REDLANDS
FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS
I come from an area where the Native American population isn’t really recognized, so seeing Native Americans well represented here is a really cool experience.

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Math major, computer science minor
Before Redlands, attended Kentwood High School
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On behalf of the Native American community and our friends and allies, we invite you to explore the University of Redlands. The generous support of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has made it possible for the University to provide a level of support and instruction for promising young Native American students unmatched by other colleges and universities in the Inland Empire. We seek to provide a safe, supportive environment for Native students so they may receive individual attention and a high quality education, while enjoying a campus community rich in opportunities.

We look forward to continuing our progress in educating the leaders of tomorrow for Native American communities and welcome you as we work together to build a better future for Native people.

LAWRENCE W. GROSS
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Assistant Professor, Race and Ethnic Studies
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Educating Native American Leaders of Tomorrow
The University of Redlands offers support to Native students, such as the Book Lending Program and the Summer Bridge Pre-college Program for first-generation students.

Support for Native American students

Native Student Programs addresses higher education retention and access issues as they affect Native American college students, youth, and their families in Southern California and beyond. With designated, welcoming spaces in the Hunsaker University Center, Native Student Programs offers an environment that fosters community building, making it easy for students to create a home and find family among their peers. At Native Student Programs, we:

- Advocate for, mentor, and advise Native American students
- Organize events for the local Native community on the University of Redlands campus
- Advise the Native American Student Union, which sponsors traditional activities such as beading, sewing, basket weaving, dance, and games to foster a vibrant Native American community on campus
- Assist Native American freshmen and transfer applicants in the college admissions and financial aid process
- Work directly with the Office of Admissions on outreach efforts
- Provide workshops on college readiness, admissions, financial aid, and more
- Organize campus tours and tribal community visits
- Offer community service opportunities to work with tribal communities

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Excellence in Leadership Scholarship

At Redlands, more than 90% of students receive financial aid in the form of scholarships and/or grants each year. Native American students are eligible to apply for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Excellence in Leadership Scholarship, a scholarship to help develop future leaders in Native American communities.

We encourage Native students to apply for this scholarship. Contact Native Student Programs at 909-748-8287 or NativeStudentPrograms@redlands.edu to learn more.

“The Native Student Program at Redlands reached out to me during high school and helped me through the stress of the college search. Once I arrived on campus, Native Student Programs felt like a home-away-from-home. As a Paiute woman, activities like the annual Powwow and Native Fitness and Motivation Day let me enjoy being around others who share my interests and help me to embrace my own culture when I’m away from my home and family.

I knew I wanted to serve others in the same way the Native Student Program supported me, so I began to focus my studies in this area and sought a position tutoring students at Sherman Indian High School, a boarding school for Native students. For two years I have had the opportunity to get to know the students there, serving as a role model and mentor for them.”

MARY JANE ANDREAS ’18
Tribe: Paiute
Race and ethnic studies major with an emphasis in Native American studies
Hometown: Bishop, CA
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The Native American Student Union is one of 120+ on-campus student organizations.

Our Native students serve with local tribal communities.

25+ years of celebrating diversity during the annual Living on Common Ground Multicultural Festival.

120,000+ service hours puts U of R on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.

36% of U of R students are first-generation college students.
Learning at Redlands

The University of Redlands offers a personalized education geared toward students’ passions and potential. Students at the U of R can pursue one of 50+ undergraduate and graduate degree programs and earn an emphasis in Native American studies. For example, a student may major in race and ethnic studies and earn an emphasis in Native American studies.

No matter what their major, minor, or emphasis, Native students may explore Native American topics through the following courses:

- Southern California Indian relationships with the land course
- Native American religions & worldviews course
- Native American women & gender issues course
- Native American environmental issues course
- Native American literature course
- Native American history course

Redlands also offers part-time undergraduate degree programs for working professionals in the School of Business, along with traditional graduate programs in Communication Sciences & Disorders, Education, Geographic Information Systems, Music, and Business.

"My time here at Redlands has allowed me to network with several other Native professionals including the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, where I’ve had the opportunity to have several different internships here in California and Washington working for different tribes in their environmental departments."

NATALIA SHAW ’17
Tribe: Ojibwe
Environmental science major, English literature minor
Recipient of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Excellence in Leadership Scholarship
Before Redlands, attended: Point Loma High School
Graduate school: Northern Arizona University

www.redlands.edu/nsp/natalia
Come See Redlands for Yourself

The best way to get to know Redlands is to visit. You can take a tour, meet with our staff, sit in on a class, stay overnight, grab a bite to eat in our Commons, and check out downtown Redlands.

Call 800-455-5064 or go to www.redlands.edu/visit.

University of Redlands is a private, nonprofit university that connects students to a world of opportunity, geared toward their passions and potential. Centrally located near the beaches, mountains, and desert in the heart of Southern California, the award-winning 160-acre campus features orange groves, architectural landmarks, and more than 1,700 trees. Surveys show that generations of alumni have found that the University, established in 1907, prepared them well for career success and lifelong learning.

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