



NAYA NEWSLETTER

EMPOWERING THE LIVES OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE PORTLAND AREA

FALL 2018

SUMMER TRANSITIONS TO FALL

1. Four different summer programs provide opportunities for youth and students to learn about culture, to connect with the outdoors, to grow leadership skills and to be mentors to other campers. (page 2)

2. NAYA's Resurgence School completes its summer pilot with resounding success. Lessons learned will be integrated into the Early College Academy's 2018 -2019 school year. (page 3)

3. NAYA Culture Nights start the 2018-2019 season with Moccasin Making and special guests. (page 3)

4. Hundreds of community members attend the Ninth Annual Neerchokikoo Powwow, held on the NAYA campus, September 15th. The rain stayed away for a wonderful celebration of culture and community. (page 5)

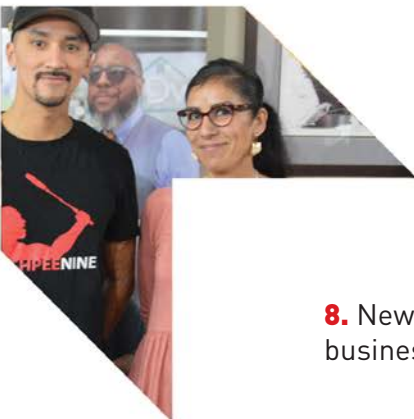
5. We are excited to welcome back virtuoso Violinist, Swil Kanim, *Lummi*, to provide entertainment at the 15th Annual NAYA Gala and Auction, Friday, November 16, 2018. (page 4)

6. Indigenous People's Day, Monday, October 8th, was celebrated with a proclamation by the City of Portland October 3rd, and a proclamation by Multnomah County, October 4th. NAYA Executive Director, Paul Lumley, provided remarks at the Multnomah County proclamation, with City of Portland Tribal Liaison, Laura John and a host of other community members in attendance.

7. Thanks to our fabulous partners, new pillars in the breezeway create a safer NAYA campus just in time for the arrival of the fall rains. (page 6)

8. New funding provides expansion opportunities for NAYA's small business and microenterprise programs in 2019. (page 7)

9. We R Native and Matika Wilbur help NAYA youth and community members Indigenize our space in celebration of Indigenous People's day. (page 7)





FROM CAMPS TO CLASSROOM

EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTION TO CULTURE

It was a summer of learning and growth for youth, students and staff, as campers visited universities, learned traditional crafts, developed leadership skills and stretched beyond their comfort zones. With four different programs geared to youth aged from 7 to 24, campers, youth and students enjoyed a variety of activities expanding academically and culturally.

9th Grade Counts was established ten years ago to help students successfully make the transition from 8th Grade to high school. To help them envision life after high school, students visited colleges, including Western Oregon University and the Oregon State University Native American longhouse, learned about recording on a field trip to KBOO Community Radio and created zines about their experiences and their futures. A project of All Hands Raised and the Portland Schools Foundation, more than 8,500 students have participated since 2009.



9th Grade Counts students visit Western Oregon University



STRYVE members lead Summer Camp Rise activities

This summer, NAYA incorporated programming developed by the CDC to create the **STRYVE** (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere) **Youth Leadership Group**. Through the group, youth 16 – 24 years old, were able to develop career, leadership and collaboration skills, learn about social issues like youth violence prevention AND be gainfully employed through Multnomah County's SummerWorks Internship program. Making decisions by consensus, the STRYVE Youth Leadership Group worked collectively to develop a Decolonize Curriculum model which they were able to implement through NAYA's Summer Camp Rise program, where the STRYVE Youth Leadership Group served as mentors and junior camp counselors.

110 youth participated in six weeks of **Summer Camp Rise**, NAYA's popular summer camp for 2nd to 8th graders. Amongst the fun, campers improved their academic skills and grew their traditional knowledge. Campers participated in daily Cultural Arts classes; enjoyed time on a National Guard Medical helicopter; learned about knot tying and the canoe journey and explored natural areas thanks to our partnership with Friends of Tryon Creek.



Summer Camp Rise campers take the helm in the helicopter cockpit and enjoy cultural arts



RESURGENCE SCHOOL PILOT A SUCCESS

THE SUCCESSFUL SUMMER PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

With funding from NUIFC (National Urban Indian Family Coalition) and Portland Public Schools, NAYA's Early College Academy completed the Resurgence School summer pilot program – an experiential, project-based curriculum designed to help youth develop cultural and environmental knowledge while earning high school credit. Kicking off with a traditional salmon bake led by Chief Wilbur Slockish, *Klickitat*, over five weeks, students engaged in scientific, cultural, and environmental activities that included soil and water analysis, macroinvertebrate surveys, medicinal plants walks, and field trips to Silver Falls, the Bull Run Watershed, and Breitenbush Campground.

Students challenged themselves and overcame fears. Camp organizers were happy to report that 100% of students successfully earned high school credit over the summer while the retention rate remained high at 90%. Says one student, "One thing I learned is a way to challenge myself: to push out of my comfort zone and grab a hold of what's happening. I never thought I'd be hiking more than two miles or waking up early in the summer – to be able to learn more about myself and to push myself."

We're happy to report that the successful summer program will now be incorporated into the 2018-2019 school year, thanks to \$150,000 in funding received from the James F and Marion L Miller Foundation. With \$50,000 over three subsequent years, the grant will support training for teachers, funds for guest speakers and educators and support for a half-time youth advocate in the second year and a school counselor in the third year.



Resurgence School students connect with their sense of place through visits at Bull Run Watershed, Silver Falls and Cape Horn

TEACHING CULTURE AT NAYA

TWICE A MONTH, NAYA'S CULTURE NIGHTS BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN ART, SONG AND DANCE

Back from summer hiatus, NAYA's twice a month Culture Night started its 2018-2019 season Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018. With a kickoff attended by more than 130 people, Culture Night is a time where families and community members come together to share a meal, craft and learn traditions. Free to attendees, classes and workshops may include: mocassin and regalia making, beading, shawl making and an opportunity for people to practice dance and singing. NAYA's Culture Nights are essential to delivery of our mission to enhance the diverse strengths of our youth and families in partnership with the community through cultural identity and education.



Youth learning to bead during Culture Night



SHERMAN-MAHER FAMILY MOVES NORTH

NAYA POWER COUPLE AND FAMILY EXTENDS THEIR REACH TO WASHINGTON STATE

It's with a mix of sadness and anticipation that we say not goodbye, but so long to NAYA Family Center leaders and community advocates, Nichole June Maher and Eddie Sherman. The family moved to Seattle, where Nichole embarked on a new position, October 1st, as President and CEO of Group Health Foundation, a social welfare organization whose mission is to shape and accelerate efforts to improve health equity and advance community aspirations for a vibrant, healthy future in Washington.

Nichole was NAYA Family Center's Executive Director from 2001-2012 assuming the role at the age of 22. With great vision and energy, she grew NAYA from a staff of 5 to a staff of 100 with an annual budget of \$8 million. NAYA's culturally specific services and advocacy efforts grew under her leadership and NAYA became a place focused on comprehensive poverty reduction. In 2012, Nichole joined the Northwest Health Foundation as President and CEO to provide support and resources for communities across the state of Oregon.

Also a powerful leader for our Native community, Eddie Sherman serves as Chair for NAYA's board of directors, and as a leader with numerous other Native organizations, including the National Indian Child Welfare Organization (NICWA), the Oregon Native American Chamber (ONAC) and Our Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN).

When asked what brought them together, Eddie once said that it was Nichole's heart for community and spirit of service that made him want to be her life partner, and that he felt that together they could always lean on each other to be in service to community. The list of Eddie's and Nichole's accomplishments and impact in Portland is immeasurable – their tireless advocacy and collaboration has resulted in the formation and success of the Coalition Communities of Color, the revitalization of the Native American Chamber of Commerce, Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable and so much more.

While we will miss them, we know that they will be working to create greater opportunity and prosperity for our communities across the Pacific Northwest. They live their belief that "we are stronger together" – we are looking forward to what the future holds with their leadership spanning two states! And, luckily for us, Nichole and Eddie will remain deeply involved with NAYA, as Eddie remains the Chair of the NAYA Board and Nichole serves on two advisory committees. We wish them the best!



Eddie Sherman and Nichole Maher at the 2017 NAYA Gala

15TH ANNUAL NAYA GALA AND AUCTION

CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Generating awareness and much needed unrestricted funds for our work, the **15th Annual NAYA Gala and Auction** is a celebration of the resilience of our diverse communities. This year's theme, "One Home, Many Nations" is a declaration of the many cultures that are NAYA. The Portland area is home to more than 70,000 Native Americans from 380 different tribal backgrounds. With the support of the Gala, NAYA will impact 10,000 people this year with wraparound, life-affirming services. Thank you to our sponsors for their amazing support. We hope to see you there!



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2018 NEERCHOKIKOO POWWOW

THE NINTH ANNUAL NEERCHOKIKOO POWWOW ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

It was a celebration of community, tradition and culture, as singers and drum groups from diverse tribal backgrounds had everyone dancing in their styles. The marketplace featured over 30 local artisans and vendors, showcasing and selling their handcrafted art pieces. In the evening, the community was treated to a delicious salmon dinner provided by our friends at the Future Generations Collaborative.

This year we welcomed special guest, Deb Haaland, *Laguna Pueblo* - the Democratic candidate from New Mexico and likely to be the first Native American woman to serve in the U.S. Congress. A role model for our youth, her powerful words inspired future indigenous leaders while asking the community to exercise their right and Get Out the Native Vote! We were also pleased to honor and recognize those individuals and groups that have made important contributions toward our success in the past year, helping us better serve Portland's Native Community.

Special thanks to our powwow sponsors for their generous support: Pacific Office Automation, Northwest Area Foundation, Portland Clean Energy Fund and Umpqua Bank. A huge thank you to Killer Taco, who made fry bread, Indian Tacos and world class posole into the dark of night and donated the proceeds of their sales, assuring that yet another powwow was nourished and strong.



Grand Entry at the Neerchokikoo Powwow



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Frank Goes Behind, Arena Director



Womens' Fancy Shawl Dance



Odo Ishkiin, Head Man



Eva Angus, Head Woman



Vendors offer a variety of hand crafted art



Host Drum Group, Four Directions



Deb Haaland; Gilbert Brown, MC; Tawna Sanchez

ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR HOUSING

13TH ANNUAL NATIVE HOUSING TO HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR CONNECTS ASPIRING HOME-OWNERS WITH SOLUTIONS



Davis Washines and Paul Lumley

More than 200 people attended NAYA's 13th Annual Native Housing to Homeownership Fair, Saturday, October 13th, accessing a wide range of housing and homeownership resources, tailored to both the Portland area's Native American community as well as the community at large.

An equal housing opportunity event with a culturally specific focus, the Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair is a key part of NAYA Family Center's initiative to close the Native American homeownership gap. Although homeownership rates in Portland are over 60%, only 30% of American Indian and Alaska Native community members own their own home.



Three lucky winners for mortgage assistance

In a moving opening, Davis Washines, Yakama Nation General Council, provided the invocation and presented the flag of the Yakama Nation to NAYA Executive Director, Paul Lumley, *Yakama*. Aided by the federal loan guarantee program, Section 184, Lumley shared his own history of homeownership. The mood was energetic and hopeful throughout afternoon workshops on weatherization, tenant protections, pathways to homeownership and how to avoid financial scams. A trove of raffle items were won by participants who attended workshops and visited with vendors. Since our inaugural Fair in 2006, our homeownership programming has resulted in hundreds of new homeowners or refinances.

NURTURING NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS

NAYA RECEIVES NEW FUNDING TO BUILD SMALL BUSINESS AND MICROENTERPRISE PROGRAMS

Providing pathways to prosperity is a key initiative for NAYA's Community Development Department. Thanks to a new federal grant from the Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies, a new investment from the Northwest Area Foundation, and continued support from Prosper Portland, NAYA's microenterprise and small business development program will be growing to be able to support more entrepreneurs in 2019.

The influx of funding will provide for additional business development staff and programming, including a mentorship program that will pair established business owners with emerging entrepreneurs. The additional staff and programming will enhance our burgeoning Microenterprise program which launched a new ten week business development course this October.

Being able to provide for oneself and for one's family is an innate desire for all of us. Staying nimble in a changing marketplace is a skill that our successful entrepreneurs understand. We are excited to help more Native entrepreneurs build Portland's local economy and thank the Administration for Native Americans, the Northwest Area Foundation and Prosper Portland for their belief and investment.

Interested in learning more about starting your own business or needing technical assistance? Visit nayapdx.org or contact Santiago Vasquez, Microenterprise Coach at VasquezS@nayapdx.org.



Business owners, Shiloh George, Toby Linwood and Loretta Guzman



CREATING A SAFER NAYA CAMPUS

THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL NEW PILLARS IN THE NAYA BREEZEWAY WITH MUCH MORE TO COME

If you've visited the NAYA campus recently, you may have noticed some improvements in our walkway. Ten newly reinforced pillars, expertly repaired and refaced by Howard Jacobs Masonry, has given the NAYA campus new life and resilience. Over the years, the pillars had begun to show their wear with brick crumbling and exposed rebar. After touring the NAYA campus, our wonderful partners responded, donating the work and materials to make our breezeway safe and sound for the upcoming rainy season. We thank them for their tremendous generosity and support and for their ongoing partnership as the breezeway project is one of many in consideration for the near future. A sincere thank you to:



Masons Doug Dennis, Carmen Perillio and Ben Parker

- **Howard Jacobs Masonry:** Maurice Rahming, owner, and their crew of masons, Doug Dennis, Carmen Perillio, and Ben Parker
- **O'Neill Construction Group:** Maurice Rahming, President, for labor and materials
- **IBEW Local 48:** Jon Jensen, Representative, for \$5000 for forklift rentals, incidentals and invaluable consultation
- **Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters:** Michael Burch, Paul Philpott and carpenter, Avel Damian, for pro bono consultation
- **KPFF Consulting Engineers:** Erik Kabusreiter and Brad Moyes for pro bono consultation
- NAYA Board Member, Robin Rabirot and Nichole Maher for identifying funding strategies

INDIGENIZING OUR SPACE

A WARM AND WELCOMING NAYA IS CREATED IN CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Just in time for Indigenous Peoples' Day, NAYA's breezeway received another renewal, thanks to **We R Native** and **Matika Wilbur**. We R Native works to address the high suicide rate in the Native American/Alaska Native community, bringing artists to work with youth to build deeper relationships to their community and cultures.

Matika Wilbur, *Swinomish/Tulalip*, introduced her work, "Indigenizing Space: Reclaiming Traditional Values in Contemporary Settings." Engaging youth in the design process to connect with their cultures, the temporary art was applied with wheat paste. Matika's hope is that the sweet grass lining the ceiling will bless people as they walk in and the design will intuitively welcome and lead people into the entrance. We think it does!



Welcoming our community with a newly Indigenized breezeway



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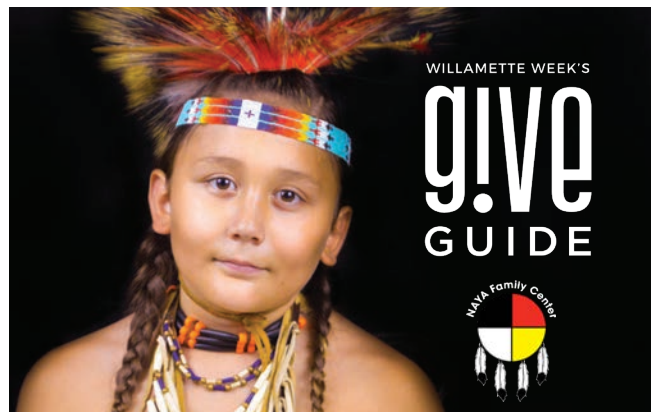


NAYA IS IN THE 2018 GIVE!GUIDE

DONATE TO NAYA NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND RECEIVE SOME GREAT INCENTIVES!

We are excited to be included in the Willamette Week Give!Guide again this year. Designed to encourage philanthropy in people aged 35 and younger, the Give!Guide showcases 150 amazing nonprofits doing wonderful things for the Portland community. A minimum donation of \$10 offers fun incentives, and if you donate on Big Give Days you'll be entered to win great prizes.

NAYA's amazing business partner, "Portugal. The Man" will be offering a copy of the award winning platinum selling vinyl record, "Woodstock" to the first 250 people that give \$50 or more to NAYA. You'll find NAYA in the "Community" category at www.giveguide.org



SAVE THE DATE:

WINTER MARKETPLACE

Saturday, December 8, 2018 • NAYA Family Center
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Apply to be a vendor at nayamarketplace.org