Youth Leadership Learning Opportunities across the Nation

ATNI National Tribal Leadership Climate Change Summit: Session III

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Hopi Leadership Program

• Kykotsmovi Village, Navajo County, Arizona
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  • Samantha Honani, Program Manager - Samantha.honani@hopifoundation.org
• https://www.hopileadershipprogram.org/
Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

• Virtual Congress from July 5-July 29, 2021
• Application Deadline is April 12, 2012
• https://www.nycalc.org/apply
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes EAGLES  
(Environmental Advocated for Global and Local Ecological Sustainability)

• Flathead Reservation, Montana

• Contact
  • Michael Durglo, Jr., Department Head of the CSKT’s Tribal Historic Department  
    - Michael.durglo@cskt.org
Tribal Stewards Program at Northwest Youth Corps

• Programs operating in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California
  • Tribal Stewards Young Adult Program – Warm Springs Tribe – Burns Paiute Tribe
  • Tribal Stewards Youth Program – Shoshone Bannock (tentative)
  • Tribal Stewards Youth Program – Chemawa Indian School
• https://www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/OurPrograms/TribalStewards
Arctic Youth Ambassadors Program

- Established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of State in partnership with Alaska Geographic
- akgeo.org/arctic-youth-ambassadors/
Arctic Youth Network

• Several programs designed to support youth in:
  • Developing as leaders in their communities
  • Engaging in the institutions and organizations acting in the north
  • Facilitating collaboration across borders and cultures

• Arcticyouthnetwork.org
San Ildefonso Pueblo Youth Council

• Pueblo de San Ildefonso, New Mexico
• Contact
  • agonzales@sanipueblo.org
• Facebook.com/SanITeenCouncil/
CRITFC Workforce Development Program

- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
  - Yakama – Umatilla – Warm Springs – Nez Perce
- Website provides workforce opportunities for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)
  - https://www.critfc.org/workforce-opportunities/
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission – Summer Youth Camp

- Represents 11 Ojibwe tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan
- https://www.glifwc.org/
Ksik Stakii Project

- Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
Intertribal Agriculture Council

• Billings, Montana
• Hosts youth summits and internships focused on food sovereignty
• https://www.indianag.org/feed/categories/youth
Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

- Fayetteville, Arkansas
- Hosts a Native Youth Summit on food sovereignty
- https://indigenousfoodandag.com/resources/native-youth-summit/
BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program

• Bureau of Indian Affairs Funding Opportunity
  • Internships and Youth Engagement (Categories 8-9)

• Contact
  • Rachael Novak, Tribal Resilience Program Coordinator – rachael.novak@bia.gov
Native Science Field Center

- Blackfeet Reservation, Montana
- Hosted by the Blackfeet Community College
- Bfcc.edu/native-science-field-center
American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

- Supports K-12, undergrad, and graduate students in STEM studies through programs, scholarships, and events
- Aises.org
National Indian Education Association (NIEA)

- Programs
  - Tribal Communities in School
  - National Education Initiative Project
  - School Choice
  - Native Language Immersion Model

- Niea.org
Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE)

• Annual National Training Program Youth Track
  • An opportunity to learn about careers within the Federal Government
  • Meet American Indian and Alaska Native federal employees
  • Gain first hand experience in understanding the positive role that Native employees can play in enabling their respective agencies to better fulfill the federal trust responsibility and honor the unique federal-tribal relationship

• Saige.org/youth/
Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

• Dedicated to fostering the success of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans, from college to professionals, in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM

• Sacnas.org
United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET)

• Programs
  • Youth Leadership Council
  • USET – Close Up
  • Vanderbilt University Aspirnaut High School & Undergraduate Summer Research Internship
  • Champions for Change
  • N’ew Jinan Artists – Wabanaki Confederacy

• Usetinc.org/about-uset-youth-council
Native American Agricultural Fund (NAAF)

- Funding opportunities for youth-focused projects
- Nativeamericanagriculturalfund.org/about/
Elderberry Wisdom Farm

- Marion County, Oregon
- Provides opportunities for Indigenous youth to strengthen their traditional ties with the land and to build career pathways in agriculture and horticulture
- Elderberrywisdom.org
Ancestral Guard

• Nature Rights Council
• Projects
  • Victorious Gardens Initiative
  • Traditional Canoe Building
  • Drum Making
  • Gathering and Processing of Local Traditional Foods
  • Food Sovereignty
• Naturerightscouncil.org/ancestral-guard
RASOR
Rural Alaska Students in One-Health Research

- Connects students with college science and mentors them through their own research projects
- Can be a year-long student OR attend the stand alone Sitka Whalefest course (travel funding provided)
- RASOR student presentations on April 21st
- Rasor.Alaska.edu
Kake Climate Partnership Program

- Southeast Alaska
- Partnership with Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Policy
- Project 1: Ocean Monitoring
- Project 2: Freshwater Monitoring
- uaf-accap.org/research-activities/climate-knowledge-co-production-with-kake-Alaska/
Elymash Yuuchaap (Youth Think) Indigenous Scholars and Leaders Program

- Native Resource Center, San Diego State University
- Designed to mentor and provide community-service learning experiences for students pursuing higher education and preparing to serve Indigenous communities
- Contact
  - Gabriela Kovats-Sánchez, Elymash Yuuchaap Faculty Scholar – gkovats@sdsu.edu
- Sacd.sdsu.edu/native-resource/programs-and-events
UNITY, Inc.

- National network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native American youth.
- Formal network of youth councils, sponsored by tribes, Alaska Native villages, high schools, colleges, urban centers, and others
- Unityinc.org
EarthGuardians

• “We inspire and train diverse youth to be effective leaders in the environmental, climate and social justice movements.”

• Earthguardians.org
Ecosystem Penpals

• Suquamish Tribe, Washington
  • Was funded by a NOAA Pacific Northwest Bay Watershed and Training Program (B-WET) grant

• “Helped promote awareness and understanding of how changes in the marine environment are affecting indigenous ecosystems, culture, economy, and traditional ways of life, and explored ways communities can take action to protect these precious resources for future generations.”

• Noaa.gov/education/stories/ecosystem-pen-pals-indigenous-youth-connect-communities-through-action
Cowlitz Youth Program

- Cowlitz Tribe, Washington
- Program Activities and Events
  - Leadership Programs – Youth Council
  - Youth focused conferences
  - Language
  - Annual Summer Camp
- Cowlitz.org/resources/youth/594-Cowlitz-youth-program
Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Executive Council – Emerging Leaders

• Southeast Alaska

• “Provides young adults with opportunities to acquire important knowledge about Tlingit & Haida, its processes and organization structure, and valuable hands-on leadership experience”

• One-year term

• Ccthita.org/government/council/youth/index.html
Youth Climate Challenge

• Hosted by the Climate Science Alliance
• As a team, investigate climate strategies and solutions and formulate action plans identified in their own communities
• Climatesciencealliance.org/youth-climate-challenge
Native American Congressional Internship

• Hosted by the Udall Foundation
• Opportunity to gain federal legislative experience to understand the government-to-government relationship between Tribes and the federal government
• Contact
  • Jason Curley, Program Manager – curley@udall.gov
Uplift

- Colorado Plateau
- Connects, trains, and mobilizes youth for climate justice
- Hosts an annual conference
- Upliftclimate.org
Kalispel Tribal Extension 4-H Youth Development

• In development

• Contact
  • Tracy Morgan 503-749-5518
Sustainability Leadership Cohort

- Menominee Reservation, Wisconsin
- Through the Sustainable Development Institute
- Annual cohort for high school students
Na’ah Illahee Fund

• Seattle, Washington

• Work includes:
  • Indigenous ecology, foods, and land restoration
  • Youth cultural arts & NDN tech
  • Fiscal sponsorships program
  • Grantmaking program
  • Mamook Sikhs indigenous allyship course

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  • Naahillahee.org
Changing Currents: Youth Water Summit

• Virtual Summit in August
• Education and leadership program to understand the importance of water resources while building a peer-to-peer network
• Changingcurrents.net/youth-summit
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Pathways Program

- Internship Program for college students
- Can intern with BIA, tribe, or tribal related program
- Contact
  - Bernadette Sanchez - otspathways@bia.gov
- Bia.gov/bia/ots/workforce-planning-coordination
Young Native Leaders

• St. Kateri Ctr of Chicago, CPS Native American Program
• Contact
  • Dave Morales - dmorales94@cps.edu
  • Josee Starr - jstarr@stbenedict.com
• Chicagoaicc.com/events/young-native-leaders-2-2-2-2/
CTUIR Youth Council

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon
- Part of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation’s government
- One-year terms
- https://ctuiryouthcouncil.wordpress.com/
Native Earth Environmental Youth Camp

- Syracuse, New York
- Hosted by the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- Contact
  - Neil Patterson - nvpatter@esf.edu
- https://www.esf.edu/nativepeoples/nativeearth.htm
Rising Voices

• The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences
  • Hosted by NCAR, sponsored by National Science Foundation

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  • Heather Lazrus - hlazrus@ucar.edu
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• https://risingvoices.ucar.edu/
Hiawatha Center for Justice

• Lawrence, Kansas
• Partnership between Haskell Indian Nations University and students from the University of Kansas School of Engineering
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