

Indian Education Consortium

Ventura County  
1974 - 2024

# Robin Jacobs

Teacher on Special Assignment, program coordinator

## Indian Parent Committee Representatives

Natalie Albertson - Chairperson (Cherokee)

Sylvia Soholt- Vice Chairperson (Cherokee)

Pam Cwiklo- Secretary (Cherokee)

Sonny Flores-Member (Northern Cheyenne)

Velia Soto-Teacher Representatives

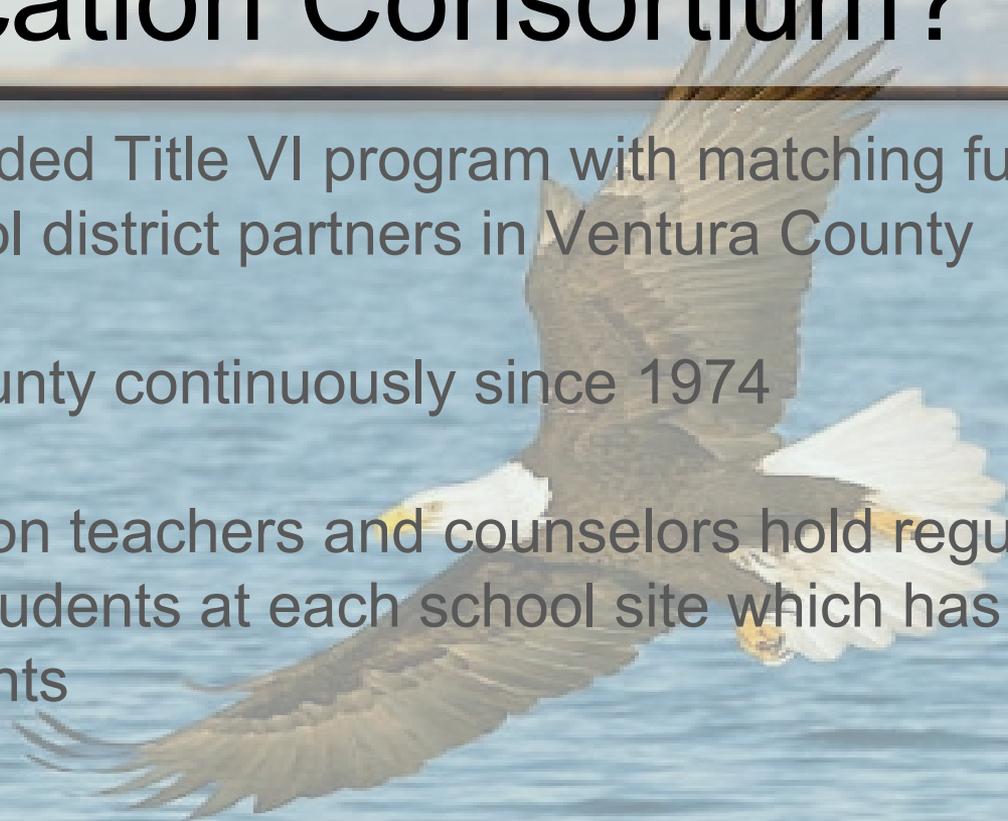
## Students and Alumni

Ali Marie Chacon- 11th grade Pacifica High (Gabrielino/Tongva)

Markie Seabaugh - Sophomore CLU (Caddo)

# What Is the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium?

- A federally funded Title VI program with matching funds from our school district partners in Ventura County
- In Ventura County continuously since 1974
- Indian education teachers and counselors hold regular classes with students at each school site which has enrolled students



# Who Can Participate?

- Students in grades TK-12 with Native American or Alaska Native Heritage
- Students must attend a public school at a partner district in Ventura County (including most public charter schools and many homeschool programs)

# Consortium Partner Districts

- Conejo USD
- Fillmore USD
- Hueneme SD
- Moorpark USD
- Oak Park USD
- Ojai USD
- Oxnard SD
- Oxnard Union High SD
- Pleasant Valley SD
- Rio SD
- Simi Valley USD
- Ventura USD

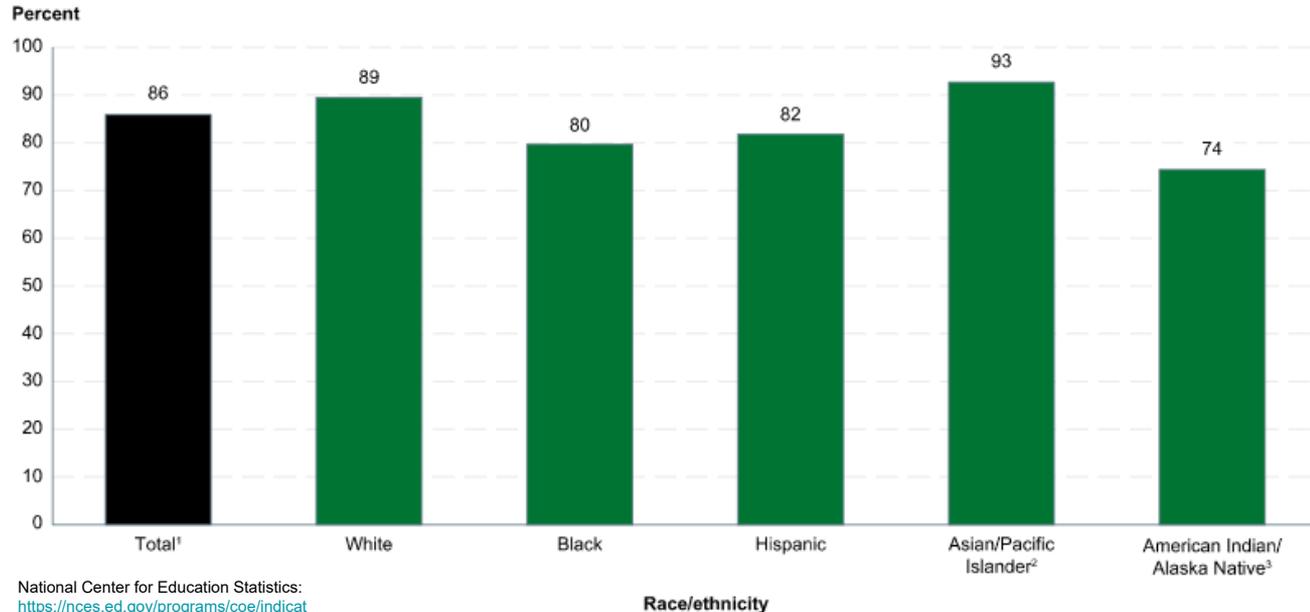
- Ventura Charter School
- Vista Real Charter High
- ACE Charter High
- CAPE Charter
- MATES charter
- Peak Prep Pleasant Valley

# Sonny Flores



# Native American U.S. High School Graduation Rates are the Lowest of All Ethnic Groups

Figure 2. Adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) for public high school students, by race/ethnicity: 2018–19



National Center for Education Statistics:  
<https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/coi>

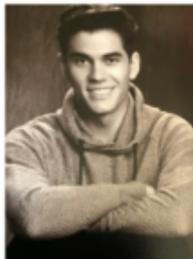
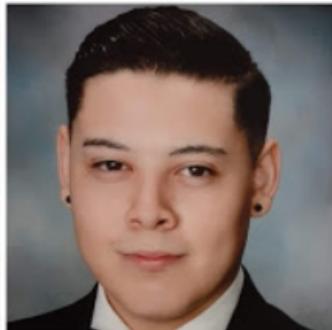
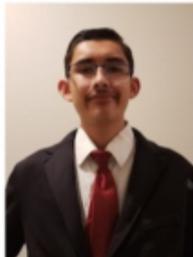
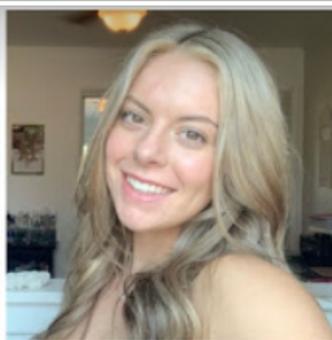
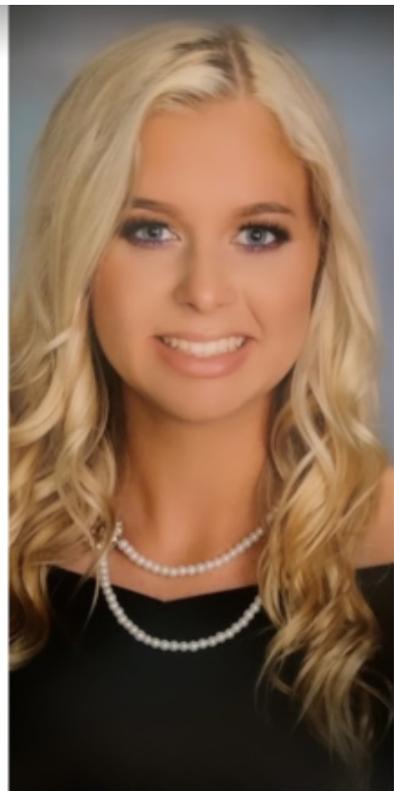
Race/ethnicity

# Indian Education Graduating Class of 2020



# CONGRATULATIONS

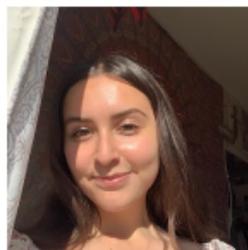
*Indian Education  
Graduating Class of 2021*



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Indian Education

### Graduating Class of 2022



# Indian Education Graduating Class of 2023



# Indian Education Graduating Class of 2023





# Please welcome alumnus Markie Seabaugh

Graduate of Royal High School in Simi Valley  
Sophomore at California Lutheran University

# Here's What We Do to Uplift Native Students

# OUR GOALS

- Increase student knowledge and awareness of Native American cultural identity, language and history
- Increase academic achievement
- Increase college enrollment



# Indian Education Program Components

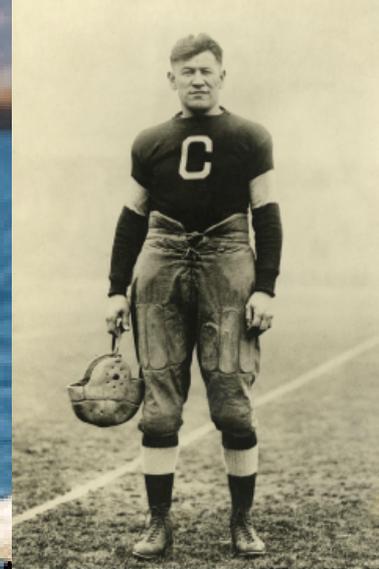
- School-based Indian Studies Lessons
- College resources and activities specific to Native students
- Special Native events for students and their families



# '21-'22 Theme: A Study of the Chumash People



# '22-'24 Theme: Notable Native Leaders



# '24-'25 Theme: Native Music, Dance & Celebration

Arts & Culture Lesson 1

## Celebrations

How can celebrations connect us to our histories and our communities?



Arts & Culture Lesson 2

## Instruments

How can instruments connect us to our history and our community?



Arts & Culture Lesson 3

## Sports & Games

How can games teach us skills and bring us closer?



Arts & Culture Lesson 4

## Pottery

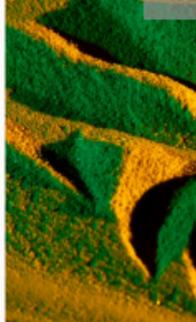
How can art connect us to history and tradition?



Arts & Culture Lesson 5

## Sand Painting

How can art be healing?



Arts & Culture Lesson 6

## Dance

How can dance teach us, heal us, and connect us to the earth?



# Special Events

Indigenous Peoples Day Gathering



College Night and Campus Tours

College Night

Thursday  
September 23  
6:30-8:00 PM

\*6:30-7:30  
General Session



Indian Education Honoring Ceremony



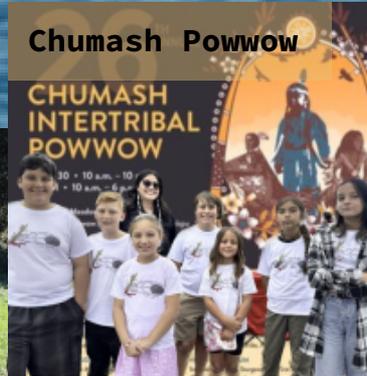
Indian Education Lesson Activity

Chumash Powwow

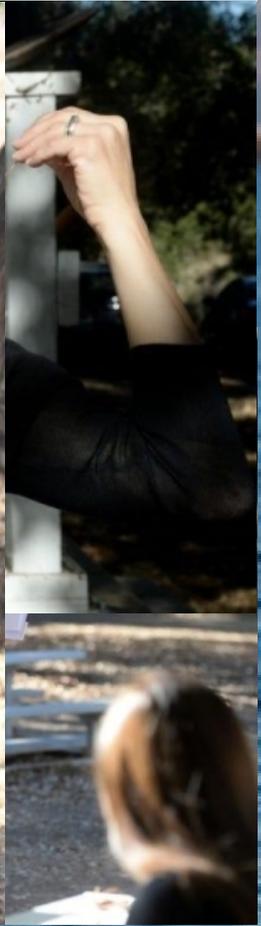
CHUMASH INTERTRIBAL POWWOW

10:30 - 10 am - 10:30

11:10 am - 6 pm



# Indigenous Peoples Day Gathering



# Native American Heritage Month Gathering

Hosted by Cal State Channel Islands

Saturday, November 16th from 10AM-2PM

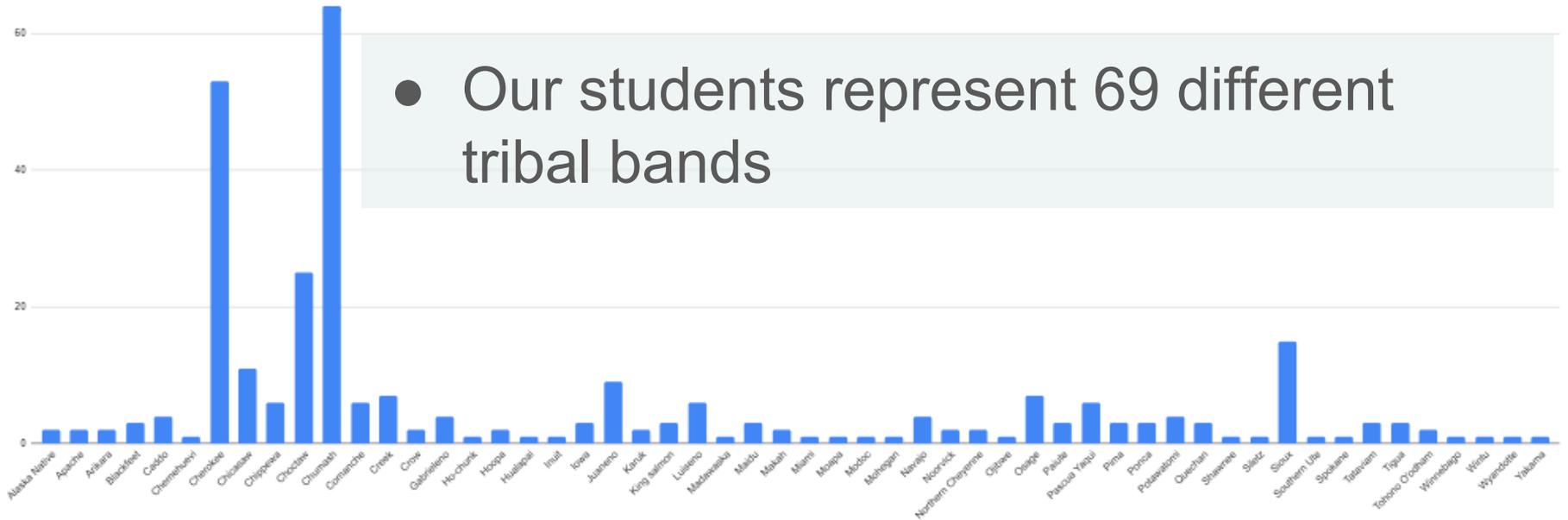
8 workshops for students and their families on our annual theme of Native Music, Dance and Celebration



# Who is Enrolled

- We have 315 enrolled students in SY 2024-2025

- Our students represent 69 different tribal bands



# Please welcome Ali Marie Chacon

Junior at Pacifica High School



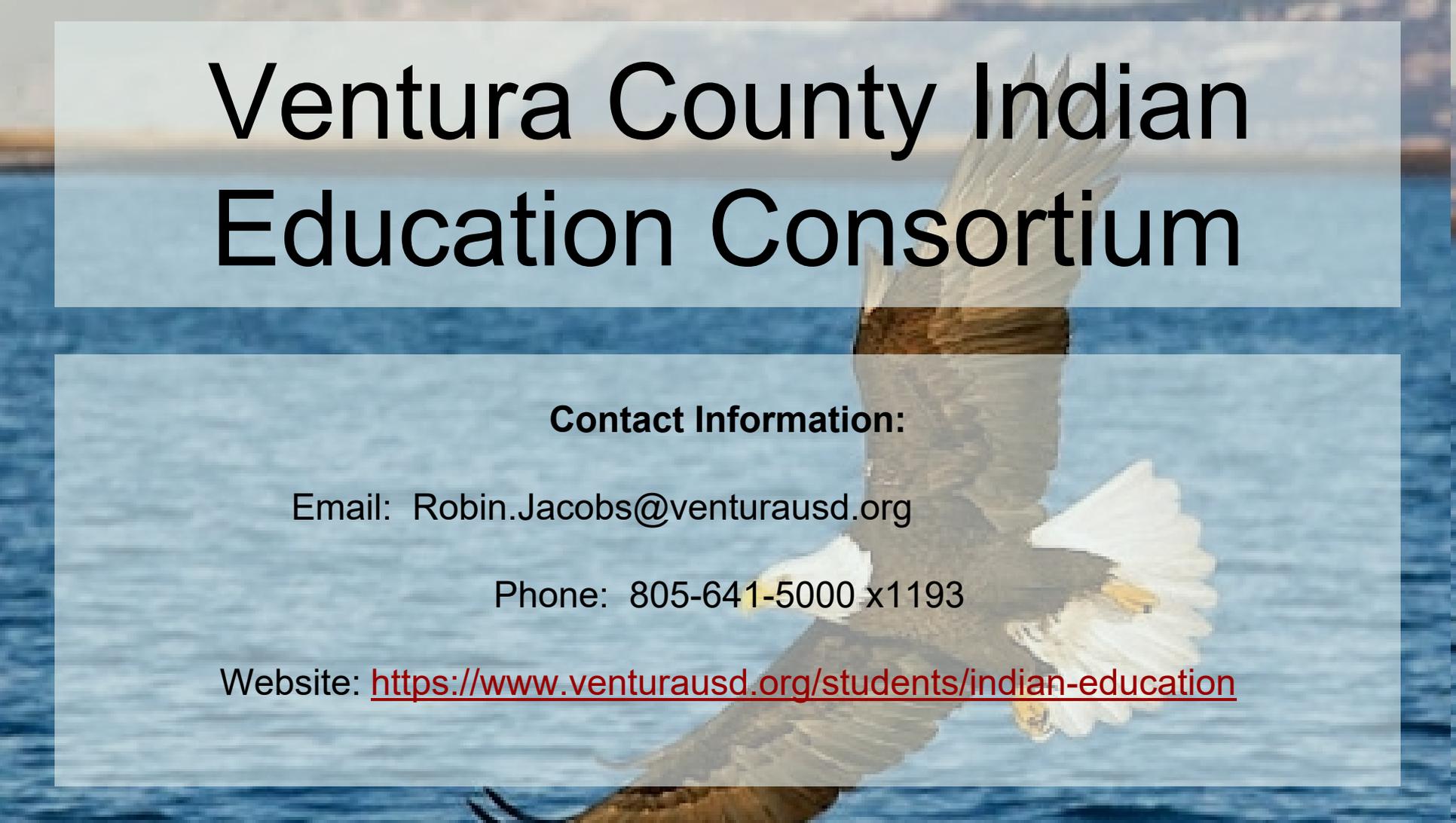
# Native people are still here!



# How can you support the Indian Education Program and our local Native community?

- Spread the news about this program
- Learn more about the original inhabitants of the lands where you live, work and do business
- Consider donating to the Indian Education Scholarship Fund
- Check out our website to learn more, support and attend one of our upcoming events.

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