



## Farewell to Lori Sisquoc

Ms. Lori Sisquoc will retire at the end of this academic year. She has worked at Sherman for over 42 years (Fig. 1).

Lori is a Fort Sill Apache (Oklahoma) and a descendant of the Mountain Cahuilla Tribe of California. Lori's great grandfather, Anthony Largo, and his brothers attended Sherman in the 1890s and early 1900s when our school was located in Perris, California. Lori's mother and grandmother were employed at Sherman. Lori started working in the Sherman dormitories on Oct. 4, 1982 and continued this work for 15 years. In 1995 she began teaching the Native Traditional classes as Sherman. Later she taught Museum Studies and became Director of the Clarke Cultural Center and Curator of the Sherman Museum.

Each year through the Clarke Center and the Sherman Museum Lori spearheads the numerous student Native campus activities. She is a walking encyclopedia on Sherman history. When in doubt about Sherman's history, ask Lori, she will know.

After retiring Lori would like to volunteer at the Sherman Museum from time to time and complete some of her unfinished projects. She would also like to continue teaching Native Culture and history in southern California and beyond. She is thrilled about her upcoming trip to Australia. On May 18 she will fly to Sydney, Australia and visit and share culture with the Aboriginal Australians around the Sydney area.



FIG. 1: Lori Sisquoc

Lori feels that one of her more memorable Sherman accomplishments was her starting the Museum Studies classes. When asked what she likes most about Sherman she conveyed the school culture and history and the impact that our school has had on numerous students over the years. Thank you Lorene Sisquoc for the many things you have accomplished for our school for so many years.

## Proverbs

It does not require many words to speak the truth.

- Chief Joseph Nez Perce

Listen to the wind. It talks. Listen to the silence. It speaks. Listen to your heart. It knows.

- Anonymous Native Proverb

If we wonder often, the gift of knowledge will come.

- Arapaho

Doing nothing is very hard to do. You never know when you're finished.

- Leslie Nielson

## From The Editor

School songs promote a sense of student belonging and school identity. Unbeknownst to recent Sherman students and graduates we have a school song. Our song was originally called "The Purple and Gold Song" (after our school colors) and was first sung in 1906. Noted alumni and WW2 veteran Frank Clarke (The Clarke Heritage Center on campus is named after him) stated that during WW2 on the battle lines Sherman students and alumni would sing our school song. Singing the song would remind these soldiers of happier times and that they were in the thoughts and prayers of fellow students, family, and friends back home.

Over the years our school song was almost forgotten. Sherman Alumni President and WW2 veteran Robert Levi (our school auditorium is named after him) returned to Sherman to teach the song to a new generation of Sherman students. In 2001 with the help of Sherman music teacher Bobby Dixon, Mr. Levi recorded our school song.

Unfortunately, today the original recording of our school song is difficult to obtain and no musical notation can be found. However, the song lyrics are known; an old framed lyric document hangs in the Sherman Museum.

Click [HERE](#), sit back, and listen to Sherman Senior Anangóikwe Desjarlait's rendition of "The Purple and Gold Song".

**Click on the YouTube link below to access our library of Sherman videos.** New and old issues of our newsletter are posted on the Sherman website.

## Campus Events Calendar

**April 17** – Earth Day

**April 18** – Ms. Sherman Pageant (2 PM)

**April 19** – SIHS Annual Pow Wow

**April 29-30** – Senior Finals

**May 2** – Senior Awards

**May 3** – California Indian Flower Day

**May 5-7** – Underclass Finals

**May 5** – Fire Academy Graduation (1:30 PM)

**May 7** – Intertribal Ceremony (2 PM)

**May 8** – Class of 2025 Graduation (10 AM)





# News From The Back Forty - Pathways

Seven students in Galene Townsend's graphic design class competed in the 2025 Heard Museum Youth Art Student Show in Computer Generated Art. Four of the students placed and won cash awards. The winners included: Noah Crisostomo and Arabelle Castro-Stretches, First place, Division 1 (Fig. 2); Leslaus Cruz, Second Place, Division II; and Diana Black Wolf, third place. We congratulate all participants for their achievements.

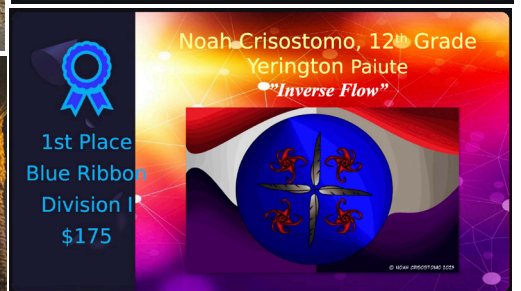
Brian Hayden and forty of his construction students visited engineers at the famous Universal Studios in Hollywood, California to learn how rides at the theme park are designed and constructed. After the meeting students thoroughly enjoyed the park attractions.

Pathways students in the Construction Internship Program assembled a complete solar system for a local Riverside residence (Fig. 2). In teacher Brian Hayden's own words, "These amazing young men climbed onto the roof and began placing the 'standoffs' (bracking system that holds the solar panels in place) then assembled the circuit breaker panel, cut off switch, and ran the conduit for the power". The interns were: L. Manakaja, T. Martinez, K. Miller, A. Pena, R. Pewewardy, and D. Yazzie.

The California Pro-Start Culinary Arts tournament is the state's premier competition for high school students where teams and individuals (solo) compete for medallions and recognition. In late February, Sherman competed in its third straight Pro-Start culinary competition in Los Angeles, California. This year our Lady Braves team of P. Montague, B. Lewis, T. Powsey, and N. Jackson placed 14th out of 36 teams (Fig. 2). Noteworthy, Senior Tate'ota Semans earned 6th place high individual with his hotdog topping and Marlie Ute and Delani Abeita earned 6th and 8th place, respectively, in the loaded Iowa Potato Competition. The Sherman culinary competitors were: Naomi Jackson, Brandee Lewis, Tate'ota Semans, Marlie Ute, Delani Abeita, Trae Powsley, and Paisley Montague.

Our FFA students represented Sherman well at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival in Indio, California (Fig. 2). Several student projects made the cut for Champion Drive for Market Goat and Market Lamb and all student projects sold at the auction. April Caddo took 1st place in the cotton and cream fashion class and April Caddo, Danielle Antonio, and Regina Akino took 6th to 8th places in the costume contest.

In the afternoon of March 28 the CTE Pathways Team and Instructor David Heard hosted the Law Enforcement Career Expo at Sherman. Students visited booths, exhibits, and table displays and talked to law enforcement personnel to learn about career job opportunities at various agencies.



**FIG. 2: Top Left & Right:** Students from the Pathways Construction Internship Program installing a solar system. **2nd from Top Left:** The Lady Braves Culinary Team at the Pro Start Competition. **2nd from Top Right:** The Lady Braves food plates, Celestial Ceviche, Stuffed Rabbit Saddle, and Fry Bread. **Third from Top Left:** Sherman Future Farmers of America members and Advisor Desiree Trapp (center sitting) at the County Fair. **Bottom Left:** Action in the sheep show ring. **Bottom Top Above:** "Heard Museum Art Show Winners Noah Crisostomo and Arabelle Castro-Stretches.



# Around Campus

Master Print making artist Jacob Meders (Mechoopda/maidu) visited Sherman for two days to show students how to print designs on shirts (Fig. 3). The event was sponsored by the Native American Arts Center in Idyllwild and the Sherman Museum.

In January Sherman AVID students competed in a campus writing contest. In March winning students were recognized by RIMS with a celebration at the California Theater in San Bernardino. Write-off winners received medallions and certificates. The following Sherman students were recognized:

**Lacey Whipple** – 12th grade winner

**Raine Begay** – 12th grade Honorable Mention

**Bianca O’Neal** – 11th grade winner

**Chloe Troser** – 11th grade Honorable Mention

**Paisley Montague** – 10th grade winner

In March Ms. DeMones and her G-Team members went to Crystal Cove Beach for a community service beach clean-up and to cherish the tranquility of the area.

Charlott Dominguez hosted a “Write It, Do It” competition (aka “WIDI”). The WIDI is a technical writing event that is part of the Science Olympiad. In this competition, teams of students work together to describe and build models and earn points based on their accuracy. The highest point winners earned a reward trip to a book store and an off-campus dinner. In March, the library held a Pictionary Contest. Pictionary is a drawing game where teams of people take turns drawing and guessing which word is to be drawn. Winning teams received prize bags filled with school supplies and snacks.

Diverse Native activities continued at the Clarke Cultural Center and the Sherman Museum. The activities included: Daughters of Tradition meetings rotated between the Clarke Center and the San Manuel Indian Health Clinic with Ms. Natalie Funmaker; weekly Pow Wow and culture sharing nights at Bennett Hall; museum study classes; Smudging Ceremony, a pot-luck honoring elders; open arts and craft projects, and Cahuilla language sessions.

In March Distinguished Professor Kazuko Suematsu (Deputy Director of the Global Learning Center at Tohoku University, Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture) and over twenty of his students attended an exchange program at the University of California, Riverside. During their stay in southern California they also made a side-visit to Sherman. Alexis Duro and her students discussed their tribes and performed Native dances and songs for the visiting group (Fig. 3).



**FIG 3. Top Left:** Master Print Artist Jacob Meders conducting his workshop. **Top Right:** Vermillion Fly Catcher print design. **Second from Top Left:** Sherman Drum Group. **Second from Top Right:** Dine-Navajo Ribbon Dancers. **Third from Top Left:** Joseph Sepsey performing a Mens Northern Traditional Dance. **Third from Top Right:** Inter-Tribal Council students and advisor Alexis Duro (sixth from left) serving hungry Sherman students. **Above:** Prom King, Conrad Colelay and Prom Queen, Serena Selvage receive some edible goodies. **Fourth from Top Right:** L. Ninnevo, C. Domingo, and C. Wilson wearing Kimonos. **Right:** Kayllian Lewis in a traditional Japanese Kimono.

During the week of March 17-21 the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) hosted “Food Truck Week (Fig. 3). After school during the week our students were treated to tasty meals from outside vendors. This event took the place of our regular Spring Fling this year. During the week ITC also organized the Spring Pep Rally.







**FIG 4. Above:** Pitcher Juanique Bancroft “Bears-Down” on an Entrepreneur High School batter. **Right:** Lacy Whipple, last year’s Ms. Sherman at bat.

## Sherman Athletics

Sherman Track and Field (Head Coach T. Colley), Baseball (Head Coach M. Townsend), and Softball (Head Coach M. Laramie) are in full swing this spring season despite some early periods of inclement weather (Fig. 4). The 2024/2025 Sherman Braves baseball roster follows: Darion Arnold, Ojavan Billot, Nicholas Calabaza, Jontae Calabaza, Keandre Celaya, Stevian Celestine, Conrad Colelay, Josiah Declay, Derric Faustine, Dayson Franco, Landis Manakaja, Elijah Martinez, Jason Orozco, Tyshawn Pena, Allen Pena, Romulus Pewewardy, Lawrence Romero, Jeycob Sanchez, Deondro Uqualla, EllisRay Uqualla, Sate Yankton, and Daniel Yazzie.

The Lady Braves softball roster includes: Amani Antone, Juanique Bancroft, Raine Begay, Druanna Blackburn, Cheyenne Chatto, Kadence Laner, Talise Lincoln, Leanna Lomeli, E’Laura Lopez, Loki Morrow, Bianca O’Neal, Melanie Paddlety, Autumn Peters, Kaitlyn Romero, Serena Selvage, Lacey Tso, Chilali Uqualla, Kristina Vigil, Lacey Whipple, and Savannah Wilson.



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