housing, recreation, and culture. Ramos's wide range of experience and knowledge of local and regional issues is complemented by his unique ability to bring Republicans and Democrats together to collaborate on a variety of issues. In addition to his elected service, Ramos is a proven civic leader and has served on numerous boards and organizations in the Inland Empire. He is former Chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, with a deep commitment to the preservation of California Indian culture. As chairman, he helped lead the day-to-day operations and during that time saw tremendous growth of a thriving tribal government. Additionally, Ramos is co-founder of the San Manuel Band's Cultural Awareness Program, and serves as director of the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference held annually at California State University, San Bernardino. James and his wife, Terri, have been married for more than 30 years, and are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of three grandchildren.

SPEAKERS



Special Agent in Charge, Christopher Lorenz

Christopher Lorenz is the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services, Special Agent in Charge for District 9 which encompasses all of California. He provides technical assistance to tribal police and other law enforcement partners and is responsible for BIA OJS Special Law Enforcement Commissions (federal deputation) of tribal and state law enforcement who work in Indian Country. He is a liaison to all federal, tribal, state, and local officials, law enforcement and non-profits in California in support of public safety and courts in Indian Country.

Over the last 30 years, Chris has held numerous investigative and leadership roles in federal and local law enforcement agencies and is a Certified Economic Crime Forensic Examiner as well being an instructor in many areas of criminal justice, including firearms, driving and emergency management. His diverse career has spanned working in correctional facilities to protecting former First Lady Nancy Reagan and from spearheading the federal government's response to organized retail crime to being the Logistics Officer for the largest bulk cash seizure in United States history. He enlisted in the Army after high school, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division and recently retired from the Coast Guard Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander where he had roles in Defense Operations, Intelligence, Emergency Management and Law Enforcement.



Bryan Newland

The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (AS-IA) has responsibility for assisting the Secretary of the Interior in fulfilling the Department's trust responsibilities to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and individuals, promoting tribal self-determination and economic well-being, and supporting the government-to-government relationship between the federally recognized tribes and the United States. Bryan Newland is a citizen of the Bay Mills Indian Community (Ojibwe), where he recently completed his tenure as Tribal President. Prior to that, Bryan served as Chief Judge of the Bay Mills Tribal Court.

From 2009 to 2012, he served as a Counselor and Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior - Indian Affairs. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Michigan State University College of Law. Bryan enjoys hiking and kayaking the shores of Lake Superior, and is a nature photography enthusiast.



Bill Thomsen, Chief Executive Officer

I began my career with RSBCIHI in February 1996 as a temporary Property and Supply Clerk for several months before being hired to that permanent position. I then served as the Materials Management Officer for about three years. From there, the position of Quality Management Coordinator became available and I received a promotion to work in that capacity . Since February 2006, I have been honored to serve as RSBCIHI's Chief Operations Officer under the leadership of the CEO. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and a Master's Degree in Health Administration from the University of La Verne.



Jaclyn Gray, Native Challenge Director

Jaclyn Gray (she/her) is the Native Challenge Program Director at Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI). She has worked at RSBCIHI since 2014 serving as a home visitor, project coordinator, and current director for Native Challenge. The program provides community-wide health education prevention services for Native youth, families, and their peers. Jaclyn provides services designed to attract interest in traditional cultural activities

and highlight positive culturally grounded activities to strengthen community wellness. She has a master's degree in Organizational Leadership and bachelor's degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences. She is member of Little Shell Chippewa of Montana and a descendant of Blackfeet Nation. She is a proud mother to 23 year old twin daughters also enrolled in the Little Shell of MT. Promoting culture as a protective factor to bring healing and wellness to tribal communities is something she hopes will leave a lasting impact for generations to come.

BOOTHS

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc.

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc. works to bring awareness against sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sex-trafficking, and murdered & missing in Southern California.

The purpose of our coalition is to enhance the capacity of survivors, advocates, victim organizations, and victim services providers to end violence against American Indian and Alaskan Native people. The goal of our organization is to increase the approachability to improving systemic and community responses to victims. To raise awareness, educate, and to provide technical assistance, training, and supportive services for victims including cultural and unique barriers facing Native Americans.



Joy Landers



Joy is the Youth & Education Coordinator for **Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition**. She received my B.S. in Business with an Human Resources emphasis in 2017. Joy's work consists of planning and organizing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Trafficking training events for our clients, communities, partner agencies. She delivers meaningful content that informs, lifts up, and encourages healing. She also plans and leads a bi-monthly youth group where she seek to develop bonds that will create safety nets for youth in need while also having fun and unique lf.

experiences. As a parent and grandparent to the next generations of our communities, Joy is motivated to reach beyond her self-perceived limitations and work to become a better version of herse

BOOTHS

Cahuilla Consortium Victim Advocacy Program

Samantha Thornsberry



Samantha Thornsberry is an enrolled member of the Cahuilla Band of Indians. In 2008, after 18 years working in secondary and higher education as a Professor of Literature, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education (English and History) and a Master's degree in English from the University of Central Arkansas, Samantha moved back home to Cahuilla. Shortly after, she began working as a Victim Advocate for the newly formed **Cahuilla Consortium Victim Advocacy Program** in 2010 and became the Program Director in 2015, a position she currently maintains. Additionally, Samantha has served on various committees for the Cahuilla Band, including the Scholarship committee, the Economic Development

Committee, an alternate-delegate on the Indian Health Board. In addition, she served as the Board Secretary on the Cahuilla Casino's Board of Directors (2014-2021), is currently serving as a Tribal College alternate-delegate (2022-2023), is a part of the CBOI Tribal Courts and the CBOI Tribal Policy committees (2021 to present), is Co-Chair of the Riverside Tribal Alliance (2022 to present), and is a Tribal Councilmember (2010-2014, 2023 to present). Samantha continues to engage and serve on behalf of the Cahuilla Band and the tribal community through activities that support and promote the welfare and safety of Native people. Currently, Samantha resides on the Cahuilla Reservation with her husband of 34 years, Tim, and their two adult sons and families.

Cesar Segura

Cesar Segura is the Outreach, Prevention, and Education Coordinator for the **Cahuilla Consortium Victim Advocacy Program**. He has been in this position for nearly two years. Previously, Cesar has worked in many different positions focusing on student success in higher education. He holds a bachelor's degree in Biology with an emphasis in Physiology from the California State University, East Bay.



Additionally, he holds a master's degree in Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs from the University of Southern California (fight on!). In his role, he educates the community on gender-based violence focusing on the unique ways violence affects Native American communities.

BOOTHS

Tribal Victim Services Program



Marcelina Shackelford

I am from the Luiseño and Cupeño from the Pechanga and Pala Band of Mission Indians on my maternal side, and I am Mexican on my paternal side. I received my Associate of Arts from Crafton Hills College and a Bachelors of Arts from Cal State San Bernardino in Liberal Studies with a minor in Sociology. I have worked at Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI) for 10 years. I am currently the Program Coordinator for the **Tribal Victim Services Program**. Through

my journey with RSBCIHI, I have gained a wealth of various skills that have allowed me to educate, serve, and provide funding opportunities for my community. I have had the honor to work alongside Lori Sisquoc and Sherman Indian High School in teaching Daughters of Tradition, working with the Choice Dorm, and participating in judging for Miss Sherman. Also, I serve as Chair for San Bernardino County Office of Equity and Inclusion, Native American Awareness Subcommittee since 2018. My experience has provided opportunities to serve the Native American population and to educate non-Native American Agencies about historical trauma and the historical trauma responses that are present in our communities.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker **Julie Andrews**

Julie Andrews is an enrolled member of the Sicangu Band of The Lakota Nation/Rosebud Sioux Tribe. She is a graduate of University of California Riverside and completed her Master's degree in social science at Loma Linda University. She is a **Licensed Clinical Social Worker** with Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. since 2005 in their **Behavioral Health Services Department** currently under the Native American Resource Center. Ms. Andrews dedicates her time and knowledge to reducing the stigma of mental health and creating awareness around the topic of intergenerational trauma with local Native American and Riverside County victim's advocacy agencies. Julie is also a certified facilitator of White Bison and Generation Red Road curriculum for youth and adults. Beyond all the community work Julie does, she is a sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend deeply rooted in remembering her cultural ties. Her passion to advocate is based on the guidance of her ancestors and the impacts that she will have for the generations to come.



BOOTHS

RSBCIHI Eyecare



Dr. Chad Stockert

Chad Stockert, OD. Dr. Chad Stockert, OD is the Eye Care Director at Morongo Indian Health Clinic in Banning, CA. He joined RSBCIHI in 2013 after a small career in private practice. He completed a VA Residency in Primary Eye Care at the San Diego VAMC in La Jolla, CA. His interests include Ocular Disease, Neuro-Optometry and advanced ocular procedures, including injections, lesion removals and laser procedures. When he is not working, he enjoys his time with his family at the lake or river and will work on practically any household project, as long as it involves hard work and new tools.

Curator and Educator



Lorene Sisquoc

Lorene Sisquoc (Fort Sill Apache-Mountain Cahuilla) is a curator, weaver, and educator based in Riverside, California. Curator of the Sherman Indian Museum since 1991, Sisquoc has taught basket-making and Native Plant Uses and Material Culture/Traditions at the Sherman Indian High School and throughout Southern California for many years. She co-founded the organizations Mother Earth Clan Cultural Programs and Southern California

Indian Basket Weavers Organization, and sits on the board of directors of the Malki Museum.

RSBCIHI Pharmacist



Jesse Perez

I am a Multi-Location Pharmacist with RSBCIHI as I rotate between all the different pharmacy sites. I have been a pharmacist for 4 years and with RSBCIHI for almost 2 years. I am married and have 2 young kids ages 2 and 3. I am first person in my family to graduate from college.

RSBCIHI Pharmacy Technician



Keyla Ochoa

My name is Keyla Ochoa. I am 26 year old, born and raised in san Bernardino ca. I come from a family of 7 siblings and a single mother raising us all. When I graduated high school I didn't know what I wanted to do so I settled for working in a warehouse for the last 6 years of my life. Until I realized I didn't want to be stuck working in a warehouse and I needed to think about the future, which is a stable job. So, I decided to attend riverside adult school to be a pharmacy technician from august of 2022 to December 2022. Then I received my license in march of 2023, I need to complete my pharmacy technician license and job within two month after receiving it. Attending the adult school

didn't cost any money, because it is free to adult to get a degree. I applied to riverside- san Bernardino county Indian health, now I am a floater pharmacy technician for the company.

BOOTHS

RSBCIHI Diabetes Department



Eric Eblen

My name is Eric Eblen and I am a Registered Dietitian. I received my Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Loma Linda University. I have worked in skilled nursing facilities and larger hospitals nutrition departments providing diet counsel and kitchen management over the last 10 years. For the last 2 years I have been a Diabetes Case Manager for

Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health. My job consists of diet counsel and lifestyle change along with exercise instruction allowing our patients to live a healthier life and overcome any health challenges.

California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.



The California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. was formally created in 1978 under state law as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of working for the social welfare, educational and economic advancement of its member tribes, groups, organizations and Indians and other Native Americans living in its service area. The Membership of the Consortium includes federally recognized American Indian tribes, reservations, rancherias, bands,

colonies, terminated rancherias, American Indian groups, entities, and organizations (public or private non-profit) satisfying the requirements set forth in the By-Laws of the California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. and as agreed to in the Consortium Agreement formally approved by the membership. The primary purpose of the Consortium is to offer training, employment, and other activities designed to meet the employment and training needs of the client population. The principal funding source is the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

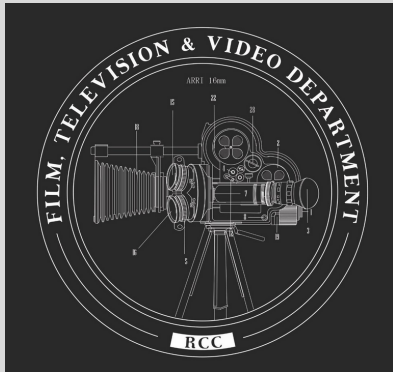
BOOTHS

Native American Student Programs- UC Riverside



Welcome to **Native American Student Programs (NASP)** where you can unite as a community with other American Indian students at UC Riverside. This is your home away from home; a place of support, friendship, and belonging. Celebrate your native culture. Find answers to your questions. Get help and encouragement with school work. Find an internship. Get involved in events, activities, and UCR student groups. Hang out. Have fun. This is your place on campus.

Riverside City College Film TV and Video Department



Our film department is dedicated to the future leaders of cinema. We are fully equipped to support they're unique stories and testimonials with classes that range from news, documentaries, production planning, film editing and special makeup effects. We offer online courses as well as in-person and hybrid. Our students may leave with associates degrees and a sense of confidence in their education that will help them succeed when entering a competitive industry.



Scott Hernandez

Scott M. Hernandez, is an M.F.A and graduate of the University of California, Riverside and holds an M.A from Cal State Northridge. Scott is an Associate Professor at RCC.

Scott is the chair of the **Film and TV. Dept. at Riverside City College** where he has taught for 10 years. He also teaches documentary film making at UC Riverside ARTS. He writes, directs and produces documentary and narrative features.

BOOTHS

United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California



Maria Jhai

Maria Jhai is an Assistant United States Attorney (“AUSA”) in the Violent and Organized Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and in that role she investigates and prosecutes federal crimes. Maria grew up in Southern California. After dropping out of college as a teen-ager, she returned to school, as a parent, in her late twenties, attending community college and then earning a

bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from the University of Arizona and a law degree from University of Michigan. As a federal prosecutor, she has investigated and charged cases involving drug trafficking, murder, hate crimes, human trafficking, firearms offenses, and a bombing, among others.



Special Agent Natalie Bruford

Special Agent Natalie Bruford is originally from San Diego, CA. She graduated from BYU in History Teaching and went on to earn her Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University. Natalie taught high school for nine years in D.C. and Utah before joining the FBI. Natalie worked her first few years on a Counter Terrorism squad before transferring to the violation of Violent Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking.

BOOTHS

Prevention Educator



Kyle Ramos

Kyle Ramos is Community Resource & Prevention Educator with RSBCIHI Behavioral Health Services Department. He has been a member of the RSBCIHI team since 2012, and has contributed to various departments such as Nutrition, BHS, and Native Challenge. Currently, Kyle plays a vital role in implementing and promoting the Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grant within BHS, showcasing his commitment to mental health awareness and support. Kyle attended UC Irvine, and graduated with a BA in History. In his free time, Kyle enjoys reading, staying active, playing the guitar and writing music.

Referral Specialist



Joel Martinez

Hello and peace to you! My name is Joel Martinez and I am a descendant of the Klamath tribes from Southern Oregon. I have lived in the Riverside San Bernardino County for a majority part of my life. I have been a patient with RSBCIHI since I was very young and have been working with RSBCIHI for over a month now. Working with RSBCIHI I have had the opportunity to work alongside some great people that have allowed me to flourish in our department to better serve our community.

California Indian Legal Services



Yvette Morales

Yvette Morales has more than 11 years of experience in frontline client advocacy work. Her passion for working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking began when she volunteered at the Family Justice Center in 2009 and studied the human services profession in school. Mrs. Morales began her career in the Legal and Advocacy Services Division of a social service agency in San Diego County in 2012 as the

Administrative Assistant and was promoted to Bilingual Legal Advocate in 2014. Along with having direct experience in abuse prevention, she is Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention trained, Jaqueline Campbell's Danger Assessment Certified, Runaway Girl's CSEC "CPR" Community Protocol for response trained, and CORI trained. She participates in the San Diego County High Risk Team meetings, the North County Domestic Violence Coalition, the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, and is also a member of the Riverside County Tribal Alliance Domestic Violence Sub-Committee Workgroup. Since 2015, she has worked at California Indian Legal Services. She is the Legal Advocate and assists the attorneys with handling domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking cases.

Susan Dalati

Susan Dalati began her legal career in 1988 as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Honolulu, Hawaii. During some of her time there she worked in the Domestic Violence Unit, Special Prosecution Division. Ms. Dalati also has civil and family law experience. She has worked as a Court Liaison Officer for a police department, and she has teaching experience. From 2002–2015, she worked at a local social services agency that assists victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. She provided direct legal services, managed a center in north county San Diego for more than three years, and supervised and mentored many advocates, attorneys, interns, support staff, and volunteers. Ms. Dalati has provided trainings on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking to many agencies and organizations. She helped to develop and currently participates in the High Risk Team meetings for the north county region of San Diego. She chaired/co-chaired the San Diego North County Domestic Violence Coalition for many years. Since 2015, she has worked at California Indian Legal Services. She is Senior Staff Attorney/Lead DV Attorney and handles domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking cases.

ACTIVITY BOOTHS BY NC

Parent Partners



Marilyn DelaOssa

Marilyn delaOssa is a Parent Partner with Tribal Family Partners Program out of Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. The services offered focus on development-centered parenting, family well-being and parent-child interaction. Marilyn strives to partner with families to support them on their journey to raising strong, healthy, capable children ready for school. She believes strongly in the Native American community and brings her tribal

culture, along with her years of experience in the Early Childhood Development field. Educated at Riverside Community College back in the last 80s and early 90s, she has loved working with the whole family and not just the child in these last 9 years. She has raised three sons and is now the grandmother of six.

Marissa Padilla

Hello, my name is Marissa Padilla. I am an employee with Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health. I have been with Native Challenge since 2017 and enjoy working closely with the Native community. I am a reconnecting Native and enjoy learning about the culture and teachings of the many different tribes. I am trained in the Native Wellness Institute curriculum, Healthy Relationships. We use the curriculum to adapt and develop the, I Will See You, A Missing & Murdered Native American Crisis Prevention Youth Program. I am excited to continue working with the Native youth and community.



ACTIVITY BOOTHS BY NC



Anne Susan

Anne is a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and a descendant of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. She received her dual graduate degree MPH/MSW from the University of California at Berkeley. She served as a U.S. Presidential Fellow under the Clinton Administration at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD. She has over 20 years of federal government service with NIH, Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Indian Health Service. She is a mom to three young adults who have completed their undergraduate degrees.

Anne has served as Health Educator for Native Challenge under the Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Incorporated. She has provided traditional culture as a means for native youth to attain resiliency encouraging healthy relationships, higher education and preparing to be our future leaders to make a difference in our native communities.

Parent Partner



Alexis Reyes

My name is Alexis Reyes, I am a Parent Partner with Tribal Family Partners at the Sn Manuel Clinic. I've been with Native Challenge since June 2022. Previously I worked with a nonprofit organization for 6 years, helping low income children meet academic goals/ needs. With growing up around the native community I'm blessed to have the opportunity to work so closely in the community now as an adult. I'm excited to continue working with the littles as well as the youth.

I Will See You Health Education Staff

Project Lead



Jennifer Diaz

Jennifer Diaz is the Project Lead at Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. and working for community grants serving Native American youth and families. She attended California State University, San Bernardino and received a Masters of Public Health with an emphasis in Community Health and is also a Certified Health Education Specialist. Jennifer has worked in the field for 9 years in educating different populations on pregnancy prevention, leadership, mentorship, and wellness. She is passionate in helping underrepresented communities and hopes to continue shedding light on health issues in the Native community.

Youth Advocate



Eunice Abel

Eunice Abel is a youth advocate that works on the equalization of opportunities for under privileged youth. The Nigerian born immigrant is inspired by her lived experience and a unique diversified upbringing which provides her a unique perspective on inclusion in the community. Her areas of advocacy includes but are not limited to youth homelessness, immigration equality, educational inclusivity, racial justice, and visibility for the missing and murdered indigenous people. While spearheading the campaign for the San-

Bernardino County youth point in time count and recruiting community partners to partake in the count. She is also a graduate from San Bernardino Valley College Community college with two associate degrees in social and behavioral Science, and Administration of Justice. She is currently a student at the University of California Riverside, majoring in Philosophy, where she hopes to propel her to the school of law. Her resilience and her passion for bettering the future for the youth in San Bernardino is her greatest inspiration and one that she continues to work on till date.



Isabella Hernandez

Hello, my name is Isabella Hernandez. I am a Parent Partner and work for RSBCIHI. I am located at the Soboba clinic and serve families with indigenous children ages 0-5. I offer services by partnering with parents to help further develop their child's social-emotional, motor, cognitive, and language skills. I enjoy connecting with the Native community and continuing to expand my knowledge to better support and understand the culture and history of the community I serve. I find joy and passion when working with children because they are the future leaders of this world and I get to see the amazing difference it makes when parents have the support they need

to be there and strengthen their child's brilliance from the start. It may only be the beginning for the children, but seeing their personalities and wits, it is safe to say our future in this world is bright.



Jonathan Contreras

Jonathan Contreras is the data assistant for RSBCIHI's Native Challenge Department. In 2021, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Riverside where he put his analytic abilities to use as a scientist. As the data assistant, he enjoys being able to support tribal communities through data collection and reporting that he believes to be integral to identifying current issues affecting communities.

Special Thank You to Sherman Indian High School!



David Heard

David R. Heard, for the past 12 years, has been the Public Service Instructor for the Career Technical Education Department at Sherman Indian High School. David holds a clear, Designated Single-Subject, Teaching Credential which enables him to teach in the Public Services Sector. David has successfully taught Administration of Justice, and Law Enforcement Occupations for the past 20 years. He is a Mentor Teacher certified by the San Diego County Office of Education, and a

Certified Emergency Management Specialist, certified through the National Association of safety professionals. David has participated in strategy meetings with the Bureau Strategic Planning Committee regarding the bureaus Goals for Native American students College and Career Readiness. He has been certified as a California Academy instructor through Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Peace Officers Standards of Training Napa Valley Criminal Justice Training Center. David is certified and authorized by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services to provide the states Powers of Arrest and Private Security courses. In addition to serving as a high school instructor, David's diverse career includes interfacing and collaborating with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside County Probation Department in a Youth Accountability Program as a liaison between the Perris High School District and law enforcement communities. As director of safety and security for the school district he provided sensitive records and information to the Youth Accountability Court and SARB hearings to the presiding judge. For his service to the juvenile youth program, he was awarded the Riverside County "Prevent Child Abuse Creating Hope" award by the California Legislature, Representative Assemblyman Russ Bogh. Mr. Heard is a retired Sheriff's Sergeant with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department where he also served as a deputy Sheriff in corrections, Patrol, (FTO) Field Training officer, station detective, Investigator in Sheriff's headquarters, and investigator for major narcotics.

David's calming nature, compassion for others and high level of integrity are the driving forces which motivate him to be "ready for service". David is one who is truly committed to making a difference in the lives of those he comes in contact with each and every day.

Special Thank You to Sherman Indian High School!



Karlene Clifford, M.S., PPS School Counselor

Karlene Clifford is Luiseno and Miwok. She is a member of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians. She grew up on the La Jolla Indian Reservation, in San Diego, CA.

Upon earning her B.A., in Social Relations, at the University of California, Riverside, she served as the Education Director for her Tribe

(part-time) and the Indian Student Coordinator for Fallbrook Union High School (part-time). She gives credit to her students for her pursuing a Master's in Counseling at San Diego State University.

She was a College Recruiter for the University of California, at Riverside for eight years before joining the Sherman staff, 24 years ago, as a School Counselor.

Crystal Whitley

Eric Begay

Dilbert Ortiz, Principal

Thank you for attending!



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