



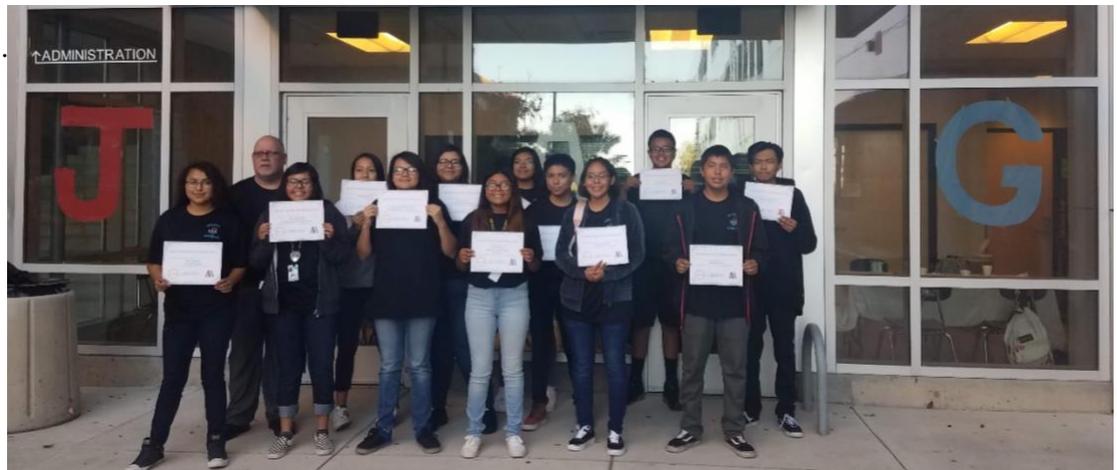
Mission

By working together with schools, parents, and communities, APS Indian Education Department will develop enhanced and supportive Indigenous educational opportunities for All American Indian/ Alaska Native students by increasing knowledge of Native values through teaching language and cultural differences.

JAG - Jobs for America's Graduates

A new program has been implemented at Del Norte High School called JAG which stands for "Jobs for America's Graduates." JAG is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who have serious barriers to graduation and/or employment. In more than three decades of operation, JAG has delivered consistent, compelling results – helping over one million young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities.

The classes at Del Norte are guided by the Indian Education Department and coordinated by Tim Garro. The focus of the class is to teach students leadership, career options, dropout prevention and school to career transition. JAG held their first initiation of officers October 5, 2018 and breakfast was provided by the students. They served chicken and waffles (YUM!). The officers will be attending the National Student Leadership Academy Conference in Washington D.C. from November 14-18, 2018. This is the first time for many of the students to fly on a plane!



JAG Officers for 2018-2019

- Mya Yazzie - President
- Jacee Bad Heart Bull - Leadership Vice President
- Tamira Melchor-Acquero - Career Prep Vice President
- Shyrall Willie - Social Activities Director
- Alexis Alire - Civic Activities Director
- Cami Riley - Community Service Director

JAG believes that...

- ...JAG students and graduates are capable of extraordinary accomplishments once they realize the future relevance of what they are learning and will exceed expectations when challenged and stimulated.
- ...JAG graduates can and will change the world!
- ...JAG is needed more than ever!

Seven Bar Elementary

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Ortega-Choate. Our program is new to Seven Bar Elementary this year, and I'm so excited to be the school's Indian Education Resource teacher. My mission each and every day, for each and every child, is to do my best to give my students relevant knowledge, the courage to try new things, the curiosity to seek new answers and the ability to be the best they can be. I will be providing English Language Arts (reading) and math interventions through-out the week. Our learning will be Native American centered, such as reading books by Native American authors and/or themes.



Our program will have a cultural component that will take place once a month on Fridays. These activities can involve making pottery, dream catchers, talking sticks, or reading a story and creating a traditional craft; such as making corn husk dolls. I encourage all parents who are willing to share a part of their culture or traditions with our students to contact me.

What does it mean to me to be “Native American?”

At the start of every year, I ask all my students what being Native American means to them. Many have a beautiful awareness and share some experiences they have had with parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles. They share memories of feast days, PowWow, and visiting family back home, as they call it. These drawings are from students at Seven Bar Elementary. They were able to draw what they pictured in their minds about what being Native American means to them. This is special for many reasons, but most importantly they begin to embrace who they are! This opens the door to extraordinary learning that happens right here in our classroom.



Very Respectfully,
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*Give me knowledge so I may have
kindness for all.*

Plains Indians



School Supplies Start Success in Classrooms!

Elizabeth Trujillo, Ina Atsye and Jay Leonard, Indian Education's staff, smile as they distribute school supplies to more than a thousand students this year. The Indian Education department exists to help Native American students be successful in school and offering school supplies free of charge is just one way to help.

Families were lined up in the hallway to get their supplies and were very appreciative that this is offered. Student and parent volunteers also helped as



to distribute supplies. This was a huge event for the Indian Education Department. A special thank you to Malaysia and Brooklyn Persinger, and McKenzie Johnson for their assistance. There are still school supplies available if students are still in need. Come by the Indian Education Department located in the West building on the 4th floor.

Tres Volcanes Community Collaborative School

Hello families of Tres Volcanes Community Collaborative School,

I am Ms. Medrano, and I will be the Indian Education Resource Teacher at Tres Volcanoes this year. I have worked with the Indian Education Department for 6 years. My program consists of teaching English Language Arts and Math to students who need extra support in these subjects. As a resource teacher, I also integrate Native American Curriculum Units into my program. My students also have the opportunity to attend field trips, are provided with school supplies and participate in Native cultural events throughout the year. I am looking forward to working with your children this school year! If you have any questions about our program, please contact me at josephine.medrano@aps.edu.

Josephine Medrano, Tres Volcanes Community Collaborative Resource Teacher



7th Annual College Career Connection Day a Huge Success!



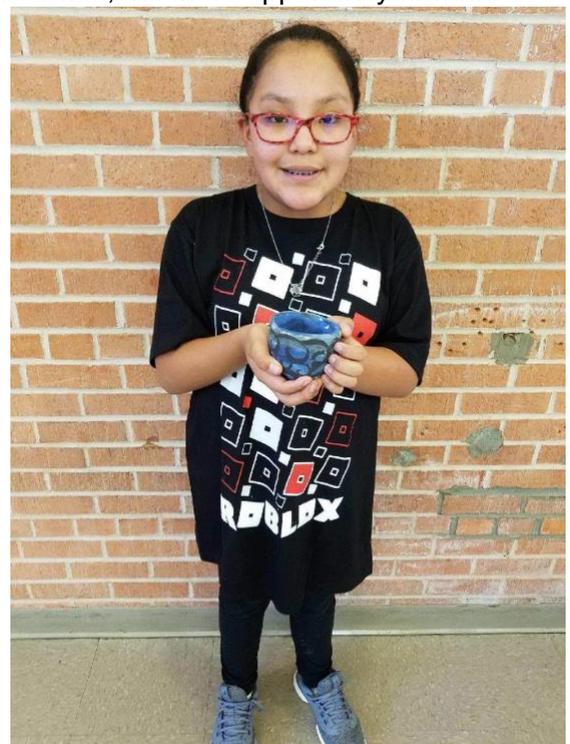
Sara Money, Indian Education's College and Career Counselor, coordinated the 7th Annual College Career Connection Day at the new APS Rankin Training Center. It was held on Saturday September 22, 2018. A combination of colleges and careers training centers all came together for this event which include Aveda Cosmetology, the Navy, and Yale College. Over 100 parents and students came for the event and received valuable information. The Indian Education Department gave away five backpacks with school supplies in a drawing. Students earned tickets by asking questions. For each

question a student (or parent) asked, the student received a ticket. Before they left the students wrote their names on the tickets and put into a drawing. The more questions asked, the more opportunity to win! Save the date for next year: Fall 2019.

2018 Summer Cultural Enrichment Program

More than one hundred students participated in this past summer's cultural enrichment program held at Valley High School in June. All grades, from multiple schools, came together to participate in an organized program with outstanding teachers. In addition to learning, the students were able to enjoy lunch every day. The classes offered included:

- Dream Catchers
- Storytelling
- Rug Weaving
- Pottery
- Music Apprication
- Navajo Language
- Zuni Language
- Robotics



Angel Cyrs-Price

