

## Quotes from the Sauk Language Interns



Nicolelynn Watashe

"I would like to do the Sauk internship to further my education in the language so that I may teach and enjoy the language. Although, I am not Sac and Fox, I have grown up going to all the events they have had and learning more and more things about the culture and traditions. My step dad, Steven Franklin, has grown learning the language by his grandma; who used to teach the language. My step dad inspired me to learn not only for me but for my daughter, JadaLynn, so that she can pass on the language to her children and grandchildren."



Jaylen Johnson

"I would like to learn Sauk because I am Sac and Fox and that is our language. It would be good for me to learn the language so I can talk to others and converse with them. I will be able to understand my family and others when they speak to me in Sauk. Not many people speak it anymore and it'd be cool for me to be able to say I'm one of the few that can speak it. If I learned it I'd understand and be able to keep it alive. Learning the language would be a fun experience and it would be good for me. I'd be able to pass it down to my children and so on. I took language classes when I was younger, but not enough to remember and use it now. I'd like to learn more and get to where I can hold a conversation with others. I didn't take enough classes to learn as much as I would like to so I hope I can get the internship to learn more. Taking this internship would greatly benefit me by teaching me to speak the language and also learning the history of the language. I would be able to speak in the language of my tribe after this internship. I would also be able to teach others what I have learned about the Sauk language."

Sac and Fox culture. My dad talks a lot about how things used to be when he was a child. Some Sauk words that my dad says sound completely different to how things are said now days. I can only think of one specific reason to why I want to learn Sauk language, which is my dad."



Harrison Spang

"I would like to learn the Sauk language so I could speak it fluently and talk to the elders in the old way and save the language from dying in that old way. And I've been to like three/four Sauk language classes already so why like not go and learn some more Sauk during the Summer, it's better than staying home and playing video games all day. I don't want to forget anything I learned during the School year so I'd like to take a summer class also. I appreciate all the opportunities that I have been given to learn the Sauk language."

"Heen (No hats on this computer)"

I feel its best that I learn the language if I want to interact and understand others. Learning this language will be an adventure a fun adventure for me. I'll be able to talk to everyone in Sauk, to me that is really cool. Keeping this language alive and spreading it to the younger ones will be such an honor. If I want to continue to run for princess I feel that I have a better chance of winning if I can talk in Sauk."



Elyssa Tallbear

"I would like for the language to be passed on. I want to learn it so I could hopefully teach others. I know there are not that many people that can speak it. Also I know there are not that many fluent speakers. Also it is easier to communicate with people my age. I love to listen. I think this would be good for me to learn and hopefully help me prepare for my Sauk 2 class next year. Sauk language is something worth learning. I know it would make my mom proud to see me one day speak sauks fluently. Also I heard there is a college program thru the sauks language. I want to make the language the most important part of my life as I can."



Santana Spang

"I have always been involved in learning the Sac and Fox language, whether it was attending a camp, classes, or anything else there was to offer. I really enjoy learning the language because it enables me to converse with my family and others in Sauk."

I am looking forward to continuing to learn more about the language. I wish to learn more than just colors, numbers, and everyday nouns. I wish to further my education in the Sac and Fox language because I aspire to someday become fluent in the language, so that I can keep the language alive. By continuing to learn the language, I anticipate to see that it will preserve our Native American heritage in some way."



Nova Franklin

"The reason why I want to learn Sauk language is because it's the one tribe I enjoy doing things for. I'm in the Sauk class here in Stroud, and I love it. I think that if I learn Sauk I'll learn more about the history of



Winter Johnson

"My reasons for wanting to be accepted into this internship is because I want to continue Sauk language. I think it would be good for me so I can interact with any other person who talks sauks. Learning how to talk in Sauk would be a fun learning experience for me. Keeping the Sauk language alive and to teach other people how to speak the language will be good too. I think it would be good to learn the language so I can understand my elders and talk to them in the same language."



Emily Nanaeto

"I want to enhance my knowledge in the Sauk Language to teach others and to keep the language alive and well. It's a privilege and an honor to learn this language that few people know. Learning this language is a gift that no one else can give. It makes me proud of who I am and where I came from."

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