Did You Know...November is Native American Heritage Month?

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to pay tribute and acknowledge the many contributions that Native people have made to America. The first inhabitants of these lands contributed to modern day society through foods, medicine, literature, arts, common names of states and counties, and our modern day governmental structure.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Click here to learn more about the first Thanksgiving!

Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project
Lesson Plans & Resources

Visit our website to view our list of lesson plans and resources that teach about Thanksgiving from an Indigenous perspective.

Learn More!

Upcoming NIEA Webinars

Utilizing Data to Build Capacity of Tribal Education Departments (TEDs)

November 19, 2019
1:30-3pm CT

Register!

NIEA Foster Care Webinar

November 20, 2019
2-3pm ET

Register!

Mark your calendars for our December 2019 webinars!

Shape the Future for Your Students: Teaching About the 2020 Census

NIEA in partnership with the U.S. Census

December 2, 2019
2-3pm ET

NIEA Book Club: "There, There" by Tommy Orange

Educator Initiative Webinar on Teacher Certification Policies

NIEA in partnership...
NIEA'S Program Team at Work

Handbook of Research on Teachers of Color

Call for Teacher Testimonies

In partnership with the Handbook of Research on Teachers of Color, NIEA is putting out a call for Teacher Testimonies from Native teachers in Indian Country to comment on a chapter focusing on a specific area of the teaching profession.

Several chapters include:
- Recruitment;
- Preparation;
- Mentorship;
- Policy;
- Human Resource Development & Induction;
- Professional Development;
- Pedagogical & Leadership Practices;
- Educational Impact;
- Minority-Serving Institutions;
- Intersectionality; and
- Retention.

Call for Indigenous Scholars & Reviewers

In addition to teacher testimonies, in partnership with the Handbook of Research on Teachers of Color, NIEA is putting out a call for Indigenous researchers who might be able to provide feedback on a chapter of the teacher education impact section of the handbook.

For more information, and to submit a testimony, please contact Kurrrinn Abrams, kabraams@niea.org, 202-847-0034

NIEA Indigenous Empowerment and Resilience Project (NIERP)

NIEA can now provide Blanket Healing Exercises in our local communities. Learn more about participants' experiences and how to have a blanket exercise in your community.
Native Language Immersion Model

NIEA is currently working on a project with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to build capacity for both improving and creating Native Language Immersion Programs in schools across the United States. NIEA will undertake this work by collaborating with local Native education partners that have a deep level of knowledge and expertise about Native education at the state level. Additionally, NIEA will be holding Language Convenings within target states to gather as many stakeholders together as possible, including parents, tribal leaders, school principals, superintendents, teachers, and students.

The goal of this project is to develop a model of a Native Language Immersion Program that will employ best practices from our research, as well as strategies to mitigate any potential challenges of pitfalls.

We will be addressing two key questions:

- What is the current status of your Native Language Immersion program?
- In what areas can your Native

NIEA Educator Initiative Project

NIEA is proud to announce that we have been selected to receive the New Schools Venture Fund 2019 Teacher Diversity Grant to support the work of our Educator Initiative Project.

Goals of the grant:

- Develop a tribal teacher certification program.
- Develop toolkits, resources, workshops, and professional development for school leadership, teachers, and teacher applicants in our high-Native population schools.
- Provide school talent management training workshops.
- Expand our advocacy efforts.

Visit our website

About our NIEA Educator Initiative Project

Teacher shortages are pervasive in Native schools across the country. The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and
TNTP are working collaboratively to recruit and retain effective teachers and unleash the power of the seventh generation of Native students. As part of our commitment to improve educational opportunities for Native students, NIEA has developed the first-ever online job board where schools representing hundreds of tribal communities can post employment opportunities available across the United States.

To support us in reaching our goal to help improve education opportunities for Native students, encourage prospective teachers and community partners to visit our Educator Initiative Job Board today!

Visit our website

Learn More!

NIEA Events Across Indian Country

November 1-3, 2019
Missoula, MT
As part of the Gates Foundation grant, to support educators in Indian Country, NIEA will be working in collaboration with other organizations to develop curriculum for Native American Veterans.

November 7-9, 2019
Anchorage, AK
As part of our Gates Foundation and Walton Family Foundation grant work, NIEA in partnership with the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) will do our state launch at the AASB annual meeting.

November 13-15, 2019
Hinkley, MN
Through the McKnight Foundation, NIEA is looking to partner with established community coalitions to enhance/support the Native Education Landscape in the state of Minnesota

November 18, 2019
Oklahoma Legislative Interim Study on Date Sharing with Tribal Education Departments (TEDs)

Oklahoma State Capitol
Oklahoma City, OK
NIEA will be involved with this planning meeting to support objectives related to the Gates Foundation Project in support of building the capacity of tribal education departments.

November 20-22, 2019
Albuquerque, NM
Through the Gates Foundation Grant, NIEA is looking to collaborate and support Native Educational systems and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) implementation in the state of New Mexico.

New Mexico Government to Government (G2G) Meeting

American Indian English-Learner Research Alliance (AIERA) Conference

December 3-5, 2019
Hotel Albuquerque
Albuquerque, NM
This project is an element of the BIE Language Immersion grant to support building the capacity of BIE schools and tribally-controlled schools to enhance their language programs.

December 8-10, 2019
Grand Lake Casino
Shawnee, OK
As part of the Gates Foundation Grant, NIEA is partnering with OCIE at its annual conference to support our Oklahoma partner through advocacy and community engagement of Indian education issues. NIEA has our own strand during the conference.

Oklahoma Council of Indian Education (OCIE) Annual Conference

Head to the Hill with NIEA 2020
Washington, D.C.
Head to the Hill with NIEA to learn from national experts and meet with congressional staff to advocate for the tools and resources necessary for Native students to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Program Updates in Indian Country

Call for Manuscripts
Northern Arizona University
Call for Manuscripts

Northern Arizona University (NAU) is looking for manuscripts to consider for a new edition of our "Honoring" monographs tentatively entitled Honoring Our Students. It will be the fifth in a series published by Northern Arizona University. Anticipated publication date is May 2020 and manuscripts should be received by February 15, 2020. Papers will be presented at the 11th American Indian / Indigenous Teacher Education Conference on June 19-20, 2020 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, but attendance at the conference is not required.

Visit the NAU website

For more information contact Jon Reyhner at Jon.Reyhner@nau.edu.

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