

## AIMEE JACKSON-PENN MEMBER-AT-LARGE, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE

Aimee Jackson-Penn is a Member-at-Large for the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Indian Nation located in Upper Lake, California. Member-at-Large Jackson-Penn was first elected to the Tribe's seven-member Executive Council in 2013 to fill a vacancy position. She was then re-elected in 2014 to a standard four-year term. As a Member-at-Large, Jackson-Penn is tasked with the overall care of the Tribe and success of its sovereign business operations. She currently serves on the Parent Advisory, Enrollment, Housing and Seven Generation Scholarship Fund Selection Committees, where her efforts have contributed to the welfare and betterment of tribal youth and membership. Additionally, she serves as an advocate for the Indian Child Welfare Act and sits on the board for the California Tribal Families Coalition.

Prior to her elected role, Member-at-Large Jackson-Penn held multiple leadership roles in finance and education. In 2004 she assumed the role of Tribal Education Director, where she spent the next nine years dedicated to tribal youth and its opportunity for future success. She has served on the Finance and Housing Committees, and served as Chair of the Parent Advisory Committee. She has also served as a Domestic Violence Advocate on the Inter-Tribal Council of California.

Member-at-Large Jackson-Penn is credited with creating a stronger, more collaborative relationship with the Upper Lake School District, where she dedicated her time and staff to tutor and supervise its youth, and was the delegate for the Native Community. She is a spokesperson for suicide prevention and is a Question-Persuade-Refer certified trainer. Member-at-Large Jackson-Penn has sat on the Lake County Suicide Prevention Committee and the Lake County Diabetes Action Council, which works towards prevention and management of diabetes within the community. She continues to provide mentoring and is profoundly involved in social work aspects of the Tribe.

She also drafted and successfully secured the Indian Museum and Library Services Grant, which enabled the Tribe to purchase books, computers and hire extra staff, and co-authored the AmeriCorps Planning Grant, which was also awarded.

Member-at-Large Jackson-Penn was born in Ukiah, California and raised on the Upper Lake Rancheria. She currently resides in Clearlake Oaks in Lake County, California with her husband, nine children and grandchildren.



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