

# EDUCATION NEWS

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## College Information Night

The Cahuilla Band of Indians Department of Education (CBIDE), hosted its first event on November 15, 2023 at the Tribal Hall. The event was a College Information Night geared towards college and career readiness for Cahuilla youth and higher education seekers.

The night started with a blessing by tribal member, Leonella Leash, followed by a college favorite, Chipotle. The Director of Education gave information about high school graduation requirements, A-G requirements, college applications and Tribal colleges. Hamilton High's counselor, Jason Sonnier and new Native Liaison, Tracy were in attendance.



## Speakers

Cal State University San Marcos and Cal State University San Bernardino attended and gave valuable information for their respective school sites. The Cal State schools shared that they want to help our youth and college seekers find a path that is right for them.

5 Cahuilla Tribal members shared their college stories and inspired all in attendance. The theme from the college stories centered around the importance of finding yourself, getting to know who you are, what you love and most importantly, whatever path you choose is the right path. Everybody's journey through life is unique and is celebrated.





### College Information Night Cont.

Each participant who attended received a Cal State San Bernardino sway bag. Inside there were a variety of goodies, such as pens, pencils, stickers and informational flyers from various colleges. Each participant received an Academic Counseling Request Form and the “Your College Journey” Guide from the Bureau of Indian Education. More copies of these two items are available at the Education Department Office. 3 books were raffled off at the end of the event.



### Surveys

Please participate in these two data collection surveys so that the Education Department can better serve you.

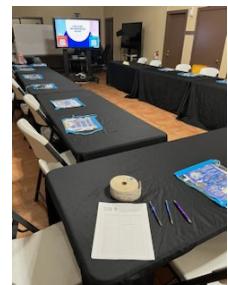
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The blue/green one is for high schoolers.

Education Data Collection



High School Student Education Plans



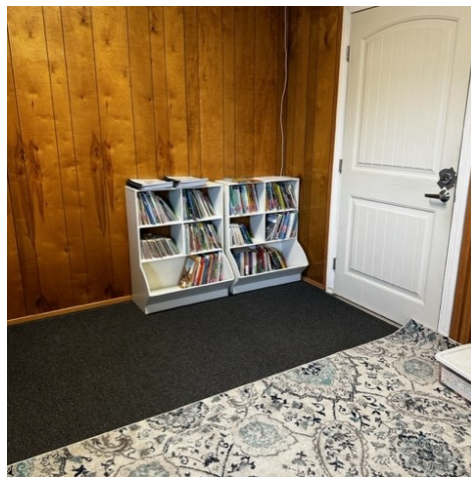




## The Education Department

The Education Department is moved in and set up. The Education Department has manipulatives for free play during Soboba TANF Tutoring or during Story Time. There is a small selection of books to read while at the Education Department.

Dr. Jackie Cope is available for academic counseling and listening sessions. Please reach out to her to book or for any questions you may have.



## Meet Dr. Jackie Cope

Dr. Jackie Cope (Washoe) was hired in July 2023. She graduated from Hamilton High School and was previously a Kindergarten Teacher for Hamilton Elementary. She has her Master Degree in Elementary Education and Doctorate Degree in Education- Curriculum and Instruction. Jackie is passionate about American Indian Education Sovereignty. In her free time she likes to do yoga, go camping, travel, bead, paint, and spend time with her family.



# Cahuilla Band of Indians Department of Education

## LISTENING SESSIONS

Dr. Jackie Cope is hosting listening sessions to gather input on how to honor and exercise Education Sovereignty for the Cahuilla Band of Indians. These are open forums where all ideas, thoughts, concerns, and guidance are welcome.

### When?

#### Open Listening Sessions

December 1, 2023 10am Education Office

December 11, 2023 3pm Education Office

January 8, 2024 6pm Education Office

February 3, 2024 10am Education Office


February 12, 2024 4:30pm Education Office

### Group Meetings

Come to any of the listed dates to share.

### One on One Listening


If you would rather share your thoughts in a one on one session or in a small group setting reach out to Jackie to set a date and time. Jackie is flexible and meetings can be held online, at your house, or the Education office, whichever works for you best.

 [JCOPE@CAHUILLA-NSN.GOV](mailto:JCOPE@CAHUILLA-NSN.GOV)  
951 663 7190

## The Education Department Listening Sessions

Dr. Cope will start to host Listening Sessions for Cahuilla Members who would like to express any ideas, concerns, or guidance for the Education Department. Dr. Cope is interested in listening about what education sovereignty looks like to you. All ideas are welcome. There are dates provided on the flyer, however if you feel more comfortable in a one on one setting that can be arranged. Please contact Dr. Cope to arrange your listening session. You may also submit your ideas in writing at the front desk or via email. Any form of communication that works best for you is encouraged.





# Logo Art Contest

## Open to all Cahuilla Tribal Members and their families

We are excited to announce our upcoming Logo Art Contest for the Education Department! This is an opportunity for our creative community to showcase their skills and design a new logo for the Education Department. The chosen logo will be featured on all of our products, website, and marketing materials.

We encourage all artists, designers, and creatives to participate in this contest. The logo should represent our department values, which include the shared responsibility of education, indigenizing curriculum and pedagogies, and Cahuilla Language. We also want the logo to be visually appealing and memorable.

The winner of the Logo Art Contest will receive a gift card, recognition on our website and social media channels, and the opportunity to work with our team on future design projects. We can't wait to see your submissions and thank you in advance for your participation!

**1st Place- \$100 Gift Card**  
**2nd Place- \$50**  
**3rd Place- \$25**

### Education Department Vision Education Sovereignty

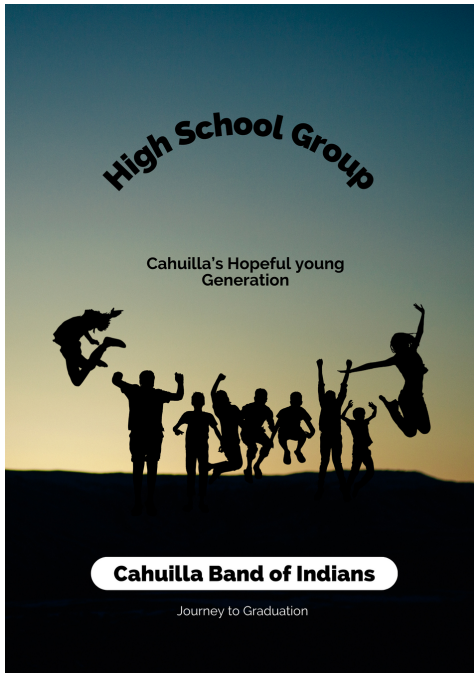
Please include any meaning or significance of the artwork.

**Deadline to submit is November 30th, 2023**

Email submissions to [jcope@cahuilla-nsn.gov](mailto:jcope@cahuilla-nsn.gov) or drop off at the Cahuilla Tribal Administration Office

## The Education Department Logo Contest

Please consider submitting a logo design for the Education Department. The vision of the Education Department is Education Sovereignty. How does that look to you? What symbols or images come to mind? Submissions will be accepted via email or physical drop off at the Tribal Administration Building. All art ideas and renderings are welcome. Dr. Cope will digitize the logo for printing and ease of use.



## High School Student Canvas Course

Dr. Cope has created an online community for all age levels for Cahuilla members. Right now, the High School Canvas Course has the most resources and is ready for participants.

Email [jcope@cahuilla-nsn.gov](mailto:jcope@cahuilla-nsn.gov) to get added to the course. You will need an active email address to sign up for the course. Right now, the course has 6 sections to explore. These courses are not for credit but are designed to help students connect with meaningful material and give access to the Director of Education.