

Coming Voice

Stanford Native Community Newsletter

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Welcome Back to Coming Voice!

The Native American Cultural Center, in cooperation with the Stanford American Indian Organization, is reviving *Coming Voice* as the central newsletter to keep Native undergraduates and graduates, faculty, staff, alumni, and the larger community informed of our events and celebrations! Our last publication was in 2016, so we are eager to publish again!

We are so proud to share this Spring Quarter newsletter--and hope that you all find as much joy as we do in hearing what our community is up to.

Native American Cultural Center Professional and Student Staff

What is *ComingVoice*?

Initiated in 1989 by alumna Nyleta Belgarde '92 (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe), *ComingVoice* was named for her grandfather. In nearly continuous production since 1989, *ComingVoice* was envisioned as a stronger more unified voice--our voices, our expressions--and as a storyteller like Nyleta's grandfather.



Alumni Tim Wilcox, Debbie Norris,
Nyleta Belgarde, and Phil Gover

ComingVoice is the voice of coming events at Stanford. We are excited to revive it as a platform to continue to keep in touch with the Stanford Native Community.

A Message from NACC Professional Staff

We write at a crossroads in history. At an unprecedented time for race relations driven by the heartbreaking loss of life in the Black Community, we grieve with our Black brothers and sisters. We stand in solidarity with them, and all people, to disrupt systemic racism, bring integrity and accountability into the criminal justice system, and contribute Indigenous wisdom to the conversation to promote understanding and healing. A Stanford Native team of Peacemakers is planning an August 2020 Peacemaking Forum with national Peacemaking practitioners and partners, centered on our college students, to build knowledge and skills as we navigate our path forward together.

Our hearts are filled with humility and gratitude as we reflect on the challenges of living, studying and working in a COVID-19 world. Moving to an online academic quarter and remote work environment has called upon all of us to re-imagine ourselves as students, faculty, staff, alumni and beyond, and to stay connected in novel ways...

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In the spirit of Gerald Vizenor's (Chippewa) lexicon, our presence here is an Act of Survivance: imaginative survival through wit, grit, grace and a bit of chance! As Stanford's first Haas Distinguished Visitor for 2020, his words are especially impactful, as was his rich campus engagement throughout Winter Quarter.

As we reflect on a surreal year, 2019-2020 is one for the record books! Five years of intentional conversations, panels, resolutions, committee work, courses, research and talking circles – all started by students – culminated in the last of three campus landmarks removing the name of Father Junipero Serra. A Spanish Catholic missionary, Serra's leadership of the California Mission System is what history most often records. His legacy is contested, however, especially among Native people who associate his name with the dispossession of ancestral land, and loss of California Indian culture, language and lives. In Fall, the official campus address on Serra Mall was renamed Jane Stanford Way. Students were featured prominently in the dedication, as speakers, drummers and in the gifting of a framed Pendleton Blanket to the President's Office. We were all honored to have the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Chair and Vice Chair (along with their families) welcome us and bless the event.

Winter also brought the launch of the inaugural Indigenous Writers Series which was co-sponsored by the English Department and the NACC. Stegner Fellow, Sterling HolyWhiteMountain (Blackfeet), and Gerald Vizenor (Chippewa) started us off, however, the entirety of the Stanford experience had to be re-tooled by Spring Break, cutting the series short. We look forward to continuing this important series.

Truly, we honor how courageously and creatively Native students have reframed important milestones like the 49th Annual Powwow, Admit Weekend, Awards Ceremony, and Native Graduate/Senior Honoring into impactful and inclusive virtual programs. Thanks to the teachings from alumna Alex Scully (Choctaw, BA '13 and MA '15), students learned how to apply Design Thinking strategies to build a digital community. They have stayed connected through talking circles, online social events, and networking through multiple social media channels. They have mastered new technology to enhance our website and the *ComingVoice* platform, among others. In short, despite our physical distance, our community and the signature events, programs and outreach pathways that sustain it remain vibrant. We are inspired.

Together with alumni, we are poised to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Stanford American Indian Organization and the Stanford Powwow in 2020-2021. Special thanks to Muwekma-Tah-Ruk Resident Fellow Shoney Blake (Choctaw, BA '06), whose leadership of the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee has positioned us for a boldly inclusive and innovative year of celebrating our history and our future! We invite you to join us.

As we continue to pray for the health and well-being of Indian Country and all of our Island Nations in unprecedented times, we are grounded in solidarity, compassion, engagement and persistence as we mark this unique quarter and envision the road ahead. Our learning continues inside and outside of classrooms. Our service to community and family deepens. Our appreciation for our collective blessings is resolute. We treasure time together more than ever, in person or virtually, and look forward to a safe return to campus soon.

*With abundant gratitude and heartfelt wishes for wellness to all,
Karen Biestman, Denni Woodward and Greg Graves, NACC Staff*

Welcome Class of 2024!

Our warmest welcome and congratulations to the incoming class of 2024! We are so excited to have you join our family, and we cannot wait to meet you - whether that be virtually or in-person - this Fall!

Virtual Native Admit Weekend & SNIP

Admit Weekend

Although we were disappointed that we were unable to welcome the Class of 2024 to our community in person, we hosted several virtual events in late April to help introduce and celebrate you all! If you were not able to attend but are interested in our materials, check our Admit Weekend page on the [NACC Website](#) for more information.



Virtual Native Admit Weekend



SNIP 2019

Stanford Native Immersion Program

SNIP is a 2-day virtual pre-orientation program for Native freshmen and new transfers to develop a sense of community and self at Stanford. SNIP 2020 will occur September 2-3 in light of the earlier move-in day. Information on SNIP participation was emailed to the Class of 2024 in early July.

2019-20 Highlights

Esteemed Fellows

First Nations Futures Program hosted by the Stanford Woods Institute

Stegner Fellow, Sterling HolyWhiteMountain

Knight Fellow, Bryan Pollard

2020 Haas Distinguished Visitor, Gerald Vizenor

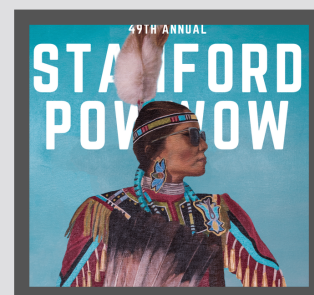
Awards & Inductees

NACC Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, Neil Hannahs

Oskison Writing Competition Winners
Jamie Fine, Jenny Carmichael Tangeman, Vance Farrant, Haley O'Brien

Anne Medicine Mentorship Award Recipient
Laura Selznick

49th Annual Virtual Powwow



Facebook: [Stanford Powwow](#)
Instagram: [@thestanfordpowwow](#)

Congratulations Class of 2020!

Dear Class of 2020,

We are SO proud of you. We wish we could be celebrating with you in all of your fantastic accomplishments and we are beyond excited to congratulate you all in person soon as possible!



Native Graduation 2019

Photo by Jade Goodwill, '21

Two Celebrations in 2021!

The Native Community is working to ensure that when University Commencements occur, so will Native Graduations! We are hopeful that we will be able to host separate Native Graduations for the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 next Spring! We hope to see you all back on campus then.

Jane Stanford Way Renaming

"The collective work to make Stanford a more inclusive place cannot stop here"

- Carson Smith, '19

This year, the Native community celebrated the renaming of Jane Stanford Way, Sally Ride House, and Carolyn Lewis Attneave House.

View this [NACC News Story](#) to read more!



Welcome Back, Native Alumni!

50th Anniversary of SAIO and Powwow



SAIO 50 for 50

The SAIO 50 for 50 is a series of alumni spotlights organized by our indigenous alumni and the NACC to celebrate the Stanford American Indian Organization and Stanford Powwow's 50th Anniversary. It has just recently launched on May 20!

To view 50 for 50 Interviews, [click here!](#)

Oral Histories

We hope to highlight the tradition of activism and community building within the Native community at Stanford and provide alumni a space to share their experiences and memories about such milestones in our community's past. We hope to launch in Fall 2020.

Native Alumni News and SIAA

Stanford Indigenous Alumni Association (SIAA)

Recently revived, Stanford Indigenous Alumni Association (SIAA) strives to honor, connect, and support the Indigenous Stanford alumni community in all its diversity.

25th Annual Hall of Fame & Reunion Homecoming

The NACC hosted in the annual Reunion Homecoming in October 2019, welcoming back Native Alumni!

During the 2019 Reunion Homecoming, the NACC celebrated the 25th year of their Alumni Hall of Fame by inducting Neil J. Kaho'okele Hannahs! Hannahs received BA and MA degrees from Stanford in 1972 and 1973.



Virtual Powwow Co-Chairs

Kylee Beck (left) and Jade Goodwill (right)

Native Fam in Quarantine: Special Edition

Wondering what the Native Fam has been up to in quarantine? Take a look at community submissions below!

Arts & Crafts & Animals!

Tala Parker, '22: "I've been managing being back home by doing lots of outdoor gardening, baking, and reading for classes! I've also been chillin with my dogs, and knitting a ton of hats :)))"

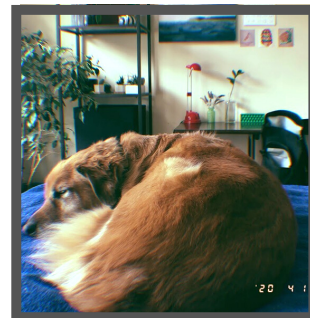


Photo Submissions by Tala Parker

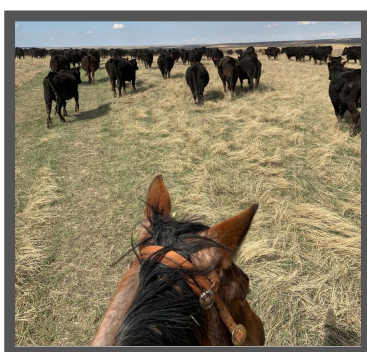


Photo Submissions by Calico Ducheneaux

Calico Ducheneaux '23: "I've been living on my family's ranch and embroidering!"

Baked Goods, oh my!

Haley O'Brien '20: "I make a baked good of the day (almost) everyday!"

Needing New Music?

Miro Hampson-Medina ('22) &

Tatanka Yumni Omni ('22) have been hard at

work producing music this quarter. Take a look at the links below to listen to their new music!

Miro's Link: [Dark Days](#) Tatanka's Link: [LE TAKU HWO](#)



Photo Submissions by Haley O'Brien

Pandemic & Free Speech

The NACC, SAIO, Stanford Powwow, and Hui O Nā Moku stand in solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

To view each group's full statements, visit their social media pages linked on page 8.

Resources

The NACC is the hub to many student-initiated groups and continues to expand each year. These groups exist across many disciplines to ensure that all our Native students at Stanford have a place to express their truest versions of themselves and feel supported in their interests and passions. To keep up-to-date with these groups, here are links to some of the student groups' social media:

NACC

Instagram: [@nacc.stanford](#)

Stanford American Indian Organization

Facebook: [Stanford American Indian Organization](#)

Instagram: [@saio.stanford](#)

Stanford AISES

Instagram: [@stanfordaises](#)

Stanford Powwow

Facebook: [The Stanford Powwow](#)

Instagram: [@thestanfordpowwow](#)

YouTube: [The Stanford Powwow](#)

Hui o Nā Moku

Facebook: [Hui o Nā Moku](#)

Instagram: [@huionamoku](#)

Stanford Indigenous Alumni

Facebook: [Stanford Indigenous Alumni](#)

Visit the [NACC Website](#) for more information regarding events, student groups, and plans for the 50th Anniversary of SAIO and the Stanford Powwow!

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