



Introducing Graduating Classes OF 2023



Preschool Graduates



Cameron Leone (left) graduated Pre-school at Upper Lake Elementary School. He will go on to Kindergarten at Upper Lake Elementary School.



Hayzel Martinez (above) graduated from HPUL Early Childhood Education Program. Hayzel will be going into transitional kindergarten.

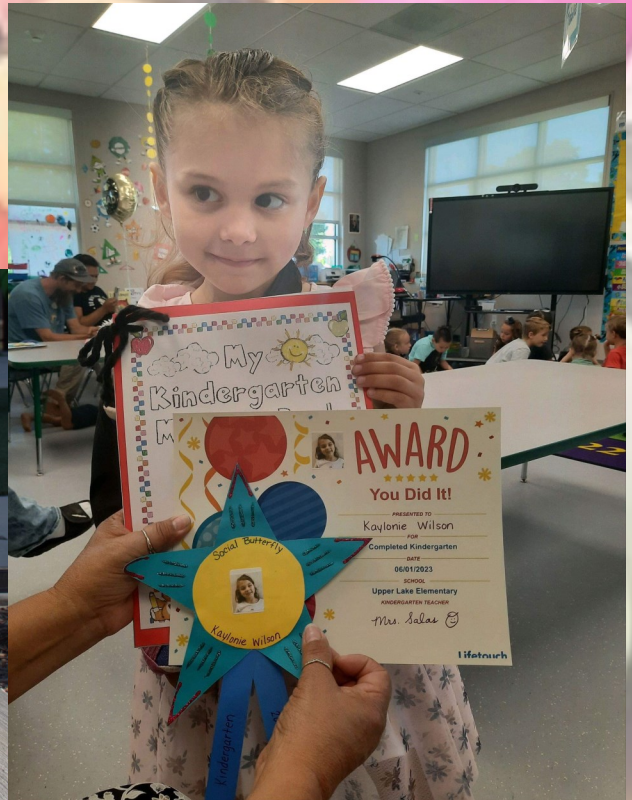


Angelica Duncan (above) finished her 2nd year of Pre-school at Lucerne Preschool. She will move on to Kindergarten at Lucerne Elementary School.

Kindergarten Graduates

Billy Brown (top left), Kaylonie Wilson (top right), and Kalani Snow (bottom right) graduated kindergarten together from Upper Lake Elementary School. They will go onto first grade.

The 3 have made tremendous progress through out the year. Congratulations kids! Jayden Mehtlan (bottom left) graduated Kindergarten from Riveria Elementary School. He will go onto being a first grader! Great job Jayden!





5th Grade Promotion

Johnathan Mehtlan (top left) has been promoted from 5th grade to Middle School as a 6th grader. Great job Johnathan! We look forward to see you continue to do great things! Good Luck in Junior High!

8th Grade Graduate

Marlon Snyder (middle right) graduated from 8th grade this year. Good luck in High School!



8th Grade Graduate

Vincent Snow (bottom left) graduated 8th grade from Upper Lake Middle School, this year. He really put in great effort towards his academics. You will be terrific in High School. Good luck!

Alexis Marie Rose Miller

A big congratulations to Alexis for her millstone! She completed her high school education well before the end of the year but walked the stage in June with her classmates at Liberty Ranch High School in Galt, California.

Congratulations Alexis!



Maleena Marie Morrison



Maleena Morrison graduated high school from CORE Charter School in Marysville, CA. She is wanting to continue her education in psychology. Congratulations Maleena!! Good luck in your future endeavors.

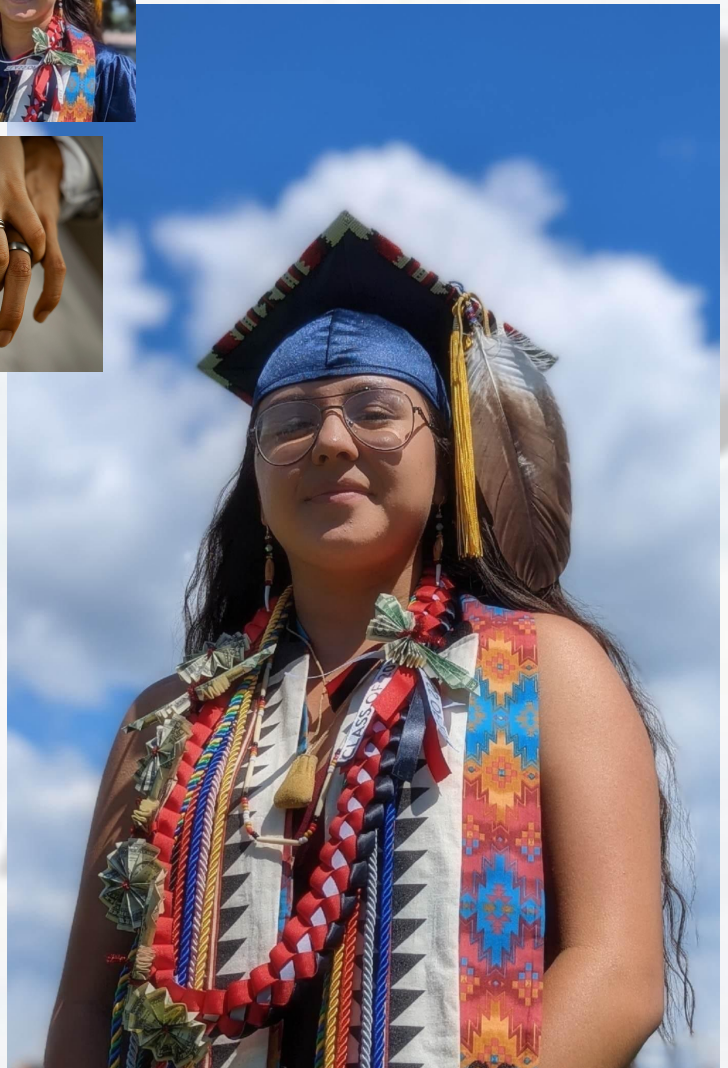
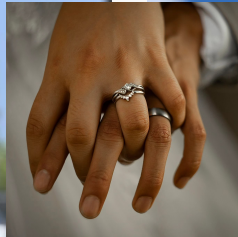
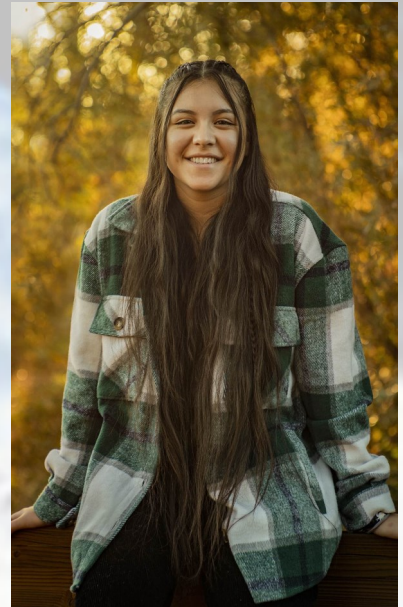


Nobalie Fttamae Snow

This year Nobalie Snow graduated from Henley High School in Klamath Falls Oregon and recently married her high school sweetheart, Eric Espinoza. She was accepted to University of Oregon where she will pursue an education in Special Education. Congratulations Nobalie, we are so proud of you!

The future depends on what you do today.

-Mahatma Gandhi



Madeline Florence Young

On June 2, 2023, Upper Lake High School bid farewell to a remarkable student whose achievements have left an indelible mark on the institution. Maddy Young, an exemplary leader and diligent scholar, graduated with Honors, symbolizing the culmination of her four-year journey through high school. As we reflect on her accomplishments, it becomes evident why Maddy is regarded as a true role model.

Throughout her tenure, Maddy served as the Class President, embodying dedication and commitment in her leadership role. This honor speaks volumes about her ability to inspire and mobilize her peers toward a common goal. It is no surprise, then, that Maddy was chosen to deliver a speech at the graduation ceremony. What set her address apart was the honor of presenting Upper Lake High School's inaugural "Land Acknowledgement," an important step in recognizing and building collaborative relationships with the Indigenous people upon whose land the district resides. Maddy's eloquent words resonated deeply, underscoring the significance of respect and cooperation within the community.

The ceremony also brought further recognition for Maddy's exceptional achievements. She was one of only two students to be awarded the prestigious "Cougar of the Year" accolade, a distinction reserved for individuals who excel academically, participate actively in extracurricular activities, and display exemplary leadership skills. With a cumulative GPA of 3.9, Maddy's academic performance was truly impressive. Yet, her involvement extended beyond the classroom walls. In her senior year alone, she excelled in five sports: soccer, basketball, wrestling, softball, and track. Moreover, Maddy displayed her passion for the arts by participating in the school band, and her commitment to agricultural pursuits through her involvement in the Future Farmers of America (FFA). This well-rounded engagement underscores her dedication to a comprehensive educational experience.

Looking ahead, Maddy's academic journey continues at UC Davis, where she has been accepted into the esteemed Animal Science Program. As she embarks on this new chapter, Maddy's thirst for knowledge and intellectual growth will undoubtedly lead her to new heights. With her tenacity, it is no doubt that she will make a significant positive impact in her chosen field.

Maddy Young exemplifies the qualities of an exceptional student and leader. Her remarkable achievements, both within and outside the classroom, are a testament to her unwavering commitment to excellence. As we celebrate her accomplishments, we anticipate the bright future that lies ahead for this extraordinary individual.

-Written by Angelina Arroyo (Maddy's Mom)



Makenzie Adriana Parajon

Makenzie Parajon graduated for UC Berkeley in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. During her three years at UC Berkeley she was an outfielder for the softball team, a Cultural Peer Mentor for the International Study Program, a Student Athlete Liaison for the DEIBJ Program and a mentor for the 2nd grade class at Acorn Woodland School in Oakland.

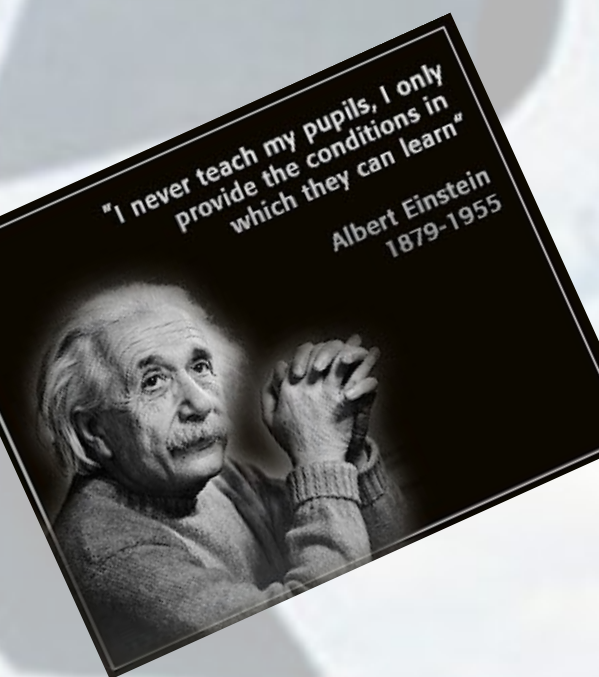
She is now attending the University of Washington to obtain her Masters of Education in Intercollegiate Athletic Leadership and working part time at SoulCycle in Seattle. In August 2023, she will begin a yearlong internship as a Tyee Club Annual Fund Graduate Assistant for the University of Washington Athletic Department. Congratulations Makenzie!



Christopher Snow



Christopher Snow graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration.
Congratulations Christopher!



SECTION 25. EDUCATION GRADUATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The purpose of this Program is to encourage Tribal Members to enroll in school and complete their educational goals.

Policy Reference	Program	Benefit	Funding Amount	Unit/Frequency	Application Frequency
Section 25	Education Graduation Incentive Program	Middle School Graduation Incentive	\$400.00 (computer award only)	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		High School Graduation Incentive	\$750.00	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		General Education (GED) Graduation Incentive	\$250.00	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Adult High School Diploma Incentive	\$500.00	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Certificate Program Incentive	\$1,000.00	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Trade/Vocational Institution Degree, Diploma or Certificate Graduation Incentive	\$2,000.00	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Associates of Arts/Science Graduation Incentive	\$2,000.00 *subject to previous award reductions	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Bachelor of Arts/Science Graduation Incentive	\$4,000.00 *subject to previous award reductions	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Master's Degree Graduation Incentive	\$6,000.00 *subject to previous award reductions	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		Law Degree Graduation Incentive	\$8,000.00 *subject to previous award reductions	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date
		PhD Degree Graduation Incentive	\$10,000.00 *subject to previous award reductions	Once in a Lifetime	Within One Year of Graduation Date

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