

# NEWSLETTER

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**The 40th Annual Awards were held on April 24, 2017 for secondary students and one hundred and forty-six Indian Education graduating seniors from Tulsa Public Schools.**

**Central H.S.:** Brianna Bryant, Jasmine Butler, Jamaya Cardwell, Jamonte Cardwell, Brianna Case, Akira Johnson, Iziah Muniz, Deliesha Walker and India Washington.

**East Central H.S.:** Tiffany Acosta, Makenzi Collard, Santara Daniels, Kenneth Fourkiller, Dayneisha Friday, Dolan Hines, Kiara Johnson, Cynthia Martinez, Earin Murrell, William Richards, Avery Russell, Bianca Shook, Gunner Smith, Keye Smith, Isahea Todd and D'Angelo Watashe.

**Edison Preparatory:** John Bear, Demond Boswell, Tiana Casillas, Cathryn Cirocco, Alexis Clem, Minta Clem, Nolan Cochran, Abigail Connor, Michael Cooley, Tyion Davis, Anne Emerson, Nicoma Falling, Caitlin Hatfield, Brianna Hawkins, Cole Jennings, Skylar Jones, Jackson Knox, Ian McGee, William Neher, Rustin Postier, Jessica Quillman, Dalton Reiswig, Bonnie Staten, Miranda Tejada, Patrick Tillman, Kevin Tolbert, Brandon Walker and Cheyanne Wheat.

**Hale H.S.:** Kalyn Ladd, Elizabeth Leflore, Aaron Remington, Brandon Sitzman, Katelynn Sowers, Rebecca Squire, Isaiah Smith, Jarred Dunbar, Jimmy Harjo, Brittney Jackson, Richard Jackson, Bailey Laird, Madison Osborn, Daniel Rios and Micha Swake.

**McLain H.S.:** Brianna Barnes, Ethan Blackwell, Dakota Cavely, Antwain Childs, Jessica Marsh, Kenjanae Schumpert and Thomas Asia.

**Memorial H.S.:** Damian Cherry, Allan Dake, Kaelina Ellis, Jacob Halpain, Zachary Halpain, Brian Jones, Lauren Lloyd, Katelyn Merritt, Shaylee Morris, Dorian Mustin, Caleb Nero, Taylor Ogden, Malak Pinson, Shelby Siegmann, Taylor Simmons, Selena Williams and Gabriel Wilson.

**Street School:** Austin Broad, Alex Brumfield, Juan Leftwich, Kristie VanBuskirk and Timothy Yardley.

**Tulsa Met:** Brandon Dobson and Xandrea Nanaeto

**B.T. Washington H. S.:** Shamari Adams, Elijah Barnett, Channing Baumann, Clare Bradshaw, Ketelyn Butler, Easton Cope, Miles Covington, Rachel Driver, Donnell England, Jack Frierson, Nathan Gillenwater, Jovawn Guthrie, Madelyn Hansen, Rylee Holman, Brooklyn Hurley, Gabriel Ihloff, Savannah Irwin, Kiya Jackson, Meredith James, Kelli Johnson, Elizabeth Kelly, Kennedy McConnell, Sabastian Muskrat, Camren Perryman, Nona Phillips, Elicia Ray, Montwanique Reed, Garrett Robinson, Grantham Robinson, James Ross, Erica Stokes, Aubrey Summerton and Tucker Wilkie.

**Webster H.S.:** Dustin Adcock, John Bozone, Avery-Ann Downs, Willie Horn, Boston Jewell, Troy Percefull, Kristian Shepherd, Stephanie Smith, Cassey Stroup and Briana Worcester.

**Will Rogers College H.S.:** Alexandra Brown, Anthony Graves, Faith Roberts and Tyler Wilder.

A list of tribal offices throughout Oklahoma can be found at [aiccm.org/oklahoma-tribes](http://aiccm.org/oklahoma-tribes) for tribal scholarship information.



L. to R. : Mr. McGehee, Dr. Monique Chism and Mr. Bernard Garcia at the Indian Education Office.



Indian Education staff and Parent Committee members with Dr. Chism and Mr. Garcia who were in Tulsa to attend an ESSA Tribal Nations and Public Schools collaborative workshop.

**United States Department of Education Leadership visits the Tulsa Indian Education Program**

Dr. Monique Chism, Assistant Secretary of Education and Mr. Bernard Garcia Acting Director of Indian Education from Washington D.C. met with parents, students and the Indian Education staff, headed by Mr. Mitch McGehee on April 19, 2017. Dr. Chism, Mr. Garcia and Mr. McGehee met with Edison Preparatory 9th,10th, and 12th graders in high school and 8th grade Native American students in Mrs. Erin Parker’s Advisory. Dr. Julia Longjohn was also included in the sessions. Indian Education appreciates the hospitality shown by Edison Preparatory Principal Ms. Dixie Speer. They noted that Tulsa Public Schools, Indian Education is one of the premier programs in the nation and were very impressed with the responses they received from all students and school personnel.

**JOHNSON O’MALLEY (JOM) COMMITTEE**

**2017-2018**

**Chairman** Kyle Spotted Horse

**Vice-Chairman** Vacant

**Secretary** Cindi Paul

**Members:** Joe Chamberlain  
Agnes Chaney  
Brenda Pipestem  
Doreen Templeton

**When:** Quarterly Meetings

**Time:** 6:00-7:00 P.M.

**Where:** Indian Education Office  
7635 East 42nd Place

(Between Memorial and Sheridan)



Chairman, Spotted Horse

**INDIAN EDUCATION UPDATE**

**Please note:** The Indian Education funding grant has changed from Title VII to Title VI for the school year 2017-2018. This is in line with the new grant funding changes which can be viewed on the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. website.

Native languages may be included in a program. Also tribal consultation with the Local Education Agency (LEA), i.e. school district leadership, is required in the grant process. This includes all federally funded Title programs contracted by a school district.

**TITLE VI PARENT COMMITTEE**

**2017-2018**

**Chairman** Kyle Spotted Horse

**Vice-Chairman** Vacant

**Secretary** Cindi Paul

**Members:** Joe Chamberlain  
Agnes Cheney  
Brenda Pipestem  
Doreen Templeton

**Teacher:** Vacant

**Student:** Truman Pipestem  
B.T.Washington

**When:** Quarterly meetings

**Time:** 7:00-8:00 P.M.

**Where:** Indian Education Office  
7635 East 42nd Place



L. to R.: Shari Williams, Resource Advisor and Truman Pipestem, a Junior at B.T. Washington, High School.

Indian Education Program  
Indian Education Act of 1965,  
Amended, 1988 Subpart I  
Amended, 2016, Subpart II

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**Muscogee Challenge Bowl - High School Teams, Middle School Teams and One Elementary Team**



**Edison Preparatory Middle School Teams**

Front Row L. to R.: Collin DeHay (6th), Griffin DeHay (7th), Damien Flechs and Jackson Gilliam (8th).

Back Row L. to R.: Ms. Lillian Williams (Resource Advisor), Mrs. Erin Parker (Teacher), Elaina Workman, Bella Saunders and Serena Scott. Students begin to prepare in September under the sponsorship of Edison teacher, Mrs. Erin Parker and co-sponsor Lillian Williams.



**Memorial High School**

L. to R.: Kayli Fermo, Nathan Gray, Mr. Joe Ballard (Teacher), Gaige Burley and Lyric Hawkins. Mr. Ballard is the sponsor for the Muscogee Challenge Bowl Team. High school teams competed on February 3, 2017.

Middle school teams competed on February 10, 2017.



**Lindbergh Elementary Muscogee Challenge Bowl Team prepares for the competition on February 17, 2017.**



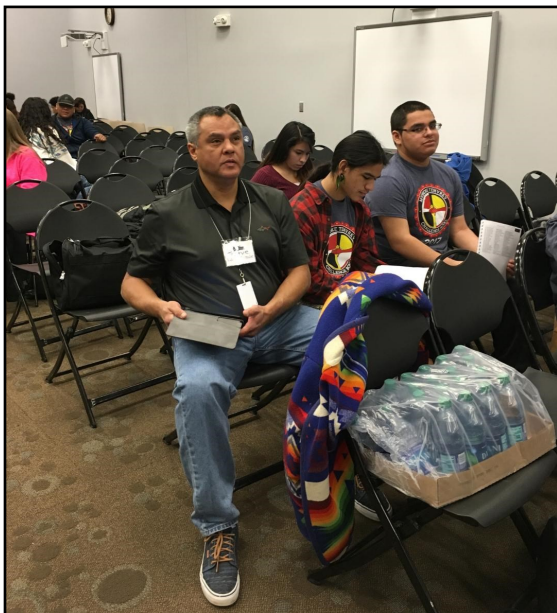
**Team members take a break between competition rounds!**

L. to R.: Regina Grigg, Nevaeh Yarborough, Jashawn Morris, Stacia Buzzard and Carmen Perez. Mr. Trygve Jorgensen, Indian Education Resource Advisor is the Lindbergh Lvmhe sponsor.

**Thoreau Demonstration Academy MCB Team**

Team POME YVHV (white wolf) members for the Muscogee Challenge Bowl are the following: Eliana Grass, Draven Hathcoat, Blanca Jaramillo, Elisha Robinson. Ariela Rodregiez, Jacob Diaz and Zack Diaz.

Team sponsor is Ms. Patti Phillips. Good Work!



**Edison Preparatory Team Members**

Joseph Ciudad De Valle (9th) and John Bear (12th) prepare for the next round at the Muscogee Creek Challenge Bowl with Mr. Trygve Jorgensen, Indian Education Resource Advisor.

**Title VI and JOM Meetings**

The next Title VI Parent Advisory Committee meeting and quarterly JOM Parent Committee meeting will be held at the Indian Education office on September 12, 2017. See page 2, for time, location and contact information.

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## Native American Heritage Month at Hamilton Elementary

We kicked off activities with a wall map for students to identify the general area where their tribe was located prior to the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Additionally, a display case was filled with stomp dance items, beadwork, pottery, and dance regalia and was used as a tool to educate students. Patchwork of the Seminole Tribe was featured along with, glass beads on hanks, Acoma pottery painted with spinach paint, shawls, and a red tail hawk fan, to name a few items.

On November 22, 2016, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade Native American students starred in a living wax museum where they each dressed as a Native American person of their choice. Each student spoke on the impact that their character made in the history of America. The following students participated in the research:



Antonio Reyes, Cherokee as **Will Rogers**  
 Autumn Hazel, Cherokee as **Ashton Locklear**  
 Brandy Dismang, Cherokee served as a docent  
 Bridget Johnson, Cherokee as **Naomi Lang**  
 Brisa Reyes, Cherokee as **Sacagawea**  
 Brittany Bolton, Creek as **Amanda Blackhorse**  
 Chelsey Smith, Cherokee as **Dr. Patricia Era Bath**

C'Kwen Abili, Creek as **Tecumseh**  
 Daniel Moran, Cherokee as **Henry Boucha**  
 Destini Standifird, Cherokee as **Wilma Mankiller**  
 Gracie Hamilton, Cherokee as **Pocahontas**  
 Hailee Weavel, Cherokee as **Queen Aliquippa**  
 Idalia Reyes, Cherokee as **Zara Cisco Brough**  
 Isabella Hendrix, Cherokee as **Toypurina**

Janice Clinkenbeard, Creek as **Shoni Shimmel**  
 Jasmine White, as **Mary Youngblood**  
 Jaylan Candy-Fire, Cheyenne-Arapaho as **Little Raven**  
 Jayshawna Silk, Cherokee as **Glory of the Morning**  
 Jazmin Ballance, Cheyenne-Arapaho as **Cockacoeske**  
 Lakyha Jones, served as a docent  
 Mason Rose, Cherokee as **Chris Wondolowski**



Matysun Sloan, Cherokee as **Dr. Lois Ellen Frank**

MiDori Phelps, Comanche as **Maria Tallchief**  
 Raven Glover, Ponca served as a docent  
 Tristan Meier, Kiowa as **Chief Red Horse**  
 Valentino Estrada-Romo, Muscogee Creek as **Litefoot**



### Ka-ni-ke

Ka-ni-ke, "Thank you" in Quapaw, to Mrs. Tera Carr, principal at Hamilton, for allowing Mrs. Shawnee and her students to set up the living wax museum. Mrs. Carr is of Cherokee descent and places a great value for sharing our Native culture and also enriching all students at Hamilton Elementary. We appreciate her allowing each student to participate either through acting or by visiting the museum.

Ka-ni-ke to Tulsa Public Schools Indian Education Program Coordinator, Mitch McGehee and resource advisors for providing support, traditional outfits, supplies, and props; Hamilton Elementary faculty & staff; Tulsa Ballet; Oilers Ice Center; Katy Roubideaux; Teresa Howard; Emma Eppler; Anna McKibben, Mike Shawnee, the parents who made sure their children were here and ready to participate, and to all of the students who spent their recesses and shortened their lunch breaks to ensure our project was a success!

### Students of Excellence

The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, represented by Vice Chairman Robert Anquoe, Commissioners Cheryl Cohenouer, Gwenn RedCorn, Teresa Runnels and Alice WhiteCloud recognized the "Students of Excellence" during the 40th Annual Awards Night at the Clinton Middle School auditorium on April 24, 2017.

A graduating senior from each school is nominated by school staff and Indian Education Resource Advisors for outstanding participation in cultural activities, leadership, academics and community service. Congratulations to each of you for the accomplishments you have achieved!



L. to R.: Anthony Graves , Xandrea Nanaeto, Taylor Simmons, Rebecca Squire, Cheyanne Wheat, Earin Murrell, and Sebastian Muskrat.



Tulsa Indian Education College and Career Fair  
January 25, 2017

### Tulsa Public School 2017 Students of Excellence

Central H.S.	Brianna Barnes	Muscogee Creek
East Central H.S.	Earin Murrell	Muscogee Creek
Edison Preparatory	Cheyenne Wheat	Cherokee
Hale H.S.	Rebecca Squire	Muscogee Creek
McLain H.S.	Brianna Barnes	Muscogee Creek
Memorial H.S.	Taylor Simmons	Cherokee
Tulsa MET	Xandrea Nanaeto	Muscogee Creek
Rogers College High	Anthony Graves	Muscogee Creek
B. T. Washington	Sebastian Muskrat	Cherokee
Webster H.S.	John Bozone	Cherokee

### Muscogee Nation Sponsors 3rd Annual Botball Challenge in Tulsa Public Schools



The Challenge was held on April 22, 2017 at the Expo Square Pavilion for elementary teams representing seven Tulsa Public Schools. Eliot and Eisenhower International teams placed.



The Spring Botball Challenge was held at the Expo Square pavilion on Saturday, April 22 2017 .

Many teams have improved their coding and increased their scores at a higher level of skill.

Muscogee Nation opens it up to all students, however, to encourage their tribal participation, they sponsor teams which include students from their Muscogee Creek membership.



Annual Elementary Awards Night April 17 and 18, 2017.



Mr. Mitch McGehee congratulates an Honor Roll student!



The 40th Annual Awards were held in the Clinton Middle School auditorium.

**Good work!**

Over 1,600 Indian Education students are listed on the counselor's honor roll, principal's honor roll or achieved recognition at their school sites and were recognized with certificates of achievement.

Elementary awards were held on the evenings of Monday, April 17 and Tuesday April 18, 2017.

All Secondary Awards were held on Monday evening, April 24, 2017.

**Indian Education Program  
Title VI and JOM (Johnson O'Malley)  
7635 East 42nd Place  
Tulsa, OK 74145**

**Web site: [http://www.tulsaschools.org/tps\\_depts/Indian\\_Ed/](http://www.tulsaschools.org/tps_depts/Indian_Ed/)**

**School Year Count for 2017-2018 Funding**

The department of Indian Education conducted the annual 506 count in October 14, 2016-November 13, 2016 for the 2017-2018 school year funding services.

The Title VI 506 count is 3,369 students.

Our Cherokee JOM count is 458 students

and Muscogee JOM count is 1,281 students

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students may have membership in any tribal nation but must attend school in the appropriate Cherokee or Muscogee nation area to be served.

**Clothing /School Verification**

For those parents needing their tribal school clothing verification signed, our address is:

**7635 East 42nd Place  
Tulsa OK 74145**

**(South of 41st street between Sheridan and Memorial)**

**Summer hours may be adjusted during June, July and August**

**Monday — Friday  
8:00 AM—4:00 PM  
918-833-8360**



Disney Elementary students watch a Cherokee demonstration of flint knapping arrow heads in Tahlequah, OK. November 4, 2016



Springdale Elementary stickball game at Cherokee Complex, Tahlequah, OK. October 6, 2016

**Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society**

On April 27, 2017 at the Choctaw Casino Resort, in Durant, OK, the OISHS accepted 1,071 students who earned a 3.9 or better GPA. Congratulations!

Edison Preparatory students were Gwendolyn Buckendorf, Chayton Burleson, Jaylin Burlin, Tyiona Davis, Anne Emerson, Arden Felker, Kayleigh Jackson, Secada Janowski, Sophie Kimery, Cayden One Bear, Emery Roberts, Aidan Schiavone, Jacob Thorne, Tala Thorne, Mallory Tiger, Cheyanne Wheat and Sallee Winton.

Memorial H.S. students are Nicholas Chorette and Taylor Simmons.

B.T. Washington students are Katelyn Butler, Callie Hall, KaTia Jennings and Sabastian Mondragon Muskrat.



Tulsa Indian Art Festival winners are B.T.Washington H.S. seniors Katelyn Butler in photography and Rachel Driver in Sculpture in February 2017.

**Calendar of Events  
Summer 2017**

The Indian Education office will be open with summer hours: June, July and August 2017.

**Fall 2017**

- Fall Classes Begin .....August 21, 2017
- Indian Education School Supplies.....August 21, 2017
- College Connection, Central Park Hall .....September 10 2017
- Extended Day Tutoring Begins .....October 2017
- American Indian Heritage Assembly .....November 2017
- Muscogee Nation In-service.....December 2017

**Spring 2018**

- Muscogee Challenge Bowl.....February 2018
- Annual Awards Recognition.....April 2018

**TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

“Tulsa Public Schools is an equal opportunity organization and does not discriminate in its educational and employment policies and programs on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, veteran status or disability. For information, contact the Director of Compliance at (918) 746-6357.”

**Congratulations!**

Mrs. Williams, who began as the coordinator of tutors in 1973, the first year of the Indian Education program, will retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

She offers a “Thank you” during the Annual Awards program and accepted the presentation of a blanket covered with many memorable events which occurred during the past 44 years as a resource advisor for the Indian Education Program in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Lillian Williams**



Indian Education, College and Career Fair  
In Tulsa at the OU-Schusterman Center.

**Tulsa Public Schools  
Indian Education Programs  
Annual Needs Assessment Survey**

Tulsa Public Schools in cooperation with the Indian parent committee conducted a very important needs assessment survey for the school year 2017-2018.

Using a list of seven items with an 8th item as Other, the results are the following, with most important needs in ranking order.

- A. Academic Tutoring
- E. Math/Science Improvement
- D. Reading/Language Improvement
- F. Indian Cultural Activities

**School Supplies**

Parents must bring proof of student enrollment in Tulsa Public Schools.

This may include a school letter with child's grade and/or schedule of classes.

- A signed Indian Education 506 form must be filled out or may be on file. The 506 and citizenship documentation are kept on file until your child graduates.
- Tribal citizenship card/letter (copied Front and Back) also provides cultural JOM participation and Choctaw Star eligibility.

**918-833-8360**

**Indian Education Office  
Grant Building (between Sheridan and Memorial)**

**7635 East 42nd Place**

**Monday**

**August 21, 2017**

**9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday**

**August 22, 2017**

**9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday- Friday**

**August 23,-25, 2017**

**9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M**

**School supplies are available year- round  
during regular office hours**

**8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.**



Edison Senior, John Bear, takes a look at information for historic Haskell Indian Nations University, located in Lawrence, Kansas.