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homeschooling parent**



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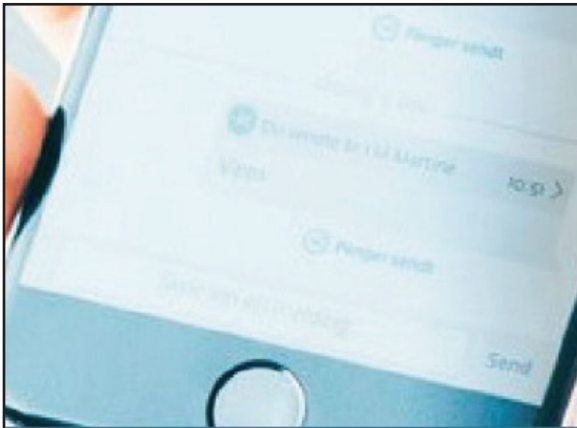
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**Homeschool** from front page

By Micheal Rios

Two quick stats. First, at least 124,000 public and private schools in the United States have closed due to coronavirus concerns. Second, approximately 55 million students are impacted by these widespread school closures. The stark reality for many families is they are left struggling to cope with an unprecedented global pandemic while being responsible for their now home-bound children's education.

Tulalip tribal member Angela Davis understands the complexities involved with homeschooling children. Her three children 15-year-old Samara, 14-year-old Samuel and 12-year-old Abigail have been homeschooled their entire life. Together with her spouse, Angela and John Davis III have a system that is proven to be effective and successful.

While residing on the Tulalip Reservation, their children attend school from the comforts of home. In fact, inside the Davis residence is a dedicated education room with three desks, a white board, projector, and a book shelf full of textbooks and miscellaneous reading material.

Angela was gracious enough to do an interview with Tulalip News. What follows is a condensed transcription of that interview in which the veteran homeschooler offers a number of tips and insights for parents new to the homeschool scene.

**SYS: Your three children have only been homeschooled. What prompted you and your husband to opt for this?**

Angela: Our number one priority is the safety of our children. The world has changed from when we were kids. We might have had our bullies at school, but for the most part we weren't exposed to too much. Today, students are exposed to so many different situations that take away from enjoying life and learning. Unfortunately, when it comes to bullying at school (whether it is from another student or a teacher/staff) it seems like it is getting more and more difficult for the school

to take action and rectify the situation. From many aspects, it is unfortunate our tribal kids have to deal with that.

**SYS: From your experience, what are some of the best benefits to having your children learn from home?**

Angela: A big benefit is allowing your children to learn more than what the public school curriculum provides. As we have seen, there is a lot of misinformation about history and so many other things being taught. By homeschooling we get to choose how information is given to our children, meaning there is just not one perspective given, but many. Our children take in multiple perspectives and then can make an educated decision on what they choose to believe.

**SYS: Do you find this kind of learning flexible to more out of the classroom teaching?**

Angela: Yes, we do. Flexibility is another added benefit. For example, if we wanted to go on a field trip to learn about a particular subject we can go at any time. If we have appointments during the day, we can just catch up later or the following day. If we wanted to or needed to travel we could take homeschooling with us. Balancing life and learning for each family's situation is doable once you find a comfortable structure.

**SYS: Structure and adhering to a consistent schedule have to be critical to long-term success, right?**

Angela: Absolutely. Although the structure of a schedule is dependent on each family's situation and what works best for them. We tend to believe getting up early and starting school at a regular time is most effective for consistency. Sticking to this kind of daily structure prepares children to become productive adults who enter the workforce or start their own business.

**SYS: For parents with multiple**



**children, like yourself, there might be a tendency to feel like you have to divide up your time unequally. How do you deal with that?**

Angela: We focus on the fact that our children at home receive more one-on-one attention than they would in a public school setting. If you have a class of 25 students versus a class of 3 students, the attention of the teacher is not divided nearly as much. Plus, we are able to spend more time with a child that is struggling, while the other two continue to do their work.

If a family has children that are more separated in age, they may need to get a little more creative on who gets the "teachers" attention and when. Also, the older children can help their siblings with subjects as needed, so it can become a family effort to educate each other.

**SYS: How do you decide which curriculum to teach? Is there a guide you follow day by day or week by week?**

Angela: The good news is that it is up to the parents to choose. There are many options to choose from. I have learned that you have to consider two things: 1.) The parents' teaching style and 2.) The child's learning style.

I suggest parents do some research to figure out what style works best for them and how they

learn the best. Parents also need to go in with the understanding that what they first choose might not work the best for them or only certain parts of it might work and certain parts don't. They can change to a different curriculum at any time.

We've alternated between textbooks, online programs, using the school district's K-12 program, and even mixing multiple sources. It really is up to the parent as long as they are teaching the core subjects.

**SYS: When you get stuck or need assistance with a certain subject, either learning it yourself or teaching it, what do you do?**

Angela: There are Support Groups and Co-Ops located in each county that homeschoolers can be a part of that help each other with certain subjects and events. I recommend: <https://washhomeschool.org/homeschooling/support-groups-co-ops/> and <https://washhomeschool.org/homeschooling/support-groups-co-ops/region-6/>

**SYS: Besides the book schooling, do you make learning other skills like art, craft making or instruments part of the typical routine?**

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Angela: Yes, we do. It is important to balance book work with hands-on skills and activities to help keep the kids engaged. This way they are exposed to new skills that may turn into their passion. Our family stresses the need to learn hands-on skills so that they will always have something to fall back on if they are having difficulties in the workforce. We also explain that with these skills, they may be able to start their own businesses and be self-sufficient.

**SYS: What activities or skills have you found your kids most engage in?**

Angela: All types really. We've had them dabble in piano lessons, singing, computer programming, and making clothes with a sewing machine. All three have developed their own personal style when it comes to traditional arts and crafts. They've made beaded hoop earrings, traditional hand drums, and look forward to submitting their creations in various categories at the Tribe's annual art festival.

**SYS: What resources do you look to or recommend for families who are struggling with homeschooling?**

Angela: There are so many resources available, but my first go to is researching online at the Washington Homeschool Organization (WHO). They provide a lot of information in one place, such as the laws for the state, training for the parents, and many other resources. <https://washhomeschool.org/homeschooling/the-law/>

Some other websites to help with determining what system works best for your family would be curriculum reviews and teaching methods:

<https://www.homeschool.com/>  
<https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/homeschooling-101/choose-best-homeschool-curriculum/>  
<https://thebestschools.org/magazine/homeschool-style-right/>  
 and  
<https://homeschool-curriculum-reviews.com/>

**SYS: Last question. Has the current Coronavirus crisis affected your kids' ability to be educated in any way? And have you added the global impacts of COVID-19 into their curriculum?**

Angela: The Coronavirus crisis has not affected my kids' ability to be



educated in any way. Our curriculum is mostly textbook based so we have all the items we need at home, and if we were completely online, that would not have affected us either.

Our normal teachings include real world and current events in which my children are very aware of what is going on in our Tulalip community, state, country and even globally. This information is incorporated as part

of our curriculum on a daily basis.

The biggest impact that this crisis has had on my children is not being able to go out freely as before, whether if it was to a field trip or a community event, or simply visiting their grandparents and family. Fortunately, we have technology that still allows for us to connect and continue to learn.





# Inside a local hospital



Swedish Medical Center, First Hill, Seattle, stock photo.

*By Kim Kalliber*

For firemen, police officers, doctors and nurses, every day is a new day, with new dangers. Now add a global pandemic to that. With shortages of equipment and tests, to political uncertainty provoking protests outside of health institutions in some states, one can only imagine the levels of stress, anxiety, fear and frustration these workers are under.

According to a March 31, 2020 CNN report, hospitals across the nation began seeing COVID patients in early March and many quickly became overwhelmed. Though many people suffering from the virus experience symptoms that can be treated at home, those with more severe symptoms, including shortness of breath or chest pain are encouraged to consult their doctor or to visit an ER.

We spoke to an RN at Seattle's Swedish Hospital, who prefers to go only by Mary, about her experience working first-hand in the COVID-19 environment.

"The COVID patients I have seen have been from anywhere from the age of 28 to age 89. They all have fever and respiratory symptoms. Some have been otherwise healthy and others have had underlying medical problems such as asthma and heart disease," explained Mary about the patients that have been admitted to the hospital.

Those wondering if they should visit an ER or not, need to keep a close eye on their symptoms, especially if they persist.

"You should call your doctor if you have a fever or a cough or if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID," said Mary. "You should call 911 if you have any emergency signs such as trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in your chest, new confusion, inability to arouse or any bluish lips or face."

Questions from the general public about local hospitals include whether they are full or still accepting patients. Mary explained that Swedish prepared early on for the virus, and kept rooms available for patients along with rescheduling and canceling surgeries.

"The hospital campus I work at is not at its capacity. The hospital prepared itself in COVID's early stages by not doing any elective surgeries or procedures to make room and have staff available for surges of COVID patients. Right now, the hospital has plenty of beds for any new cases of COVID patients." Mary went on to say that Swedish is beginning to open up limited surgeries for originally scheduled, non-COVID patients.

Even though staff are in fact seeing a slowdown of COVID-admitted patients, it is still an extremely stressful environment.

"The general feeling I am getting at work is frustration. It is overwhelming when rules and protocols change daily and we never know what

to expect. We are still limited on our supplies."

In addition to administrative stress, there is the fear of having contact with the outside world and going home to family members. Mary practices constant handwashing and other important steps when leaving a hospital shift.

"When soap and water is not available I use hand sanitizer," she said. "Social distancing. I always wear a mask to the store and try not to spend a lot of time shopping in the store. I never wear my scrubs home. I make sure to not bring hospital germs out into the public or home. I take my vitamins, asthma medications, and try to get good sleep."

"All employees are screened before they come in to work. We all get our temperature taken and are asked if we have any respiratory symptoms. If we have a fever over 100 degrees, we are sent home and our manager is notified. At my hospital campus, thankfully, COVID cases are slowing down. But we all still have to keep protecting ourselves and families by handwashing and social distancing because we still have some positive COVID cases coming into the hospital."

As far as states making plans to re-open businesses, and the quarantine backlash from protestors, Mary says, "The nurses on my unit and I agree that it is a little early for things to be reopening. We don't think enough time has gone by for the virus to have been on the decline, there are still too many active cases to be loosening the

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social distancing guidelines. We have to be careful.

The protests are not helping anyone. There are other ways people can voice their opinion without gathering in large groups at this point in time, with the virus still being active as much as it is.”

As a reminder, Tulalip Bay Fire has an ambulance in service, which can transport community members transported directly from their residence to the reservation’s primary medical facility. For concerned citizens who are beginning to experience COVID-19 related symptoms, please call the Tulalip Health Clinic’s main line at (360) 716-4511 to speak to their medical professionals.

# 2020 Census update: Nearly 50% of Tulalip households have responded

By Micheal Rios

Every 10 years the United States Census Bureau attempts an astounding task to count each and every person in the country. The Constitution requires a census every 10 years to determine how many seats each state will have in the House of Representatives. More importantly, census data also helps guide how billions of dollars in federal, state, and tribal funding are distributed.

Accurate census data leads to fairer distributions of funds that support tribal programs in meeting community member needs, such as housing, education, elder programs, healthcare, childcare programs, and economic development. Put simply, having accurate representation means making sure you are counted, and by being counted you bring more federal money to Tulalip that benefits the entire reservation. Each person counted equals \$3,000 of potential funding for our community.

As of Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, official numbers provided by the Census Bureau list Tulalip with a 47.3% response rate. That means a little less than half of all Tulalip households have responded to the 2020 Census via self-responses online, by phone, or by mail.

To those households who responded to the census already, a huge

thank you for being proactive. For the rest of you 52.7% of households yet to make yourselves counted, the good news is there’s still time. The U.S. Census Bureau has extended the census deadline to October 31 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The 2020 Census is our chance to be visible, to be heard, and for our tribal nations to be recognized,” stated Kevin Allis, CEO of the National Congress of American Indians. “Being counted means standing up for yourself, your family, and your tribal community. Our people, our nations, and our future depend on each one of us to complete the census form. This is our opportunity to make a difference – the time is now. Let us join together and make 2020 the year that Indian Country counts!”

Despite the lengthy history and expansive impact of the U.S. census, Native Americans have historically been undercounted. This history of inaccuracy costs millions of annual tax dollars to Indian Country that would otherwise be used to improve public programs such as schools, roads, and other forms of critical public infrastructure.

Not being counted hurts Indian Country and on the local level, hurts Tulalip. Tribal leaders and the Census Bureau hope that focusing on designated hard-to-count communi-

## How to be counted as Tulalip

For many reasons, it is important that Native households be counted in the 2020 Census. This depends on the race of “Person 1” or the first person listed on the census form. If that person says he or she is Native, then the household will be counted as one with a Native “householder”.

Saying that you’re American Indian or Alaska Native on the 2020 Census form is a matter of self-identification. No proof is required. No one will ask you to show a tribal enrollment card or a certificate of Indian blood.

To be counted as a Native citizen who is part of the Tulalip Tribes, you must complete two simple steps. First, check the box for American Indian or Alaska Native. Second, make sure to write in your enrolled tribe. For Tulalip tribal members this means writing in Tulalip Tribes.

As far as the Census Bureau is concerned, the listing of a person’s tribe is entirely a matter of what the person writes in. No proof of the person’s relationship to that tribe is required. It’s all a matter of self-identification.

**What is this person's race?**  
Mark ☒ one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

☐ White – Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.

☐ Black or African Am. – Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

☒ American Indian or Alaska Native – Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

**Tulalip Tribes**

☐ Chinese ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Filipino ☐ Korean ☐ Samoan

☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Chamorro

☐ Other Asian – Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

☐ Other Pacific Islander – Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.

☐ Some other race – Print race or origin.



ties and improved technology will help produce a more accurate count this year. In 2020, for the first time ever, citizens are able to respond to the census online.

"I want to tell every [Native American] to be counted as an act of rebellion because this census is designed not to count you," declared Natalie Landreth (Chickasaw), a senior attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, to Indian Country Today. "It is designed for you to not have congressional districts. It is designed for you to not have federal monies. Make yourself heard because they don't want to hear from you."

The easiest and most efficient method for participating in the census is to fill it out online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). All Tulalip households should have received an invitation in the mail to participate in the census with a unique 12-digit Census ID. If you don't have the 12-digit ID handy, then there is an online tool at [my2020census.gov/app/intro/state](https://my2020census.gov/app/intro/state) to assist you.

The average time for a household to complete the census form online is only about ten minutes. Taking those critical minutes to be counted means standing up and being visible for yourself, your family, and your tribal community.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.

It cannot be understated that accurate census data is essential for policymaking and funding for public roads and many other types of essential infrastructure. A lot of our federal programs are dependent on the numbers generated from the census. It impacts education. It impacts economic development. It impacts tribal housing. It impacts health care.

Now is the time to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to spread the word and participate in the 2020 Census. Don't let the government short change Indian Country or Tulalip a single dollar of federal funding. Be visible and be counted!

For more information, visit [www.census.gov](https://www.census.gov) OR for those intending to complete the census online please visit [my2020census.gov/](https://my2020census.gov/) to help shape our future.

## Letter to Editor

I want to thank the Sey-yat-sub for continuing to send out to the tribal members the weekly news letter as it is all we hear from our Tribe. I have heard the Tribe has set up a weekly report but this is all done by modern technology and you need a portable telephone or computer to find out the latest news.

As a tribal elder my computer had problems and I my Granddaughter Mandy just got it working this week.

We along with Tribes from all over the United States are going through a terrible crisis with the virus that effects the entire world. All we can do is stay in our homes and pray that this will end and we can get back to a normal life.

My question to our leaders is why isn't more news about the virus and what our Tribe is doing to combat the disease on the tribal channel 3 as most of our tribal elders have cable vision and we can find out information on the TV Channel 3 as most elders don't use computers.

My big concern is who is checking on the elders that may not have any family and may need supplies or medicines? I have been staying in my home and luckily have children that make sure I have supplies.

I know for a fact that our Senior Program only cares for the elders that receive home food deliveries but who checks on elders that don't receive this service? I have been in my home since the first of March and did receive a delivery from the Police Dept. and someone dropped something off at my front door.

The only telephone call I received was from the Everett Clinic Nurse who checked to see if I needed any help, food or medicine. Also the Tulalip Pharmacy called to let me know my medication was running low. Also my neighbor Louie Pablo called to check if I needed anything. We need to have all elders checked to see if they have any medical needs.

This is a horrific time our Tribe is going through as in the

last year we lost so many people and we are still trying to heal from the deaths of so many tribal family members.

We need to unite in prayer for all tribal members and we should be thankful for what we have received from our Tribe. Per Capita, and numerous services and we should be thankful not just complaining on getting more money and services.

Our ancestors received no funds or services from the Tribe as in those days there were no finan-

cial money our Tribe had and they were just thankful they were able to be alive. If it wasn't for what our ancestors did to preserve our reservation lands we would have nothing and they didn't complain about what they wanted and they lived in poverty so we should be thanking them in our prayers for what we have today.

God Bless and Take Care  
Virginia (Ginne) Carpenter  
Tribal Elder

## POSTPONEMENT OF FIREWORKS PERMITTING

**Boom City stand owners,**

**The Tulalip Tribes declared an Emergency Stay Home Order to help protect our community in this time of global COVID-19 pandemic. Our focus is the well-being and care of tribal members. To reduce the spread of COVID-19 our Board of Directors has determined that the permitting process for Boom City will be postponed until further notice. This decision was made for the health and safety of our community.**

**We are monitoring the situation closely and we will notify you if and when the permitting of Boom City can take place.**

**We thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.**

## Court Notices

TUL-CV-YG-2019-0410. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. A. G. G. TO: IVY AUGUSTINE GUSS, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Guardianship (Youth) was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on 06/18/2020 at 1:30 p.m. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: April 11, 2020.



# SPECIAL ELECTION

**Ballots must be signed and returned by May 11 at 4:00PM**

- Ballots must be mailed or,
- Dropped off at the UPS store (8825 34th Ave NE, Tulalip WA 98271).
- A pre-stamped envelope will be included in the ballots packet, no postage needed

## **Election results announced**

- May 12, 2020 at 1:00pm through Tribal media and [iAmTULALIP.com](http://iAmTULALIP.com)

## **Election of officers**

- Officers will be voted on at the rescheduled Annual General Council Meeting

