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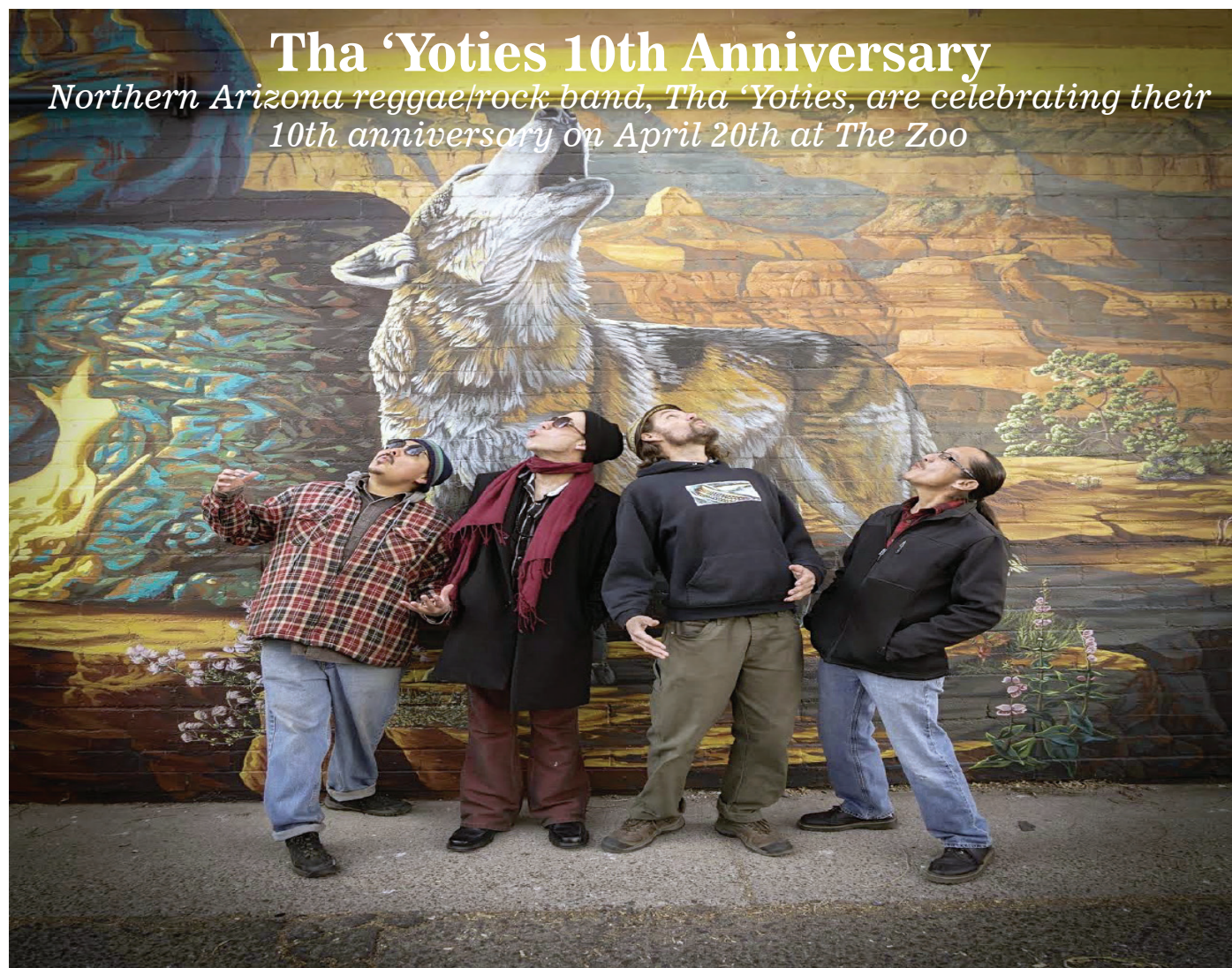
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Irvin L. Coin pictured above. Photo provided by: D.M. Segurra

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Submitted by: Dianne M. Segurra**

**Phoenix, Ariz. - April 8, 2023** Students, alumni, community stakeholders, and others of the U.S. Department of Education's TRiO, housed at Arizona State University (ASU) will gather on Monday, April 10, 2023, 11:30am PT/2:30pm ET to witness the virtual presentation of U.S. House of Representative member, Greg Stanton, who is scheduled to honor the lifetime work of the late Irvin L. Coin, 82, former TRiO Director, ASU with an entry into the 118th U.S. Congress's Congressional Record from his AZ Congressional office and will be live streamed. The effort and virtual watch party was brought forth by alumni of the Upward Bound program, ASU which Mr. Coin served as director for generations as the hosted live watch party will be held at ASU's Congressman Ed Pastor Center for Politics & Public Service, located at Westward Ho, 1st Floor, Concho Room, 618 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. To witness and participate virtually, access via Webinar Registration - Zoom. *Contin. pg. 6-7*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Submitted by: Ed Kabotie**

**Flagstaff, Ariz. - April 13, 2023** Northern Arizona reggae/rock band, Tha 'Yoties, are celebrating their 10th anniversary on April 20th at The Zoo aka The Museum Club in Flagstaff, Ariz. on Thursday, April 20th, at 8:00 p.m. The event features a notable line up Indigenous musicians including, Dine' solo artist Irv Wauneka; Dine'/Apache singer/songwriter Sage Bond (just back from her performance at Carnegie Hall); Hopi singer/composer Ryon Pole-quaptewa; Native American Music Award winning band, Innastate from New Mexico; and the birthday boys, Tha 'Yoties. Doors open at 8:00 p.m., performances begin at 8:30 p.m. The event is for those 21+ with a \$10 cover charge at the door. For more information, check Tha 'Yoties Facebook and Instagram pages.

"We're grateful for a decade of love, respect, and howling for the people and lands of the Colorado Plateau." -Ed Kabotie

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## Hopi Tribe Department of Public Safety Provides Reminder that April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Submitted by: **Kevin Dennis,**  
Structure Firefighter - Department  
Of Public Safety

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – April 5, 2023**  
April 2023 has been designated as **Distracted Driver Awareness Month** by the National Safety Council (NSC). This event is intended to raise awareness and implementation of safe driving practices to decrease the number of on-the-road-related injuries and fatalities. Distracted driving refers to any activity that may divert a motorist's attention from the road and it has become a deadly epidemic on our roads today.

There are three main types of distractions that can interfere with drivers' attentiveness behind the wheel.

- **Visual distractions:** These distractions involve motorists taking their eyes off the road. Some examples of visual distractions include reading emails or text messages, focusing on vehicle passengers, looking at maps or navigation systems, and observing nearby activities (e.g., accidents, traffic stops, or roadside attractions) while driving.

- **Manual distractions:** Such distractions entail motorists removing their hands from the steering wheel. Some examples of manual distractions include texting, adjusting the radio, programming navigation systems, eating, drinking, or performing personal grooming tasks (e.g., applying makeup) while driving.

- **Cognitive distractions:** These distractions stem from motorists taking their minds off driving. Primary examples of cognitive distractions include talking on the phone, conversing with vehicle passengers, or daydreaming while driving.

Regardless of diversion type, distracted driving is a serious safety hazard that contributes to a significant number of accidents on the road. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that more than 3,100 people were killed and 424,000 were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver — equating to approximately eight deaths and 1,100 injuries per day. Considering these findings, it's crucial to take steps to

prevent distracted driving. Some tips to prevent distracted driving include:

### **Driving Responsibly**

- Don't use your cell phone while driving. Avoid texting, checking notifications, or making calls while driving, handle distractions before you drive.

- Avoid multitasking. When you or your passengers are behind the wheel, all attention should be on the road. Prevent distracted driving from the passenger seat.

- Plan ahead. Before starting your drive, ensure that everything needed is ready to go. For example, if you need route navigation, ensure that your navigation system is programmed prior to starting to drive.

- Ensure that drivers are well-rested. Fatigue increases the chances of a driver becoming distracted.

- Pay attention to the road. Focus on the road and be aware of any potential hazards. Driving is Risky. Distracted driving is worse!

### **Take Action**

- Remind your friends and family: If you're in the driver's seat, it's the only thing you should be doing. No distractions.

- If your driver is texting or otherwise distracted, tell them to stop and focus on the road.

- Ask your friends to join you in pledging not to drive distracted. You could save a life. Share your pledge on social media to spread the word — #JustDrive.

For some employers, implementation of telematics and dashcam programs can assist in reinforcing safe driving practices and adherence to company policies related to operating motor vehicles. As an added benefit, dashcam footage is often utilized by insurance companies to assist in the claim process when incidents occur.

When you're behind the wheel, your **ONLY** job is to drive!

**Safety is everyone's responsibility!**

## Hopi Law Enforcement Services PRESS RELEASE



## Hopi Law Enforcement Services Honors Dispatchers for 2023 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Submitted by: **Lt. Marcus Yowytewa – Hopi Law Enforcement Services**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – April 11, 2023** Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) is celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunications Week by honoring its dispatchers.

Dispatchers are our “behind-the-scenes heroes.” They play a vital role for the Hopi Tribe and its surrounding communities and are normally the first point of contact during emergency situations. HLES Dispatchers dispatch calls for HLES, Hopi Emergency Medical Services, Hopi Structural Fire, and Hopi Wildland Fire Department.

Dispatchers are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to answer calls for service. They often deal with people when they are having one of their worst days. Dispatchers deal with everything from calls for crimes, car accidents, fires, and every critical event in between.

The HLES dispatch center currently operates with 7 Dispatchers and 1 Dispatch Supervisor. When first hired, each dispatcher attends a three week dispatch academy and after graduation they participate in a field training program. Communication, the ability to remain calm under stressful situations, and a willingness to help others are critical skills dispatchers must possess to be a dispatcher.

Please take time to join us and say thank you to the HLES Dispatchers.

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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## 2nd Quarter Session

### March 1, 2023

## MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AGENDA – Amendment #1

### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center – Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, Hopi Tribe – Tabled

2. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

4. Action Item #093-2022 – To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council –

Author/Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi – Tabled

5. Action Item #031-2023 – to approve Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Bylaws – Author/Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee – Tabled

### XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #021-2023 – Walpi Housing Management Agreement – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

2. Action Item #034-2023 – To transfer an estimated \$5.8 million of expenditures, not to exceed \$6.0 million, from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) – Author/ Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management

3. Action Item #035-2023 – To contract Walker & Armstrong, LLP to provide accounting services for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2021, technical assistance and training to the Office of Financial Management – Author/ Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management

4. Action Item #036-2023 – Acceptance of Award

#22PLAZFVPS from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families – Author/Maude Yoyhoeoma, Director, Domestic Violence Program

5. Action Item #038-2023 – To approve HTEDC's Authority to Waive its Sovereign Immunity on a Limited Basis as part of the Taawaki Inn Project and as Authorized in Section 7 of the HTEDC Charter of Incorporation – Author/Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation – \*\*Time Certain, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

6. Action Item #039-2023 – Capital Purchase of 2022 Fort Transit Mobility van in excess of \$60,000 – Author/ Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit

7. Action Item #041-2023 – Approval of the Hopi Health Care Center renovation and expansion construction contract with Brycon Construction – Author/Daryl Melvin, Owners Representative – \*\*Time Certain, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

8. Action Item #042-2023 – Kurt Spilker's Attorney Employment Contract and Appointment as Chief Prosecutor – Author/Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – \*\*Time Certain, Thursday, April 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

9. Discussion & Possible Action – Letter dated September 2, 2022 from Ronald Honahni, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi; RE: Request to Explore Gaming in the Upper Village of Moenkopi – Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi – Referred to Hopi Gaming Committee.

10. Letter dated November 29, 2022 from Bernalda Poleahla Navasie; RE: Letter of Interest for vacant Regular member position and Alternate position on the Hopi Election Board – Dwayne Secakuku, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. Interview.

11. Letter dated March 20, 2023 regarding Navajo Nation's opening presentation to the Little Colorado River Adjudication – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

12. Letter dated December 16, 2023 for discussion and possible

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**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
2nd Quarter Session  
March 1, 2023**

**MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AGENDA– Amendment #1, continued...**

action from Ivan L. Sidney, FMCV Administrator regarding contact information protocol for First Mesa Consolidated Villages leadership – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

13. Letter dated March 22, 2023 from the Orayvi Village Board requesting to discuss Resolution H-044-2023 – Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - \*\*Time Certain, Thursday, April 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

14. Letter dated March 30, 2023 regarding Hopi Tribal Council Alternate Representative to the Budget Oversight Team from Eugene Talas, Chair, Budget Oversight Team – Arthur Batala, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi

**XII. REPORTS**

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer – Wells Fargo Bank Report, Mr. Greg Heap, Relationship Manager and Mr. Tyler Taygrien, Vice President, Investment Services – \*\*Time Certain, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee

8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
  - a. Moenkopi Developers Corp. – Status of Moenkopi Developers Corp. Hopi Loan – TABLED - \*\*Time Certain, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

b. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications – TABLED

11. Health/Education Committee
12. Pandemic Recovery Committee – Narrative written programmatic report and financial status regarding the recovery efforts undertaken utilizing said funds – Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
13. Tawa’ovi Investigation Report by R. Gehl Tucker as requested in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution – \*\*Time Certain, Thursday, March 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
14. Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – Annual Review for Year 2022 – Lucinda Smiley, Chief Executive Officer, HTEDC - \*\*Time Certain, Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item**

**\*\*Time Certain Requests**

**PRESS RELEASE**



**Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation  
Announces  
New Hotel “Taawaki Inn” Coming In 2024**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Submitted by: Tashia Bakurza**

**Flagstaff, Ariz. – April 6, 2023** The Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC) is announcing a new hotel, “Taawaki Inn” coming to the town of Clarkdale, Ariz. The hotel will be completed in 2024. This new establishment is monumental for the Hopi tribe, as this would be the first hotel ever constructed off the Hopi reservation, and quite a milestone for the Hopi people, and for HTEDC to set new ground for the tribe.

As a great asset, Taawaki Inn will create jobs for the Hopi people and a place to have Hopi artists come to showcase their artwork, since many artists rely on their artwork as income for their families. Taawaki Inn will be the first hotel constructed for the Corporation, along with extending out to new adventurous in the hospitality industry off the Hopi reservation.

The Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation has set the town of Clarkdale, AZ to be the site for Taawaki Inn. Due to the uniqueness of the town of Clarkdale, which has attracted an ample number of people to visit every year, Tuzigoot National Monument nearby, which is part of the history of the Hopi people, and the increase of local vineyards, that are being established.

Taawaki Inn will be a unique establishment to be a part of the Clarkdale community. This new addition will bring Hopi culture and education to the community and visitors who come to experience the Hopi culture, along with an insight of displaying the artistic talents of the Hopi people for all to see.

For more information contact: Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation at 928-522-8675

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## **AZ Virtual Watch Party of U.S. Rep Greg Stanton (AZ-04) Honoring Life of AZ Educational Leader Irvin L. Coin**

*First Native American & First Director to Lead U.S. Department of Education's First-Generation Education Programs...continued from pg. 2*

This Congressional Record will be a permanent record in our U.S. history of the late Irvin L. Coin's over 40-year career has impacted the state of Arizona and our nation because of his fiercely determined and unflinching belief that all in this nation and all nations, everyone deserves an opportunity to learn, be formally educated, no matter circumstance, creed or means. This lifetime honor comes on the heels of Irvin L. Coin's passing on February 24, 2023 the 37th anniversary of congressional resolution (H. Con. Res. 278) which established the nation's National TRiO Day, as Irvin L. Coin was laid to rest, surrounded by family and close friends on February 28, 2023 -- the 37th anniversary of national TRiO Day.

Mr. Coin, affectionately always referred to by the thousands of his former students, staff and colleagues, championed access and opportunity for thousands of first-generation students to attend, attain and secure higher education degrees to those who might not ever have been exposed to the promise of what a higher education degree can provide. Mr. Coin's life work impacted generations of students from and throughout the Phoenix area as alumni primarily have graduated from the program because of Mr. Coin and generationally have resided in the late U.S. House Representative Ed Pastor former district, currently represented by U.S. House Representative Ruben Gallegos (D-AZ).

Coin, born 24 years prior to the signing of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, in the small northeastern, Arizonan town of Winslow, Coin was a full-blood member of the Hopi Tribe of Northern Arizona, one of the oldest modern cultures in documented history in Arizona. Growing up in poverty, his single bedroom home was located steps away from the railroad tracks along the historic Route 66.

It was his love for music and his gift as a musician that would set his trajectory forward that created a pathway out of poverty. At a young age, he discovered he had a gift as a musician, a trumpet player and was one of the youngest members of the Santa Fe Railroad Indian Band, a group of all Native American musicians, who toured all across the nation. The band performed at the dedication of Union Station in Los Angeles, and President Eisenhower's initial inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., among other historical events and before additional dignitaries. Through his musical talent, he was awarded a music scholarship to Arizona State University where he graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. And as a young professional, while teaching at multiple Phoenix metro area high schools, Mr. Coin's passion for education was solidified. As he continued to

teach throughout the Valley of the Sun, he simultaneously earned a master's degree in Education.

Mr. Coin's integrity earned him a reputation as a caring, trusting person highly committed to students. He believed in what he described as the "Powers of Education." He demonstrated this belief as a teacher, educator, and administrator at the high school, community college, and university levels. Coin's efforts also left a profound effect throughout the southwest and west coast states as a member of the Board of Directors of the D.C. based Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) and President of the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) as a known advisor to his west coast TRiO programs colleagues at UCLA, UC Berkeley, among others.

During his over 40-year educational career, Mr. Coin has been an uncompromising higher education advocate, education consultant and has been described as an inspirational leader and teacher. In the hundreds of motivational speeches he has delivered, as well as the countless one-on-one meetings he has held with students over the years, Mr. Coin has profoundly influenced students, and described as a father figure to many, demonstrated his unrelenting faith in their potential, and always expressed joy and excitement at witnessing the fulfillment of their dreams.

When asked about the type of work he does, Mr. Coin's answer was simple, "I am developing an Army of leaders whose purpose is to change the world." He took this affirmation of belief to educational leaders and students throughout Arizona, the WESTOP region, and nationally.

Mr. Coin is preceded in death by his eldest son, the late Christopher Coin, survived by his son Bryan Coin, his two grandchildren and the thousands of ASU TRiO, Upward Bound students that attended institutions of higher learning which have included Harvard, Stanford, Georgetown, UC Berkeley and Arizona State University.

With a life that began just steps away from Route 66, Irvin L. Coin passed away in Phoenix, AZ on February 24, 2023 (the 37th anniversary of congressional resolution (H. Con. Res. 278) which established the nation's National TRiO Day. He was laid to rest, surrounded by family and close friends on February 28, 2023 -- the 37th anniversary of national TRiO Day.

### **About TRiO Upward Bound**

Founded in 1966, Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance.

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The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves: high school students from low-income families; first-generation and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. The program is one of a cluster of programs now referred to as TRiO, all of which owe their existence to the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and the Higher Education Act of 1965. For more information, please visit, [www.coenet.org](http://www.coenet.org) as notable alumni include:

- Cardi B., (Rapper)
- Angela Bassett, (Actor)
- Donna Brazile, (Political strategist)
- Viola Davis, (Actor)
- Patrick Ewing, (NBA retired)
- Jose Hernandez, (retired, NASA Astronaut)
- Kenny Leon (Director/Producer/Actor)
- John Quiñonez, (TV journalist and host)
- Raphael Warnock, (U.S. Senator and Baptist pastor)

### **About TRiO Upward Bound at Arizona State University**

Operating continuously at ASU since 1966, TRiO Upward Bound is designed to improve academic performance, increase student motivation and facilitate the transition from one level of education to the next. First-generation and/or low-income college-bound high school students receive academic support, mentoring, university exposure and the tools to successfully graduate high school, and earn college admission towards a college degree. Upward Bound participants are empowered to achieve professional and personal goals and experience personal, cultural, educational, social and career development. ASU Upward Bound alumni include:

- Raquel Aldana, Esq. (Author, Professor and former Associate Vice Chancellor - UC Davis)
- Dr. Mark Lopez (Education Advocate and Consultant, former Assistant Secretary, New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education)
- José Ronstadt (News Anchor)
- Dianne M. Segura (political strategist, former Biden-Harris Administration personnel and Obama For America)
- Christina Valenzuela (Asst. Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, Tolleson Union HS District)
- Soilo Felix (CEO, Be A Leader Foundation)

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## Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - April 14, 2023** Due to transitions occurring in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) the August 26, 2022 COVID 19 report was the latest data being provided for the public.

Hopi Tutuveni was informed by DHHS staff that until DHHS and Tribal Leadership determined roles of the Public Health Authority, no reports would be submitted to Hopi Tutuveni.

Hopi Tutuveni Staff and Editorial Board know the importance of providing such health information to the Hopi public. Since Hopi is still officially under Pandemic status and there are known active COVID cases on Hopi, we continue to welcome updates from DHHS and/or the Hopi H.E.O.C. about that important information which impacts the Hopi public.

Hopi Tutuveni continued republishing the last and latest Covid-19 Report dated August 26, 2022, received from DHHS and up through the third year of the pandemic, in the March 15, 2023 publication. The August 26, 2023 Response report can still be found online at: <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni>

Until the Hopi DHHS provides an update the only data Hopi Tutuveni has to report to the Hopi public was from August 2022 however a place holder will be held for that information, and once updated it will be provided in this dedicated space for important health information for the Hopi public.

**MaskUP**  
in social  
settings

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**To bring  
DOWN  
our numbers**

Wearing a mask when around others especially in enclosed spaces can prevent the spread of disease and help us reduce the number of cases of COVID-19

**SpeakUP**  
and ask for  
Treatment options

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**To bring  
DOWN  
our numbers**

Using oral treatment if you test positive can help make sure you recover quickly and help us reduce the number of cases of COVID-19



# Hopi Campaign Effort to Increase Booster Vaccination Numbers

*Public Health Authority addresses need  
for more tribal members to be vaccinated*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Armando Saldivar, Communications Specialist - Hopi Tribe/  
CDC Foundation

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – April 5, 2023** Dr. Darren Vicenti, Hopi Public Health Authority, is launching an effort to educate and empower Hopi Tribal Members to make sure they and their loved ones are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The effort comes as the latest numbers show that approximately 30 percent of the overall Hopi population has received the most updated bivalent vaccine.

“There seems to be a disconnect between the importance of the most recent vaccines and our community members realizing how important it is to stay up to date with their COVID prevention efforts,” Dr. Vicenti said. “These shots have shown to be more than 80 percent effective at preventing severe COVID-19 illness, which is 37 percent more protection than what was offered with the first boosters that were available. These vaccines are safe and any side effects are much more mild than a COVID infection.”

In addition to vulnerable populations including our elders and those with underlying medical conditions, Dr. Vicenti will be targeting school-aged children who spend hours together with others in close contact/indoor settings. Parents of students in local schools should expect to receive a correspondence reminding them of the importance of vaccination and the role that vaccines play in reducing the number of COVID cases at Hopi.

Additional recommendations to prevent or decrease the spread of COVID include:

- Rapid testing when you experience symptoms (even if mild), and home testing prior to any planned indoor gatherings. This is especially important for Hopi gatherings in kivas as they are considered a closed, indoor setting.
- The use of oral COVID treatment which are available at HHCC and should be started as soon as a positive home test is detected.
- The use of masks when indoors in groups in locations where cases are high. Both Navajo and Apache counties meet these “high risk” areas criteria. This does not in any way prevent participation in or enjoyment of ceremonies. It protects our communities and elders in alignment with our basic Hopi teaching and collective, shared responsibility.
- Sharing of Hopi ceremonial pipes has been identified in the past as a method of transmission. Cleaning of ceremonial pipes with appropriate sanitizer solutions and allowing them to completely dry prior to reuse is recommended.
- Confirmed positive cases should continue to maintain isolation for five to ten days. Those exposed to a confirmed positive should also maintain quarantine awareness, masking, and repeat testing in alignment with CDC guidelines.

For any details and questions contact: Beatrice Norton Acting Director Hopi Department of Health and Human Services by phone at: (928) 734-3551 or via email [BNorton@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:BNorton@hopi.nsn.us)

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# Tribal Stations Train for Emergencies

By: **Melissa Begay**

**Flagstaff, Ariz. - April 10, 2023** Native American radio stations have faced significant challenges in recent years due to both human-caused and natural disasters. In October 2018, burglars stole essential production equipment from the KYNR radio station on Yakama Indian Reservation in Toppenish, Washington. In December 2021, an arsonist set fire to the building that housed the KDKO radio station on the Yankton Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota. More recently, in September 2022, a windstorm took down KCUK’s 60-foot antenna, damaging the transmit antennas in Chevak, Alaska. These events resulted in the stations temporarily going off-air for up to a year.

To help mitigate events like these, Native Public Media is providing Station Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) training to broadcasters across Indian Country. The EOP training helps station personnel mitigate service disruption by developing a customized station emergency operations plan. Over twenty broadcast personnel and six radio station licensees have learned to save lives and property by participating in EOP training. NPM held two regional training labs in February and March 2023 for the Southwest region in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the Northwest region in Pendleton, Oregon. NPM will offer four additional regional training labs in the next three months.

“KIYE has an existing EOP in place that I thought was good. After attending the training, I will be revising and adding to it. The training was informative and eye-opening,” said Tom Williamson, KIYE Broadcast Technician. KIYE is the voice of the Nez Perce Nation in Lapwai, Idaho.

In 2017, NPM published its first Emergency Communications Guidebook as part of NPM’s Emergency Response Program (ERP), which proved instrumental during the covid-19 pandemic. NPM is expanding its program by developing the Kinship App. Native stations will use the App to communicate locally and coordinate during emergencies or connect with stations in the Native Broadcast Network of sixty-plus stations across fifteen states.

Melissa Begay, the lead trainer for NPM’s ERP program, emphasizes the importance of emergency preparedness and planning in preventing and managing human-caused or natural disasters such as



Pictured above are participants of the Tribal Stations Training. Photo courtesy: M. Begay, NPM

extreme weather. “Improving the resiliency of tribal communities and broadcast stations is the goal of the ERP program,” states Begay. “The EOP training offers a collaborative community approach to ensure the resiliency and sustainability of Tribal Nations who depend on the radio during emergencies and disasters.”

Over the past six years, NPM trained over 150 broadcast personnel and first responders to effectively communicate with the public during a disaster and improve the quality of broadcast service to Native communities. Tribal radio stations serve as first informers of health and safety information, provide weather and hazard warnings, and represent an essential medium of local and national news, local programming, community-based events, and live broadcasts of sporting events, including entertainment.

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**Hopi Tribe, FY2023-2027 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)**

The Hopi Tribe, has prepared a Tribal Transportation Plan (TTIP) to present to the BIA for the 2023 – 2027 funding. Funding from the TTIP will be used for road improvement, salaries, roads maintenance, equipment/vehicle purchase, and supplies.

Public comments concerning the TTP are welcome and copies can be obtained from the Hopi Department of Transportation office located at the Kykotsmovi Village, Youth & Elderly building.

Any questions concerning this can be directed to the Hopi Department of Transportation at (928) 734-3182.

**Deadline for comments will be April 30, 2023.**

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**VA waives copayments for eligible Native American/Alaska Native Veterans**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Washington, D.C.,— April 3, 2023** Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans are no longer required to make copayments for health care and urgent care received through VA. The Biden-Harris administration and VA are proud to implement this rule, which is estimated to impact approximately 25,000 American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

Under this new policy, VA will reimburse copayments paid on or after Jan. 5, 2022 and waive future copayments for eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

Beginning Tuesday, April 4, Veterans can submit documentation to qualify for the copayment exemption. Eligible Veterans include any Veteran who meets the definitions of “Indian” or “urban Indian” under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act – including Veterans who are members of an American Indian Tribe, certain Veterans who are descendants of Tribe members, Alaska Native Veterans, and more.

“American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans deserve access to world-class health care for their courageous

service to our nation,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “By eliminating copays, we are making VA health care more affordable and accessible — which will lead to better health outcomes for these heroes.”

To receive this financial relief, eligible Veterans should mail 1) a completed VA Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334), and 2) a copy of official tribal documentation demonstrating that they meet the definitions of “Indian” or “urban Indian” to PO Box 5100, Janesville, WI 53547. For more information on copayment waivers for Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, visit here.

VA posted a final rule for public inspection in the Federal Register today establishing the waiver and process for Veterans to submit documentation to have their VA copays waived. This rule implements Section 3002 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 Public Law 116-315, signed into law Jan. 5, 2021.

Learn more about copayment exemptions for Native American and Alaska Native Veterans and VA benefits and programs for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

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**Hopi Law Enforcement Services and Hopi Behavioral Health Sponsor National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

**For Immediate Release**

**Submitted by: Kayla Namoki, TOR- Case Manager - Hopi Behavioral Health Services**

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – April 4, 2023** Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) and Hopi Behavioral Health Services (BHS) are sponsoring a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. Clean out your medicine cabinets and empty those plastic bins full of medication. You can safely dispose of your unused or expired pain and prescription medications by placing them in the medication bin that is located in the lobby of HLES. No questions asked.

Hopi BHS along with HLES, TERROS, Care 1st, Sonoran Prevention Works and others will be present outside the HLES building located in Kykotsmovi, to provide information on how to access substance abuse treatment, detox services, and other substance abuse and mental health resources.

If your department would like to schedule a presen-

tation on Opioid Overdose Prevention and to learn about NARCAN please contact Andrea or Kayla by phone at: 928-737-6300 or email at: kanamoki@hopi.nsn.us or ajoshevama@hopi.nsn.us.

Help prevent misuse and a potential overdose. We hope to see you at the event. #OnePillCanKill #TakeBackDay [www.dea.gov/takebackday](http://www.dea.gov/takebackday)



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# Ancient village site is reborn again

By LEAH ALTMAN  
Underscore News · Mar 24, 2023 · 0

**By: Leah Altman – Underscore News**

**Portland, Ore. - March 24, 2023** The old building on a small highway that houses the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) is as industrial as it is utilitarian. But go around back.

The building sits on 10 acres of land nestled along the Columbia Slough. The spot was once a Chinook village and trading site called Neerchokikoo.

Most of the organization's land holds acres of grass and baseball diamonds, leased to local non-Native little leagues for decades. Four years ago, NAYA surveyed elders, staff and high school youth to determine the best use of its outdoor spaces.

The response was clear: Indigenize the land. Return the land to uses that would meet the needs of Indigenous people.

That work is now underway.

Last summer, the Portland Clean Energy Fund awarded \$3.7 million to the organization for its Native Food Sovereignty Project. The project will integrate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge with spiritual practices to fulfill a vision for holistic health for Portland's urban Native community.

The grant funding will be used to convert the baseball fields into a farm that includes a traditional plant medicine garden, a hedgerow of native trees, and a Camas swale and restoration area focused on native perennial species. The space will also provide a First Foods preparation and cooking area, a children's playscape, community gathering areas, ceremonial spaces and a field for Native games.

## Rebuilding the old ways

Portland has the nation's ninth largest Indigenous urban communi-

ties in the U.S., represented by more than 380 tribes. Oregon is home to nine federally recognized tribes and many tribal members live "off reservation," away from their traditional lands.

In many cases, tribal members leave their homelands to pursue jobs, education, and career opportunities to support themselves and their families.

The Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) is a landing place for urban Indigenous people and often one of the first stops for Indigenous youth and families when they first come to Portland.

NAYA got its start with an effort led by Native parents in the 1970s. They started an after-school sports and tutoring program in the Portland area to give their kids positive activities.

"At the time," said Paul Lumley, NAYA's Chief Executive Officer, "the graduation rate [in Multnomah County for Native kids in the public school system] was only 24 percent." Now, that number has more than doubled to just over 50 percent, according to this year's Oregon Department of Education data.

Since then, NAYA has grown to more than 140 staff, eight departments and a 10-acre campus. In 2006, NAYA, now located on Columbia Boulevard in the Cully neighborhood, moved from its old location in North Portland to its current location at what was once a school campus.

Today, NAYA provides an array of services to the 10,000 members of the Indigenous community it serves each year, from social gatherings and food boxes to elder support and energy and rental assistance. It is also taking the lead in visionary and groundbreaking work in urban environmentalism and food sovereignty. With its new grant, it has the potential to strengthen the community through an emphasis on food and culture.

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# Coconino County Officials Endorse New Presidential Designation of Grand Canyon National Monument

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: **Stephen Pelligrini,**  
**Senior Communications Manager**

**Flagstaff, Ariz. — April 12, 2023** On April 11, 2023, Coconino County Chair Patrice Horstman and District 5 Supervisor Lena Fowler, joined eleven tribal leaders of the Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition, alongside Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.), to launch an effort to call on President Joe Biden to use his authorities under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to designate the Baaj Nwaavjo P'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument. The proposal builds on Coconino County's long established and ongoing commitment to permanently protect the region from mining and uranium development.

The Monument designation would protect 1,102,501 acres adjacent to the Grand Canyon by making the current 20-year moratorium on mining permanent across the vast landscape of the Grand Canyon region. This moratorium would protect the water and land, while allowing the area to continue to be used for existing activities like ranching, logging, hunting, and outdoor recreation, so that generations of residents and visitors can continue to enjoy the tremendous natural resources and beauty of the region for decades to come. The monument designation would also honor the deep cultural and spiritual ties of the many tribal nations that inhabit the region.

"Protecting the pristine Grand Canyon landscape has been a longstanding position of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors since adopting resolution 2008-09 to oppose uranium mining near the Grand Canyon within Coconino County," said Fowler. "This designation won't have an effect on recreation, hunting, or visitation, but it will safeguard our natural resources, our clean drinking water, our wildlife habitats, and our region's very fragile natural watersheds."

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors have long recognized the critical importance of protecting the land and water from the risks of contamination created by uranium mining, which has already left a toxic legacy on portions of tribal lands in the area, and they have worked persistently to engage our federal representatives in putting permanent protections in place. The county applauds the efforts of Congressman Grijalva and Senator Sinema to preserve this special region.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 was the first U.S. law to provide general legal protection of cultural and natural resources of historic or scientific interest on Federal lands and set an important precedent by asserting a broad public interest in the preservation of these resources. Some of the country's original National Parks, including Grand Canyon, were originally designated as National Monuments by President Theodore Roosevelt under the Act.

"Protecting the greater Grand Canyon area and keeping it forever free of mining would recognize the historic, cultural, and religious importance of this special place and protect the beauty and water sources for many tribal members and the western communities that rely on Colorado River water," added Patrice Horstman, Chair of the Board and Supervisor for District 1. "It would allow Arizona, the United States, and the whole world the ability to keep our Grand Canyon even grander for now and for all future generations."

The Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition consists of leadership representatives of the Havasupai Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Kaibab Paiute Tribe, Las Vegas Band of Paiute Tribe, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Navajo Nation, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Pueblo of Zuni, and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

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Community Health Worker Program Coordinator Jennie Brixey of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma transplants sweetgrass at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) community garden in Portland, Ore., on Oct. 29, 2022.

Alex Milan Tracy



Lukas Angus of the Nez Perce practice a smudging ritual with his 4-year-old daughter Ramona. Lukas says, "Thanksgiving is one of these holidays that came about through colonization that I've been a part of through indoctrination — being an adult you see the lies. I gather with my family, but that tradition comes from our ancestors always gathering and being thankful for our harvests."

Alex Milan Tracy

## Ancient Village Site is Reborn Again...continued from pg. 14

### Food as spiritual nourishment

The Cully neighborhood, where NAYA is located, is considered a food desert, where access to fresh produce and nourishing food is sparse and grocery stores are few. More than one-quarter of Cully residents live below the federal poverty line. About half are people of color. Food insecurity in the Native community in Portland, as elsewhere, is prevalent.

"Our Elders are the most in need," said Collin Chavez-McCormack, NAYA's food services coordinator, who runs the organization's food box distribution program, which distributes food to any Indigenous community member in need. "We include lots of produce from [NAYA's] garden in the food boxes, which people appreciate. And during the pandemic, we even helped community members start their own gardens at their homes."

"The pandemic really brought to light the food insecurity in our community, when we saw the requests for food boxes rise dramatically," said Lumley, who is also the former executive director at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "We had food stacked floor to ceiling in the food pantry. People come to our events just to eat."

### Feeding children, feeding elders

Lumley said that while much of the food goes to youth, elders, and community members who are part of NAYA's programs, it also feeds those who live at one of the six Portland housing properties owned by NAYA. Along with the garden expansion, Lumley envisions powwow grounds, sweat lodges, and hoop and grow houses (for season extension, winter production, and protection from extreme weather events).

A multipurpose food processing area will be used to process and wash farm food — following food safety standards — before sending it to the NAYA kitchen, food pantry and community.

Beyond growing food, the project emphasizes the spiritual importance of food. In addition to powwow space and areas specifically designed for Native games like lacrosse, the project will include ceremonial spaces.

"The community has always desired to have a sweat lodge at NAYA," Lumley said.

Every tribe follows different protocols for ceremonies, which are reflected in the style and preparation of the space. The type of sweat lodges and ceremony spaces will largely depend on who steps forward in the community to lead ceremonies.

One of the most exciting components of the project, according to Lumley, is teaching Native youth who attend NAYA's Many Nations Academy. Teachers and program staff already incorporate teachings from the garden in their lessons and programming. During the past year, the academy's youth learned how to make infusions with herbs and vegetables from the garden, like mint and cucumber.

Before launching the project, NAYA held a ceremony with community members involved with the local little league, who leased the baseball fields on the property. The event included a call to service, in which the little league children and their parents spread mulch on the garden's pathways.

"They thanked us for the use of the property for decades," Lumley said. "And then they left."

### Strong Indigenous communities

NAYA's Food Sovereignty Project is one component of its Return to Neerchokikoo campaign, which seeks to realize NAYA's vision of creating a safe home for Indigenous communities displaced from their traditional lands.

NAYA wants to reclaim land that was once an area of great cultural significance and develop it as a sanctuary for Native families. That vision includes healing and spiritual connections to the land and water that was once Neerchokikoo.

"The Return to Neerchokikoo campaign ensures that this [land] will always be an enduring home for the [Indigenous] community," Lumley said.

*Native Americans are resetting the table with food sovereignty. Co-managed by Nicole Charley and Jackleen de La Harpe for Underscore News, The Food Sovereignty Project is a series intended to demonstrate the power and strength of Indigenous people and their relationships to the water, plants and animals that sustain us all. The Roundhouse Foundation provided generous support.*