

NJ American Indian Commission Newsletter

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Top News

The Intertribal Youth Conference 2024 was a smashing success!

On Saturday, November 23rd the New Jersey Commission on American Indian Affairs hosted its first ever Intertribal Youth Conference at Middlesex Fire Academy in Sayreville.

Intertribal Youth Conference November 23rd

Indigenous youth from around New Jersey gathered for a celebration of culture, connection, and education. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our youth, and a special thanks to our friends who traveled from near and far to share their wisdom and expertise.. Wanishi!



Intertribal Youth Conference
Cultural Workshop

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Resources for Native Students

One of the goals of our Intertribal Youth conference was to educate and provide resources for college. We were so fortunate to have representatives from Princeton, Penn, Tufts, Syracuse, Cornell, and Montclair State University come out to share important information and insights on the application process and college experience. College can be scary, especially if you are not sure what resources are available to you as a current or incoming student. Luckily our wonderful presenters were able to share their knowledge to help prepare our youth for the journey of higher education.

Our Current Projects

SUD Narcan Training

- The Rutgers Medical School offers 6 virtual trainings per month and will ship you a free Narcan kit upon completion of your training. Registration details can be found online!

Resources for Native Veterans

- As we enter 2025 we would like to continue to work with our Native veterans and help provide avenues to receive information and resources. More information to come in the following months!



Native American Cultural Summit

The Veteran's Association hosted its Native American Cultural Summit on November 14th and 15th at the Lyons VA Medical Center. Many members of the community came out to participate in fun social activities and engage in thoughtful exercises aligned with the GONA structure. Thank you to our friends from the VA and SAMHSA TTA for providing support for our Native veterans!



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Events On COVID-19:

On Wednesday Nov 13th, 2024, there was a vaccine clinic @ 75 Westcott State Rd. Bridgeton, NJ from 10am-2pm. The following vaccines were available; Flu, COVID and Shingles.



Events continued:

On Saturday Nov. 23rd, 2024, there was a vaccine clinic @ the Church of the Good Shepherd 80 Margaret King Ave. Ringwood, NJ from 10am - 12noon. The following vaccines were available; Flu, Hi Dose Flu and Moderna COVID Booster and it was a success.



COVID-19 Tribal Coordinators

The Commission on American Indian Affairs has a number of resources related to COVID-19. This also includes our wonderful Tribal coordinators! If you ever have any COVID related concerns, here is who to contact:

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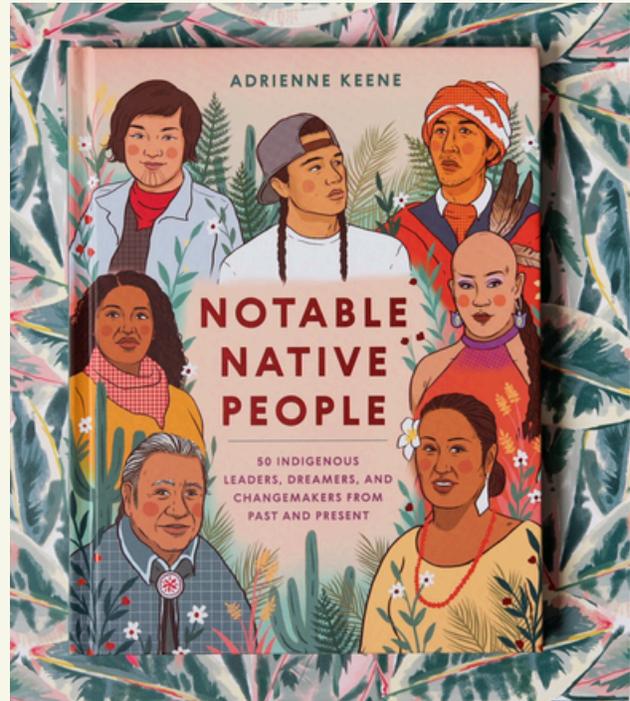
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Recommended Read!

With this issue of our newsletter we continue our segment on recommended reads! This month's recommendation comes to us from Tina Pierce:

“Notable Native People is an illustrated book, written by Adrienne Keene, that explores the perspectives of 50 notable Indigenous people from over the centuries. In this book you will find vibrant art and uncover the inspiring and enlightening stories of some of the most influential Indigenous people throughout history. I highly recommend this read to anyone who is interested in Native American history!”



Month of Awareness

November is Native American Heritage Month! This time is to recognize and celebrate the culture, traditions, and history of our people. This year, be a source for improving American Indian health in your community!



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