

Phoenix Indian Center College and Career Readiness Youth Program

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Program Purpose

The Phoenix Indian Center's College and Career Readiness Program is a year-long program that empowers American Indian (AI) youths to plan for life after high school.

The program incorporates Indigenous culture, decision-making skills, academic goal preparation, career exploration, and career training initiatives, to help AI youths graduate high school and become successful in their life's journey.



Program Membership

- Open to self-identifying American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students. No CIB required.
- Must reside within Maricopa County, Coconino County, or the Salt-River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
- No minimum GPA is required.
- Rolling Admission, throughout the grant cycle year, via a program application.



Program Overview

Our program incorporates culture, decision making, and goal setting skills to help American Indian students graduate high school and prepare for adulthood.

- **COLLEGE PREPARATION:** Learn skills to help you succeed through high school, prepare for higher education, locate and apply for financial aid, and to apply to college or trade school.
- **CAREER READINESS:** Explore your passions through employer visits. Develop skills needed to build strong networks.
- **CULTURE:** Discover how your culture impacts you and your community through traditional and cultural activities & events.
- **WELLNESS & PREVENTION:** Learn how to overcome peer pressure and avoid risky behaviors.

Youth Activities

Youth participants have opportunities to participate in cultural and community-based events through our programming year.

Select virtual programming options are available, but all programming follows COVID-19 safety guidelines.



Slapshots with the AZ Coyotes



Hoop Dance Instruction with Red Heritage




Indigenous Football Combine



Annual MMIP Walk

Youth Mentorship

The Phoenix Indian Center College and Career Readiness Program offers American Indian mentoring within select partner high schools in Maricopa County.



Calling All American Indian High Students!

Join the Phoenix Indian Center's Monthly Mentoring Program!

We can assist you in identifying your goals, learning skillsets to achieve them and building your drive for resiliency at perseverance in accomplishing your dreams.

Mentorship for self-identifying American Indian/ Native Hawaiian/Alaska Native High School students.

Interested? Let's Talk!

PhxIndCenter.org/youth-programming/

For questions or to sign up contact Lance Sanchez, Native American Advisor:
602-726-0512
Email: lsanchez@phoenixunion.org

Time: 9:57 AM - 10:42 AM
Dates: Held Wednesdays
Nov. 30 < Dec. 21
Jan. 25 < Feb. 22
March 29 < April 26
May 11



College & Trade School Tours and Financial Aid Info

We partner often with universities, colleges & trade schools in Maricopa County who provide our youths virtual & in-person tours. Many of the virtual tours are shared on our social media channels.

We also offer virtual college prep workshops, highlighting FAFSA.



Virtual College Tours

Attention American Indian High School Students!

Don't miss out on our virtual fall college tours! Learn about programs, resources, financial aid, the admissions process & college life.

We will feature representatives from Grand Canyon University, Northwest Indian College (Washington) and the Institute of American Indian Arts (New Mexico).

DATES & DETAILS:

- Dec. 29, 2022
- 1 PM - 3 PM
- Virtually on Zoom
- Register Today:

PhxIndCenter.org/online-options

For Questions Contact Us:
YOUTHPROGRAMS@PHXINDCENTER.ORG | 602-264-6768

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College Boot Camp

Attention American Indian High School Students!

Our College Prep Bootcamp is accepting registrations!

Get information, learn tips & set your goals for your college pathway!

Sign up & get your questions answered in this FREE, 2-day virtual workshop. Raffle prize drawings for participants who complete the workshop!

DATES & DETAILS:

- March 21 & 22, 2023
- 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Virtually on Zoom

Register by March 15th

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F.I.N.A.L. Youth Council

The Youth Council is the representative youth voice of the Phoenix Indian Center and the American Indian Urban Community. The Youth Council is comprised of up to 25 high school members (grades 9-12), representing multiple area high schools and various tribes within Maricopa County.

They serve one-year terms.



Members of the 2022-2023 Youth Council

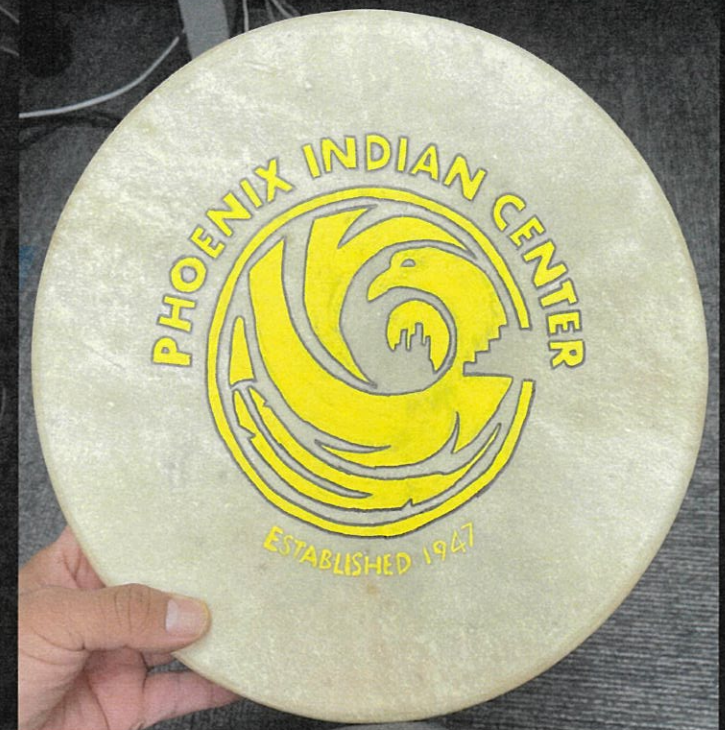
Youth Council Committees

Executive Committee: Helps plan & present programming such as Youth Leadership Day.

Prevention Committee: Focuses mainly on substance abuse awareness.

Wellness Committee: Plans health conscious and physical events.

Community Service Committee: Works within the Phoenix metro region to give back to others in need.



Youth Council Volunteer Ops

Youth Council members not only assist in planning Phoenix Indian Center events, but often volunteer within the Maricopa community as well.



Youth Council Members volunteering at the AZ Sierra Club's habitat restoration project in November 2022.



Youth Council Members volunteering at St. Vincent De Paul in Phoenix in February 2023.

Youth to Work (Y2W)

We place high school juniors & seniors
in PAID internships!

Interns gain experience working with professional employers. They can work up to 40 hours a week, for three weeks each Summer.

Benefits Include:

- All interns attend a free 2-day Job Readiness Training that we provide.
- Mentorship with business leaders in their field of interest.
- Looks great on resumes and college applications.

IN NEED OF INTERNS?



The Phoenix Indian Center is offering virtual & hybrid internships at no cost to interested businesses!
All interns have completed Job Readiness Training through the Phoenix Indian Center.

Interns are paid for their time by the Phoenix Indian Center

INTERNSHIP DATES

- December 19th to January 3
- Interns can work up to 40 Hours weekly

For more info: <https://phxindcenter.org/youth-programming/>

FOR DETAILS & TO APPLY, CONTACT OUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TEAM:
602-264-6768 OR NFULGHAM@PHXINDCENTER.ORG





Youth Leadership Day

Every year, participating youths can be a part of our annual youth leadership event. In 2022, we hosted YLD with the Phoenix Suns!

Summer Academy

Every June, youths can attend college readiness workshops and campus tours with a college or university that we partner with.

Benefits Include:

- All registration and course fees will be paid by the Phoenix Indian Center.
- Looks great on resumes and college applications.
- Optional cultural classes with all materials provided by the Phoenix Indian Center.

Register Today



June 20-24, 2022 | ASU Tempe Campus

INSPIRE is a no-cost, weeklong, college readiness program for American Indian High School students from Arizona Tribal Nations. Students will participate in a variety of academic and cultural based activities while connecting with ASU students, staff and faculty to help them prepare for college.

To apply, visit QR Code:

Open to all 9th-12th grade students



Trips & Conferences

ALL TRIPS ARE PAID BY THE PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER AND MAY INCLUDE:

- U.N.I.T.Y. Youth National Conference
- U.N.I.T.Y. Youth Mid-Year Conference
- YEF Youth Conference
- CADCA Conference
- AISES Conference
- National Congress of American Indians
- Youth Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol
- College Campus Tours
- Career Site Visits



2021-2022 F.I.N.A.L. Youth Council at U.N.I.T.Y.
Mid-Year Conference in Phoenix, AZ

Youth Program Staff



Melanie Mariano, Program Manager

Fun Facts:

- Has led in the ceremonial eagle at Gathering of Nations powwow twice.
- Avid hiker, with 7 major mountain ranges in 4 states conquered so far!
- Once worked as a former radio DJ on 95.5FM in Weatherford, OK.



Trevor Foster, Youth Development Specialist

Fun Facts:

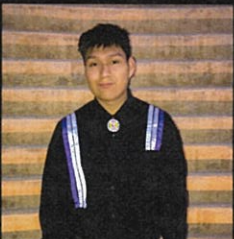
- Enjoys reading a good book under the stars.
- Is a powwow emcee.
- Favorite game is "two truths and a lie."



Nick Fulgham, Youth Development Specialist

Fun Facts:

- Proud father of five.
- Is the middle child of 5 brothers & 5 sisters.
- Football has been his outlet since he was 6 years old.



Ethan Tsosie, Youth Development Specialist

Fun Facts:

- Worked at Dunkin' Donuts.
- Pet Chihuahua named "Coco".
- Loves making playlist on Spotify.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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THANK YOU!