

Newsletter

July 4th to July 8th 2022



Out with the old. In with the new.

Third week finished! Four more to go!

With the month of June finished, we are looking forward to July which is arguably the hottest month of the year. Remember to protect yourself from this heat and stay hydrated. sites. Our interns and trainees have proven time and time again that they accept change and adapt well to challenges that come their way. This week's word of the week is confidence. Having confidence goes a long way; not only in themselves, but it can also help their performance in work as well..

Word of the Week!	Confidence n. a feeling of self-assurance arising from one's appreciation of one's own abilities or qualities.
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Spotlight: Forestry Aide

Interview with interns, Amani Waatsa and Jareth Mahkee

Has there been anything fun or challenging?

Amani: I think it's both fun and challenging, but the morning workouts. They really help me get my day going.

Jareth: I really like the back and forth between the office and sites completing different tasks.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you when completing some of the tasks? Is there anything you'd want to improve on?

Amani: I think a ten. I feel like I've been doing stuff similar so it's really not a big thing for me to adapt too.

Jareth: I think an eight. I get really tired easily, so I want to work on my physical endurance.



Troy Cachini (Supervisor)

What are three qualities of a confident employee?

Number one to me would be to believe in yourself, especially when you are a leader. Another would be having a willingness to learn. After 25 years here, I'm still learning new things today. The last would be the ability to take constructive criticism. With the younger generation coming in it is different to communicate with them, but the workers I have here have been great so far.

Remember to stay hydrated! Put on sunscreen! Wear bug spray! Protect yourself!

IMPORTANT!

Everyone should be respectful and keep the noise level down as our rain priests are praying for rain and our future!

Loud noises such as parties can disrupt the tender process that our rain priests endure in order to secure us a promising future.



IMPORTANT!



The deadline to submit applications for **FALL 2022 TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIPS** has been **EXTENDED** and is now due on **July 15th, 2022!**

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For questions and schedule a meeting for intake!

June: The Month of Perseverance and Equality

As we reach the mid-way point of 2022, we cannot deny the progress we made in the past century. It's been uphill battle and with recent events such as the overturning of the case, Roe vs. Wade. June has been declared a month of recognition, whether that be from the emancipation of African-American slaves to the long equal rights fight for our LGBTQI+ people.

Pride Month

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) pride month occurs during June to recognize the impact that LGBTQI+ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. Only recently has it become safe for LGBTQI+ people to live and love the way they want. Previously, many individuals endured discrimination and hate crimes for merely existing as they are. Colonization, westward expansion and its various religions have negatively influenced our ways of thinking and lead us to view life with a pessimistic eye.

Before colonization, LGBTQI+ people in Zuni were highly respected. According to Will Roscoe, "The Zunis' (once) believed that men skilled at woman's responsibilities (and vice versa) and combined the two sexes...made them extraordinary in every respect." Individuals such as We'wha not only prove that point, but show us that LGBTQI+ equality has existed for years before our colonization. Going forward, we must learn to respect the legacy of our ancestors and push the community as well as our Zuni people into creating a world they would be proud and supportive of.



Juneteenth

Juneteenth is an important holiday as it marks the total abolition of slavery on June 19th, 1865. It's important to note that the date corresponds with the freeing of the last enslaved people, as the Emancipation Proclamation was almost two years prior. In Galveston, Texas federal soldiers marched into the city to make the official announcement thus marking the end of slavery in America. Since then, the seemingly never-ending African-American fight for equality has continued to be a main stay in today's society.



The now infamous Black Lives Matter movement has proven that the fight is not yet over and we need to be diligent and supportive as we trudge through these next few decades. By being aware of the seriousness of racism, we as a community can provide sanction and welcome those individuals that suffer from racism with an open hand. If fighting for one another doesn't work then maybe fighting as one would be a different story; Its definitely something we should definitely consider writing.

Although the fight for equal rights will never be over, we still should recognize the progress we made as a society. By loving all walks of life, we can lead our community towards peace. Until then, we must continue to speak up and question those norms that keep our true potential from being shown. Hon i:yansatduna:n, i:wichemana:wa'ba, a'kya ho'n el' a:dek'yanna.

To learn more information about the fight for equal rights, we encourage you to do additional research and to keep what is worthy in your heart. Although something may not affect you directly, the support is appreciated! Whether it by donating money or time to different efforts, attending protests, or even showing support on social media. By being vocal and advocating for different social issues you are benefiting not only the welfare of yourself, but the Zuni community and it's future.

Ho'n do'binde a:ho'i! ♥

The ZECDC Team

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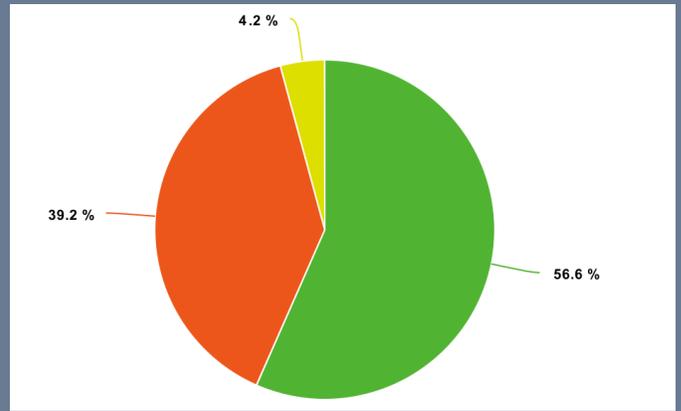
Do Pineapples Belong On Pizza?

After surveying various participants and supervisors, we've come to the conclusion that pineapples **DO INDEED** belong on pizza. You are free to live another day, pineapples.

39.2% said No

56.6% said Yes

4.3% were Unsure/Declined to Answer



Growing Up Different: A Perspective Being LGBTQI+ and Zuni

Interview with Liam Simplicio, ZYEP Lead Counselor

We had the chance to speak with a young leader, Liam Simplicio to gather his perspective of growing up in Zuni and being apart of the LGBTQ+ community.

Do you think discrimination or discomfort towards LGBTQ+ people is still prevalent today? Why do you think people act like this if it was seen as highly respectable (for a lack of better words) centuries ago?

Yes. I think there have been a lot of changes within the Zuni family dynamic and the rise of outside influences. I'm not trying to point fingers, but I do believe a lot of it stems from other cultures where being LGBTQ+ was seen as abnormal. I don't like to blame a certain individual for having a negative perception. I believe it was passed down from generations and is merely a product of colonialism as well as its ideologies.

Would you agree or disagree with this statement? "I believe that the negative perception we get of LGBTQI+ individuals stem from colonization, westward expansion, and it's religions."

Yes, I very much agree. I believe that a lot of social issues stem those influences. If we were to make an umbrella of colonialism then some of those issues could be things such as racism, reproductive rights, etc. So, yes I very much agree with that statement.

What do you hope for the future of the community in regards to LGBTQI+ people?

I hope that one day we can educate people as to why certain people are such and understand how it can oppress us as a community. Being able to live a life without shame would be great as well. I hope that people can acknowledge that these things exist and be more sensitive to those topics.



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