

River Run

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Young River People's Council Newsletter



**Nalani, Sommer,
Alyssa & Ky-Mani**



Tanaya Winder

On April 16th, four YRPC members attended to the Cal Seciwa leadership banquet at ASU. Part of the evening's entertainment was a hoop dancer named Jared Massey. I thought that was really cool to see and he did a great job. My favorite part about the evening was listening to the poet, Tanaya Winder. Tanaya is Shawnee from Duck Valley and I was so excited when I heard that because that's where my family is from. I thought she was a great speaker and her words were very inspiring.

—Kymani Harney

On April 21st, the Young River Peoples Council volunteered at various Salt River Earth Day activities. Some of us worked at the face painting booth and showed off our art skills. Sommer and I worked at the cactus booth explaining why the cactus is sacred to the O'odham people and educating people on the Community ordinance, we also handed out cactus stickers. The other YRPC members worked at the beeline restoration project. We had so much fun at earth day and looking forward to doing it next year!

- Cianna Dallas





YRPC at ASU Dinner on Professionalism and Etiquette



My experience at the ASU dinner that I attended was very educational. We learned about dinner etiquette. We learned how the table it set up, how to use the utensils properly but the most important part of a formal dinner is to get to know the people at your table. Making connections and networking is more important than what you will eat. It was a fun night and I got to meet new people. We talked about the classes they were taking at ASU. The meal was delicious and everyone seemed to have fun. **–Samantha Casias**

On April 27th, YRPC went to Ak-Chin to meet the Gila River and Ak-Chin youth council so that we can practice traditional dances and songs. We are hoping to become more familiar with these songs and dances so we can share them with other youth at the UNITY Conference this July. Our goal as a youth council is to learn more language, songs and dances. We are very thankful for the other youth councils for helping us practice the swing dance. It was fun to learn their dances as well. This was a fun experience and I'm glad we could spend some time with the our sister tribes. **–Sommer Lopez**



Practicing Swing Dance

Upcoming YRPC Events and Activities

- ◆ **May 10th-** YRPC Meeting at Two Waters A, third floor in whirlwind room at 5pm
- ◆ **May 11th-** Mother's Day Craft Sale 3pm-5pm in HR lobby
- ◆ **May 12th-** Volunteering at Substance Abuse Walk– set-up at 6am at SRHS
- ◆ **May 15th-** Out of state College Tour Committee conference call at 5pm
- ◆ **May 17th-** Executive Meeting at TW at 5pm
- ◆ **May 19th-** Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women event at SRCB 10am set-up
- ◆ **May 22nd-** Traditional Fashion show Committee conference call at 5pm
- ◆ **My 24th-** YRPC Meeting at Two Waters A, third floor in whirlwind room at 5pm
- ◆ **May 29th-** Lonely Cactus Committee conference call at 5pm

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