

IN-CINC

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CALIFORNIA INDIAN NATIONS COLLEGE



Welcome to CINC's first newsletter!

We are proud to provide information and data on our college, our community, and our students. The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians chartered CINC in September 2017 to create the only accredited two-year tribal college in the state of California. It is our mission to offer culturally-responsive academic curriculum rooted in Native American values and provide personalized support to advance the success of Native and non-Native students. We hope each one of you will continue to join our students in their events, their academic achievements, and to celebrate the many milestones the College has yet to accomplish. Thank you for your dedication to your studies, classes, communities, and our College. We look forward to a brighter future for all!

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The month of November marks the celebration of Native American Heritage month. It is a reminder to pay homage to the many contributions indigenous communities have provided through cultures and traditions throughout history.

Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about various tribes and to raise awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced socially, economically, and culturally both historically and in the present; and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

CINC will be celebrating Heritage Month through the commemoration of "Family Night," being held via Zoom, November 18th, 2020 3:00-5:00pm.

EVENTS

- CINC Application Deadline January 22, 2021
- CINC Class registration Deadline January 22, 2021
- CSU Transfer Fair October 14, 2020 4:00-5:00PM
- CSU Apply Workshop October 15, 2020 3:00-5:00PM
- UC Transfer Application Nov 1- 30 (Fall 2021)
- CSU Transfer Application Date & Deadline October 1- December 4 (Fall 2021)



CINC-ronized Learning: Response to Crisis

We are living in unprecedented times. COVID-19, the global pandemic, has shocked the nation and taken over the various institutions in which we think, live, eat and breathe. Education is no different. All across the globe, many adjustments had to be made in response to the Corona-Virus.

CINC, although a start-up college, didn't skip a beat! Facing the challenge head-on and meeting the various technological and social demands as they arose.

Through strong partnerships with College of the Desert, a diligently hard working and committed staff, CINC was able to continue to provide our students with a quality education and valuable student service's measure's to meet every challenge virtually. COVID-19 proved to be no match to this start-up on a mission!

AT A GLANCE

- Writing assistance? Workshops?---> CHAMPS Corner!
- Request here: [MyWCOnline](#)
- CINC, who we are: [From Here, Still Here](#)
- Congratulations to our 2020 graduates: [Felicitia Payton & Rena Salgado](#)
- CINC Family Night Nov. 18th 3:00-5:00pm [RSVP](#)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER:

Welcome to California Indian Nations College!

As a student of CINC, you are making history. The College administration, faculty, and staff work hard every day to give you every chance at success. Take advantage of their work!

This is your time to better yourself, your family, and your tribe.

However, we cannot do it alone. We need you to help us to grow the College. Bring problems affecting you and your community as well as potential solutions to your classes and our advisory committee meetings.

Your voice matters. Your success matters. Encourage others to join, as instructors, donors, committee members, and especially as students.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to Chairman Darrell Mike and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians for being our Chartering Tribe and for their on-going financial support.

Hy'shqe siam! (Thank you),
Theresa Mike (Lummi)
Founder and Visionary



“College of the Desert is proud to partner with California Indian Nations College. Now, more than ever, the mission of providing culturally-responsive academic curriculum is essential to support and advance the success of Native and non-Native students. It is also in alignment with our responsibility as an educational institution to promote respect for diversity in our community and around the world.”

***~ Joel L. Kinnamon, EdD,
Superintendent /President
College of the Desert***

FOR THE LOVE By Professor Toni Bakal

My immense love for the California Indian Nations College began in the Summer of 2019 when I was asked to instruct an Introduction to Film course. I was asked to not only teach the fundamentals of film-making, but also to instruct on the portrayals of Native Americans in film. My research and studies on the inaccurate portrayals of such rich cultures coincided with experiencing the powerful interconnectedness that built our classroom community from day one of instruction.

The California Indian Nations College is special in that students don't experience college alone, they do it together. I have kept coming back to teach at CINC because of the sense of community among the students and staff, and the beliefs of its leadership that each student is important.

I had the pleasure of coming back to teach Introduction to Mass Media this summer to the CINC students.

I am grateful for all of the guest speakers who visited our class this summer including Frank Blanquet, Director/Producer from FNX/PBS, Chris Eyre, Director/Producer (Smoke Signals), Writer/Editor Terria Smith, Radio Instructor and Engineer/Producer Alex Zatarain, Executive Director of the Native American Journalists Association, Rebecca Landsberry, and Executive Director of Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers & Storytellers, Dr. Lee Francis IV. The guest speakers brought our course work and the mass mediums to life, and extended a network of support to the students which connected them to organizations and resources.

My passion for teaching for CINC can be summed up in one word, community. The family that the students and staff have created, in a college setting, provides support, encouragement and wonderful memories. Each course I have taught has a special place in my heart and a distinct set of experiences with faces and stories that I will treasure forever. It is that web of interconnectedness that makes life special, and the California Indian Nations College does just that.



“CINC has created a culturally safe learning space that has allowed me to grow in my education.”

***~ Felicita Payton
(Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla),
Class of 2020***

