

APRIL - MAY 2026

EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE



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New Look!

HOURS OF OPERATION



REGULAR OFFICE

M-F | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY CENTER:

M-F | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

(PLEASE ENTER THROUGH EDUCATION
ENTRANCE DOOR)

The Education Department newsletter has been running since 2024. We take pride in keeping our community informed about ongoing programs, services, and events! Effective communication is essential for sharing updates about new changes, continuing events and services, and providing a platform for our students to showcase their achievements.

We hope you enjoy this newly formatted newsletter, and we look forward to sharing more information from our department!

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Sara Twiss

The department continues to support a range of ongoing programs, including Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training (AVT), Enrichment, Johnson O'Malley (JOM), Native Youth Community Project (NYCP), the Walker River Tribal Library, and oversight of the Technology Center. These programs remain integral to advancing educational opportunities, cultural enrichment, and community engagement across all age groups.



During this reporting period, several key accomplishments were achieved. The "Call for All Graduates" survey identified a total of 30 current students, including eleven 8th-grade students, fourteen high school students, and five college-level students, helping strengthen tracking and support efforts. The program awarded five AVT students and two Enrichment students for the second quarter. Additionally, the department successfully hosted a Student Recognition Night celebrating Term 1/first semester achievements, reinforcing student motivation and community support.

Significant progress was made in progress to secure funding to sustain and expand programming. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Basic Budget request for \$10,000 for FY 2026–2027 was submitted on March 13. A \$100,000 San Manuel Cares grant application was submitted on March 9, along with the FY27 Arts Learning Project proposal for \$7,000, submitted on April 1, 2026. Furthermore, a major IMLS Enhancement Grant application totaling \$150,000 for the 2026–2028 period was submitted on April 10, 2026.

While not all funding efforts were successful, valuable opportunities for growth were identified. Notification was received on March 25 that the NewSchools Venture Fund proposal (submitted in December 2025) was not awarded; however, a follow-up meeting will be scheduled to gather feedback and strengthen future submissions.

The department also maintained a strong presence in professional and educational forums. Staff attended and presented at the 2026 Indian Education Summit, highlighting efforts related to school district Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), the goals of the Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC), and progress toward the Seal of Biliteracy in the Northern Paiute Language for Yerington High School Juniors/Seniors. Additionally, a presenter proposal for the 2026 National Indian Education Association (NIEA) conference was submitted on March 30, focusing on the NYCP program. This year's NIEA Convention will be held on Oct. 7 - 10, 2026, in Buffalo, NY.

Overall, the department continues to demonstrate strong program implementation, student support, and proactive grant-seeking efforts, while maintaining visibility and leadership in regional and national education initiatives.



**SKILLS, OPPORTUNITY, AND
RECOGNITION:
THREE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
FUTURE TRIBAL LEADERS**

MARCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Bi-Weekly Book Club - March 3
- Budgeting Skills Workshop - March 4
- YES/YIS Career Fair - March 5
- WRPT Director's Meeting - March 5
- Youth Overnight Travel Policy - Parents/Guardians Presentation - March 5
- Cultural History & Exploring the Stars Youth Trip - March 6-7
- Microsoft 365 Workshops for Elders - Excel - March 9
- Senior Center Film Event - Wild NV feat. Walker Lake - March 13
- NYCP Data Spreadsheet Due (Mid-year) - March 13
- Bi-weekly Book Club - March 17
- 5th Annual Prayer Horse Ride - March 20 -22
- Microsoft 365 Workshops for Elders - PowerPoint - March 23
- IEAC Meeting (Before IES Summit) - March 25
- Indian Education Summit (NDE) - March 26-27
- Youth GONA Initiative - March 28



APRIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

- B&G Club Reading - April 1
- YHS Native American Club Meeting - April 2
- ASIST safeTALK Training - April 3
- MCSD Title VI Meeting - April 8
- B&G Club Reading - April 8
- Walkabout on Paiute Lands - April 10, 11 & 12
- Beading Graduation Cap Session - April 14, 16, 21, 23, 30
- B&G Club Trip to Walker River Tribal Library - April 15
- YHS Career Fair - April 17
- Community Earth Day Event - April 22
- TMCC Tour - April 27
- NAFOA - Native American Finance Officers Association - April 27-28
- NYCP Coaches Meeting - April 30



MAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Paiute Language Bowl - May 1
- SES 6th Grade Trip to Pyramid Lake Jr. High School - May 4
- Meeting with Great Basin College - Finalize Trip Details - May 5
- SES 6th Grade Trip to Yerington Intermediate School - May 7
- WRPT Tribal Health Fair - May 13
- Nevada Library Directors Summit - May 13-15

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ***Title VI Armed Forces Day Float - May 16***
- ***YHS Paiute Language Exam for Seal of Biliteracy - May 19***
- ***Great Basin College Tour - May 21 - 23***
- ***WRPT Graduates Ceremony - May 28***
- ***Western Nevada College Tour - May 29***



Above: Carissa Lockwood-Brown facilitated an elders Microsoft 365 Workshop on Word, Excel & PowerPoint

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL - BY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT

- Schurz Elementary School Pre-K - 6th Grade - Monday, June 1
- Mineral County School District - Wednesday, June 3
- Churchill County School District - Friday, June 5
- Lyon County School District - Friday, June 10

GRADUATION PROMOTIONS AND COMMENCEMENTS

- SES Kindergarten Promotion - Weds., May 27 at 10:00 AM
- SES 6th Grade Promotion - Monday, June 1 (*Time TBD*)
- Mineral County Jr. High Promotion - Wednesday, June 3 @ 7 PM
- Mineral County High School Graduation - Thursday, June 4 @ 7 PM
- Churchill County Middle School - Thursday, June 4 @ 6 PM
- Churchill County High School - Friday, June 5 @ 6 PM
- Yerington Intermediate School - Wednesday, June 10 @ 6 PM
- Yerington High School - Thursday, June 11 @ 6 PM

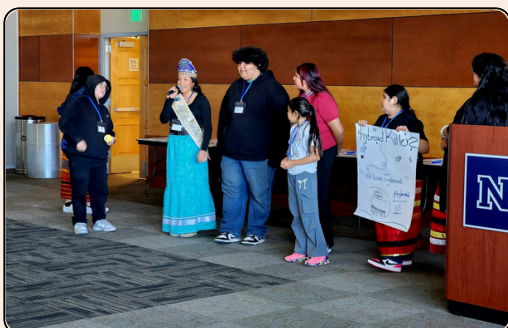
WRPT GRADUATION STOLES WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE GRADUATES' CEREMONY ON MAY 28! IF YOU NEED IT EARLIER, PLEASE CONTACT EDUCATION

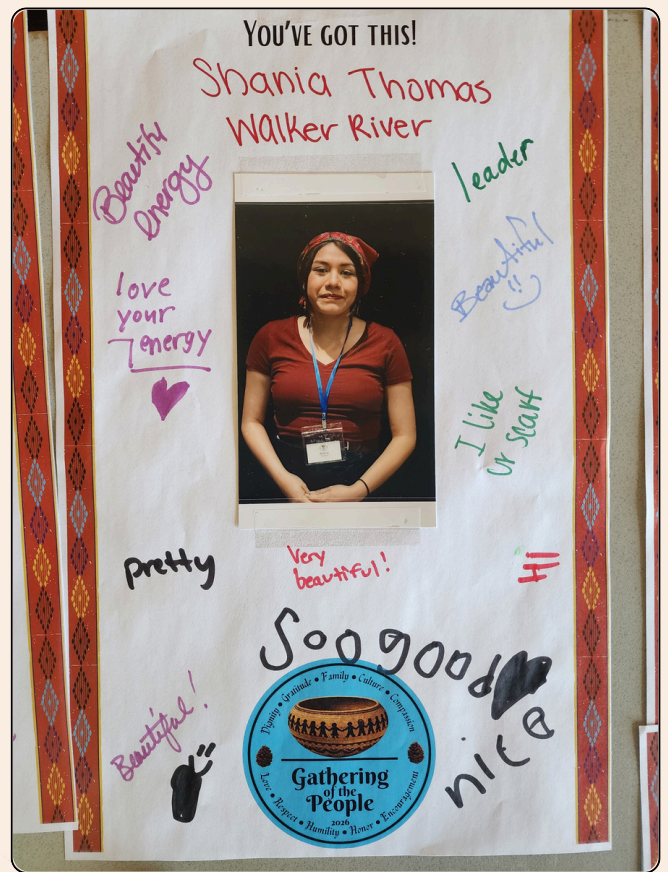




Following the 2026 Indian Education Summit, youth were able to attend a Youth Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) which supports the whole child—socially, emotionally, and culturally—while strengthening students’ sense of identity, connection, and well-being. These foundations contribute to healthier learning environments and empower students to succeed both in school and in their communities.

This Youth GONA represents a meaningful milestone in our partnership with our Nevada Tribal Partners, Tribal entities, and the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Together, we designed this event with the shared goal of delivering the GONA curriculum to help communities address social challenges and build on the foundational concepts of Belonging and Generosity.







WALKABOUT ON PAIUTE LANDS

APRIL 10, 11 & 12, 2026

During the Walkabout on Paiute Lands events, the Education Department NYCP program hosted an outdoor excursion of events, with 3-full days of hands-on activities. Each day, there was knowledge-sharing of the Paiute lands, storytelling, and cultural traditions passed down, all within our beautiful Numu (Paiute) lands! The event is always open to the public, for all ages to attend. Guest facilitators are invited to share their activities and provide cultural insights for participants. Elders are also invited to share their stories and teachings with the group.



"A lot of people might look at this and say, 'Ah that's just a weed', but a lot of plants that we use in a good way are not weeds, they're medicines." -Delmar Stevens



Above: Students learn about horses as medicine, take a morning hike on the foothills of White Mountain, and listen to singer/songwriter/poet Tanaya Winder.



"It started here in Walker River, and we went to each community, Fallon, Lovelock, Yerington, Wadsworth, Nixon, Winnemucca, McDermitt. Our ending point was Thacker Pass."

-Josh Dini explaining the Prayer Horse Ride

WALKABOUT ON PAIUTE LANDS



Above: Hide-making demonstration/traditional flute playing by Dalton Broncho



Above: Indian Hemp String-making by Delmar & Misty Stevens



Above: Students doing hands-on activities and circling up for an ice breaker activity

**"Woke up this morning to greet the day, lit my sage, to give thanks,
and began to pray." - Lyric from Tanaya Winder**

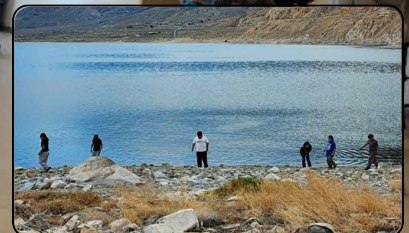


Above: Attendees got to hike around the Mono Lake Craters (ancient volcanoes), and hear traditional stories about Mono Lake Paiutes relations with the surrounding areas.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR CULTURAL FACILITATORS!

*Victor Williams Sr.
Steven "Snake" Frank
Vernon "Birdman" Rogers
Joshua Dini Jr.
Tanaya Winder
Cheri Clendenning
Delmar & Misty Stevens
Dalton Broncho
E'Sha Hoferer
Dean Tonenna*



WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026



**MERVIN WRIGHT JR.
NV RESTORATION TRIBAL LIAISON, THE
NATURE CONSERVANCY**

Thank you to all of our guests who attended and provided informational knowledge on Earth Day! Thank you to Devin Mullins, Miss Walker River for opening the event with a warm welcome. The Housing Dept. for the flower donations and Earth Day competition prizes! Thank you to Tashina Jim, with loneer for donating our raffle prizes, Zee Gonzalez with Hudbay for the water donation, Lance West with Running Strong Foundation for donating/cooking the meat, and many other great businesses and departments that came out to celebrate Bea Teepeu (Mother Earth) with the community! There were over 55 community members that joined the fun and took home valuable knowledge to protect Bea Teepeu! The SES students also had a blast with the art sculpture competition out of recyclable materials, as well as the coloring and essay contests!



**FRIENDS OF NEVADA WILDERNESS -
JULIEN PELLGRINI**



**NORTHWEST NEVADA BIRD ALLIANCE
(LOCAL LAHONTAN AUDUBON CHAPTER)
PICTURED LEFT**



**BROOKE MEYER WITH THE
HOUSING DEPT.**



WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

**FIRST PLACE WINNERS OF THE
RECYCLING ART COMPETITION!
6TH & 5TH GRADE CLASS! THANK
YOU TO NEXT EVOLUTION FOR
THEIR FREE DRINK!
PICTURED ABOVE & RIGHT**



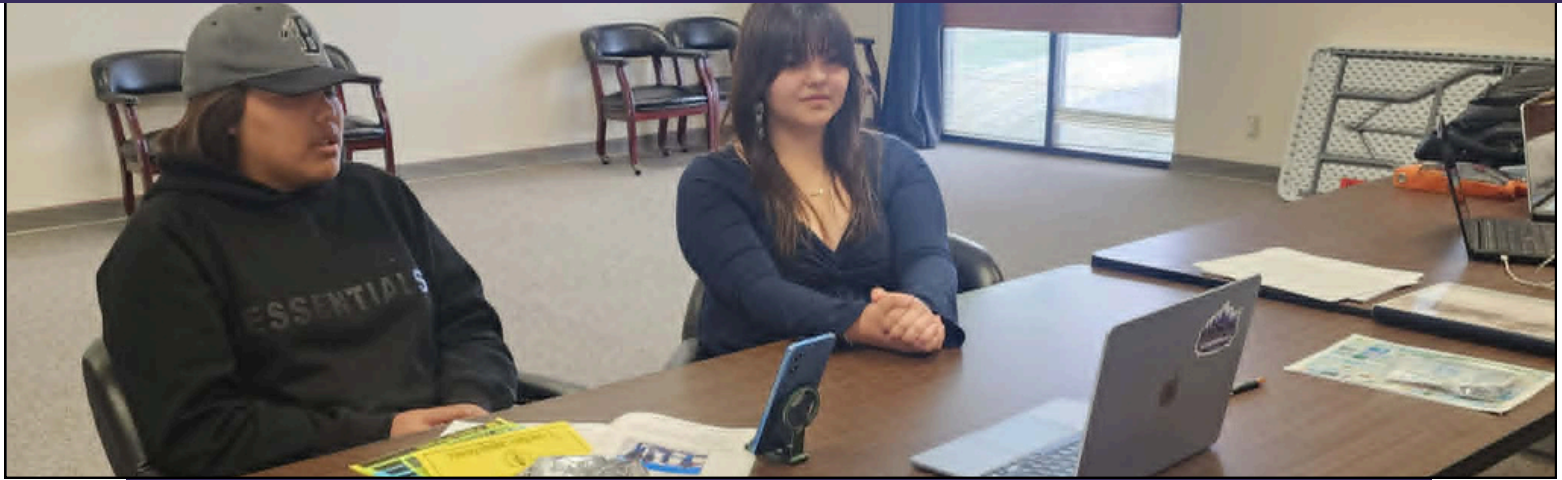
**SECOND PLACE WINNERS!
1ST & 2ND GRADE CLASS!
PICTURED BELOW**



**THIRD PLACE WINNERS!
3RD & 4TH GRADE CLASS!
PICTURED ABOVE**

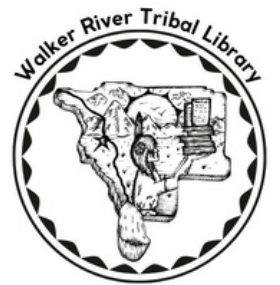
**FOURTH PLACE WINNERS!
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN CLASS!
LEFT & RIGHT LOWER PICTURES**





NORTHERN PAIUTE LANGUAGE SESSIONS BY HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS

Through the Northern Paiute Language Sessions, Elijah Plummer (Walker River Paiute Tribe) and Madisyn Snooks (Yerington Paiute Tribe) are teaming up to demonstrate basic conversational ability and cultural understanding through oral proficiency growth. Together, they are being mentored by their Paiute Language Instructor, E'Sha Hoferer, on the components of building curriculum, language support, and delivering from a teacher's perspective. Interns decided to conduct 3 sessions in Yerington and 3 sessions in Schurz. Sessions are ongoing over a 6-week period, and open to anyone interested in enhancing their Paiute language!



Six Core Subjects:

Foundations & Greetings
Family & Community
Numbers, Time & Daily Life
Nature & Land
Food & Traditional Practices
Review, Application & Celebration

Objectives:

- Greet others and introduce yourself in Paiute
- Identify family members and basic kinship terms
- Use numbers, colors, and common nouns
- Express simple needs, feelings, and daily activities
- Understand the cultural significance of language preservation

When attendance is low, the high school interns have improvised to create pre-recorded lesson sessions utilizing Canva.

This will be shared following the commencement of the program!



Northern Paiute Language Sessions

**Beginners
Level**

**Open to
all ages!**

Hosted by:
Paiute Language Youth Interns
Elijah Plummer & Madisyn Snooks



**We've completed
3 weeks in
Yerington, now
we will do 3 weeks
in Schurz!**

Date/Time/Location: Participants will receive a certificate of completion!

Date:	Time	Location
MONDAY - MAY 4	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Walker River Community Center
WEDNESDAY - MAY 6	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Pre-Recording Session <i>Shared On Facebook!</i>
MONDAY - MAY 11	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Walker River Community Center
WEDNESDAY - MAY 13	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	WRPT Tribal Health Fair
MONDAY - MAY 18	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Pre-Recording Session <i>Shared On Facebook!</i>
WEDNESDAY - MAY 20	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Walker River Tribal Library



TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TOUR

On April 27th, two of our staff members, Carissa Lockwood and Dawna Jackson, chaperoned 7 Yerington High School students to tour the college campuses of TMCC in Reno, NV. They first toured the Applied Technology Center, where students have the opportunity to take classes toward certifications, certificates of achievement, and associate in applied science degrees. The students went through the hands-on classrooms and even talked with a few instructors. They offer advanced manufacturing, architecture, automotive, welding, diesel mechanics, and so much more!



Students had the opportunity to tour the main Dandini Campus as well, where they got to explore the different college buildings, such as the main student services, the fitness center, cafeteria, and classrooms. They learned a lot that day and were happy to know that many degrees in the field are hands-on learning! So exciting to see our native students engaged in their future!



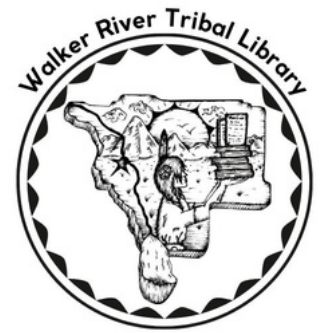


BEADING CAP SESSION

Graduation season is upon us! We are proud to bring in local beader and facilitator, Letisha Yellowhawk of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, to share her beading tutorial session on graduation caps for our youth and community members. Attendees were taught step-by-step with regular attendance and encouragement.



Letisha will continue to join us on May 26 and June 2 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Walker River Tribal Library. Supplies are provided, please bring your own cap or beading item you would like to work on! If you need a ride, please contact Aimee or Carissa from Education.



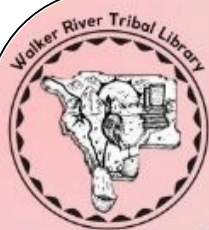
2026 PAIUTE LANGUAGE BOWL



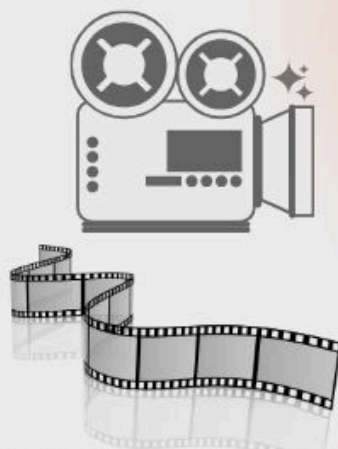
The Education Department is always pleased to provide transportation for the youth to attend and participate in the Paiute Language Bowl. This year, we transported 24 youth from Yerington and Schurz to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Students engaged in a friendly competition to test their knowledge in the Paiute Language.

Congratulations to all the participating schools and students for your incredible dedication and hard work; your efforts truly deserve to be recognized and celebrated.

- 1st Place: Spanish Springs High School
- 2nd Place: Pyramid Lake High School
- 3rd Place: Yerington High School
- 4th Place: Reed High School
- 5th Place: Wooster High School



Walker River Tribal Library Presents Film Screenings for the Senior Center!

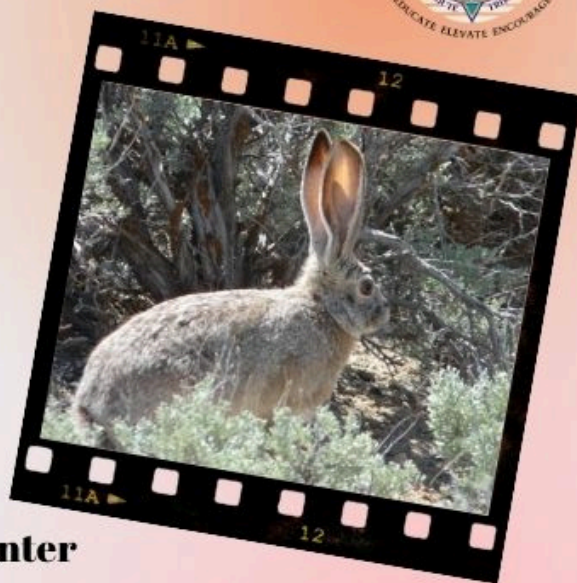


8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
at the Agai Dicutta Elder Center

Friday, May 22nd

Resilience: Voices of Basket Weaving in the Great Basin

An original @One, University Libraries documentary, this film explores the art of Native American basketry-its history, living practice, and future-through the voices of contemporary weavers, museum curators, and Indigenous artists.



Friday, May 29th

Rabbit Boss

Rabbit Boss is a short documentary about the Great Basin's indigenous people's traditional autumn rabbit drives. It follows leader Marvin Dressler as he guides hunters who gather jackrabbits for food and clothing. Through current footage, historic photos, and old home movies, the film shows how this practice has endured despite major changes in Washoe life.



SENIOR FILM SCREENINGS ARE PROUDLY SUPPORTED
THROUGH THE IMLS GRANT

May - June



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2026 Summer Calendar MAY - JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27 SES Kindergarten Promo @ 10:00 AM	28 WRPT Graduates Ceremony @ 6 PM	29 Western Nevada College Tour (Fallon)	30
31	1 SES Last Day SES 6th Grade Promo	2	3 MCSD Last Day 8th Grade Promo @ 7 PM	4 MCCHS Graduation @ 7PM CCSD 8th Grade Promo @ 6 PM	5 CCSD Last Day CCHS Graduation @ 6 PM	6
7	8	9	10 YIS 8th Grade Promo @ 6 PM	11 YHS- Graduation @ 6 PM	12 LCSD- Last Day	13
<i>Depart</i> UNR (4-H Camp) – “Finding My Way” (9 -13 yrs. old) <i>Return</i>						
14	15	16	17	18	19 HOLIDAY Juneteenth	20
<i>Depart</i> UNLV Native Youth College Camp (High School) <i>Return</i>						
<i>Depart</i> UNR L.E.A.D. 2026 Summer Cohort (High School + College Freshman) <i>Return</i>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July - August



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2026 Summer Calendar JULY- AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 HOLIDAY Independence Day Observed	4 HOLIDAY Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Depart 2026 UNITY National Conference - OK						
12	13	14	15	16	17 Fall 2026 Higher Education Applications Due by 5:00 p.m. (PT)	18
2026 UNITY- Oklahoma City, OK Return						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Depart UNR (4-H Camp) - "Discover Your Path" Return						
2	3	4	5 Education Back-To-School Event	6	7	8

Sign-ups are open for all camps and trips! Each trip is different based on eligibility and registration forms. If your student is interested in attending any of these trips, please contact Education to complete the forms. Do not use the QR code or registration process unless you plan on attending independently from the Education Department. All students must be signed up for JOM or NYCP programs.



University of Nevada, Reno

TRIBAL STUDENTS LEAD

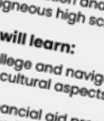
Learn. Empower. Achieve. Dream.

LEAD 2026 SUMMER COHORT DATES:
SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH – THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH



LEAD is a culturally enriched, immersive higher education and leadership exploration program for Native American and Indigenous high school students.

Register here:



<https://bit.ly/4sOawMb>

LEAD Participants will learn:

- How to prepare for college and navigate the academic, social and cultural aspects of campus life
- How to navigate the financial aid process of American Fee Waiver, and resources to make college more affordable
- Degree options at the University of Nevada, Reno
- Campus resources to support success... and more!

Learn more: unr.edu/indigenous-relations/lead
 Sequoyah Pollard at sjpollard@unr.edu or (775)682-5049.



University of Nevada, Reno

Native Nations Center
 Indigenous Nations



University Center
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University of Nevada, Reno
College of Agriculture,
Biotechnology & Natural Resources



TECH HUBS
OFFICIAL DESIGNER



4-H Youth
Development



Tribal Students Program

DISCOVER YOUR PATH!

A summer camp to explore different career paths,
make new friends, & enjoy the outdoors!

July 27-31, 2026

Open to all high school students ages 14-18 and includes cultural learning opportunities connected to American Indian and Alaska Native communities.
Registration cost: \$300/student (financial assistance available)
4-H enrollment required at registration

For groups larger than five students or in need of financial assistance contact Kari Emm.
For registration waiver promo code email kemm@unr.edu.

Lake Tahoe 4-H Camp

4-H Camp Rd, Stateline, NV 89449

REGISTER



Tribal Students Program

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Persons in need of special accommodations or assistance should contact Paul Lewis, and please note the requested service with their request for more information.



In December 2025, our Education Department was notified that we received an approved request amount of \$11,300.00 through the Walker River Paiute Tribe's 2026 Tax Fund Use Plan (TFUP) for six students to attend the UNITY Nationals conference in Oklahoma City, OK!

On May 13, 2026, the Yerington Paiute Tribal Council approved by a vote to match the TFUP-approved request of \$11,300.00 to allow for additional students to attend the UNITY Nationals conference!

We are extremely grateful for the support of both Tribes for the youth and look forward to making this a memorable experience alongside the current elected officials of the Dicutta UNITY Youth Council!



Above: Dicutta UNITY Youth Council attending the 2026 Mid-Year UNITY Conference in Phoenix, AZ



Above: Dicutta UNITY Youth Council attending the 2024 UNITY Nationals event in Portland, OR

SEE WHAT'S COMING UP!

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE | ELKO, NV



NYCP OVERNIGHT TRIP

COLLEGE TOUR AT GBC



**THUR. MAY 21 –
SAT. MAY 23, 2026**

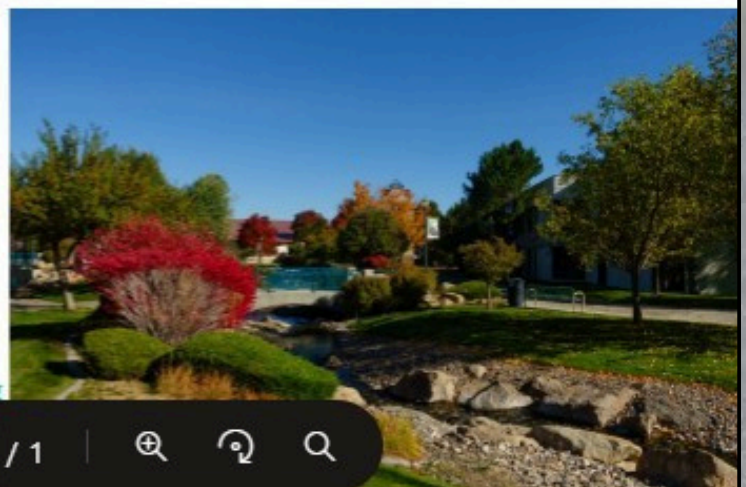
Overnight trip to Elko, NV, to
tour Great Basin College.

SPOTS ARE OPEN!



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SEE WHAT'S COMING UP!



Fallon, NV Campus



College Tour to

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Welding, CNA, and CDL courses

Students will receive a presentation about WNC programs, including welding, Certified Nursing Assistants, Commercial Driver's License, and tour of WNC Campus. Hybrid courses between Carson City and Fallon will also be shared!



Friday, May 29, 2026



3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**160 Campus Way
Fallon, NV 89406**

SPOTS ARE OPEN!



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WNC Fallon Campus:

CNA License

CDL License

Welding (depending on certifications)

WNC Carson/Fallon Hybrid Degrees:

Associate of General Studies

Associate of Arts

Associate of Business

Associate of Science

Computer Information Technology

Criminal Justice

Early Childhood Education

Deaf Studies)

Nursing, RN

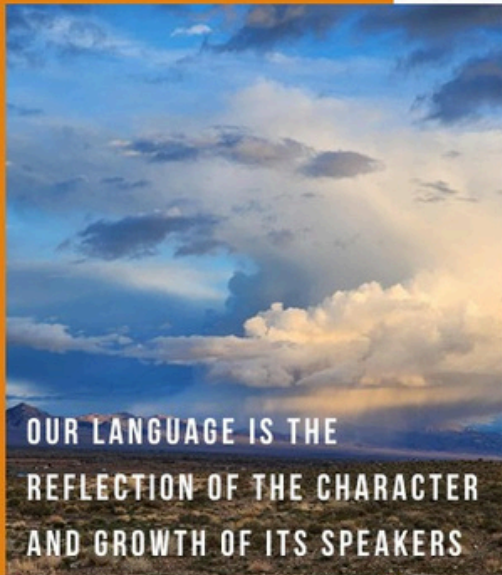
Pizza Provided!



**YERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PREPARE TO TAKE THE
PAIUTE LANGUAGE EXAM TO EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY!
WE CURRENTLY HAVE 10 STUDENTS, INCLUDING JUNIORS AND
SENIORS WHO WILL ATTEMPT THE EXAM ON MAY 19!**



2025 Paiute Language Bowl



**ELIGIBILITY:
YERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS
AND SENIORS! YOU DO NOT HAVE
TO BE CURRENTLY TAKING A
PAIUTE LANGUAGE CLASS.**



Student Exam Dates:

Tuesday, May 19 - Beginning at 8:30 a.m.
*This is a normal school day, and students will be
excused from their class to take the exam.*

Test retakes will be scheduled before
graduation on June 11.



Location: Yerington High School



**Point of Contact for the
Test Exam:**

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Questions about the Seal of Biliteracy?
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NORTHERN PAIUTE LANGUAGE EXAM

to earn the



In collaboration with the Lyon
County School District, the
Nevada Department of
Education, and the Walker
River Paiute Tribe Education
Department



WE'D LIKE TO WISH GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE EXAM ON MAY 19!

WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English.

WHY EARN A SEAL?

- Recognition at high school graduation
- Workplace / Career options
- Add to college applications/resume
- Scholarship opportunities
- Some states grant college credit
- Some universities waive certain language requirements* skills to compete in a global market and workforce

AFTER EARNING THE SEAL

- The seal is attached to the high school diploma
- The seal is updated on the official transcript for one or more languages
- Medals of recognition for students during graduation ceremonies
- District recognition students in the school's graduation program

OVERVIEW OF TEST EXAM

Part 1: Interpretive Listening

In this section, students will listen to 3 recordings from Tribal Elders/Northern Paiute Speakers. After each audio, they will answer a set of questions to measure their comprehension and interpretation of what they heard.

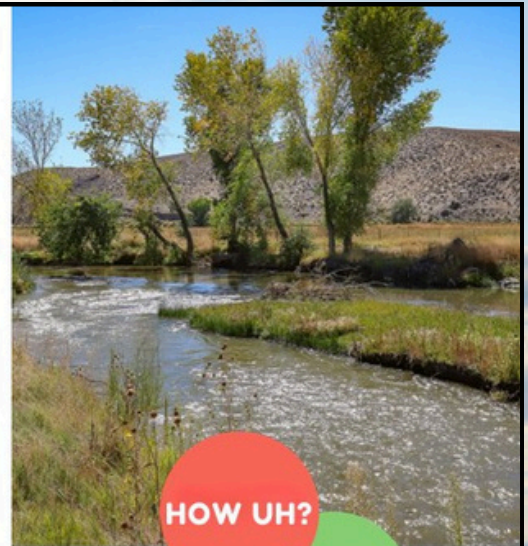
Part 2: Interpersonal Speaking

In this section, students will be required to record conversations on two different platforms. This section is divided into two interpersonal speaking activities: Live Conversation and Simulated Conversation.

Part 3: Presentational Communication

This section is divided into two presentational activities requiring proficiency in two skill sets: Speaking and Writing.

1. Presentational Speaking: Students will be provided a prompt in English to which they must verbally respond in Northern Paiute.
2. Presentational Writing: Students will be provided a prompt in English to which they must respond in writing in Northern Paiute.



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