

NAP CONNECTIONS

January 2015 NEWSLETTER



We want to hear from you!

Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) would like to get feedback from our network and members on two possible topics for our next webinar in partnership with [CausePlanet](#). These webinars bring you tailored insight and access to experts on these essential nonprofit topics. Click the link to the quick survey below to vote for one of the following:

- *The Ask: How to Ask for Support for Your Nonprofit Cause, Creative Project or Business Venture by Laura Fredricks*
- *How to Write Fundraising Materials by Tom Ahern*

Responses from all are appreciated! Please click here to complete the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R9TMCZL>

Native Education Series Report

Native Americans in Philanthropy in partnership with Casey Family Programs, Center for Native American Youth, Philanthropy Northwest and Philanthropy Southwest for hosted series of webinars, culminating with an interactive gathering enhance funder capacity.

This 4 part education series, explored the interplay of policy, philanthropy and the Native American and Alaska Native communities. The series was meant to encourage funder participation towards understanding how grantmaking – both by policy makers and private philanthropy - that is thoughtful and culturally contextualized can make a difference in Indian Country. Read more here. PDF

SAVE THE DATE! Early Bird Registration open soon for 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute (NPI)

The planning committee is currently in the early stages of their work for our 25th Anniversary and 2015 NPI. Look for plenty of updates to come as we continue to plan for an exciting mix of pre-conference sessions, site tours, annual awards dinner, and much more! The conference will be **May 4-6**, 2015 at [Mystic Lake Casino Hotel](#) in Shakopee, Minnesota. We look forward to engaging you as we talk about the past, present, and future of Native philanthropy!



MEMBER NEWS

Potlatch Fund 2015 Capacity Building Program

Potlatch Fund is excited to announce the launch of our 2015 Capacity Building Program. We are recruiting eligible participants from the 2014 Community Building, 2014 Native Arts, and 2014 Language Preservation and Education grantees. The two cohorts include

- 2015 Nonprofit Management Cohort will convene in person and via webinars for training from February 2015 to October 2015.
- 2015 Native Arts Cohort will convene in person and via webinars from February 2015 to October 2015.

Read more about the program [here](#).

The Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce honors the Tiwahe Foundation

On December 5th, Tiwahe Foundation was honored at the 27th Annual Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. Tiwahe President and CEO, Kelly Drummer and Board Chair, Justin Huenemann took the stage to accept the Spirit of the People Award. Read the full article [here](#).

Video: 2014 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Awards

The 2014 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Awards were presented on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at The Cowles Center for Dance and Performing Arts in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Watch the honoring and performances by poet Heid E. Erdrich (Ojibwe), contemporary musician Wade Fernandez (Menominee), world music singer Jennifer Kreisberg (Tuscarora), five-year-old grass dancer Gavino Limón (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), traditional dancers Oneida Smoke Dancers (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), traditional hula dancers Pua Ali'i 'Ilima with Vicky Holt Takamine (Native Hawaiian), and hip hop artist Frank Waln (Sicangu Lakota). Watch the video [here](#).

Ain Dah Yung Center (ADY Center) awarded a 2014 Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Award

Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Lucinda Jesson honored Ain Dah Yung Center for their outstanding contributions to human services clients. Recipients of the 2014 Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Awards were recognized at a ceremony at the Elmer L. Andersen Human Services Building in St. Paul on Monday, December 15th, 2014. Read more [here](#).



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$5 Million to Improve Transit Options for American Indians, Alaska Natives on Tribal Lands

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) today announced the availability of \$5 million in competitive grant funds to enhance public transit service for American Indians, Alaska natives and other residents on rural tribal lands. Funding is provided through FTA's Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Tribal Transit Program. Read more [here](#).

EPIP Transition

On behalf of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy, the national board would like to take a moment to announce the departure of our Executive Director, Rahsaan Harris. After over two years of dedicated service to the network, Rahsaan will be stepping into a new role serving as President at [The Emma Bowen Foundation for Minority Interests in Media](#). The national team, as well as the local chapters express our deep gratitude to Rahsaan for his leadership of EPIP, and we wish Rahsaan and his family the best as he takes this new and exciting step into his future work in philanthropy and social justice. Read the full article [here](#).

Justin Kii Huenemann named new Executive Director of the Notah Begay III Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation announced today it has selected Justin Kii Huenemann to be the Foundation's next Executive Director. Mr. Huenemann, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, brings 20 years of experience providing executive leadership in the nonprofit, government, and higher education sectors. His professional career has focused on community economic development in low-income communities, Native American communities, and communities of color. He has spent his career working to advance American Indian self-determination, believing strongly in the strength, knowledge and resiliency of Indigenous people. Mr. Huenemann replaces Crystal Echo Hawk, who stepped down on December 31 after heading the NB3 Foundation for nearly six years. Read more about the transition [here](#).



EVENTS

2015 EPIP National Conference

New Orleans May 13-15, 2015

Interested in helping us plan the 2015 EPIP National Conference? Send an email to admin@epip.org with a copy of your resume.

Raise More Money For Your Organization Through The Magic Of Grassroots Fundraising & Technology

Austin, TX March 2-3, 2015

This training will help you develop an integrated grassroots fundraising approach for your organization through communications, technology and organizing. Progressive Technology Project has been working with grassroots organizations nationally to help them use technology in an effective and integrated manner for a dozen years. We've learned from the field and we want to share the stories of successful fundraising. Learn [more](#).

A Night with NACDI (Native American Community Development Institute)

January 29, 6pm-8pm

All My Relations Art Gallery. Join NACDI for a fundraiser while networking with peers. Enjoy good food, spoken word, live painting, music and dance.



RESOURCES

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy Mentorship Program

EPIP LA is pleased to announce their second year cohort of their [Mentorship Program](#). Read more about the [program](#) and an [interview](#) with Nicole Gulotta, a member of the steering committee of EPIP-LA conducted by our Social Media Fellow, Sophia Guevara.

Native Arts and Cultures Foundation: Director of Programs

The Director of Programs is a key senior staff member reporting directly to the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation President/CEO, and is part of the Executive Management team working in alignment with the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer (CFAO). Apply [here](#).

Submissions Open for Vision Maker Media's Public Media Content Fund

Vision Maker Media announces a March 18 deadline for applications from filmmakers for its Public Media Content Fund, a program which has funded filmmakers since 1990. With funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the Vision Maker Media Public Media Content Fund will award support to projects with a Native American theme and significant Native involvement that ultimately benefits the entire public media community. Applications must be submitted electronically by Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 11:59 p.m. PST. Submit [here](#).

CRCAIH Pilot Grant Program

The Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) is excited to announce our 3rd Pilot Grants Program. Please find the RFA, application, and flyer [here](#). We are requesting applications focused on social determinants of health in American Indian health in the ND, SD, MN region. Find out more [here](#).

Grants Manager, Potlatch Fund

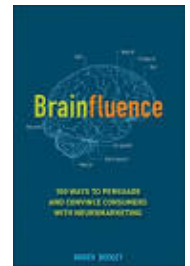
Potlatch Fund is a community foundation and leadership development organization. We are dedicated to inspiring the Native tradition of giving and expanding philanthropy within Tribal Nations and Native communities in the Pacific Northwest. We currently award 100 grants to Native nonprofits, Tribal programs, and Native artists through our four existing grant programs. More [here](#).

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Brainfluence by Roger Dooley

- Transform your marketing efforts to reflect the dominant role your constituent's subconscious plays when making purchases or gifts.
- Realize the importance of building "sensory features" into your services and appeals to capture the emotions and stored memories of your community.
- Learn about more than 100 neuromarketing strategies that tap into the brain's subconscious.
- Discover why increasing your understanding of how the brain works can gain better marketing results without spending more in the process.



Improve collective decisions by overcoming "group grope"

Dick and Emily Axelrod waited until they had developed the perfect methodology for effective meetings before publishing *Let's Stop Meeting Like This: Tools to Save...*

Making the Ask: Is your donor ready or not?

"When you ask for money you are not taking something away; you are giving someone the opportunity to feel good," explains author and fundraising consultant Laura...



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