

Coming Voice

Stanford Native Community Newsletter

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Coming Voice Fall 2020

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.

ComingVoice is the voice of coming events at Stanford. Continuing from last Spring, we are excited to continue to see *ComingVoice* as a platform to continue to keep in touch with the Stanford Native Community as we are currently spread throughout the world.

Class of 2024: A Virtual Start

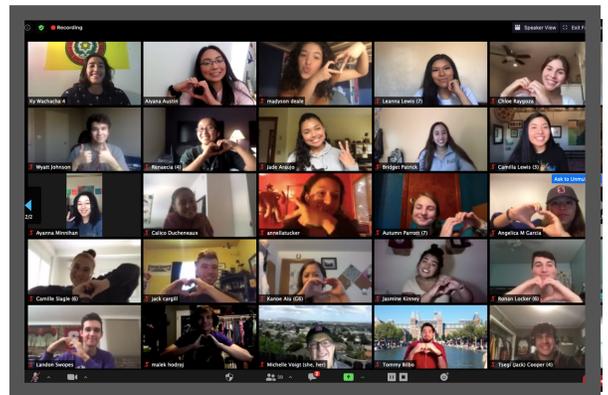
Our warmest welcome and congratulations to the incoming class of 2024! We are so excited to have you join our family, and we cannot wait to meet you - whether that be virtually or in-person - this Fall! The class of 2024 is in full swing at Stanford.

Virtual New Student Orientation & SNIP

NSO 2020

This year was obviously very different in terms of the NACC and NSO welcome- but as the NAOC (Native American Orientation Coordinator) it was actually an amazing experience to engage the incoming class virtually! I know Zoom can be pretty daunting especially when entering a space in which you haven't met anyone else, but everyone who could join made it very comfortable and an all-around fun time! We were able to introduce the new students to the NACC staff as well as many different NACC organizations and groups. Please continue welcoming the new students as they can (potentially?) return to campus this winter and become a part of the NACC <3.

- Juju Hallum (Mvskoke Creek), Coterm '21



SNIP 2020

Stanford Native Immersion Program

Before entering Stanford my frosh year, I participated in a week long native pre-orientation program called SNIP. As a first introduction to the native fam and exhibition of the type of community I would be joining, SNIP was invaluable, so I decided to return as a staff member this past summer. During SNIP 2020, I had the pleasure of welcoming dozens of frosh to the Stanford native family over the course of 2 days. Now, half way through first quarter, I see many of the frosh I met at SNIP attending virtual native events and joining native clubs, and I know that even its new virtual format SNIP was a successful as a community building program and as a pipeline into the Native family.

- Kanoe Aiu (Native Hawaiian), '23



Native Sibs Program for Frosh

SAIO's Sibs Program welcomed 29, of the nearly 100, new frosh into the Sibs families this Fall! The Sibs program allows close mentorship between Frosh and upper-classmen, which encourages Native Community involvement and academic success. The Sibs Program is also sponsoring pen pal exchanges between their sibs this Holiday season for those who signed up!

Celebrating

Our 50th Year



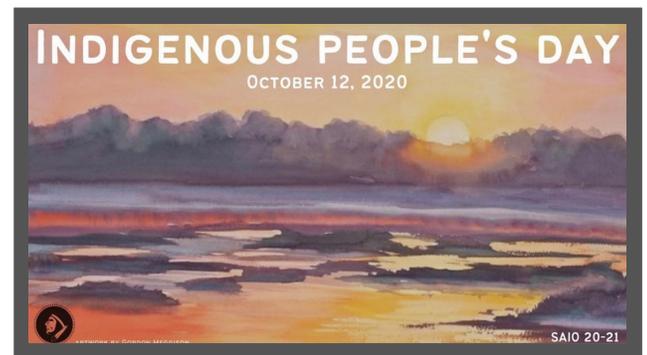
This Fall is the start of the celebrations for both SAIO and Powwow's 50th Anniversaries! Below are some updates of both SAIO and Powwow's events and future planning for the year.

SAIO's 50th Anniversary

Indigenous People's Day 2020 and Native American Heritage Month

SAIO celebrated Indigenous People's Day (IPD) virtually, inviting our Native students from coast to coast to commemorate IPD in their own communities! SAIO also encouraged both Native students, alumni, and allies to participate in land acknowledgments.

SAIO is also putting together gift baskets for students in the Native Community for Native American Heritage Month, with books, treats, and stickers from Indigenous-owned businesses and authors.



Changemakers Panel

On October 21, 2020, the Stanford American Indian Organization (SAIO) celebrated its 50th birthday with the Change Makers Panel!

The event featured distinguished keynote speakers Denni Woodward, Assistant Dean and Associate Director of the Native American Cultural Center, and Jim Larimore, former Assistant Dean and Director of the Native American Cultural Center ('85-99). The Panel also included five talented Stanford Native Alumni.

With over 70 attendees, SAIO welcomed in their 50th year in great celebration.



SAIO 50 for 50

The SAIO 50 for 50 is a series of alumni spotlights organized by Shoney Blake ('06), our indigenous alumni and the NACC to celebrate the Stanford American Indian Organization and Stanford Powwow's 50th Anniversary.

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

Our 50th Year (cont.)

Indigenous Student Voices Part II

In 2019, SAIO began a collaboration with *The Stanford Daily* to launch a Native America Heritage Month (NAHM) series of op-eds, titled Indigenous Student Voices. With its tremendous success, SAIO has renewed this collaboration for NAHM in its 50th Anniversary year.

Upon publication of this edition, SAIO has sponsored two pieces by Indigenous students this month. SAIO's 2020-2021 Co-Chairs, Brentley Sandlin, Shayna Naranjo, and Zan Benitez published a piece in honor of the 50th Anniversary, found [here](#). Jade Araujo, class of 2024, has also published a piece that critiques the history of Native mascots, including Stanford's own past. Her piece can be found [here](#).



Candlelight Vigil, 9 October 2018
Photo by Khuyen Lee for *The Stanford Daily*

Powwow's 50th Anniversary

The 50th Annual Stanford Powwow is set to take place on May 7-9, 2021 - Mother's Day Weekend.

Planning for this Powwow will be very different than the past 49 years with the uncertainty of the ongoing pandemic. We are hopeful we will be able to host an in-person event. Our initial planning for an in-person Powwow must comply with University, local, and state requirements which may include restrictions on attendance and activities. In the event that conditions change, we will transition our Powwow to a virtual setting. This information can be found on our brand new website which is linked [here](#) and on this edition's resources page!

This is a monumental celebration for the Stanford Native Community and we are extremely honored and excited to be planning and hosting this event. With our committee consisting of full time students all working from different locations around the country, we are trying our best to adjust to this new virtual planning method, planing for a great 50th Annual Stanford Powwow!

- Jade Goodwill & Marilyn Frank

Powwow 2020-2021 Co-Chairs



Our 50th Year (cont.)

Stanford x Harvard x Dartmouth

Harvard, Dartmouth, and Stanford are all celebrating 50th anniversaries of Indigenous programs on their respective campuses. As we stand in community with our fellow universities, below are submissions from Harvard and Dartmouth Indigenous staff.

Dartmouth's 50th Anniversary

"The Dartmouth Native American Program is partnering with Native American Studies to celebrate 50 years of the college's recommitment to Native and Indigenous education at Dartmouth. We are developing a yearlong celebration that focuses on strengthening the voice and visibility of our Indigenous community and presence at Dartmouth. Our 50th anniversary will kick-off in October 2021. We have conducted interviews with alumni from the past 50 years in order to develop an oral history timeline that tells the story of the Native and Indigenous experience over the past five decades.

Additionally, we plan to leverage the 50th anniversary to launch a virtual Dartmouth Native and Indigenous Community Book. This initiative supports our mission to support personal and leadership development (as well as create more opportunities for student and alumni mentorship). The Dartmouth Class of 1971 dedicated their 50th reunion gift to the launch of this platform in memory of one of their classmates who was one of three Native American students at Dartmouth during their student years."

- Sarah Palacios (Pueblo of Pooaque), '05



Harvard's 50th Anniversary



Harvard University's Native American Program (HUNAP) is celebrating 50 years of its presence on campus!

They have recently held a panel of HUNAP's past directors in honor of their anniversary and are planning to host more events throughout the year!

HUNAP x NACC

The Native American Cultural Center is excited to announce a future collaborative event in honor of both HUNAP and SAIO's 50th anniversaries: A Circle of Native American Scholars. This event will be held February 11, 2021. We hope to have a page soon to share the news of the event, so keep a look out on the NACC website for more information!

A Circle of Notable Native American Scholars
Thursday, 11 February 2021 (3-5pm PST/6-8pm EST)

 Henrietta Mann Cheyenne	 K. Tsianina Lomawaima Creek Nation	 Robert Warrior Osage Nation	 Greg Sarris Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria	 Philip J. Deloria Yankton Dakota
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Keeping Up with **Virtual Stanford**

Student & Alum Life

Undergrad Student Groups

Check out the Native Students Website, renovated and updated by Jade Goodwill, '21! It is the best way to keep up with Undergrad Native life, and it can be found linked on the NACC website and [here](#).

Grad Students

The GSB is working hard to make the MBA experience come alive for students despite the pandemic, and I'm grateful to be completing my JD/MBA at a place as well-resourced as Stanford. NALSA, Natives in Business, and SNAGS are all finding ways to build virtual community, and I deeply appreciate how much the NACC staff have done to help us feel "at home" wherever we find ourselves for this unusual quarter.

- Tim Rosenberger, Native Grad Student

Stanford Indigenous Alumni Association

The Stanford Indigenous Alumni Association (SIAA) is hard at work on holding space and events for Stanford's Native Alumni. They recently held a Game Night and are looking to host more as the year continues!

The Inaugural Stanford Indigenous Alumni Summit

SIAA is planning to host the Inaugural Stanford Indigenous Alumni Summit. The organization is hoping to host an in-person event in 2021, if permitting by health politics and the ongoing pandemic. To learn more about this event and others by SIAA, check out their page and subscribe to their monthly newsletter [here](#).

Red and Green Holiday Dinner

The NACC continued its tradition, albeit virtually, in holding the Red and Green Holiday Dinner this year, with the inclusion of ugly sweater contest, recipe shares, and more! With around 30 family, friends, and four-legged attendees, it was a wonderful conclusion to the Autumn Quarter of this academic year.

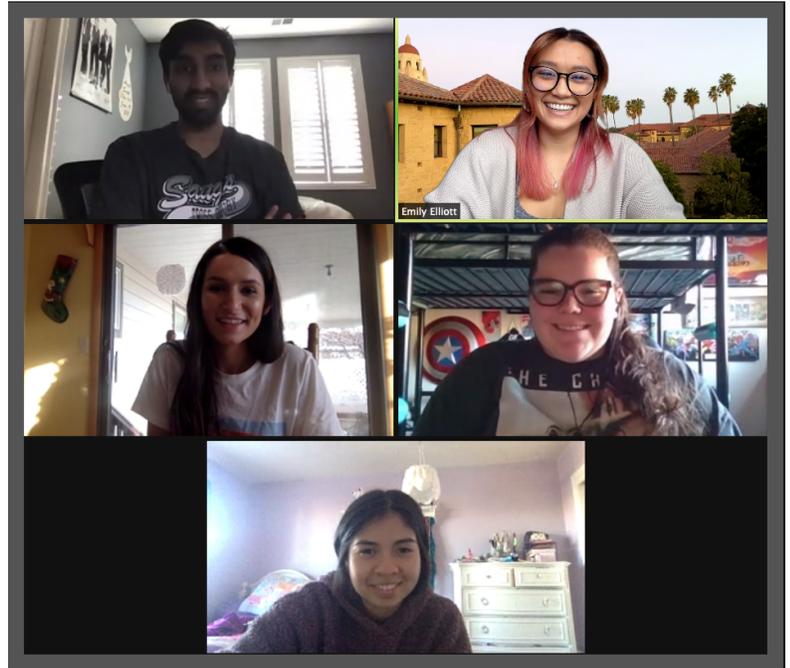


Keeping Up with **Virtual Stanford**

Muwekma-Tah-Ruk

"Muwেকma-Tah-Ruk's Resident Fellows and student staff are excited to welcome both new and returning students to the house come winter quarter! With this year obviously looking different, we are working hard to create a fully safe space that still feels like home :) Starting with Shoney's revamp, with help from Denni and RD&E, of the house artwork to celebrate the extensive diversity of Indigenous students on campus!"

- Emily Elliott ('22), Resident Assistant



2020-2021 Student Staff pictured above.



Diversification of Faculty

Vice Provost for Faculty Development, Diversity, and Engagement and mentor of the Native Community C. Matthew Snipp is heading efforts to further diversify the faculty at Stanford, specifically in the study of race and ethnicity.

Read Stanford News' full coverage [here](#).

Jordan Hall Renaming

"The Removal of Serra's name is a step towards a more inclusive university and has set the stage for the renaming of other locations on campus."

- Carson Smith, '18

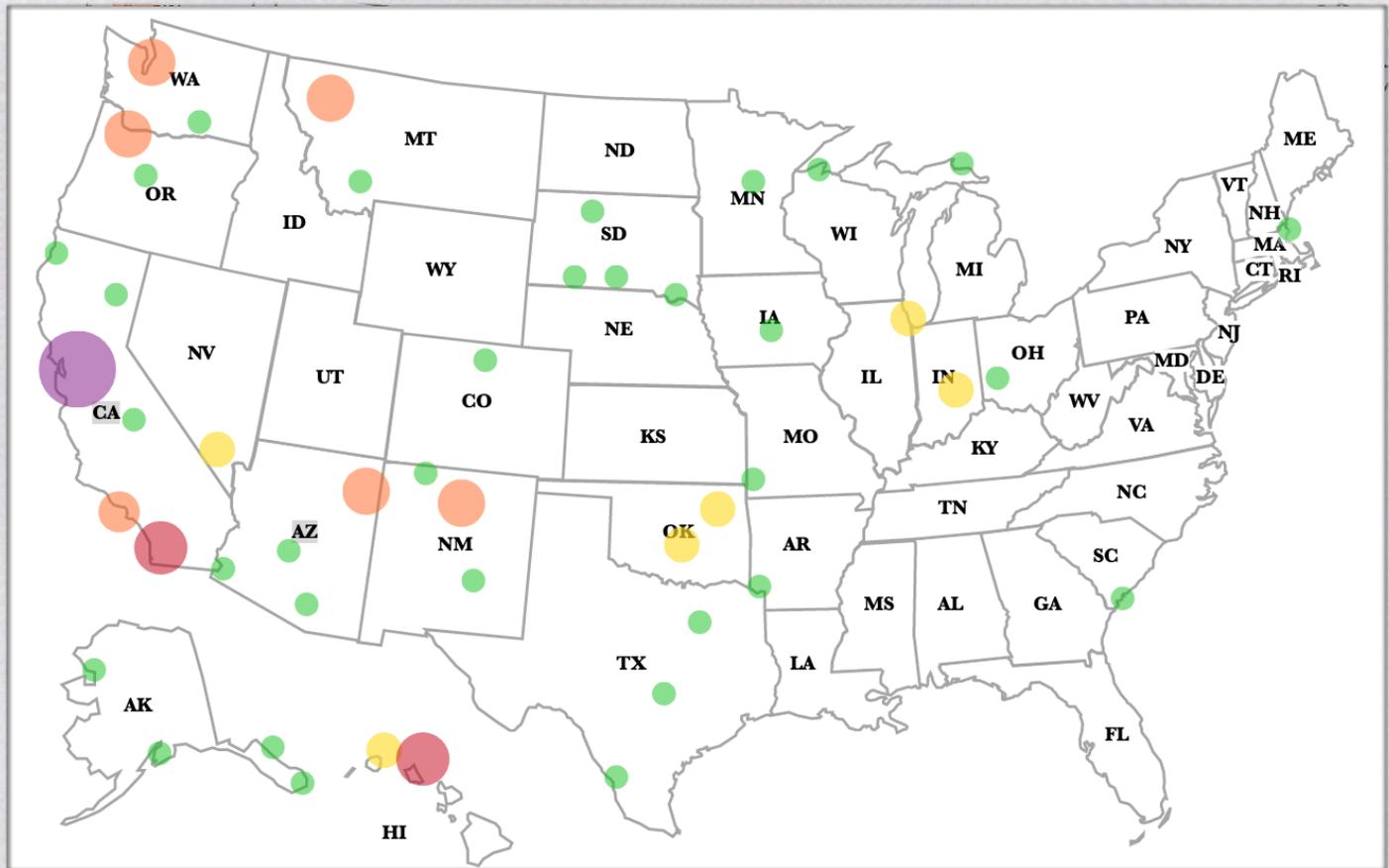
This quarter, the University has renamed spaces that previously honored David Starr Jordan. The renaming process was based upon the principles that Native students helped establish in the Serra renaming. We asked Carson Smith, '18 Alum who was instrumental in the Serra Renaming, to discuss her reflections on this.

Read Smith's full statement [here](#).



Our Virtual Community Map: Special Edition

Wondering where our Native fam is located this quarter? Check out our student map!



Why am I not on the Map?

While the *ComingVoice* editors worked to include as many students as possible, this map is only representative of (25%) 91 of the 400 active, undergraduate & graduate students. If we continue this map in the future, look out for emails sent regarding *ComingVoice* community maps to be included!

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](#)

Website: [Stanford American Indian Organization](#)

Stanford AISES

Instagram: [@stanfordaises](#)

Stanford Powwow

Facebook: [The Stanford Powwow](#)

Instagram: [@thestanfordpowwow](#)

YouTube: [The Stanford Powwow](#)

Website: [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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