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BIONEERS INDIGENEITY PROGRAM
Bringing Indigenous Perspectives to Global Conversations
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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THE INDIGENOUS FORUM

NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

MEDIA FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

RIGHTS OF NATURE

Thank you to our sponsors and partners:
Dear Friends of Indigeneity,

We are delighted to share with you our program accomplishments in 2019. At the time we write this letter, we are experiencing an unprecedented global event in our lifetimes as we come together to stop the spread of the Corona pandemic.

Our tribal communities have outlasted many pandemics in America’s history, and we have a lot to learn from the wisdom of those who carry stories and strategies for survival forward. Sharing this kind of knowledge — learned from generations of living in place — is at the heart the Indigeneity Program’s mission.

The Indigeneity Program would not exist without your participation, support and investment. We are so grateful for the platform the Bioneers organization provides to amplify the voices of Indigenous leaders and youth. We work tirelessly year round to bring recognition to the critical role Indigenous Peoples have to play in maintaining the health of the planet.

Given the current global situation, we find ourselves in a unique position to make a giant leap forward with our online presence. We have been diligently documenting our program’s history, as part of a broader goal to make original Indigenous content available to all people ongoing. Our archive of original Indigenous content is a treasure trove that includes nearly 300 conference presentation videos, blogs, radio shows, interviews, books and articles with Indigenous leaders. In 2019, we launched a new web page that makes it easier than ever to explore and discover our original content: the authentic voices of First Peoples speaking for themselves.

Through our content, you can learn how Indigenous leaders are stewarding delicate ecosystems around the globe with place-based knowledge, Indigenous strategies to resist fossil fuel industries, how to reindigenize our bodies and minds, and much more. We invite you to join our Indigenous partners by engaging deeply with our content after reading this report at bioneers.org/indigeneity.

Foremost, we strive to create an invitational space, where Indigenous Peoples from communities across the US can connect with each other and share best practices. Many of us are isolated and need contact with each other for traditional cultural exchange. We hope the information we share can be used in communities to inspire other Indigenous leaders to self-organize around movements like Rights of Nature in Indian Law, Indigenous climate action, and Just Transition.

We hope you enjoy learning more about what we accomplished in 2019. From producing original content in the Indigenous Forum and Traditional Ecological Knowledge Workshop at the annual Bioneers Conference, to our youth leadership program, and our year-round media and curriculum-making, and catalytic initiative, Rights of Nature Tribal Governance, we truly love what we do.

If you are inspired by our unique and valuable work, please consider supporting Bioneers in 2020 and ongoing.

Sincerely,

Cara Romero and Alexis Bunten

LETTER FROM CARA & ALEXIS

CARA ROMERO (Chemehuevi) is a non-profit leader, communicator, change-maker and award-winning artist. She brings special expertise in working directly with tribes, and in producing cultural events and gatherings. Prior to joining Bioneers in 2011, Cara served as the first Executive Director of the Chemehuevi Cultural Center and was an elected member of the Chemehuevi Tribal Council from 2007-2010. She served as the Chair of the Chemehuevi Education Board and the Chemehuevi Early Education Policy Council. With degrees in Cultural Anthropology and Fine Art Photography, Cara has won numerous awards for her photography, including the Southwest Associations of Indian Art’s Best of Classification award (twice) and has been published in National Geographic and is widely collected by public and private institutions worldwide.

ALEXIS BUNten (Unangan/Yup’ik) is a researcher, writer, media-maker, and curriculum developer. After receiving a BA in Art History, Alexis returned to Alaska, where she worked at the Sealaska Heritage Institute and the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Subsequently, Alexis earned a PhD in Cultural Anthropology at UCLA. She has published widely about Indigenous and environmental issues in academic and mainstream media outlets. Alexis has won several awards for her work from the National Science Foundation, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and others. Her 2015 book “So, How Long Have You Been Native? Life as an Alaska Native Tour Guide” won the Alaska Library Association Award for its originality and depth. Her follow-up anthology, “Indigenous Tourism Movements,” was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2018.

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### ABOUT THE INDIGENEITY PROGRAM

Since its inception, Bioneers has been fundamentally shaped and guided by Indigenous knowledge, participants and partners, the original “Bioneers.” Bioneers’ Native-led Indigeneity Program invites ally-ship to support the leadership, rights and cultural survival of First Peoples. The Program expands the reach of Indigenous knowledge and approaches to solving environmental and social crises.

Indigeneity is a Native-led Program within Bioneers that promotes Indigenous approaches to solve the earth’s most pressing environmental and social issues. Our work includes a mix of live events, media production, and curriculum development. We also mobilize catalytic initiatives such as the Rights of Nature in US Indian Country governance project.

― Dr. Gregory Cahete

### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ARE LIKE THE MINERS’ CANARIES. WHEN THEIR CULTURES AND LANGUAGES DISAPPEAR, IT REFLECTS A PROFOUND SICKNESS IN THE ECOSYSTEM."

We prioritize cultivating future leaders through our annual Native Youth Leadership Program, which brings over 125 Native Youth to the Bioneers Conference for a life-changing experience that introduces these brilliant young people to new ideas, role models, and each other to form lasting relationships.

We mentor Native college-bound youth about their career paths, and how to communicate about complex issues that we face as Indigenous Peoples through six-week, and year-round internships. We also cultivate cross-cultural youth leadership through the flagship “Intercultural Conversations” project, which brings together Native and non-Native youth to discuss about environmental and social issues, culminating in person at the Bioneers Conference.

Your funding is the reason we can do this critically important and unique work. We do not take corporate funding, and you – our Bioneers community – are vital to our ongoing success. Now more than ever, the leadership and voices of Indigenous Peoples can and must help shape the wellbeing of our communities and planet for future generations.

### INDIGENEITY’S IMPACT

- Amplifies Indigenous Voices and Campaigns
- Educates the broader public on Indigenous issues
- Provides opportunities for Native youth leadership
- Connects Indigenous leaders with one another
- Connects Indigenous leaders with allies
- Results in social change

### INDIGENEITY PROGRAM OUTCOMES

BY THE NUMBERS, 2019

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MEDIA AND CURRICULUM FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

The Bioneers Indigeneity Program is the go-to source for accurate and contemporary information about Indigenous science, media, and curriculum for social change.

The Indigeneity Program has cultivated a rich repository of original videos, transcripts and audio recordings showcasing youth, elders and leaders from around the world who have shared Indigenous approaches to environmental, human rights, and social justice issues.

From Dr. Tieraona Low Dog on greening medicine (2001), to Chief Oren Lyons on the Indigenous roots of American Democracy (2003), Robin Krimmer on the teachings of grass (2014), Tom and Dallas Goldtooth on the intergenerational art of grassroots organizing (2016), Casey Camp on the Rights of Mother Earth (2019) and so many more, our website is the only place to discover such a wide array of Indigenous ideas and solutions to social and environmental justice issues we face together. Our media reaches thousands of people each year to share Indigenous perspectives and worldviews, with one video going viral in 2019 with over 313,000 views!

BLOGS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Indigeneity blogs and social media serve as an important public repository for sharing our program’s activities, and highlighting the accomplishments, campaigns and stories of Indigenous-led partner organizations. The majority of the content for our blogs in 2019 was provided to us by our Indigenous partners, who look to Bioneers as a trusted source to share news and ideas.

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VIDEOS RELEASED IN 2019

- Indigeneity with Eriel Deranger
- Abalone Wars: Indigenous Voices from the Coastal Frontlines
- Beyond Sovereignty
- Epigenetic Joy: Remembering Where We Belong
- How To Be A Good Ally
- Launching Pomo Food Sovereignty
- Mnì Wìchóni: We Are Here to Protect Rivers
- Just Transition As An Emerging Movement
- Unangan Genetic Memory: Heart Transforming Energy

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- Congresswoman Deb Haaland (NM-01) on 30 Years of Bioneers
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- Cara Romero & Paloma Flores: Recognizing Indigenous Delegations & Native Youth Attendees
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We are now ready to expand this initiative by making our curriculum resources available to educators who teach in a variety of subjects. In 2020, we plan to launch a dedicated web page to our curriculum, kicking off with a collection of 10 Discussion Guides and 5 Curriculum Bundles.
RIGHTS OF NATURE

Rights of Nature is a global movement to protect nature (rivers, mountains, and entire ecosystems and the life forms supported within them) by recognizing its legal rights. Just as humans and corporations are considered to “have rights,” this legal strategy grants rights to nature itself. These frameworks turn the existing property rights-based paradigm upside down and offer a powerful basis and strategy to conserve lands and communities. They also offer a radically different worldview: the right of nature to exist, persist, flourish and evolve.

Rights of Nature Tribal Governance is a legal expression of Indigenous worldviews and deep knowledge of natural systems. The Rights of Nature vision is to legally protect threatened lands and the peoples, wildlife, and ecosystems they sustain from human destruction. This movement has the potential to fundamentally shift the paradigm from a domination and extraction-based relationship with nature to a more sustainable and regenerative future for every living being.

In response to these successes, Bioneers has developed and is starting to implement a 4-year strategy to introduce Rights of Nature Tribal Governance across Native North America. Integrating Rights of Nature into tribal policy is a long-term process. Like any major socio-environmental movement, it moves at the speed of tribal partners in it for the long haul.

We’re deepening our existing alliances with tribes, while expanding our outreach nationally. We’re assembling a legal task force to provide a solid legally sound basis for how to integrate federal Indian law, tribal law and Rights of Nature law, which has never been done before. We’ll provide toolkits, templates and guidelines. We’ll conduct trainings, capacity building and liaisons for tribes to legal expertise. We’ll scale these materials and practices to a national scope of interconnected networks of tribes, while seeking non-Native allies in specific bioregions to advance these laws both on Native lands and beyond. And we’ll tell the stories through media throughout the process to educate tribes, policy makers, activists and the public.

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RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBAL GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

At its core, Rights of Nature reflects Indigenous worldviews. While the Western philosophical system is underpinned by the ideology that humankind is separate from nature and has dominion over it, Indigenous worldviews conceive of humans as a part of nature, with an obligation to maintain its balance and the intrinsic right to life of all beings.

Rights of Nature Tribal Governance is a legal expression of Indigenous worldviews and deep knowledge of natural systems. The Rights of Nature vision is to legally protect threatened lands and cultures, while strengthening tribal sovereignty. With tribal sovereignty comes immunity from lawsuits.

If U.S. federally recognized tribal nations adopt Rights of Nature frameworks into tribal constitutions, they cannot theoretically be sued by a corporation attempting to violate these rights. It is only when a tribe’s governing council authorizes an action or policy pursuant to tribal law that the tribal immunity waiver can go into effect on a nation-to-nation basis as decreed by law and treaty.

A FOUR-YEAR PLAN TO BRING RIGHTS OF NATURE TO INDIAN COUNTRY

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THE INDIGENOUS FORUM AND TEK WORKSHOP

Founded in 2008, the Native-led Indigenous Forum is a sovereign space for Indigenous People to bring their vision and message to diverse audiences to connect. It remains the only gathering of its kind, bringing together Indigenous activists, scientists, elders, youth, culture-bearers and scholars to share their knowledge and front-line solutions in dialogue with a dynamic, multicultural audience.

INDIGENOUS FORUM


The Indigenous Forum provides a one of a kind platform where diverse audiences can learn about Indigenous change makers’ strategies, accomplishments and campaigns. New connections and friendships are sparked that catalyze campaigns from a dream to reality.

INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

We believe that real change takes all people. Since its inception, the Indigenous Forum has prioritized the creation of a space that nurtures cross-cultural dialogue and understanding between all peoples.

The Indigenous Forum provides the only annual, publicly accessible event to learn about Indigenous issues, campaigns and approaches to critical problems that we all share. We open the floor for cross cultural discussion with a diverse audience, and we let them know what they can do where they live, as well as culturally appropriate ways for non-Native allies to get involved with Indigenous issues.

2019 INDIGENOUS FORUM

INDIGENOUS SCIENCE

Our annual Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) workshop offers a full day of hands-on learning from Indigenous knowledge-bearers who have spent a lifetime cultivating and stewarding traditional teachings. We design the TEK Workshops in close partnership with Indigenous leaders and culture bearers, giving special attention to participation by California Indian tribes to honor the fact that the annual workshop and Bioneers Conference take place on their ancestral territories.

The TEK workshop brings together Native knowledge bearers, scholars, artists, youth, elders, and activists to address a specific theme in depth. We hold conversations about traditional knowledge, engage in hands-on activities, and share healthy Indigenous foods with attendees. Past TEK workshops have highlighted subjects including tending the wild with acorns, elderberries and pine nuts; Indigenous farming; salmon; and climate change.

On October 18th, 2019, the Indigenous Program hosted the annual TEK Workshop, on the theme of “Baskets and Babies: Honoring California Indigenous Knowledge.” This workshop offered a special day of celebrating California Indian basket makers and the traditional ecological knowledge for protecting all life that is woven into them.

California Indian knowledge bearers shared the significance of weaving, the baby basket and cradleboard revitalization movement, and traditional child-raising methods. They discussed the weaving of baskets as a metaphor for the journey through life, explaining that as a weaver interlaces strands, they pray, reflecting on the interconnectedness of all life. Participants reinforced these lessons with hands on activities making their own baby baskets and other fiber arts with expert practitioners.

“Making the Tejina” Workshop, Crystal Wapehpah (Cherokee), shares sage and Tradtional Ecological Knowledge with Basket Weavers, Verna Reece, Sharkod Dodds, Shelby Ann Cook.

“BASKETS AND BABIES” TEK PRESENTERS

Leah Mata-Fragua (Northern Chumash)
Sage LaPana (Nomlitos Wintu),
L Frank Manriquez (Tongva/Alchanum)
Redbird Edward Willie (Pomo/Walaki/Wintu)
Michelle Saucedo, Alice Cook (Karuk)
Shelby Ann Cook (Karuk)
Deanna Dodds (Karuk)
Verna Reece (Karuk)
Heidi Harper Lucero (Chione/Aldachmus)
Cutchi Risling Bailey (Hoopa/Yurok/Karuk)
Rebecca Torres (Mt. Cahulla / Luiseno/Assiniboine Sioux)
Ruby Chimerica (Hopi)
Sarah Ryan (Big Valley EPA),
Crystal Wapehpah (Wintu/Kickapoo)
Dean Hoaglin (Coast Miwok)
Cara Romero (Chumash/Mexican)

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FRIDAY 10/18

INTERGENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Circle of Life—Women as Life-Givers and First Responders
Somatic Archaeology® and Neuro-Decolonization for Intergenerational Healing

SATURDAY 10/19

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

Digital Natives
From Alcatraz to Standing Rock, and Beyond: On the Past 50 and the Next 50 Years of Indigenous Activism

SUNDAY 10/20

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

Indigenous Resistance and International Solidarity for the Amazon
Borders
Stopping the Abuse and Murder of Native Women
(MMIW): Getting on the Mother Earth Road from Violence to the Sacred

WHAT ATTENDEES HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE 2019 INDIGENOUS FORUM

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to hear the wisdom shared in the Indigenous Forum. I am inspired and encouraged.”

“It was all very powerful. It is so important to be reminded to BE STRONG and do good work for a more just future.”

“The panelists’ vulnerability and strength were real and healing. I am not easily moved but today I was.”

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ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN THE 2019 INDIGENOUS FORUM

350.org
Amazon Watch
American Indian Child Resource Center
Audio Pharmacy
Brazil Solidarity Network
Freedom Lodge
Google Earth Outreach
Idle No More SF
Indigenous Environmental Network
International Indian Treaty Council
Native Women’s Collective
Sacramento Native American Health Center
Sacred Headwaters Initiative
San Francisco United School District Indian Education Program
Singing Trees Farm Collective
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Voice Against the Wall

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The NYLP offers scholarships to Native youth to participate in all aspects of the Bioneers conference and Indigenous Forum, while offering a fully programmed, three day "Native Youth Leadership Track" tailored to the unique needs of Native American youth. Native youth are invited to participate in all conference events as honored guests, as well as programming tailored just for them, including talking circles, leadership development workshops, art making, and mentorship with Indigenous role models.

We founded the Native Youth Leadership Program in 2011 to provide Native youth with a safe space to observe, interact with, and learn from Native mentors and each other, as well as with the larger Bioneers community. We empower them with the confidence, tools, connections and skills to become leaders.

In 2019, the NYLP hosted 125 participants with generous support from our sponsors and donors who helped us to provide Native youth attendees and chaperones with transportation, lodging, healthy food and a gift bag in addition to conference registration and programming.

PROGRAMMING

It's essential for Native youth to have the opportunity to connect with a diverse range of Indigenous role models, as well as to connect directly with the larger movement of movements that Bioneers embodies.

Research shows that Native youth are more likely to succeed if they have: 1) a supportive system of peers and role models; 2) mentoring; and, 3) a desire to give back to their tribes and support Native communities. Each year, the NYLP works closely with cultural exemplars to guide participants in cultural activities led by positive youth and adult role models in the Indigenous Youth Art Space.

In 2019, Native youth participated in all aspects of the Bioneers experience, including the TEK pre-conference event, keynote presentations, Indigenous Forum, and Youth Unity Tent. We brought back the beloved Indigenous Youth Art Space, with programming designed for Native youth that included mural-painting, storytelling, California Indian hand games, basket weaving, workshops and more.

ATTENDEES

The NYLP prioritizes serving Indigenous youth in the greater Bay Area, followed by California, Western States, and beyond, in that order. Considering these geographic priorities, the 2019 program met this goal. Out of the 125 participants:

- 59% reside in the greater San Francisco Bay Area
- 10% reside in Northern California
- 5% reside in Central California
- 5% reside in Southern California
- 100% reside in the Western States
- 49+ tribes were represented among NYLP participants, including 13 California Indian tribes.
- 82% of youth participants were high school students, 10% were college students, 3% were elementary/middle school, and 4% were graduate school students.

QUOTES FROM 2019 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

"I loved how many different people I interacted with over the course of the conference through this program. It was truly amazing."

"I really enjoyed the chance to meet others from all different backgrounds and the wide variety of activities. I also really loved hearing from the elders. They have so many stories to tell and so much wisdom to share with us all."

"I really liked connecting with stories [shared by elders], as well as learning about other cultures. I loved the sense of community there also."

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INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

Intercultural Conversations (IC) is an annual educational exchange between a diverse group of 40 Native and non-Native youth who come together to address critical issues facing Indigenous and all peoples. The program hosted its 3rd cohort in 2019, as part of a larger goal to transform the lives of 400 students in 10 years, while developing scalable discussion guides and curricula for Native American Studies.

Based on the premise that exposing youth to cross-cultural issues and contexts will provide a foundation for leadership, IC provides a platform for diverse youth across the U.S. to learn together through facilitated discussions and Native American Studies curriculum. In 2019, participants met virtually once a month to discuss thematic topics presented in Bioneers Indigeneity media. Months of learning, dialogue, and friendship culminated in two in-person cultural exchanges on the Navajo Reservation in June and at the Bioneers Conference in October.

"Throughout my time in the Bioneers Intercultural Conversations Program, I have had the opportunity to broaden my viewpoint and see the world from a different perspective that reflects the true diversity and uniqueness of the Native American culture. Thanks to Bioneers, I feel like I have gained an amazing experience that provided me with an authentic and valuable education about Native Americans from the Native Americans, themselves."

– 2019 Youth Participant, African American, Oakland, CA

"I felt intrinsically valued, and it allowed me to foster a love of learning outside the classroom."

– Youth Participant, African American, Oakland, CA

"If I could describe the experience into words it would be ‘loving,’ ‘family,’ ‘kindness’ ‘hope,’ and a ‘new way of looking at life.’"

– Youth Participant, Navajo, Fort Defiance, AZ

"I walked away feeling a new sense of love for the people in my life and my fellow participants in the Intercultural Conversations Project."

– Youth Participant, White, Atlanta, GA

YEARS-ROUND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

We believe that youth inherently possess the knowledge of what matters in life. Youth who connect across cultural boundaries grow up to become more empathetic adults, able to draw connections between ongoing environmental threats and systematic structures of oppression.

Participants experienced profound personal development in their ability to relate to and empathize with others, understand complex issues, and communicate cross-culturally. Native youth enhanced and developed leadership skills by being placed in the role of expert based on their personal experiences. Non-Native youth learned how to be good allies on Indigenous issues. All participants learned how to understand intersectional environmental and social justice issues critical to the future health and well-being of the planet.

“Google is the first tech company to formally acknowledge the First Peoples where their headquarters are located. The public learned about issues of deep concern to Native Peoples in the greater Bay Area.”

Leaders in NGO’s, the tech industry, and educators were inspired by Native perspectives presented in the maps. Several ideas for spin-off data visualizations and (welcomed) copycat projects may ensue.

GOALS

- To provide tools and platforms for Native youth to communicate the issues and stories that matter to them.
- To bridge the “Silicon Valley divide” by providing the means for Native youth to pursue careers in tech as well as enhance innovation and success in this sector by increasing diversity in its future workforce.
- For Bioneers and Google to demonstrate leadership in organizational decolonization through recognition, support and programming designed in equal partnership with Native Peoples.

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BROADER OUTCOMES

- Google Earth tools, including My Maps, Streetview, Tour Builder, and Voyager
- How to conduct short video interviews and publish them to various platforms
- Techniques for compelling and clear data visualization for storytelling
- Public Presentation techniques and practice
- Professionalism, including how to obtain employment in the tech industry

2019 YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Digital Natives

We believe that Indigenous Peoples have ongoing agency to determine our futures, as well as the futures of all peoples. Technology needs Indigenous worldviews, and technology can be used by Indigenous Peoples to forward social and environmental movements.

Digital Natives is a reciprocal partnership among Bioneers, Google Earth Outreach, and Native youth-serving organizations in the greater San Francisco Bay area including San Francisco Unified School District’s Indian Education Program, the American Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland, and the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center.

Using digital tools and platforms, the Digital Natives initiative trains Native youth to tell their own digital stories about the issues that matter most to them over a 6 month period, culminating in an awards ceremony. In 2019, participating youth also accepted internships with the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center as a means to learn professional skills, and gain employment to support their time spent developing digital stories.

ON JULY 1, BIONEERS AND GOOGLE CO-SPONSORED AN ALL-DAY WORKSHOP ATTENDED BY 25 GREATER BAY AREA NATIVE YOUTH AND CHAPERONES

ON AUGUST 23, THE CALIFORNIA INDIAN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER HOSTED AN AFTERNOON CELEBRATION FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO SHARED THEIR DIGITAL STORYTELLING PROJECTS.

ON SEPTEMBER 16, A NATIVE YOUTH WITH THE AMERICAN INDIAN CHILD RESOURCES CENTER PRESENTED AT THE GEO FOR GOOD USER SUMMIT.

ON OCTOBER 19, NATIVE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS PRESENTED THEIR DIGITAL STORIES IN THE INDIGENOUS FORUM ALONGSIDE NATIVE MENTORS WORKING IN THE TECH INDUSTRY.

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ON OCTOBER 19, NATIVE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS PRESENTED THEIR DIGITAL STORIES IN THE INDIGENOUS FORUM ALONGSIDE NATIVE MENTORS WORKING IN THE TECH INDUSTRY.

KEY EVENTS

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