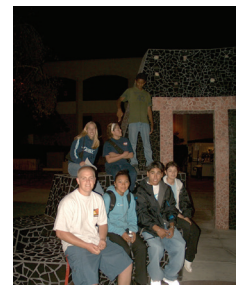




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# AIR News

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“OUR MISSION IS THE PROMOTION AND SUCCESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS WITHIN EDUCATION”

*Celebrating 30 years of community service to our Native Communities*



## *Congrats to our Students on Graduations and Admissions*

It is hard to believe that we have been working on this project for 30 years. It has been a combined effort among all of us in Indian Country supporting our Native Students as they make their way through their academic journey. We congratulate our students on their graduations from their various High Schools across California. We can never say this enough for all the graduates as they earned their diplomas and will be off to experience life.

We are also proud to see them off to the universities of their choice.

This year our students have been admitted to San Diego State University, University of California Irvine, University of California Santa Cruz, George Mason University and University of California, San Diego. Additionally, this year, former AIR students have graduated from San Diego State University, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State Long Beach and Point Loma Nazarene University-Congrats!!!

We are so proud to be some small part of their journey and wish all our students the best in their lifelong pursuits.

*(Pictures above include both recently admitted students and recent univeristy graduates, those pictures from AIR Programs Archives)*





# SAVE THE DATE: AIR Programs 30th Annual Awards and Fundraiser Banquet



**Date:** October 19, 2023

**Location:** San Diego State University

Please save the date (*October 19, 2023*) for our 30th Annual Awards and Fundraiser to be held at San Diego State University. This year is special for us as we celebrate 30 continuous years of community service. So many fantastic programs collaborate with us to support our Native Youth through our Restorative Justice Certification / Scholarships / Youth Court and Honorees. We invite you to stay tuned for additional information on our Banquet and the fantastic Native Youth we will honor.



## Tribal Youth Peer Court / Honors Updates

Preparing for Summer 23 we will add Palomar College to a list of growing collaborators that are dedicated in having our Native Youth succeed within education. We will offer an academic success course to prepare our Native Youth who take our university course Introduction Tribal Legal Studies at UCSD, taught by Intertribal Court Judge, Angela Medrano Esq. (Cahuilla) who also teaches Federal Indian Law at the University of San Diego Law School.



Working with UCSD Extension we will offer a certificate in restorative justice through the courses taken at both UCSD and SDSU. We thank all our community collaborators on their work with us in supporting our Native Youth.

Course	Student Passage rate
*Indicates Covid-19 challenges in Implementation	
<b>Introduction to Legal Systems-UCSD</b> (Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel / Hopi / Morongo Band of Mission Indians)	83%
<b>Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies (UCSD):</b> (San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians / Chickasaw)	75%*
<b>Writing and Rhetoric and Tribal Governance (SDSU):</b> (San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians / Morongo Band of Mission Indians / Chickasaw / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Pomo Dry Creek Rancheria / Delaware and Cherokee people)	77%*
<b>Introduction to Legal Systems-UCSD</b> (San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Jamul Indian Village / Navajo / Cahuilla Band of Indians)	94%*
<b>Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies (UCSD):</b> (San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Jamul Indian Village / Navajo / Cahuilla Band of Indians / Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Nation)	83%*
<b>Writing and Rhetoric and Tribal Governance (SDSU):</b> (San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Jamul Indian Village / Navajo / La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians / Pauma Band of Mission Indians)	90%*
<b>Introduction to Legal Systems-UCSD</b> (Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel / Pechanga / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Apache / Pauma Band of Mission Indians)	100%*
<b>Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies (UCSD):</b> (Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel / Pechanga / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Apache / Pauma Band of Mission Indians)	100%*
<b>Writing and Rhetoric and Tribal Governance (SDSU)</b> Lumbee / Apache / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians	82%
<b>Coun10 College Success Skills (Palomar College)</b> Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation / Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel / Lumbee / Apache	87%
<b>Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies (UCSD):</b> Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / Graton Rancheria / Apache / Viejas Band of Mission Indians / Choctaw / Fernandefo Tataviam Band of Mission Indians / Los Coyotes Band of Luiseño Indians	90%
<b>Writing and Rhetoric and Tribal Governance (SDSU)</b> Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians / San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians/ Pauma Band of Mission Indians / Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel / Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria / Pala Band of Mission Indians	90%
<b>Totals: Tribal Nations Participating/Ave. Passage Rates:</b>	20+/-88%



## Honors Course (Peer Decision Makers Training) Results Statistics:

Passage for online adults in Community College, in CA (in a 2015 study): ~60-65%.

"Programs with 70%+" are considered high achieving

([https://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R\\_615HJR.pdf](https://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_615HJR.pdf))

**Passage for AIYEC/Honors Courses on Average: ~88%**

**What are students gaining through this? They are gaining the following:**

- Students are gaining Academic Credits at the universities in American Indian Studies
- dual credit at most (*not all*) High Schools based on articulation policies of the school district
- knowledge in Tribal Restorative Justice ideals, Tribal Governance and Leadership



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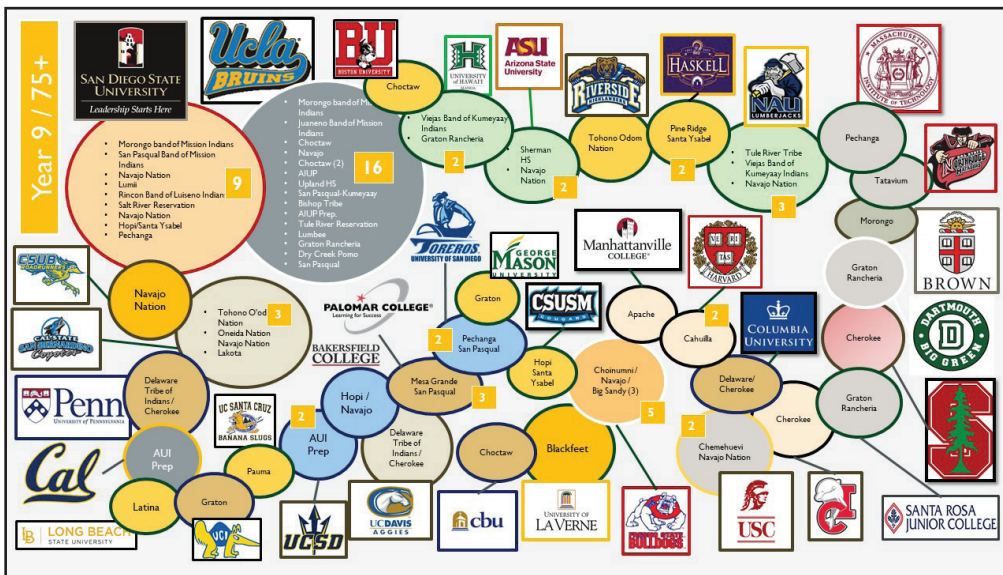


# A quick glance at our Honors Project

AIR Programs has partnered with numerous universities with the ideal that our Native Youth can compete at the university level. From our partnership with UCLA to our latest partnership with Intertribal Court of Southern California / UCSD / SDSU / and Palomar College ~ we have added up all our AIR Student Admissions for the last 9 years.

Initially our collaboration started the concept of utilizing existing university level courses that were based in Tribal Law and Governance and applied them to our Native Youth. We had great success in our implementation of this program. In 2019 we were afforded the opportunity to further engage our Native Youth with our more recent community-based partners (ICSC/UCSD/ SDSU and Palomar College) in training the Peer Decision Makers for the Tribal Youth Court. Here, they would utilize their knowledge in restorative justice to participate as a peer jurist within the Tribal Youth Court at Intertribal Court of Southern CA.

Above we show our passage rates which demonstrates our students understanding of the topics and their success in taking advanced university coursework. The following documentation shows where these students have gone, in the last 9 years, in pursuing higher education.



We started with a small group in 2015 and over the next 9 years our students have been going to some of the top universities in the Nation.

Having these courses from our pool of universities are making our students stand out, as it shows their dedication to academics.

*Numbers reflect only those who we could track. There are many more whom we did not have the opportunity to track.*

## AIR Programs Summer Honors Courses Enrolling Now / Accepting applications

This summer we are collaborating with Palomar College in offering Coun110 College Success Skills, a 3-unit course, from Palomar College. This course is transferable to both UC/CSU in California. This course assists the students in preparing for the rigor of university academics. At the CSU level this is a required course and has demonstrated results in improving college success. This course will be online and mentor assistance will be given to the students.

**Course:** Coun110 College Success Skills - 3 units

**College:** Palomar College

**Purpose:** Provides students with skills, tools, and techniques to reach educational objectives including time management, test taking, note taking, reading comprehension, memory development and more. This course is also available online. For High School Students 9-12th grades.

**Format:** Online in a asynchronous format (weekly assignments)

**Dates:** Starting: June 26th, 2023 / Ending: August 19th, 2023

**Registration:** AIR Programs Honors Project (google.com)

For more information visit our website at: [www.airprograms.org](http://www.airprograms.org)



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## *Congratulations to Judge Sunshine S. Sykes on her appointment as a US District Judge for the Central District of California*

We congratulate US District Judge Sunshine S. Sykes for her appointment to the US District Court for the Central District of California. She marks only the third Native Woman serving as a Federal Judge. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University in 1997 and a Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School in 2001. She was a staff attorney at California Indian Legal Services before being nominated by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as a judge on the Riverside County Superior Court.

We thank her as in 2018 she served as a judge in our Moot Court for our AIR-UCLA course "Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies". Her belief in supporting our students demonstrates not only her dedication to our Native Communities but represents some of the best ideals within Indian Country.

Thank you for your support for our Native Youth and Congratulations on your appointment.

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## *Thank you Ted for your serving on our AIR Board!*



A final note, we thank Ted Griswald for all these years of service for being on our AIR Programs Board. You have had a great impact on our program and our Native Communities through all your work. Most of all, you have become a great friend of all. Thank you for serving as our moot court Judge, a Board member, our Honoree presenter, a fellow bad golfer (ha) and advisor to our program. You will truly be missed and we wish you the best on your next chapter in life!

