

# A:shiwi A:wan Messenger



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## ZUNI TRIBE PROVIDES SPENDING UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) FUNDS

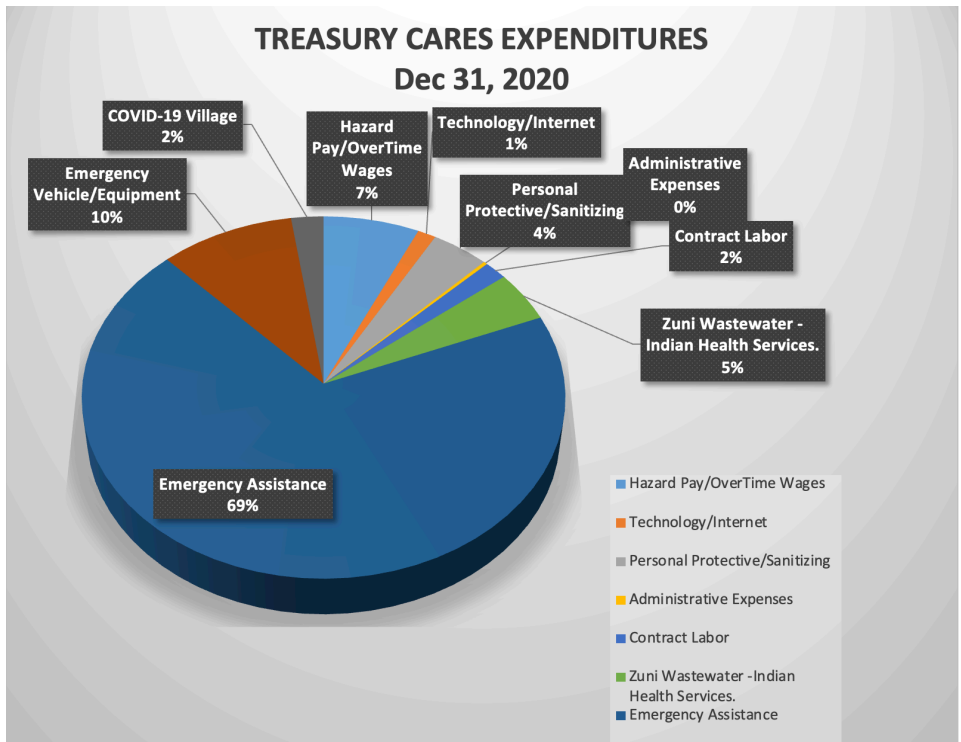
On March 19, 2020, Governor and Zuni Tribal Council passed Resolution No. M70-2020-P037, "COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Emergency Declaration," to declare a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This declaration made the tribe eligible to receive relief funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), from the US Department of Treasury. The Zuni Tribe received two separate installments totaling \$31,466,013.03.

With the receipt of the funding, the Zuni Tribal Council approved a spending plan by Resolution No. M70-2020-P082, "Approving the Pueblo of Zuni Spending Plan for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds," dated December 2, 2020, totaling \$31,466,013.03 for approved eligible expenditures for the public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with the spending plan, the Zuni Tribal Council approved a budget that provided for CARES Act administrative costs.

The Department of Treasury emphasizes spending on public safety, public health, and health care and human services regarding COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. Therefore, eligible expenditures are in accordance with Treasury compliance guidelines for reasonable

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# ACCRC Provides College Access in Zuni; Builds Toward Full Accreditation

Kasi. Ko' don dewanan a:de:yaye.

The A:shiwí College & Career Readiness Center (ACCRC) was created by Governor Val Panteah, Sr. and the Zuni Tribal Council in 2016 by resolution after the University of New Mexico announced their intent to close the UNM Gallup-Zuni campus.

Hayes A. Lewis was hired as the Executive Director. His responsibilities included: negotiate with UNM to return the land, equipment and facility; continue the academic courses and plan new career development programs to improve higher education services; establish university and tribal partnerships; and strategically plan for an independent tribal college for Zuni Pueblo.

Currently, the ACCRC is an Instructional Site of Navajo Technical University, to learn from them the major planning steps and procedures needed to become an accredited tribal college. We offer a schedule of fully accredited academic, technical and vocational courses designed to prepare students for success, for the job market, for professional improvement and to make a good living.

Our staff are highly qualified tribal members. The Directors, academic instructors and Adjunct Professors have master's degrees with many years of successful teaching. The community resource people we employ are highly skilled and possess strong cultural and ancestral knowledge. Our support staff is highly qualified, friendly, and responsive to student needs.

We encourage you to begin your future at ACCRC. Check out our website at [ashiwicollege.org](http://ashiwicollege.org) or visit the campus. Contact us at (505) 782-6010 and ask for Laura Leekela or Bobbie Shack.

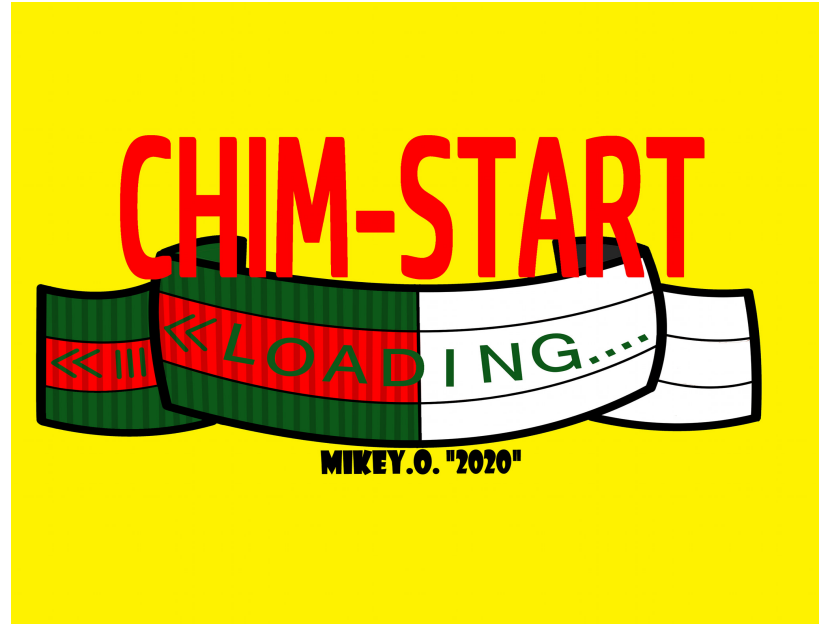
Have a safe & Happy New Year! Elahkwa

# Zuni Officers Complete Federal Law Enforcement Training

On behalf of the Division of Public Safety, we congratulate Police Officer Joshua Panteah, Tribal Ranger Elroy Zunie, and Tribal Ranger Corey Seowtewa for completing the Federal Law Enforcement Training program on January 7, 2021 in Artesia, New Mexico.

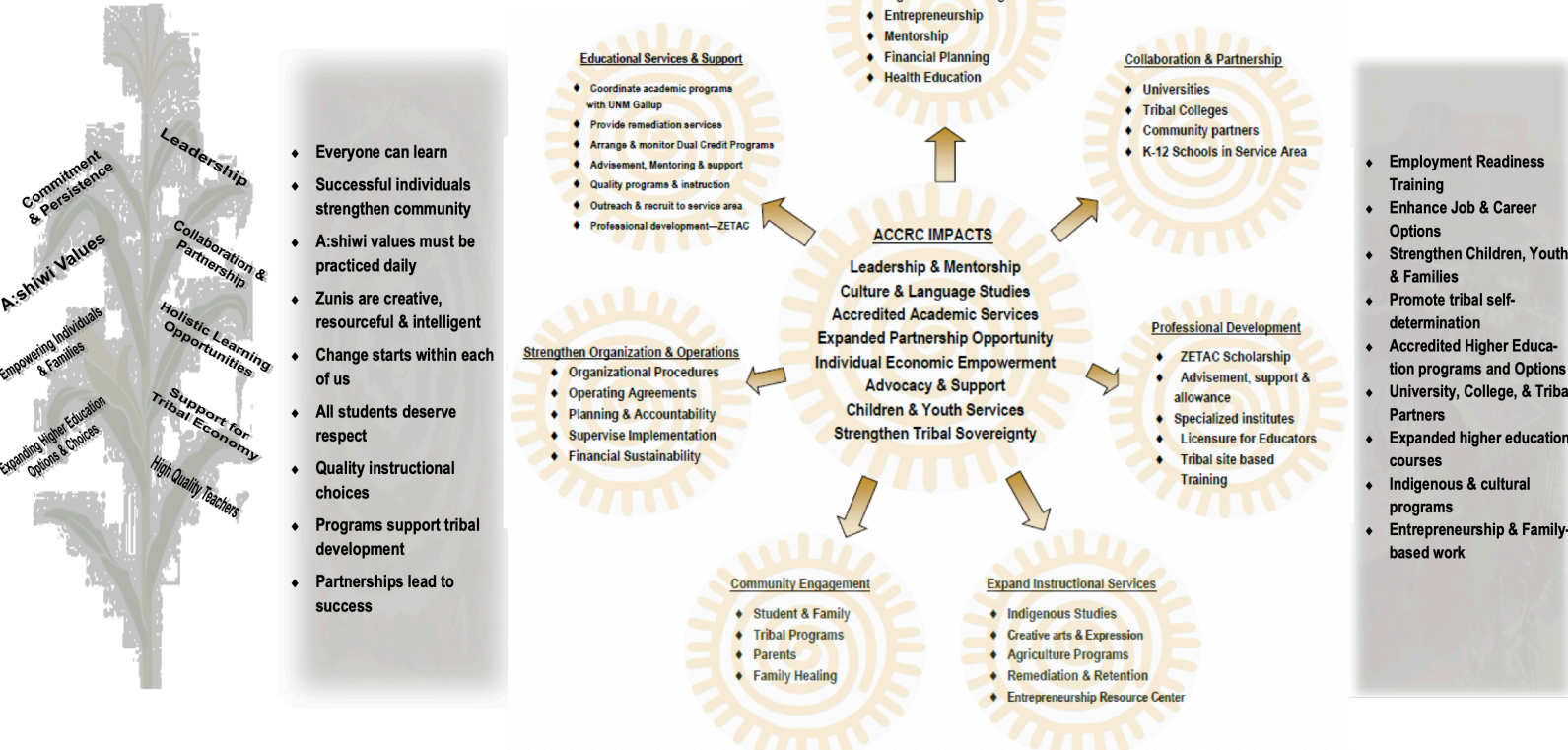
These Officers entered the academy on October 5, 2020, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were not allowed to leave to come home for Thanksgiving, Shalako, Christmas or New Year's holidays. To the families of these fine Officers, we appreciate your understanding and support to allow them to continue their law enforcement careers. Congratulations Officers.

- Mr. Tyler Lastiyano, Public Safety Division Director



**WHAT IT TAKES** → **WHAT WE KNOW** → **WHAT WE WILL DO** → **HOW WE WILL IMPACT COMMUNITY**

## A:shiwí A:wán College and Career Readiness Center Impact Model



# Hip Hip Hooray for Zuni Voters

First and foremost, Happy New Year to each and every one of you as we all move forward into 2021. Likewise, our Shiwi traditional calendar new year was on December 30, 2020.

As determined through the NM Secretary of State's office for the Native American Voter Taskforce workgroup, we just held our first meeting of 2021 during which the final numbers for Native voter precincts were provided. It took a lot of dedicated effort, collaboration, and cooperation to establish partnerships through the Native American Voter Alliance Coalition and the guidance and support of Martin Aguilar, Native American Elections Information Program Liaison from the New Mexico Secretary of State's office. A result from our first of the year meeting with the NM Secretary of State: the Honorable Maggie Toulouse-Oliver complimented us for the well-planned collaborative effort among the Coalition and the Task Force which led to a successful outcome in the Native American vote in New Mexico.

Zuni Pueblo voters made a very positive impact in this high-stakes election.

Over the years of state and national elections, our voting numbers were always very low, and as I had stated at the beginning of my Zuni Tribal Council term, voting has been one of my topmost objectives to advocate for and to educate about through various forms of outreach to our community.

Whatever party you voted under, I want to thank all of you that made your vote be counted whether by absentee ballot, early voting, or voting on Election Day. When we all band together, it makes us a stronger community. We increase our voting numbers and show where we come from as Zuni people rather than being labeled as "Other."

As we move forward into this new year and beyond, I continue to urge everyone to encourage your youth who are turning 18 to register to vote, and to those of you that are not registered: please register. Your vote matters

for the future. Again, my heartfelt thanks to every one of you for making your voice heard through your vote in 2020.

I would like to share the voting numbers according to precincts in the Zuni community. According to the final information provided, the total number of registered Zuni voters is 4,770. The total number of Zuni voters who went to the polls and voted was 2,688, which shows that 56% of registered voters voted. This percentage of voters is the highest number that Zuni has achieved, and we need to keep building on it. So, as we go forward, I just want you all to know that with regard to Senate Bill 4, which is related to issues around voting and possible redistricting, and which will come up during the 2021 New Mexico legislative session, I will keep you all informed in terms of any amendments or any redistricting issues that would impact our Zuni community and political representation outside of Zuni.

Again, thank you all very much for voting and making your voice heard, and for making Zuni's voice heard.

- Councilman Kucate

## Zuni Veterans Program Helps Ease Pandemic Hardship

Since the start of the Pandemic, the Zuni Veterans Program has provided services to the Veterans and Widows of Veterans in the Zuni community. Initially beginning in April, we partnered with the Mobile Pantry Sponsors, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew and Kelly Noble, and by the end of April into May we were delivering food boxes to over 100 Veterans. The program was also fortunate to obtain authorization from the NM Department of Interior under their Veterans grant to provide food vouchers in June before the grant expired.

The pandemic caused hardship for many Veterans and their families, as discovered during the deliveries. Many expressed need for financial aid, as the pandemic had caused loss of employment, loss of income for self-employed individuals (silversmiths, carvers, fetish makers, etc.), combined with overall cost increases for supplies and food.

In June, the Governor and Tribal council authorized a portion of the CARES Act to the Veterans program as part of their continued support for local Veterans. With these funds, the program was able to help with electricity, propane, food vouchers, firewood (see graphs), and PPE supplies, from August to December. Program staff were out in the heat, wind and cold to deliver weekly services each month. Recommendations for limiting contact with people were emphasized, and the program staff followed CDC guidelines to ensure that the needs of Veterans, Widows and families were met.

The community experienced hardship in many different ways. Unfortunately for some, loved ones were lost. But as a community, we will heal together and ensure that we continue to stay safe by wearing our masks, avoiding gatherings, practicing social distancing and

following all the safety precautions to protect ourselves and others. As we enter into the new year, we look forward to a better year and some normalcy.

On behalf of the Veterans, Widows, and their families, we extend our appreciation for the support provided by the Governor and Tribal Council. The gratitude we received from our participants was very heart-warming, to know that our services lessened the financial burden and stress. We know that we did our duty once

again. To all the Veterans, Widows, and families, thank you for your patience and understanding while we worked on setting up the benefits for you. A big "Thank you" to all the partners, vendors and others who played a role in delivering the services. The assistance was very much appreciated - Elahkwa!

Veterans Service Officers  
Mrs. Kathy Natachu, U.S. Navy  
Mrs. Angela Waseta-Rivera, U.S. Army  
Mr. Tyler Lastiyano, U.S. Army

### Food Vouchers

Month	No. of Vouchers \$200.00 each	Halona Market/ Major Market	Veterans in Zuni	Veterans out of Town	Widows	Total Served
August	200	Halona Market	159	2	34	195
September	200 + 8 more	Halona Market	158	4	36	198
October	220	Halona Market	161	7	52	220
November	230	Halona & Major	167	7	50	224
December	230 + 6 more	Halona & Major	172	6	58	236

### Light Bills

Month	Veterans	Widows	Total Served	Total Amount
August	90	17	107	\$13,576.06
September	130	37	167	\$18,054.20
October	120	39	159	\$15,652.05
November	154	50	204	\$21,164.08
December	151	49	200	\$23,088.85

### Fire Wood/Pellets

Month	Type of Wood			No. of Participants for Pellets
	Cedar	Pinion	Mixed	
October	18	4	10	12
November	24	7	16	14
December	11	-	24	16
<b>Total Loads</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>	

### Propane

Service Provider	No. of veterans Served	No. of Widows served
AX Propane	120	33
Ferrell Gas	9	3
Gallup Propane	2	1
Amerigas	2	-
Portable Tanks	10	4

# Zuni Youth Enrichment Project and New Mexico United Distribute 100 Physical Activity Kits to Local Youth

Earlier this month, New Mexico United joined the nonprofit Zuni Youth Enrichment Project to distribute 100 physical activity kits to local youth in Zuni Pueblo. The Albuquerque-based pro soccer club and its Somos Unidos (“We Are United”) Foundation were on the last leg of a month-long holiday tour to deliver soccer supplies to rural areas of the state.



In Zuni on January 8, New Mexico United and ZYEP staff safely distributed Puma backpacks, Puma soccer balls, and T-Mobile water bottles to families. According to Joe Claunch, ZYEP’s executive director, advance registration for the kits filled within an hour.

What’s more, former player David Estrada — now a high-performance coach and scout, as well as community relations manager for the Somos Unidos Foundation — took extra time to play ball with some of Zuni’s most promising young soccer players.

“The kids were really excited,” Claunch said. “This opportunity was a big deal for them, and some of them cried tears of joy when they found out about it. David is passionate about the sport and working with kids, and he really poured into them — the kids didn’t want to leave.”



During his 11 years as a player, Estrada was named Humanitarian of the Year four times. He supports the Somos Unidos Foundation’s efforts to increase access to soccer, provide high-level training to youth at no cost to them through the HPP program, and build positive outcomes in communities across New Mexico.

“Being able to travel to Zuni Pueblo on the

last stop of our Holiday Tour gave us an opportunity to continue our mission of showing that this team is for all New Mexicans,” Estrada said. “It was beautiful to see some of the kids from the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project wear their United gear with pride. I am hopeful that this will be the first of many visits to continue to grow the game and cultivate meaningful relationships throughout the state.”

For the ZYEP team, this distribution also marked another milestone for the nonprofit organization as it seeks to continue serving children and families despite the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Since March 2020, ZYEP has distributed more than 3,500 wellness kits to Zuni youth, with different themes and contents.



“This spring, when we realized it was no longer safe to bring together large groups of kids, our team quickly adapted operations and our approach to meet the moment,” Claunch said. “Instead of offering large in-person youth programs, as we have for more than 10 years, we pivoted to distributing these wellness kits. Each is thoughtfully designed to promote our young people’s health and well-being during this difficult time.”

In keeping with ZYEP’s holistic approach, these kits have included nutrition, physical activity, art, mental health, and cultural resources that encourage healthy lifestyles. The organization partnered with 20 funding organizations and hundreds of individual donors to make the initiative possible, and Claunch said the kits are having a meaningful impact.

“Our assessments show that the wellness kits are bringing families closer together while they engage in healthy activities. They’re increasing youth participants’ intake of fruits and vegetables, and they’re contributing to positive experiences while

youth must remain safe at home,” he explained. “We’re committed to continuing these efforts, because the pandemic has been so hard on our kids. They need somewhere to go and something to do. When we see them, they ask us if we can open up our community park space; it’s hard to tell them that it’s not safe yet, but we will open as soon as it is.”

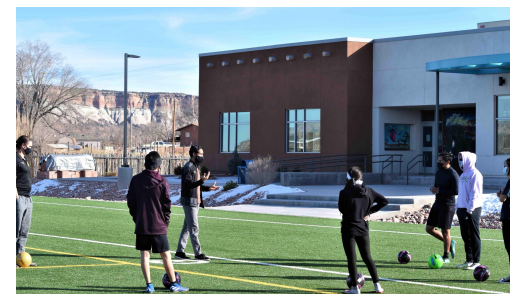
“Zuni is one of the tightest knit communities you’ll find, and COVID has impacted our ability to gather,” he continued. “So our distributions are one small way we can still see each other and connect.”

Claunch noted that local youth particularly enjoy the physical wellness kits, like this month’s kit from New Mexico United. In recent months, physical wellness distributions have included pedometers, exercise mats, sport balls, and a youth exercise poster designed by a Zuni artist that features Zuni Clan figures performing age-appropriate movements.

During summer 2020, ZYEP partnered with New Mexico United to have one of its players, Saalih Muhammad, perform the poster’s physical activities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6EhiDspz-0&t>.

To learn more about the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project and its programs, and for information about making donations, partnering with ZYEP, and volunteering, call (505) 782-8000 or visit [zyep.org](http://zyep.org). To stay up to date on the latest news and events, follow the nonprofit youth organization on Facebook ([/zuniyouthenrichmentproject](https://www.facebook.com/zuniyouthenrichmentproject)), Instagram ([@zuniyouthenrichmentproject](https://www.instagram.com/zuniyouthenrichmentproject)), and YouTube ([/ZuniYouth](https://www.youtube.com/ZuniYouth)).

*Founded in 2009, the nonprofit **Zuni Youth Enrichment Project** is dedicated to promoting resilience among Zuni youth so they will grow into strong, healthy adults who are connected with Zuni traditions. ZYEP fulfills its mission by providing positive role models, enriching programs, and nurturing spaces that contribute to the healthy development of Zuni youth. ZYEP strives to provide every child with the encouragement and opportunities they need to reach their full potential.*



# At Zuni Head Start, A New Day for Kids

Zuni Head Start Program is hatching a new learning opportunity with HATCH Ignite learning tablets! Through the 2020 CARES Act funds and in collaboration with the Zuni Tribal Council, two-hundred HATCH learning tablets were purchased. Each child received a tablet to use at home. During the disruption of face-to-face instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the HATCH learning tablet will play a critical role in providing continuous learning while teachers monitor progress.



Our teachers will continue to distribute learning packets to offer hands-on activities. The Ignite tablet is an all-in-one tool that Head Start teachers have wanted for Head Start classrooms. We are happy that now parents and children have resources for at-home learning.

We have other wonderful resources as well to provide to our families. Ready Rosie is here and ready for families to use. Head Start paid a full-year subscription to Ready Rosie for families. We realize parents are the first teachers to their children. We also know that parents need resources to teach their children at home. Ready Rosie stands for its name to provide readily available videos that model everyday situations and turn them into teachable moments.



Our families are already liking Ready Rosie and posting positive comments on the activities they completed. We like that families have the necessary resources to build valuable educational skills for school

readiness.

Lastly, to enhance the experience for children, JOM purchased kindergarten readiness kits. Parents can feel empowered by having various resources and gain the satisfaction of being their child's first teachers. We wish to thank the Zuni Public School District and JOM for supporting our students' needs.



We encourage families who have a child 3-4 years old to contact Zuni Head Start for enrollment information and how we can start your child in remote learning.



*Hop on board the Zuni Head Start Bus!*

Zuni Head Start is recruiting 3 & 4 year old children. Give your child a head start into virtual instruction. Now is a great time to partner with your child to transition into kindergarten. Call us at 782-5758 or use the link to register:



Great opportunities await!

Technology is upon us and now is a great time to learn with your child. Zuni Head Start works in a virtual world and is partnering with the **hatch** company with **IGNITE**-a Connected Learning Experience and **Ready Rosie!** A Parent Resource Connection!

Call for more information at 782-5758. We'd love to hear from you!



## ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE?

### TO APPLY:

Contact the ZECDC Office at (505)782-5998/5909 or Email [ZECDC@ashiwi.org](mailto:ZECDC@ashiwi.org)

For more information, email [Tiffany.Nahohai@ashiwi.org](mailto:Tiffany.Nahohai@ashiwi.org) or [Kelsey.Homer@ashiwi.org](mailto:Kelsey.Homer@ashiwi.org)



Is child care needed in order to perform essential work?

Your family may now be eligible for child care services.

The ZECDC Program is offering Child Care Services to all Healthcare & Front-line workers.

Note: Parents and Children must be enrolled with a Federally Recognized Tribe.

# Good News Report to the Zuni Board of Education

## Zuni High School

### **Student Spotlight**

Mariah Espino, Class of 2021 (Daughter of Jesus Espino and Gail Shack)

- Mariah has made it into the 2nd round of the University of New Mexico's Bachelor's degree/Medical degree program selection process. This highly competitive program is for New Mexico high school seniors interested in an educational path that will lead to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from the UNM School of Medicine. Mariah's interview was scheduled for January 12.
- Mariah's many accomplishments include:
  - Number 1 ranking in her Class of 2021
  - President of the high school's Health Occupations Student of America (HOSA) club
  - Member of National Honors Society
  - ZHS' October Senior of the Month
  - Semifinalist for the Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship. Mariah is one of thousands who have been recognized for this prestigious scholarship, which honors an outstanding academic record in high school. Mariah is in the top 10% of her graduating class, and has demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, in extracurricular and other activities, and through exceptional personal success qualities such as emotional maturity, motivation and perseverance.

## Twin Buttes Cyber Academy

### **Seniors Honors Project Highlights**

- 100% student participation (10 students)
- 100% Presentation success rate ("B" class average/grade range 73-95)
- 100% Portfolio success rate ("B" class average/grade range 69-100)

## **Native American Studies Course** (Post Archaic Period (500 AD) to the 20th Century)

- 100% student passing/success rate (83.8 class average/grade range 74-95)
- 100% Final Exam passing/success rate (85.2 class average/grade range 66-100)
- On December 14, students took a 2-hour comprehensive college-level Final Exam consisting of 140 questions and 3 short essays. Student Shailyn Hooee achieved 100% on the final exam.
- The personal growth, interest, discipline and motivation exhibited by the students

was outstanding as they put forth the effort to reach their unlimited potential!

### **More Student Successes**

- Three special education students achieved 4 to 6 Edgenuity courses with 100% completion and received overall grades from 75% to 95% in the first semester.
- Students studied Haiku (Japanese poetry) and used their great imagination and linguistic aptitude to demonstrate a heightened awareness and appreciation of the natural and domestic environments in which they live.

## Zuni Middle School

### **Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)**

- Teachers have established a creative way to encourage positive student behavior (attendance, respect, academics and technology use) as well as improving overall school culture through a PBIS online "Rewards Store."
- Opening this week, students can use their "Rewards" points to "purchase" prizes in recognition of their demonstrated positive behavior towards themselves and others in the school.

### **Project Based Learning (PBL)**

- The 6th grade and 8th grade PBL theme is water conservation. Students are developing a public service announcement and newsletter, "Born from Water," to increase public awareness on this important environmental issue.
- The 7th grade PBL theme is entrepreneurship. Students are producing a "Hero's Book of Interviews" for the school and local libraries so people can learn about heroes and be inspired.

## Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary

### **Partnership with Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP)**

- Implementation of the "Eat Smart to Play" initiative promoting healthy lifestyle habits (eating and exercise) in September 2020. 562 students participated in virtual activities to learn about healthy eating and habits.
- Zuni Youth Enrichment Project and Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary have received statewide recognition from the NM Department of Health and the Prevention Research Center at the University of New Mexico for being the only school with successful implementation of this evidenced-based initiative. They have done presentations to share their best practices with others.

## **Family Feedback on Virtual Learning**

- The overwhelming majority of STE parents and families (95%) are very satisfied and pleased with the quality of e-classroom instruction.
- Teachers and EAs are going above and beyond to ensure students have access to materials, to communicate effectively and frequently with families, and to show overwhelming support (and enthusiasm) to ensure students' learning success.

## **New Computers**

- New MacBook Pro laptop computers were given to every teacher and educational assistant. Any staff person who needed a new desktop computer got one as well. These computers will enable the staff to continue providing excellent service to our students and their families.

## Central Office

### **Special Education Department**

- The Special Education teachers and Support Services providers have done an excellent job with the online instruction.
- With the dedication of Special Education staff and supportive families, the students are responsible and engaged in class. 95% of our students with an IEP have shown little to no regression in their learning and development.

### **Federal and State Programs Department**

- The Tribal Consultation meeting with Governor Panteah and the Tribal Council on December 17, 2020 was a success. The Impact Aid Indian Policies and Procedures were approved for continued investment in support of Zuni students and families.
- The Bilingual program is offering Zuni Traditional Storytelling to students at the elementary school in January. This innovative activity will integrate Zuni language and knowledge of traditions and culture while allowing for a real life expression of the A:shiwi Core Values that we want to teach our children.

### **Human Resources Department**

- The District partnered with IHS to provide COVID vaccines to 100 employees on January 13. There will be more opportunities for employees to get the COVID vaccine in the upcoming months.
- The Zuni Innovative Partnerships Program (ZIPP) for Teacher Recruitment is underway with the phase 1 implementation of the Frontline Education HR software, development of a communications campaign video and webpage, and planning of comprehensive professional development opportunities for staff with 5 post-secondary institutions.

# Zuni Utility Department Plays Vital Support Role for Community Through Pandemic

The Zuni Utility Department Administrative and Field staff have done and continue to do an amazing and awesome job daily in working through this current pandemic. They have been working hard to make sure our community has water and sewer services available during these tough times, and have been constantly available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week working after-hours, evenings and on weekends.

For the year 2020, there were 1,237 workorders recorded, and to this date, there have already been 70 work orders recorded for the start of FY 2021. The various workorders include sewer services, water shutoffs for maintenance purposes, reconnections, water breaks, water and sewer installations, assisting our customers with frozen waterlines and meters during the winter months, and a host of other problems that our customers experience.



The Zuni Utility Department also provided emergency prep work by installing water and sewer lines for mobile homes in Blackrock and for the COVID Village RV Park that is now in use for housing COVID-positive patients who need to be isolated. The Zuni Utility staff have also been assisting in various projects such as the Commercial Development Project on Route 4, and in loading wood when the call came out for volunteers.



All of that work requires the need for very specific tools and equipment to get the job done efficiently. The Utility Department was able to acquire new equipment through the CARES Act in order to serve the whole community. The purpose of CARES Act funding was to support prevention and mitigation of COVID-19, as well as response and recovery from COVID-19. The Utility Department's request for CARES Act funding met the requirements and guidelines to ensure that our community's water system and sewer system were maintained to ensure that we could all have clean water to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



With the 60-day State Legislative session beginning, Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham set four areas of priority, which include Water/Wastewater. The Utility Department, with the assistance from the Office of Planning and Development and the Pueblo of Zuni, Tribal Council, and Indian Health Service (IHS), submitted a request for Capital Outlay funds for the extension of water/sewer lines in areas that are not currently tied into the main system.

If funded, they can begin construction on that project within a few weeks of funds being released.

More information will be forthcoming in the *A:shwi A:wan Messenger*, as they have projects that become funded from various programs and agencies to improve the water and sewer systems, but more importantly, to improve the quality of life for the community members of Zuni Pueblo.



The Zuni Utility Department staff is a group of employees who are committed to doing their jobs and even more. When you see them around the community, please thank them for their hard work and dedication to keeping the Zuni community safe, which is their top priority at all times. The Zuni Utility Department staff include:

- Strallie Edaakie, Sr. • Leilani Yatsayte
- KC Yatsatie • Ginger Baysinger • Eli Abeita
- Thomas Siow • Travis Laate
- Brady Bradley • Pearson Lanyate • Murray Tsatie • Joey Gia, Jr. • Caine Chimoni



# Tribal Council Authorizes Funding for Higher Education

financial position.

On August 5, 2019, Governor Panteah and Lt. Governor Bowekaty presented Resolution M70-2019-P072 to the Zuni Tribal Council to authorize tax revenues to supplement funding for scholarships under the Zuni Higher Education Program. The resolution passed with unanimous support from the Council.

Winds Convenience Store, and Avanyu Plaza, which includes Starbucks, Holiday Inn Express, Towne Place Suites, Laguna Burger, Domino's Pizza and other businesses. Revenue generated is equally dispersed to the New Mexico 19 Pueblos.

The first allocation of funds was in the amount of \$57,504.84. Subsequent allocations have totaled \$235,461.10. Governor and Zuni Tribal Council will continue to supplement Higher Education with these funds as they become available.

The Zuni Tribe receives tax revenue from the 19 Pueblos District twice a year. The 19 Pueblos District, formally known as the Albuquerque Indian School District, generates tax revenue from businesses and development of the old Albuquerque Indian School Property located on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The business includes the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Pueblo Harvest Restaurant, Four

The Zuni Education & Career Development Center, Higher Education Office, is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, the program experiences funding shortfalls every year to where some scholarships for Zuni Students go unfunded or only partially funded. The Governor and Lt. Governor, with support from the Zuni Tribal Council, decided to make this commitment to our Zuni Students based on investment profits that put the tribe in a better

Governor Panteah said that this administration will continue to advocate for additional funding and seek other revenue to supplement our scholarship program. He encourages all students applying for scholarships to be mindful of the program's timelines for filing and required document submittal.

We wish to thank the 19 Pueblos District for providing funds to benefit our Pueblo Communities. Elahkwa

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necessity. To date, the Zuni Tribe has used these funds for:

- Public Safety measures in response to COVID-19 to support Incident Command, including security checkpoints
- Expenses associated with distributing PPE such as masks, gloves, protective shields and other protective gear for frontline workers, essential personnel and the general community
- Emergency assistance for tribal members including our Veterans
- Emergency Temporary Housing facilities
- Water and Wastewater infrastructure improvements

We have attached a chart that provides the breakdown by category of areas in which these funds were utilized. Budgets are revised based on any new emergency developments, and reallocated if needed. Throughout 2020, the U.S. Treasury continued to define and address guidelines on the use of CARES funds. As new projects are approved by Tribal Council, funds will be redistributed to support community needs.

## Pueblo of Zuni US Treasury CARES Budget

Salaries & Fringe	\$ 2,158,262.00
Equipment	\$ 2,894,271.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 45,000.00
Insurance	\$ 14,100.00
Utilities	\$ 9,300.00
Consultant / Contractual	\$ 133,353.80
Construction	\$ 5,734,605.00
Administrative Services	\$ 51,500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 2,241,069.00
Supplies / Materials	\$ 204,000.00
COVID 19 Financial Assistance	\$ 16,053,569.73
Contract Labor	\$ 325,000.00
Motor Vehicle Operation	\$ 20,000.00
Rent / Lease	\$ 4,500.00
Food Cost	\$ 441,500.00
Communications	\$ 166,800.00
Medical Supplies (PPEs)	\$ 601,712.50
Contingency / Fees	\$ 367,470.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 31,466,013.03</b>

community faced extreme challenges and difficult times from this unprecedented pandemic. Elahkwa to our staff, volunteers, and partners, including front-line workers in Health and Public Safety, who worked above and beyond to provide critical services to our Zuni community." The Zuni Tribal Council asks our community to remain vigilant against COVID-19, respect and adhere to safety measures such as the practices of social distancing and wearing of masks, and remember our A:shiwí A:wán Guiding Values.

We will get through this pandemic together.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

Various resources are available for the Zuni Community. If you are in need of any of the following:

- Wood assistance;
- Food Assistance;
- Cleaning Kits (while under quarantine);
- PPE Gear;
- Burial Assistance (COVID or Non-COVID related) and/or;
- Disinfection/sanitization services (after household's full recovery of COVID-19)

Please contact the Zuni COVID-19 Information Center, Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Weekend lines are open) at the following numbers:

(505) 782-7114 • (303) 917-3181 • (720) 576-4014

## Zuni-IHS COVID-19 Test Results Ending Monday, January 25

Total Tests:	10,566
Total Negative to date:	8,086
Total Positive to date:	1,387
Total Positive Zuni Community:	1,136 (+11)
Total Positive Non-Zuni Community:	251 (+2)
Total Recovered:	910 (+2)
Daily Case Monitoring:	39
Daily Contact Monitoring:	81



TEST RESULTS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS  
COVID-19 HOTLINE: (505) 782-7591  
MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

For details on how the CDC determines COVID-19 vaccine allocation to the public, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19/evidence-table-phase-1b-1c.html>