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Sac and Fox Grant Staff Present for 14th Annual Indian Nations Conference in California

Last month the Sac and Fox reentry grant program manager attended the 14th Annual Indian Nations Conference – Justice for Victims of Crime, at the Agua Caliente Reservation in California, in conjunction with a tribal youth conference.

Attendance at the conference was estimated at over 1,100 people representing numerous tribes across the United States. Activities included traditional opening ceremonies and special guest speakers, followed by breakout sessions with spe-

cial topics.

“Attendance at the Conference is a Great Opportunity to Network with other Tribes working on similar programs and learn from their experiences”, said program manager Alana Owen.

Sac and Fox member Eugenia Tyner-Dawson facilitated one of the sessions for attendees of the conference. Eugenia is the Executive Director - Justice Programs Council on Native American Affairs and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Tribal Affairs - Of-

fice of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Over the past month members and employees of Sac and Fox have been meeting to discussion possible topics for submission of the Coordinated Tribal Assisted Solicitation (CTAS) which is due in February, 2015. The meeting members refer to the group as the “Community Committee for Sustainable Solutions.” Anyone interested in participating can contact Alana at 918-968-4279.

2014 Native American Language Revitalization Workshop

On November 21, 2014, Sauk Language Instructor Mosiah Bluecloud and the two current college level Youth Interns, Eddie Fullbright and Nicole Watashe, attended the two day Native American Language Revitalization Workshop at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Oklahoma.

Mosiah taught two workshops. “Sauk Language in the High School”, assisted by both interns, and “The Sauk Language Modified Master-Apprentice Program: It’s not your daddy’s Master-Apprentice program anymore.” Both workshops were well attended by attendees from other tribal language programs.

The Workshop offered the Sauk Language Youth Interns the opportunity to learn about other tribal language programs, and talk to language interns from other tribes, where they exchanged experiences and information. The Workshop also allowed for the Sauk Language Master Apprentice Program to be showcased as one of the best language revitalization programs in the country, and was used as a forum to answer questions from other tribal organizations on establishing their own programs based on the Sauk Language model.



Sauk Language Interns, Nicole Watashe (top center) and Eddie Fullbright (bottom center) assist with Workshops taught by Sauk Language Instructor, Mosiah Bluecloud.

Sac and Fox Elders
Monthly Meeting
January 14
2015
Stroud
10:00 am

Sac and Fox
Nation
Veterans
Meeting
January 13
2015
Cultural Center
Stroud 5 pm

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Letter to Principal Chief George Thurman

December 15, 2014

The Honorable George Thurman
Chief, Sac & Fox Nation
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Mr. Thurman,

My name is Yannah Meeks, Sac & Fox Roll #2198. This past fall I accepted a position with Shawnee Public Schools as an Education Advisor for Horace Mann Elementary. Horace Mann Elementary School in Shawnee has a fantastic Native American population. Some classes have a majority of Native American students, and we have well over 200 students with more than 120 Native American students enrolled. I simply wanted to share with you what an invaluable resource our tribe has been for me this past semester.

We kicked off our year with a Red Ribbon Week with a visit from Jamie, the Youth Coordinator of the Sac & Fox Behavioral Health Department. She had a program for us regarding the effects of drugs and alcohol and distributed red ribbons and coloring books to our entire school. This is with only three days notice.

Jean at the Education Department has been kind enough to share surplus school supplies for our very grateful classrooms. Amanda Lenora and her crew at the Indian Child Welfare Department shared five backpacks of school supplies as well as goodie bags containing rewards for students for a job well done. The ICW has helped our students in numerous ways, including in keeping some of our student’s families together.

The language department of the Sac & Fox Nation have also been so kind as to create Sac & Fox language packets for our Sac & Fox students to begin their introduction to our Native language. This is a great introduction to the language that they may continue when they get to Shawnee High School and enroll in our language course.

It brings me great pride to see what an asset our tribe has become to our students. These children are now developing great pride in knowing their heritage and learning of our culture, arts, and history. I just wanted to thank the Sac & Fox Nation for their invaluable assistance and we look forward to working with your tribe again very soon!

Yannah Meeks,

Indian Education Advisor,
Horace Mann Elementary
Shawnee Public Schools