

Arizona Super Bowl LVII Host Committee brings Youth Football Clinic to Ak-Chin



Story and photos by J. Peters
At left, Ak-Chin Vice Chairman Lemuel Vincent with 1995 Dallas Cowboys Superbowl Champion Derek Kennard, during the Football Clinic, October 5.

On October 5th, the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Arizona Super Bowl LVII Host Committee offered an exciting youth football clinic for community children.

The hour-long clinic was set up on the field at Ak-Chin Circle, with children, parents, employees, and tribal council on hand to witness all the fun and excitement.

The Host Committee volunteers, that included TEAM AZ and NFL Alumni, such as former Dallas Cowboys Derek Kennard, graced the field and conducted numerous football inspired drills and talked to the children about teamwork and health.

Children were full of energy and ready to get the day started with their first challenge of running, catching and going through a set of fun high paced obstacle courses.

The children even got lessons from former NFL players

as the day went on. Getting to play against one another while wearing an inflatable bumper ball suit seemed to be the favorite activity of the day, as the younger and older kids competed against one another to see who could score the most “touch downs” in a game.

AZFamily 3TV was live to report on the event, and interviewed Vice Chairman Lemuel Vincent. “This actually brings a lot of excitement, not only excitement with the Super Bowl but also just getting people out here and indulging in activities like this.” Vice Chair shared. “It defines what the Host Committee brings to our Community and we are privileged enough to be a sponsor with them again, this year for the Super Bowl.”

This is the second opportunity that the Community has been able to host this event, in partnership with the Super Bowl Host Committee.

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2022 Fall Intersession Program keeps kids busy

Story by R. Peters, photo by J. Peters



Children learning about the solar systems with Ak-Chin Education Department at the Fall Intersession program, held at Ak-Chin Gymnasium, September 29.

During the weeks of September 26-October 7, Ak-Chin students were given many fun activities to keep them busy during their fall break, with the help of Ak-Chin Community departments and staff.

Every day approximately 40 students arrived, either by bus or dropped off by family to enjoy a day of fun, educational activities and crafts, as well as delicious snacks and lunch.

Mercedes Rivera, Council Secretary and main coordinator for the program, shared many good times and photos from the program, on the Community FB page and with the Runner.

She along with assigned temp workers ensured all children were accounted for and afforded all the great activities that were scheduled throughout the week.

Highlights Mercedes shared included; the Polynesian Culture Group and hula dancing, Tribal Court’s BINGO, CPR demonstration with Fire, rocket launching with Education, and the HDS games.

“They also loved making

stress balls (Health Education) Halloween wreaths (Police Department) and basketballs were given to the kids from Safety Manager (Cliff Meyers).”

Mercedes would like to give a “Huge thank you to the Temps Armonda, Gayle, Doria and Lyndsey” and “also all the 21 Departments involved for making the program successful.”

Community Government
Tribal Courts
Education Department
Safety Department
Central Plant
HDS
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Capital Projects
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Health Education
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Recreation Department

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2022 Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries Conference

Story and photo by J. Peters



Jennifer Himmelreich, Senior Program Officer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services presents at the 2022 Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries, September 15.

September 15, 2022- The Elements Center at Ak-Chin Circle was the host of this year’s Gathering of Tribal Libraries.

There were many different tribes from around the state that came for the 2-day conference.

Representatives from; Ak-Chin Indian Community Library, Arizona State Library, Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records, Ava Ich Asiit Tribal Library, Billie Jane Baguley Library and Archives, Heard Museum, Colorado River Indian Tribes Library Archives, Dr. Fernando Escalante Tribal Library, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Ira H. Hayes Memorial Library, Labriola National American Indian Data Center - ASU Library, McNary Community

Library, Navajo Nation Library, Salt River Tribal Library, San Carlos Apache College, San District, San Lucy Education Library center, San Lucy Library, San Xavier Learning Center Library, Sanders Public Library, Tuba City Public Library, University of Arizona, Whiteriver Public Library, Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Library; attended the conference.

The conference is a special event where the tribes can gather and share information to better improve their facilities and communities with new and available library resources and grants.

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Ak-Chin Sanitation-Public Works adds new Recycle Truck to its fleet

By R. Peters



After much anticipation, Ak-Chin Sanitation Public Works finally received its new recycle truck at the end of September. The beautiful blue was custom painted to identify with the Community’s recycle bins. After staff received a demo and training on the functions of the truck, it was ready to run its first route. Scheduled pick-up days are every Thursday throughout 2022, with exception of November 24, (Thanksgiving).

Flu Clinic at the Ak-Chin Gym for Community Members

November 1, 2022 – Tuesday
From 2 pm to 7 pm
Adults only – 18 years and over

Appointments can be made for children at Ak-Chin Clinic for flu shots

A raffle for movie tickets will be done for those who get their flu shots!!

For questions call: Dorothea Stevens, Ak-Chin Public Health Nurse at 520-517-2053

Have you had your flu-shot?

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Starting off the conference was Ak-Chin Council Member, Delia Carlyle who said a morning prayer to get the day started, followed by Ak-Chin Library Manager, Melanie Toledo who welcomed everyone to the community and outlined the itinerary for the day.

Library Manager Toledo, provided a few highlights from the conference. “The Ak-Chin Indian Community Library was a site visit and we had a chance to show all the tech gadgets we received through various library grants: IMLS and LSTA. Jennifer Himmelreich, IMLS Senior Program Officer, was impressed with the library and was hoping to use the library as a future case study of successful grant projects.”

“Some visitors recalled the first time the Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries was held at the (Ak-Chin) Service Center and they were lost on the farm dirt roads. The Ak-Chin Fire department helped the visitor by giving her an escort to the Service Center. Another visitor driving from Window Rock, Arizona, was concerned as she was leaving the Phoenix area and driving along 347 and worried her phone was giving her wrong directions!”

Jennifer Himmelreich, Senior Program Officer with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, whom Melanie mentioned previously, was asked to come out and introduce herself to Arizona tribal librarians and give a presentation.

“I gave an overview of the grants that we offer and things that would be most probably useful to the communities that are represented today... I oversee the grants that are specifically for Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities.”

Jennifer was also a particularly special guest, as she once worked for Ak-Chin Him-Dak Museum as a technician back in 2005-2006.

During an interview, Jennifer credited her time at the museum and work with Museum Director, Elaine Peters for her current position.

“Elaine is actually the one who guided me to go for a library degree... What we need in tribal communities is professionals who can manage both of these spaces, and so that’s what I did.”

Mrs. Himmelreich talked of the grants that Ak-Chin’s received and how they are being utilized.

“Melanie’s been really fantastic as director, making use of these grant programs for projects that benefit the Ak-Chin Community. These grants allow tribal museums to do anything from add staffing, build bigger collections, supplement or refresh spaces with furniture. They can also be for language preservation and cultural vitalization programs... They just have to be run through the library or the museum.”

Melanie shared that the Ak-Chin Indian Community Tribal Council approved the request to host the Gathering of Arizona Tribal Libraries as the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records asked if the conference could be hosted here due to the accommodations, amenities, and the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted to plan an in-person gathering.

The conference would not have been possible without the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Ak-Chin Circle, Harrah’s Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino, the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, and the Institute of Museum of Library Services.

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation staff enjoy National Parks and Recreation Conference

Submitted by: Bernardina Gonzalez, Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator

Each year a state is chosen to host a premier Parks and Recreation conference for the passionate parks and recreation professionals through inspirational education sessions, energetic discussions and an inside look at the latest products for the field. This year the National Parks and Recreation Conference was held here in Arizona!

Thousands of Parks and Recreation passionate professionals all came together to for three amazing days to share knowledge, experience, tools, and inspire one another to achieve the same ultimate goal of making each of our Community’s Parks and Recreation Facilities the best programs, activities, events, parks and great service to our Community.

The exhibit was such a great experience and an even better networking opportunity to build business/collaboration relationships to help serve our Community on upcoming events/programs.

During the exhibit Wesley Gonzales, Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Coordinator and I were asked to join in a game of pickleball, which is a sport that has been trending a lot lately.

I had never played but I have heard about the new popular sport pickleball; just a few minutes of playing, man I was hooked! I can see why pickleball is gaining such popularity because it’s easy to play, low impact and appeals to a wide range of people, from kids to senior citizens.

My pickleball partner Wesley and I won a couple prizes while competing in pickleball games. Wesley won a pickleball set and I won a pickleball t-shirt. Wesley and I also won a couple of matches, but mainly I was struck by how fun the game is. We can’t wait to offer the sport to our Community.

Wesley and I also attend the NPRA Opening Reception, it was a great event where we met new amazing Recreation



Pickleball partners Bernardina and Wesley Gonzalez were awarded Pickleball items for their participation.

Professionals from all over the United States who shared the same passion as we do for our Community.

The NPRA and APRA offers an array of professional development opportunities and conferences or classes throughout the year that provides us with great resources and tools to better serve our community.

Both NPRA and APRA are great memberships to have, it allows us to discuss topics and to get feedback from our peers who maybe went through or who are dealing with similar issues/challenges within their Community. Sharing our own experiences or resources is such a great tool to have and adds to our personal development to bring great things back to our Community and department.

The keynote speakers were amazing, dynamic education sessions were informational, and the exhibit hall provided

plenty of unique ways to network and connect with peers from across the country.

Education topics Wesley and I focused on were: Aquatics, Career Development, Conservation, Customer Service, Equity and Inclusion, Health and Wellness, Leadership and Personnel Management, Planning, Design and Maintenance, Programming Public Policy and Advocacy.

Ann Marie Antone, Ak-Chin Recreation Director also attended.

“My Education session I focused on was about positive reinforcement, encouragement and inspiration to our youth and my department. I also took advantage of the Leadership and personnel development management sessions. Biggest goal was to find a vendor/company who can come out to replace our out of compliance playground feature at Milton Park.”

Ak-Chin Fire Department take Cultural Sensitivity Classes



Ak-Chin Language staff share O'odham history and language with Ak-Chin Firefighters. Submitted by Jennifer Boehm-King, Ak-Chin Fire Dept. Captain

Ak-Chin Fire Department learned about cultural sensitivity through classes taught by Ak-Chin Language Program that included the history of Ak-Chin.

We learned some basic phrases/greetings in O’odham, learned how to say body parts in O’odham. Classes were

held in September on the 20th, 27th and 29th for all three fire shifts.

The Language program held the training and even sang the birthday song to one of our firefighters (Matt Shepard).

We have held the class in the past, but that was many years

ago so we wanted to have another class as we have hired many new firefighters in the last couple of years.

We were tested on our knowledge at the end of the class and the language department handed out prizes for our efforts.

Elder October Breakfast-Lunch Menu

21 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana / Butternut Squash Soup, Grilled Chicken Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Salad

24 Boiled Eggs, Toast, Avocado, Cottage Cheese, Sautéed Vegetables, Fruit / Red Chili Stew w/ Potato, Carrots, Romaine Salad, Chumuth, Pears

25 Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mix Berries / Red Ground Beef Enchilada, Mexican Rice, Pinto Beans, Grapes

26 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Honeydew / Black Eyed Peas, Meat & Potatoes (D), Sautéed Spinach,

Roasted Vegetables, Wheat Rolls, Cowboy Cookies

27 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns, Bacon, Toast, Grapes with Cottage Cheese / Chicken & Rice, Normandy Vegetable, Corn, Chumuth, Plums

28 Peaches & Cream Cheese Crepes, Boiled Eggs, Avocado, Yogurt / Carne Asada Quesadilla, Zucchini, Carrots, Jell-O

31 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Raisin Bread, Fruit / Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Pumpkin Roll

**** Menu items subject to change****



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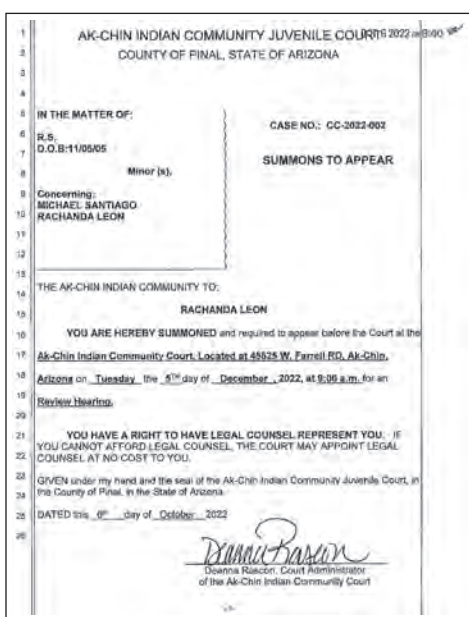
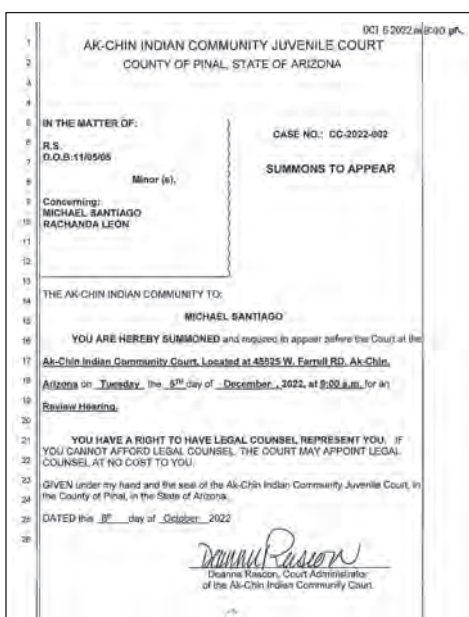
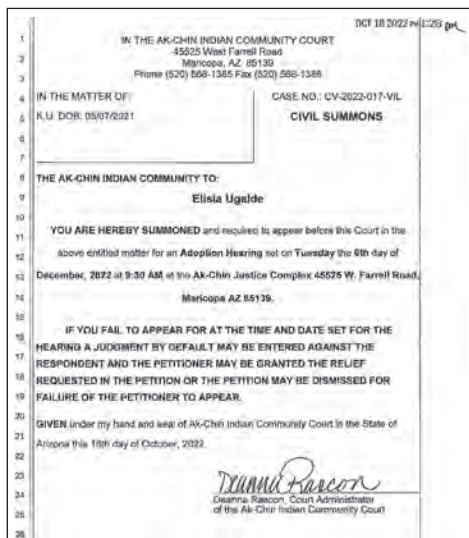
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As Fire Prevention Month ends, Ak-Chin Fire reminds residents that "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™"

Submitted by: Jon Spezzacatena, Ak-Chin Fire Marshal



**FIRE PREVENTION MONTH
FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS**

Come to a class for a Fire Safety Kit!
Get a Fire Extinguisher, Smoke Alarms
and a Medicine Lock Box!

Call the Injury Prevention Program to schedule a
one-on-one appointment to attend a Fire Safety
Class

520-568-1087 or TDeLaCruz@ak-chin.nsn.us
*For Residents, Employees and Family of Employees of the Ak-Chin Indian
Community

10/13/2022 – The Ak-Chin Fire Department and the Ak-Chin Health Education Department are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® to celebrate the anniversary of Fire Prevention Month.

Fire Prevention Month is celebrated every year to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8, 1871 which caused devastating damage. This horrific fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

This year's campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

"Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke

alarms and advance planning," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at the National Fire Protection Association®.

The Ak-Chin Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme.

It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when

the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different, have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

The Ak-Chin Fire Department and the Ak-Chin Health and Education Department want to share these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.

NOTICE

Ak-Chin Indian Community
2022 Tribal Council Member Election
Candidates:

Ann Marie Antone
Lisa Garcia
Gabriel Lopez
Octavio Machado
Yolanda Miranda
Cecil Peters
Fred Salas

2022 Tribal Council Member Election will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Ak-Chin Gym, from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Absentee Ballots Request

Absentee Voting:

1. Any eligible voter who wishes to vote early or who expects to be absent from the Reservation on any election day, or who expects to be physically unable to go to the voting place on such day, may request an absentee ballot by either appearing in person to the Registrar (**Vicky Smith or Mercedes Rivera**) or by sending a letter to the Community Election Committee at 42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. A person requesting an absentee ballot shall identify himself or herself using the name under which he or she is enrolled with the Community.
2. The applicant for an absentee ballot shall complete and sign the application before a Notary Public. The Notary Public before whom the applicant completes the application shall impress his or her seal on the application. Any person unable to sign the application shall sign his or her mark and have the application signed by a witness. Applications for absentee voter ballots may be mailed or presented in person to the Community Election Committee.
3. In-person requests for absentee ballots shall be accepted by the Registrar (**Vicky Smith or Mercedes Rivera**) until five working days preceding Election Day. Mailed requests for absentee ballots shall be postmarked no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to Election Day.

Additional questions, please contact:
Vicky Smith at (520) 568-1020 or
Mercedes Rivera at (520) 568-1031
Questions may be emailed to the
Ak-Chin Election Board at
akchinelectionboard@ak-chin.nsn.us

- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.

- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

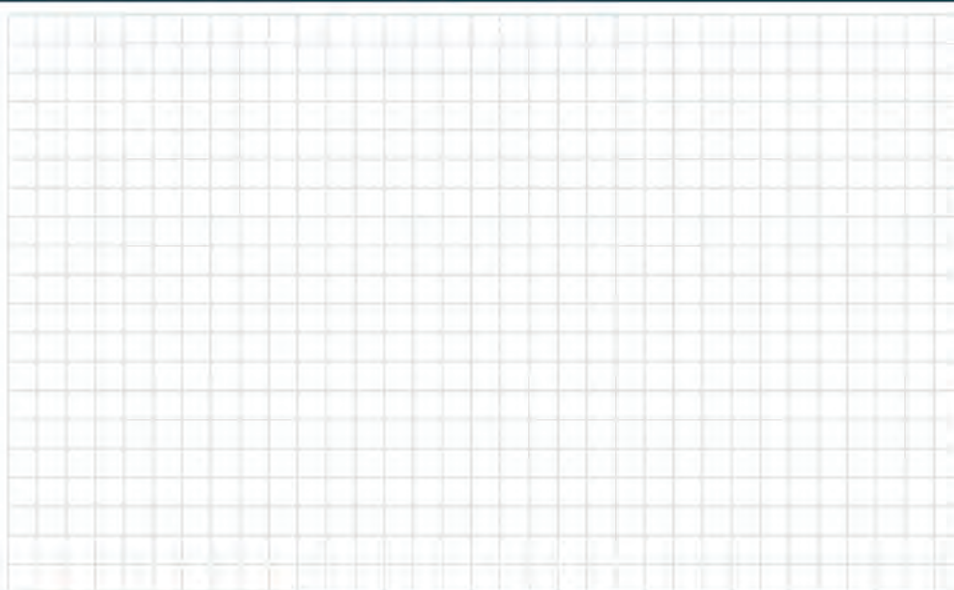
The Ak-Chin Health Education Department is hosting a Fire Safety Education Class where the residents can receive a fire safety kit

that consists of a fire extinguisher, smoke alarms and a medicine lock box.

To find out more about the Fire Safety Education Class, please contact Teri J. De La Cruz at the Ak-Chin Health Education Department 520-568-1087.

If you have any other further questions about Fire Safety you can also contact Fire Marshal, Jon Spezzacatena at the Fire Department 520-568-1316.

Our Home Fire Escape Plan



How to make a home fire escape plan:

- 1 Draw a map or floor plan of your home. Show all windows and doors.
- 2 Mark two ways out of each room.
- 3 Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.

- 4 Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- 5 Practice your plan at least two times a year.

Fire department number:

Example



Members attend 16th Annual Breakfast with Champions

Story by R. Peters

On September 30, selected members from Ak-Chin Indian Community were invited to participate in the Special Olympics Arizona 16th annual Breakfast With Champions event at the Arizona Biltmore.

Attendees were treated to breakfast and “hear testimonials from our athletes, sharing their love, courage and determination to be the best version of themselves,” Jamie Heckerman, Special Olympics Arizona



(L-R) Bren Valisto, Dante Peters, Robert Santos, and Aaliyah Alvarez at the Breakfast With Champions event, September 30.

Photo by Armonda Santiago

President & CEO the event for many to 21,000+ individuals shared. The event helps with intellectual disabilities around the state of Arizona. Ak-Chin has been provide free year-round programming a proud sponsor of

Antonio Rodriguez places in Top 10 at CAA Trinity Mile High Invite

Antonio Rodriguez (right) with Coach Taylor Flood. Antonio competed in the CAA Trinity Mile High Invite back in September. Representing Maricopa Legacy Traditional School, he worked hard to earn the 9th place spot in the meet.



Submitted by Jennifer Boehm-King



Fall Program continued from Front



Library
Injury Prevention
Youth Council
Enrollment
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Events

Also, the Super bowl Committee for the Football Clinic and lunch for the program.



Football Clinic continued from Front

Domestic violence is not traditional.



Contact your local Indian health care provider, call 1-800-318-2596, or visit www.healthcare.gov/sep-list/#domesticabuse to learn about special enrollment periods available for survivors of domestic abuse/violence or spousal abandonment.





The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee is responsible for planning and executing a successful Super Bowl LVII in 2023. The Host Committee works in partnership with the National Football League and local & national stakeholders to create a positive experience for all attendees.



Sistine Lewis, representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, was crowned the 61st Miss Indian Arizona on October 8, 2022. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Cecelia & the late Knute Lewis and the fourth member of the Community to hold the title of Miss Indian Arizona.

Sistine is in the honors program at Scottsdale Community College in a concurrent enrollment program which allows her to graduate with both an Associate Degree and Bachelor's Degree at Arizona State University. She is working toward a Nursing Degree and hopes to become a Labor and Delivery Nurse.

At the age of 5 she joined the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Traditional Dance Group and has traveled to many events around Arizona with the group. Sistine has spent time and energy on learning to speak O'odham and Piipaash and creating O'odham & Piipaash

dressess.

Painting, drawing and spending time with her family and dogs is what makes Sistine happy at the end of the day. She also dreams of traveling the world.

As Miss Indian Arizona, Sistine will promote culture amongst youth. She states: "Our youth are the next generation. I would love to get all youth on and off the reservations involved in their culture".

Sistine will now face a rigorous year of travel to many Arizona Indian reservations and special appearances at various schools, pow-wows, and other state events. She will also travel to several out of state events. In addition to this schedule, she is expected to maintain her school attendance which will be very challenging. The Miss Indian Arizona Association's philosophy is that education is a very high priority.

Lehua Lani Dosela from the Gila River Indian Community was selected 1st Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona. She is the 22-year-old daughter of Arvis & the late Lorraine Dosela. She is a student at Mesa Community College where she is working toward her Associate's Degree in Fire Science. She plans to continue her education at Arizona State University to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management. Lehua Lani's desire is to return to her Community as a firefighter and educate the youth on the importance of fire safety.

Lehua Lani enjoys designing earrings to bead, sewing traditional O'odham dresses and shirts. She sings and loves learning O'odham songs so she can teach her younger siblings and nephews.

The Essay, Talent & Oral

presentation awards were all won by Lehua Lani. Her platform is to promote the importance of learning traditional teachings in our ever-changing world.

2nd Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona is Emile Eich from the Navajo Tribe. She is the 25-year-old daughter of Tom and Ameila Eich. Emile also received the Bet Evening Wear Award. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychological Science with University Honors from Northern Arizona University. She is pursuing a Master's of Science in Program Evaluation and data Analytics from Arizona State University.

The outdoors & wilderness is where Emile enjoys being at the most. Her hobbies include rock climbing, sewing, backpacking, paddle boarding and she recently started mountain biking.

Her platform is to support the physical health and mental well-being of Native Americans through reconnections with our traditional lands. Her goal is to support the ever-evolving relationship between Indigenous Peoples and our homelands through access to outdoor recreational activities.

The People's Choice award went to Maria Pablo from Tohono O'odham Nation.

Kaitlyn Dillion from the San Carlos Apache Tribe was selected as Miss Congeniality by the other participant.

The Community Service Award went to Cheyanne Begay from the Navajo Nation.

The Miss Indian Arizona Association congratulates all the winners and extends sincere thanks to all the participants and their parents. We look forward to working with the 2022-2023 Miss Indian Arizona Court during the year of their reign.

REMINDER

The next Runner submission deadline will be **FRIDAY October 28th**

Saddleback Award Ceremony highlights two Ak-Chin Members

Story by R. Peters, photos submitted

On Thursday, October 13, Maricopa Saddleback Elementary held an award ceremony to recognize young academic All-Stars.



Layla Santiago, kindergartner, received a "Prize Award" and certificate for "Academic Achievement" from her teacher Mrs. Richter.



Serenity Villegas, second grader, was awarded a certificate for "Personal Success" by her teacher Mrs. Fajardo.

Congratulations to our young Academic All-Stars!

ATTENTION Ak-Chin PARENTS and GUARDIANS

If you have a student-athlete from Ak-Chin participating in an upcoming event and would like them to be featured in future editions of the Runner, Please let us know!

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President Biden and Democrats are delivering for Tribal communities across the country:

- ✓ Making historic Tribal investments in Native language preservation, health care, broadband access, and more.
- ✓ Appointing and confirming the first ever Native American Cabinet Secretary, Deb Haaland.
- ✓ Making Tribal concerns a priority by taking action to address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women, strengthening climate resilience, and supporting sustainability.

And Democrats are fighting for more, but they need your help.

Native voters can help keep the momentum going this November by voting for Democrats up and down the ballot.

Make a plan to VOTE this November at [IWILLVOTE.com](https://www.IWILLVOTE.com) or call our national voter information hotline at (833) 336-8683.



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- 1 HOV Lane
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+Auxiliary Lanes
- New Collector-Distributor Roads:
EB 48th St to Baseline Rd
WB Baseline Rd to SR143 & 40th St
- New Lanes on SR 143 & US 60
(to connect to I-10 improvements)
- New Pedestrian Bridges
- Improved Sun Circle Trail Connection

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Announces Promotions on Operations Team

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – Oct. 7, 2022) – Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, part of Caesars Entertainment and the state's only tribal casino to have an international management partner, today announced several key operations team promotions.



Samantha Gulick has been promoted to director of marketing and hotel operations. In her new role, Gulick will continue to oversee all marketing efforts including advertising, public relations and outreach strategies that drive traffic and build brand awareness for the casino but will also oversee all

hotel, spa and pool operations. Gulick has been with Caesars Entertainment for more than eight years, most recently as the director of marketing.



Nathan Kinstlinger has been promoted to director of food and beverage operations. In the new role, he will be responsible for implementing short- and long-term strategies for all food and beverage operations as well as maintaining cost and inventory controls to positively impact the property's bottom line. In addition, Kinstlinger will also oversee all retail operations. Kinstlinger has been with Caesars Entertainment for

more than 10 years, most recently as food and beverage manager.



Cody Hansen has been promoted to food and beverage operations manager. Hansen will oversee all guest-facing food and beverage service for the casino, pool bar and banquet area. Hansen joined Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino in 2017, serving most recently as the assistant food and beverage manager.

"Harrah's Ak-Chin regularly looks for opportunities for growth and advancement from within our team," said

Michael Kintner, senior vice president and general manager. "These promotions reflect that commitment and are a demonstration of these individuals have been instrumental in spearheading our performance and success. Their expertise, skills and leadership continue to support the ongoing evolution and growth of Harrah's Ak-Chin."

About Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino: For nearly 30 years in Maricopa, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino has been Arizona's first and only tribal casino to have an international management partner. Harrah's Ak-Chin is the only casino in Arizona that allows guests, through its Caesars Rewards program, to unlock benefits and other prizes that can be used worldwide at the entire Caesars' family of casinos.

Harrah's Ak-Chin also boasts one of the two Bingo halls within the Caesars portfolio, continuing the proud heritage of William F. Harrah, who opened his first Bingo hall in Reno in 1937.

In addition to Craps, Roulette, sports betting, slot machines,

video poker, video Keno, statewide progressives, and blackjack, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino guests can also enjoy a variety of dining options, including the Copper Cactus Grill, Chop, Block & Brew, Oak & Fork, Agave's Restaurant and Dunkin'®.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino features 529 luxurious resort and tower guestrooms, spa and fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool with a swim-up bar.

Harrah's Ak-Chin has been named a Most Admired Company by Arizona Business Magazine and Best Companies AZ, and Phoenix Business Journal has named the property one of the "Best Places to Work in the Valley" for four consecutive years. Harrah's Ak-Chin was also awarded a Volunteer Service Award from the Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

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Harrah's AK-CHIN CASINO

OCTOBER 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>REWARD CREDITS TO FREE SLOT PLAY DAY!</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022</p> <p>12:01 AM - 11:59 PM • PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS</p> <p>MORE FREE SLOT PLAY MEANS MORE JACKPOTS!</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BONUS REWARD CREDITS	DUNKIN'® DONUTS ARE A MONDAY'S BEST FRIEND!	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	SIGN UP FOR CAESARS REWARDS AND INSTANTLY WIN!	BONUS REWARD CREDITS	JACKPOT! WIN \$16989.60
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BONUS REWARD CREDITS	JACKPOT! \$10,007.50	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER!	BONUS REWARD CREDITS	REWARD CREDITS TO FREE SLOT PLAY DAY!
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
BONUS REWARD CREDITS	RENT A CABANA ON YOUR NEXT STAY!	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	DATE NIGHT AT OAK & FORK	BONUS REWARD CREDITS	SPOOKY TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
BONUS REWARD CREDITS	FROM FIRST DOWN TO TOUCHDOWN, OUR CAESARS SPORTSBOOK IS READY!	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	TRAVEL BAG GIVEAWAY	JACKPOT! \$28,000.00	BONUS REWARD CREDITS	BINGO IS HEATING UP!
30	31	<p>SPOOKY TIER CREDIT OR REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022</p> <p>PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS - 8AM - 11:59PM</p>				
BONUS REWARD CREDITS	HAPPY HALLOWEEN! ENJOY A SAFE & SPOOKY HALLOWEEN!					

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