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Figure 1. Career Pathway students at Riverside California Superior Court touring the courtroom chambers of Native American Judge Sunshine Sykes (center).



Career Technical Education Program

The career pathway program began at Sherman in 2010 to provide students with 21st Century career technical education and job skills to compete in a global economy. On August 30, 2010 during a ceremony at Sherman the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (located near Highland, California) awarded a 3-million-dollar grant to the Riverside County Office of Education and Sherman Indian High School to start this vocational



Figure 2. Career Technical Education Program instructors (left to right) John Migaiolo, Brian Hayden, Gena Hasson, and David Heard.

program. Since that time San Manuel has generously financially supported our career pathway program by awarding two additional educational grants totaling 3.7 million dollars.

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From Vern's Desk

Final corrections and additions are being made to the WASC midterm report this month and the report will be forwarded to the WASC accreditation committee for evaluation. The WASC committee is scheduled to visit our school for two days in March 2018 to decide on our school's accreditation. The Sherman WASC committee is composed of Principal Mary Yarger, Educational Specialist Daniel Kenley, English Department Chair Michelle Laramie, Social Science teacher Lorna Hoffs, and V. Shattuck.

Parents can access their child's current grades in all classes and check for missing assignments each day by using the parent and student NASIS Portal. The portal can be found on the Sherman Indian High School website and accessed by parents by using their child's username and password. With this feature parents can keep track of their child's academic progress between report cards.

The 2018 Sherman summer European trip will include London, and cities in France and Italy. Interested students should check the Sherman Indian High School website for further information or contact Lorna Hoffs at Sherman Indian High School.

Semester finals are scheduled from December 13 to 15, 2017. The second semester at Sherman begins early next year on January 2, 2018. We extend a safe and enjoyable holiday season to all of the Sherman Family.

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Today the career pathway program provides hands-on experience within the classroom and onsite job training in six vocational fields. These fields are: Public Service – tribal law, law enforcement, fire safety, and security (Fig. 1); Culinary and Hospitality – food service and hospitality (Fig. 4); Agriculture – landscape, floral design, animal science, and horticulture (Fig. 4); Health Science – emergency and medical services; Construction and Energy – construction, electrical power, plumbing, and woodworking (Figs. 3, 4); and Computer Sciences – computer technology and graphic designing (Fig. 4).

Last year 77% of Sherman students participated in the career pathway program. Students that complete classes in each vocational field with a C or better grade receive course completion certificate. Last year 561 course completion certificates were awarded to Sherman students. In addition, 86 students received Cal OSHA Safety and Fire Protection State Certificates, 23 students in Culinary and Hospitality received Serve-Safe Certificates, and 6 students received First Aid/CPR Red Cross Association Certificates.

Since its beginning in 2010 over 2,000 Sherman students have been awarded pathway program certificates. Last year 23 students also participated in the internship onsite job training program. It should be noted that students study one or more career areas of their choice but are also required to complete academic core requirement classes.

This year six instructors are assigned to the pathway program (Figs. 2, 4). They are David Heard and John Migaiolo (Public Service), Lisa Rivera (Culinary and Hospitality), Gena Hasson (Agriculture), Brian Hayden (Construction and Energy), and Galene Townsend (Computer Science). John Migaiolo, who is also the Dean of Discipline at Sherman, coordinates the Career Pathway program.



Figure 3. Students Manielle Smiley and Temet Rogriguez concentrating on their projects.



Figure 4. Upper Left & Upper Right: Instructor Brian Hayden and his woodworking class. Middle Left: Culinary and Hospitality instructor Lisa Rivera (center) overseeing the preparation of lunch boxes for Sherman guests. Middle Right: The knife cutting techniques of students Garrett Foolbear and Justin Tenorio on display in the culinary kitchen. Lower Left: Agricultural instructor Gena Hasson (front) revealing the fine points of plant identification to her students. Lower Right: Career Pathway instructor Galene Townsend lecturing to her Computer Science class.

Fun Run at Sherman

On November 20th, Sherman hosted the 2017 Fun Run. The event was sponsored by Inter Tribal Sports Inc. The goal of the event was to raise awareness and encourage people to engage in physical activity such as running as a healthy lifestyle choice. Unfortunately, over 40% of young Americans aged 12 to 21 lack vigorous physical activity routines and are not physically fit. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends at least 20 to 30 minutes of vigorous exercising each day for optimal health. The

lack of routine exercising by children may lead to youth and/or adulthood obesity and obesity-related health problems. Students, staff, families, and children from Sherman and the Rincon, Soboba, Pechanga, and Morongo Reservations ran and walked over the 2-kilometer circuit. All Arrowhead League first team Sherman cross country runners Lupan Gatewood and Orion Cattleman finished first and second place, respectively, in the run. (Fig. 5) Following the run participants were treated to a barbe-

cue and music from a DJ. Later Sherman students and visitors to Sherman participated in lacrosse, jump roping, dancing, or played on inflated jumpers (Fig. 5). This event was organized by Sherman staff members Fred Martinez, Tera Sherlock, Tom Lewis, Brandon Cryder, and Mary Yarger along with former Sherman student and cross country and track CIF champion Isaiah Thompson. Because of the success of the Fun Run this year there are plans to make this an annual event at Sherman.



Figure 5. *Top Left:* Tasty barbecued hamburgers, run participants, spectators, booths, and air inflated jumpers at the Fun Run. *Top Right:* Runners Gatewood and Cattleman at the finish of the Fun Run. Note the historical Sherman Museum building to the back and left of this picture, former Sherman Indian High student Isaiah Thompson, 3rd from the left, and 3rd place finisher Kina Brings Plenty, 2nd from left. *Bottom:* Sherman High run participants before the race. The small dog in front also ran and finished the race.

Snapshot of the Month

In this issue we focus on longtime Sherman faculty member Lorene Sisquoc. Lori is a Fort Sill Apache (Oklahoma) and a descendent of the Mountain Cahuilla Tribe of California. Lori and her family are no strangers to Sherman. Lori's great grandfather Anthony Largo and his brothers attended Sherman in the 1890's and early 1900's when our school was located in Perris, California. Also Lori's mother and grandmother were employed at Sherman. Lori started her employment at Sherman in 1982 within the dormitories and continued working there for 15 years. In 1995 she began teaching Native Traditional classes at Sherman. Currently she is the Director of the Clarke Cultural Center at Sherman and curator of the Sherman Museum, which is a National Historical Landmark. Each year Lori spearheads numerous Native activities on campus. Lori is proud of her latest contributions to Sherman, which include the Whale Tail Project and the Indigenous Language Center. When asked what she likes most about Sherman and Sherman students she conveyed the school culture and history and the impact that our school has had on our students over the years. She added that our brightest hopes are the students as they become the future in preserving our Native heritage.



Sherman Volleyball

The Lady Braves varsity volleyball team this year passed, set, digged, spiked, and blocked their way to a successful and historical season. (Fig. 6) After placing third in the Arrowhead League the team advanced all the way to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) semi-finals game before losing to Excelsior Charter. Due to the exceptional performance of the Lady Braves in the CIF playoffs the team was invited for the first time in school history to compete in the California State Volleyball Championship. The team performed well in the State Championship but lost to Central City. We wish to congratulate the team and their coach Kara Schwab for their stellar season.



Figure 6. Top Right: The Lady Braves varsity volleyball team.

Back row (left to right) Topah Scherer, Halley Talayumptewa, Collessa Stumbling Bear. Front row (left to right) Kinya Sleuth, Tiawana Sinyella, and Teela Hunter.

Bottom Right: The Lady Braves team in Arrowhead League action.



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