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Special points of interest:

- ANA Funding for 08/09
- Stats from 07/08 academic year
- Counselor on staff
- Tutorial programs



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AIR Receives an ANA Grant!!!!

The AIR Program has been granted an Administration for Native Americans grant for Fall 08 through Summer 09 year. The AIR Program previously obtained an ANA Grant for the 07/08 year and we exceeded all expectations of the project servicing over 100 students and partnering with over 20 community groups to bring a great program for our student participants. Our ANA grant will still be guided by our overall principles that the AIR Program has developed over the many years of service: Educational motivation, improving self-esteem, academic support, tutoring, and mentoring.



Again we are thankful to all our community support that we have had and for allowing us to serve our great American Indian Community for all these years. Truly, our aim is to take the direction from our community and give our American Indian youth the opportunity to succeed within education so that some day they may be our American Indian leaders that will sit with those in Congress and the Senate and provide for our community that currently lives in the shadow of the American Dream.

AIR Banquet is a Success

Our Annual American Indian Recruitment Fundraiser Banquet at the Sycuan Resort was a great success thanks to our generous donations from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. The Banquet is one of our main sources of revenue that goes into our program to help support our field trips/food (for those who drive some 50 miles away to come to our program), scholarships for student participants, and much more. The Banquet also serves to give our community information on what we have done throughout the year, to show what progress we have made and our success. Our successes stand behind our community that has given so much support to our program. We give our most heartfelt thanks to all our contributors! Congratulations to all our Award Winners at the Banquet:



- AEA Cowan Alex: Mentor of the Year
- Brenaya Batey: Student of the Year
- Bonnie Buchannan: Student of the Year
- Community Leadership Award: Vicki Gambala

Youth Service Specialist-Renee White Eyes M.A.

Renee White Eyes has been working with the AIR Program since our Summer 08 Project. We are pleased that she has joined us again for this years projects and look forward to having a great year with her assistance.



Hello AIR Students and Community!

My name is Renee White Eyes, and I started working for AIR as a youth service specialist since this summer. I am Washoe, Paiute and Lakota Sioux. I graduated from CSUSM with a B.A. in Human Development in 2006 and just graduated this May from USD with my M.A. in Counseling. I am honored to be serving the local Native community, especially the students. I hope to learn a lot from this experience as well as contribute in any way that I can. I am excited about AIR's program this semester and can't wait to get started!

AIR Program Statistics for 07/08

Total Student Count: 108 Students
 30 (AIR Sr.) + 22 (AIR Jr.)
 + 8 (AIR Leadership) + 20
 (Fall 07 AIR Sr.) + 28 (AIR
 Summer 08)

Total Community Participants:
 (Mentors/Drivers/Participants)
 36 (AIR Sr.) + 18 (AIR Jr.) + 7 (AIR Leader-
 ship) + 33 (Fall 07 AIR Sr.) + 30 (AIR Sum-
 mer)

124 Community
 Participants

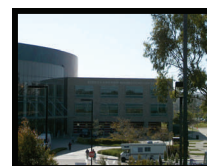


Total Student Count: 93 students
*(non-duplicative: some
 students participated
 within multiple pro-
 grams)*

**Total Hrs (from all meetings with Com-
 munity participants)**
 425 (AIR Sr.) + 217.5 (AIR Jr.) + 70 (AIR
 Leadership) + 460 (Fall 07 AIR Sr.) + 699.5
 (AIR Summer)

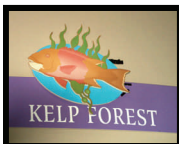
SDSU

1872 hrs



Moore's
 Cancer
 Institute

USS
 Midway
 and
 Scripps
 Aquarium



Financials:

*(Represents all volunteer hours documented
 under ANA Criteria)*

\$19,346.25

SDSU
 Astronomy



1172.5 (minus AIR Summer) x \$16.50

Participant Reservations

Total: 20 total

Local: 11 reservations in San Diego
 County Served

San Pasqual / Santa Ysabel / Mesa Grande /
 Hopi / La Jolla / Los Coyotes / Rincon / Viejas /
 Creek-Cree / Yakama / Navajo / Cherokee /
 Lakota / Mohawk / Mojave / La Posta / Campo /
 Manzanita / Jamul / Otomi / Pueblo



Participant Programs (21)



NARCH (Rincon IHC) / Southern California American Indian Resource Center / San
 Diego Indian Center / Indian Human Resource Center/ San Diego City Schools,
 American Indian Programs / San Pasqual Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Education /
 Santa Ysabel Social Services /California Indian Legal Services / Inter-Tribal Courts of
 So. Cal. / Kumeyaay.com / Southern Indian Health Council, La Posta / San Diego
 State University, American Indian Studies Department / University of San Diego
 Outreach and Ethnic Studies Dept./ Palomar College , American Indian Studies/
 University of California San Diego / California State University San Marcos / Sycuan
 Band of the Kumeyaay Nation / Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians / Jamul In-
 dian Village / Southern CA Tribal Chairmen's Association / Spirit of Eagles Project

Tutorial Program

The AIR Program has been, for the most part, a grassroots program. Up until this last year our program operated only one primary program (AIR Sr.) where all funds were focused. With increased funding we have been able to add AIR Jr. (concentrating on 6th through 8th grades) and a tutorial program that was outside our normal tutorials within AIR Sr. The addition of these two projects has increased the success of our program as we have been able to serve more of our American Indian Community and provide a greater educational service to our students.

With a specific tutorial program we have seen increased achievement in grades and self-esteem from our participating students, with their confidence being attributed in receiving higher grades and greater understanding of classroom materials. This is of great importance as current trends require higher academic standards while providing little academic support. So far, each of the students, who have regularly participated within the tutorial program have increased their grades and therefore we will continue our tutorial program beyond any of our grants in conjunction with our main AIR Program projects.



For more information, please contact: Christy Garcia and Kate Gordon at (619) 260-4600 ext 2172

AIR Goes to Seattle! NEIA Workshop to be given by AIR...

About a month ago, AIR received notice that the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was accepting workshop proposals for their Conference in Seattle. The AIR Program found this to be a great opportunity to share what AIR has been doing for all these many years and proposed our workshop to the NIEA. NIEA is one of the oldest Indian organizations that promotes Indian education (www.niea.org), and we wanted to share with the Indian Nation how important it is to have the community involved with the Native youth. As you all know, we cannot have a successful program without our community members, volunteers, and partnerships. Without these three aspects in our program, we wouldn't be able to service the Native youth like we do. To be able to share this knowledge at a national conference would be a tremendous opportunity, and a couple of weeks ago AIR received word that we were accepted to do our workshop. With the great news, our AIR Program staff and Michelle Jacob PhD. are working hard to put together an impressive workshop and will be sure to put our best foot forward when representing AIR in Seattle.



VIEJAS Community Partnerships

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Learning for Success



We would like to thank all our community partners for their contributions and their time in helping our program succeed in serving our American Indian Community. Our program is not about the individuals who work within the program but the community who directs, guides, and looks to our youth in establishing a greater future for our American Indian Community and our great nation. The banners shown here are just a few that have contributed to our program and there are so many more. Again, we at the AIR Program thank you and will continue our work for a greater future.



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Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians



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ANA 07-08 Comes to a Close...

We have accomplished so much through our ANA Funding. Such funding has transformed our AIR Program and services that we provide to a greater and stronger program that has had so much success. We are truly thankful to our staff and community partners that have worked on the project with us. For all of them we can give, with heartfelt appreciation, our thanks and gratitude to:

Professor Michelle Jacob PhD. USD / Christy Garcia, USD Youth Service Specialist / Kate Gordon, USD Youth Service Specialist / Anna Prochter, SDSU Youth Service Specialist / Renee White Eyes, M.A., Youth Service Specialist / Professor David Kamper PhD. SDSU / Tishmall Turner, CSUSM Outreach and Tribal Liaison / Cynthia Davalos, Chancellors Office UCSD / Linda Ruis, Director of Santa Ysabel Social Services / San Pasqual Indian Education / and all the volunteers and tutors we had work with us through the year.

In Memory of Crystal Roberts-Mesa

This year we have experienced a great loss to our program with the passing of Crystal Roberts-Mesa. If you had ever met her you would know, as many have said, that she provided warmth, caring and an overall charm that filled the entire room. Such compassion also carried through in her work within our American Indian Community. So dedicated and strong were her ideals on education that many of projects that she worked on continue today in promoting our American Indians within Education. We cannot say enough about her nor can words describe how much we will miss her in our daily lives. We are confident our community is stronger today because of what Crystal accomplished in working with our youth.

In remembrance of Crystal, her husband, Jamul Tribal Councilman Robert Mesa, has asked the community to donate to our program on her behalf. We are truly thankful and honored. With this funding, we have established a Mesa Family Memorial Fund that includes a Scholarship program for the next three years that will offer scholarships to our students and mentors for their educational pursuits.

Again, we will truly miss you Crystal and we thank you for all your work within our community...



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Thank you to Sycuan Resort and Tribe for your generous support towards our Banquet

