

HOYI

Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative

* YEAR END APPEAL 2018 *

Your donations make a difference!

GREETINGS, from the Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative! We'd like to send our thanks in appreciation of your donations we've received throughout 2018! Your donations helped to continue programming and strategic work toward our the HOYI mission:

"To improve the career, cultural and educational attainment of all Hopi and Tewa youth".

As the year is winding down, we would like to invite you to join us in a quick reflection of the awesome work that has been accomplished.



In working with the youth in the pathways of Cultural Well-Being, Service Learning, Mentoring and Data, we are definitely kept on our toes year round.

At the beginning of 2018 we were anxiously awaiting working toward the launch of our first ever pilot internship program! We had 10 spots available and over 20 applicants apply. The host sites included HOYI, KUYI radio station, Hopi Resource Enforcement Services, Hopi Tribal Chairman's Office, and the Hopi Tribe's Department of Natural Resources. Our students were able to get a feel of what our local partners do on a daily basis. Their experienced and assurance that both parties see as a need to implement within their respective programs,

proved our pilot to be successful!

One great partnership was with a local Hopi/Tewa youth, Erin Eustace. Eustace had recently attended an youth agricultural symposium and wanted to bring one to Hopi! The HOYI team dived in to help secure presenters and youth to attend this event. The symposium, held September 14-16, 2018, quickly approached, having approximately 15 youth in attendance coming from the White Mountain Apache, Hualapai, Hopi and Navajo tribes to share and learn with one another around cultural knowledge and practice in sustaining agricultural and food practices.

Throughout the year we focused and dedicated our time to full on planning and engagement in the development of a youth leadership curriculum that is modeled after the current adult Hopi Leadership Program under The Hopi Foundation, and mirrors the HOYI Pathways. We quickly got to work and started gathering our partners and community members to start planning the curriculum with help from our facilitator/consultant Samantha Antone. Within the last 3 months of 2018, the Hopi Youth Leadership Curriculum was ready to be piloted with partner school, Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School's 6th-8th grade students. With 8 students participating in this pilot, the Cultural Well-Being lessons were launched over a span of 4 sessions, every Friday for two hours. The students were able to learn about colonization and the impacts it has on our Hopi Peoples. Students toured the village of Orayvi,



learning the history while discussing what Hopi identity means for our youth as they continue to grow and learn. A plan to launch the full curriculum, in 2019, which is comprised of 3 components with 4 lessons each, totaling 12 lessons.

Last but not least, HOYI has made strides in working closely with partner organizations in the realm of data collection. Understanding the importance and benefits while maintaining the upmost integrity to address the gaps of services, improvements and most importantly, the true status of our Hopi youth in our community. Maintaining these important relationships is vital to the HOYI work and we look forward to more positive collaborations going into 2019 and into the future.

HOYI has had many successes this year as this is only a glimpse into the wonderful work being done **for youth, by youth** and most importantly **with youth**. Youth voice is very important to us! Without your monetary donations, in-kind support and collaborative efforts, we wouldn't have achieved the successes mentioned above. We thank you for your donations this year and hope you continue to contribute in the years to come. Your investment, big or small, helps to perpetuate the value of *Sumi'nangwa*, on behalf of our future generations to come.

Askwali! Kwa-Kwail!

P.S. Please look out for future information regarding our annual fundraising event:

ARIZONA GIVES DAY, APRIL 2, 2019,

which is an online giving campaign for non-profit organizations. This is one of many opportunities where you can give dollars to causes that are close to your heart. Thank you in advance for your contributions to the Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative!

Wishing you a blessed holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

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