

Matriarchs shine at DNC's Native **American Caucus**

By Micheal Rios

Last week's Democratic National Convention included two full days dedicated to advancing the nation-tonation relationships with tribal governments, with focused discussion on crucial topics in regards to upholding federal trust responsibilities inherent to Native citizens. A broad range of policy areas, including but not limited to health, safety, economic development, education, voting importance,

strengthening sovereignty were all spotlighted.

Known as the DNC Native American Caucus, tribal members from across the nation were invited to attend this oneof-a-kind, virtual platform that was free to attend. Those who opted to tune in had countless opportunities to be inspired for a better tomorrow via the many progressive-minded messages filled with hope and promise by a new crop of political leaders led by Native matriarchs.

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TELA safely honors graduates with drive-thru celebration



By Kalvin Valdillez

Wearing bright contagious smiles, the Class of 2033 took one last ride through the Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy (TELA) campus on the evening of August 18. Eighty-nine future leaders successfully completed the first step of their educational journey, and are now equipped with a solid foundation to continue growing their young minds, starting with kindergarten. Of those graduates, seventy-five eighty-nine participated in a unique commencement ceremony that was fun for all - students, families and TELA educators alike.

"Due to the pandemic, we were unable to follow our typical graduation

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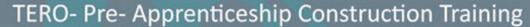
Census Bureau News

Submitted by Lindsey Watkins, Marketing Manager, Tulalip Tribes

Census takers have begun following up with households nationwide. Census takers will continue to follow up with nonresponding households in person and will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit. Paper copies of the census the questionnaire will arrive between August 22-September 15 at those households that have not yet responded to the census.

The Census Bureau is now emailing from 2020census@subscriptions.census.gov and phoning households to remind people to respond. For those who wonder where the Census Bureau got your email or telephone number, the Bureau could have obtained it from another Census Bureau survey, from a commercial list, or WIC, SNAP, or TANF databases.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and inform how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by the state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.



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Caucus from front page

"Opening our two day Native American Caucus was three matriarchs who are among the highest elected officials in the United States," shared DNC Native American Political Director, Theresa Sheldon (Tulalip). "It is so inspiring and breathtaking when we acknowledge the historic moment we are in. As Native Americans, we are refusing to not be seen. Instead, we are seeing more and more Native people hearing the call and intending to fulfill the need that is representation."

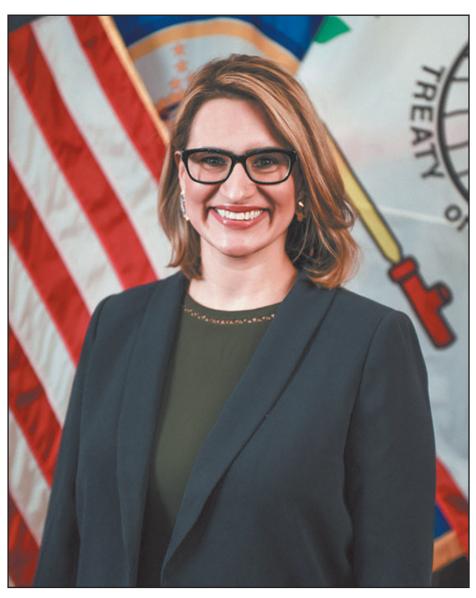
Congresswoman Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), Congresswoman Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk), and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Band of Ojibwe), each took to the digital podium and rallied viewers to make their voices heard by voting in November's presidential election for democratic candidate and former Vice-President, Joe Biden.

"I'm proud that we have the most progressive and forward leading platform for Indian Country ever, especially where the environment is concerned," explained Representative Haaland, Congressional Native American Caucus co-chair. "Joe Biden has a very strong commitment to fighting climate change, moving our country to renewable energy, and just making sure our voices are heard.

"Tribal leaders must have a say in where we are moving forward, and that's why I am doing everything I can to get Joe Biden elected. Unlike the present administration, he'd absolutely never appoint a coal lobbyist or gas and oil lobbyist to any of these positions where we know we need someone who cares deeply about our land



Congresswoman Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo).



Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan (White Earth Band of Ojibwe).

and Indian Country."

Haaland and Davids, of New Mexico and Kansas respectively, are the first-ever Native women to serve in Congress, while Flanagan, of Minnesota, is the highest-ranking Native woman elected to executive office in U.S. history. Collectively, these three spectacular leaders have made history as Native women elected to political office. Together they serve their local Native communities on the national stage.

According to Indian Country Today's database, the number of Native candidates has been rising for several years, with a boost in Native female candidates over Native men.

"It's such a powerful thing having us in the House of Representatives," said Representative Davids. "It's not just that we are in the room, which just by our presence there changes the conversation, but

because of our professional backgrounds in Indian law, our experience within Native communities and our reservations, we have a unique ability to educate our colleagues and influence Congressional decision

"That's why I'm so excited to see the record-breaking number of Native folks running for office across the country. We are in an amazing age where Native people are stepping up to participate in local, state or federal legislatures," continued Davids. "The other thing we have to do is elect folks who are going to be strong partners for our Native communities; candidates and elected officials who will listen to the Native community and actually engage with us. We've got that with Joe Biden, which is why so many of us are doing everything we can to get him elected to the White House."

Within Native communities,

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Congresswoman Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk).

we know accurate representation and being given a space to voice our concerns is of the utmost importance. After surviving cultural genocide, westward colonization, and brutal assimilation policies, it took centuries for Native Amerians to finally gain U.S. citizenship in 1924. Even then, the right to vote by tribal citizens wasn't universally granted until 1962.

Malicious roadblocks remain to this day to suppress the Native vote. Restrictive voting laws throughout the United States often carry a discriminatory effect, either by intent or consequence, for our communities. Some of the major challenges to the ballot box faced by tribal nations include: failure to provide sufficient voting places, lack of proper election resource allocation, restrictive voting laws and removal of federal protections.

These hurdles have real effects as statistics from the National Congress of American Indians show that almost two out of five eligible Native citizens are not registered to vote. Compounding the matter is the turnout rate of Native registered voters is between 5 to 14 percentage points lower than turnout rates of other racial and ethnic groups.

Transforming attitudes formed by generations of cultural and political exclusion is something that will be a long evolving process and must be addressed by tribes, state and federal officials. Nonetheless, it is important to realize the most powerful form of transformation comes from within.

"Knowing that I work in an institution that was not created by us or for us, but in many ways was created to eliminate us, you can feel the difference that results from having Native people work within these systems," explained Lt. Governor Flanagan. "It results in true government-to-government relationships, tribal consultation [being more frequent], and passage of policy to address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

"I'm hopeful for the work that we've been able to accomplish in partnership with the tribes over the last year and a half," she added. "But we know we have tremendous amounts of work to do and having a partner in the White House would make a big difference. We have an opportunity to ensure we elect someone who sees us, who hears us, and who values us in Joe Biden. Our voices will be heard and we will make an impact in the weeks leading up to the election."

The power of true cultural representation and civic engagement by Native citizens of all ages was on full display during the DNC's two-day Native American Caucus. Topics discussed by Native advocates, activists, and political leaders all echoed the same sentiment, Indian Country will be silenced no longer. The next generation of leaders are taking up the mantle and in full pursuit of fulfilling the dreams of their ancestors.

"Representatives Haaland and Davids, with Lt. Governor Flanagan, all shared the need for more Native Americans to run for public office, while also detailing the importance of getting our youth, 18-26 years old, to be engaged and cast their vote," reflected Theresa Sheldon. "Overall, the most effective Get-Out-The-Native-Vote message is one that speaks to your local Tribe. We know the U.S. President impacts Tribes and our citizens, but we must make sure our tribal voters understand their vote is their voice. Come Election Day, we need our people to scream loudly that enough is enough!"

TELA Grads from front page

celebration," explained Tami Burdett, Pre-School Manager. "We utilized the surrounding schools and community as resources for out-ofthe box thinking, which led us to the idea of a graduation parade."

Without a cloud in sight, the five-year-old graduates basked in both the sunlight and the glory of completing the teachings that the academy has to offer and moving up to the big-kids school. One-by-one and car-by-car, the graduates visited three stations during the event. At the first station, the students were gifted with a cedar headband, hand-woven

by TELA Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, Katrina Lane. Moving to the second station, students received a congratulatory poster, displaying their name in gigantic lettering, which many proudly hoisted in the air as a victorious gesture. And at the final stop, the graduates received a handful of gifts to commemorate their time at the early learning center, including a salmon necklace, a 2020 pre-school graduate poster, hand drums and clappers, a graduation certificate and a kindergarten book to help the students prepare for their

new beginning.

The last station emotional for many students as this was the first time they were able to physically see their teachers and favorite TELA staff members since the COVID-19 outbreak, and after years of forging strong bonds and friendships together, they had to bid each other farewell.

"We always are so excited for our graduates to move onto the next level in their educational journeys as we support them from afar," said Tami. "We are saddened about our in-person services getting cut short due to COVID-19, however, this has led to more resiliency in our students and we have faith that they are well prepared for kindergarten."

Although the coronavirus halted in-person instruction, the teachings continued with TELA students after the academy closed their doors back in March. Students were able to engage, interact and learn from the safety of their own homes when much was still unknown about the disease.

Tami explained, "We are fortunate to live in a time with such advances in technology that

we were able to continue academic services during the stay home, stay safe mandate. Our teachers created lessons for families to watch on YouTube, had Zoom sessions with their class, delivered packets and other resources to families, had weekly check-ins with families, which ended up creating a closer bond between staff and families."

Not only has the academy provided their students with the necessary tools and knowledge to continue their education, TELA has made it a top priority to instill the values, lifeways and language of the sduhubš people into the minds of Tulalip youth, ensuring that their Tribal students have a strong understanding of who they are and the traditions of their people. There are many examples of how TELA incorporates culture into their classrooms, including their once-a-month 'cultural day', learning Tulalip songs, stories, art and dances, as well as the Language Immersion Program where Tulalip Lushootseed Language Warriors visit with the students and teach lesson plans spoken entirely in Lushootseed.

"I am both heartbroken and excited about my son graduating from TELA," expressed Kathi Johnny, mother of TELA Graduate, Cody Dunn Jr. "I am heartbroken because he has to leave the most amazing teachers, but also so excited because they taught and prepared him for his next school. He definitely learned things he could not learn elsewhere, like Lushootseed. I love how they involved as much Tulalip culture as they could. I appreciate the love that the teachers and staff have always shown to my son throughout his four years attending TELA."

After receiving their pre-school diplomas and saying goodbye to their friends and teachers, the most recent Betty J. Taylor alumni rode off into the sunset with their families, and a beautiful view of Tulalip Bay in the background, ready to take on the world.

"We would like to let the children and families know that it was an honor to work with them at the Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy," said TELA Director, Sheryl Fryberg. "We have high hopes for all of our students' success as they move onto their next phase of education. We hope that each student continues to love learning in their new settings. In this pandemic, we send them off with love and prayers for their health and safety."

Added Tami, "We loved being able to watch them grow over the years and support them as they developed new skills to better prepare them for their lives ahead. Though they may no longer be in our classrooms, they are always in our hearts."









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Court Notices

TUL-CV-YG-2019-0426. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: J. A.-R. TO: MAURICIO ARROYO: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth Guardianship action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on September 03, 2020 at 01:30 PM in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-571-317-3112, access code: 286-262-589. 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: July 25, 2020.

THE TULALIP COURT Tulalip Indian Reservation Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CV-EX-2020-0304 Summons by Publication and & Notice of Petition for Exclusion. THE TULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. THEODORE DAVID WAKENIGHT, Respondent. On March 6, 2020, a Petition for Exclusion was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 2.40. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that 1) that you are entitled to be represented by counsel, at your own expense; 2) that you may present testimony of witnesses and other evidence on your own behalf; and 3) that failure to attend the hearing may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion or removal; 4) that if you intend to call witnesses, a witness lists shall be filed no later than five judicial days before the hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you file an answer to the exclusion petition no later than October 5, 2020 and serve a copy on the Office of the Reservation Attorney within five calendar days after filing with the Court, the matter shall be set for a hearing. The date and time of the hearing shall be set by the Clerk's Office and shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.

THE TULALIP COURT Tulalip Indian Reservation, Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CV-EX-2020-0419 Summons by Publication and & Notice of Petition for Exclusion THE TULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. MICHAEL ELROD, Respondent. On April 21, 2020, a Petition for Exclusion was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 2.40. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that 1) that you are entitled to be represented by counsel, at your own expense; 2) that you may present testimony of witnesses and other evidence on your own behalf; and 3) that failure to attend the hearing may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion or removal; 4) that if you intend to call witnesses, a witness lists shall be filed no later than five judicial days before the hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you file an answer to the exclusion petition no later than October 20, 2020 and serve a copy on the Office of the Reservation Attorney within five calendar days after filing with the Court, the matter shall be set for a hearing. The date and time of the hearing shall be set by the Clerk's Office and shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.

TUL-CV-YG-2020-0112. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: G. P. M.: ARLETIA JEAN PAUL, 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 September 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-571-317-3112, access code: 286-262-589. 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: July 25, 2020.

TUL-CV-YG-2019-0425 and TUL-CV-YG-2019-0427. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: J. M.-R. and E. M.-R. TO: JUAN MADRIGAL: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Youth Guardianship actions were filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youths. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled actions at a hearing on September 03, 2020 at 01:30 PM in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-571-317-3112, access code: 286-262-589. 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: July 25, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0503. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: D. T. W. III TO: MARISSA ANDROS and DANIEL WILLIAMS, JR., YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 at 1:30pm in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. 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: August 8, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0561. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: X. H. TO: JOAQUIN MEZA, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action 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 an Adjudicatory Hearing on October 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via Go-ToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. 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: August 29, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0560. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: H. R. H. TO: JOSHUAH LLOYD, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action 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 an Adjudicatory Hearing on October 6, 2020 at 2:30pm in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoTo-Meeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. 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: August 29, 2020.

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