

“Manahuu ii-na-nia-nai Kaytlynn Michelle Johnston nuumu nuu, paya hupuu-wei nuu kima-du”

Hello everyone, my name is Kaytlynn Michelle Johnston I am Paiute, I come from where the water flows in Bishop California. I am 17 years old, I attend Bishop Union High School in Bishop, CA, where I am a Senior. I am a lifelong resident of Bishop California and a proud member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe. I am the Pacific Region Representative for UNITY, Female Co President of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council, and Miss Nevada Days Powwow Princess. I am the daughter of Carrie Brown and Tony Brown and I have (4) siblings. I am the middle child, my older sister is Leticia Gonzales, my older brother is Carlos Gonzales Jr. My younger sister is Ashley Johnston, and our youngest sibling is our brother George Brown.



It has been an honor and a privilege serving UNITY as the Pacific Representative for the last two and a half terms. I will continue my journey representing the native youth from California and Hawaii to the best of my abilities. Manahobu, for the support and knowledge along the way.

## **July 2022**

### **7/7/22 to 7/12/22**

UNITY National conference Minneapolis, MN

Bishop Tribal Youth Council held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, ten total representatives from the Bishop Tribal Youth Council traveled from Bishop to attend the National UNITY conference, the National UNITY Conference is a five-day youth-led annual event held every July in a pre-selected region of the U.S. The next National Conference will be held in Washington D.C., Portland OR, and then San Diego CA.

About 2,500 Native youth and advisors. 2022 in Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 8 – 12). The National UNITY Conference had general sessions, regional caucuses we are (Pacific), workshops, career/education fair, and fun evening activities UNITY provided hands-on

leadership development activities where the youth participated in elections and the annual business meeting, our Bishop Tribal Youth Council nominated Isaac Reno and Wasuya Martinez to attend as our representative.

I was reelected to represent UNITY as the Pacific Region representative, and our Advisor Carrie Brown was presented with an award as the J.R. Cook Advisor of the Year.

10 in attendance 7 youth and 3 adults

- During the month of July, I had multiple family losses and was out quite a bit, but I also assisted in the Summer Youth Program as I could and worked to prepare for the upcoming school year and BTYC elections.



## **August 2022**

**8/7/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting

Canceled due to being out of the office for bereavement and services of a family member.

**8/21/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting

Meeting was held at the BIEC to have a regular meeting of the BTYC, icebreaker, snack, roll call, review of agenda and involvement in upcoming activities, discussion on upcoming election and meeting adjourned.

7 youth in attendance

**8/31/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council presentation on "What is the Bishop Tribal Youth Council" by BTYC and Katy Johnston

Presentation given to BTYC youth on what is the Bishop Tribal Youth Council some of the involvement, expectations of BYC youth and on the UNITY creed and values as BTYC is an affiliated UNITY youth council. We discussed upcoming BTYC elections and the election nomination period as well as the ongoing recruitment of BTYC youth members.

4 youth in attendance



## **September 2022**

**9/4/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting

The meeting was meant to be an election for the 22/23 BTYC Officers, but due to the amount of youth that had been nominated and or self-nominated that were absent the youth took a vote to postpone and reschedule election so that the youth could be present to give speeches and cast votes as well as establish an absentee ballot if needed.

8 youth in attendance

**9/8/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council collaborated with the Cultural Center in a Song and Dance workshop

Meeting was held at the BIEC to have a regular meeting of the BTYC, icebreaker, snack, roll call, review of agenda and involvement in upcoming activities, discussion on upcoming election and meeting adjourned.

3 BTYC youth in attendance with a total of 34 community member in attendance

**9/14/22**

BIEC Ribbon Skirt workshop 1st of 3 in collaboration with Leticia Gonzales of TIHP

Workshop to provide youth with ribbon skirt and skills to make a ribbon skirt all materials and needed supplies were provided. We had the Youth Outreach worker from Leticia Gonzales to help with instruction and we also utilized YouTube videos to help to do the step by step in making the skirts. The first workshop was to select material, measure, and cut.

13 in attendance

**9/15/22**

Pinenut dance at the Cultural Center

Attended the Pinenut Dance with members of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council to assist in setting up, running the event, and cleaning up after the event ended, and our Male Co-President Isaac Reno was serving as the Emcee of the Pinenut Dance.

4 youth in attendance

**9/18/22**

COSA trail planting activity

In collaboration with the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Environmental Management Office and McKenzie Dale we gathered to plant multiple boxes of pollinator plants along the COSA trail.

4 youth in attendance

**9/18/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting and elections

With the election as the focus a brief presentation was presented by the Male and Female Co-President on what is the Bishop Tribal Youth Council, Candidates presented their speeches, and each youth took turns voting at a table in the hallway and the votes were tallied by BIEC Admin Asst. Victoria Begay and TIHP Youth Outreach worker Leticia Gonzales and BPT Council member Steven Orihuela.

21 youth in attendance

**9/19/22**

BIEC Ribbon Skirt workshop 2nd of 3 in collaboration with Leticia Gonzales of TIHP

With the assistance of Youth Outreach worker from Leticia Gonzales to help with instruction in this second workshop participants were able to begin ironing and placing the ribbons in place and some even began to sew the panels of the skirt together.

**9/20/22**

BIEC Ribbon Skirt workshop 3rd of 3 in collaboration with Leticia Gonzales of TIHP

We were able to complete all present participants in completing their skirts with help from the Youth Outreach worker from Leticia Gonzales to help with instruction. In this second workshop participants were able to begin ironing and placing the ribbons in place and some even began to sew the panels of the skirt together.

- September 26th to the 29th UNITY Strategic planning in San Diego, CA
- September 30th to October 1st Reno Nevada UNITY Healing Circle



## **October 2022**

### **10/2/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting

Moved to RAVE walk attendance 10/13/22, Youth in attendance assisted with sign in and registration to event. The event was open to the community and was to bring awareness and educate community members on domestic violence and prevention of violent acts.

4 in attendance

### **10/16/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meeting

Regular meeting of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council in the Bishop Indian Ed Center kitchen area, we do snacks, followed agenda and held an ice breaker activity and discussed past activities and upcoming activities, as well as our involvement in upcoming activities. Planned for our swearing in at the upcoming tribal council meeting.

9 in attendance

### **10/26/22**

Wire wrap earring workshop

Held a workshop for youth and families to learn how to wire wrap bead hoop earrings, we had a light meal, watched three videos, and picked out colors and handed out supplies. During the workshop we realized our beads were too small for the wire and attempted to try different wire and different beads but ended in hopes of purchasing and distributing new wire to complete at home.

11 in attendance

### **11/8/22**

In the beginning of October I had the opportunity to travel to the 69th annual Chicago Powwow to represent as the Pacific Region Representative and The Bishop Tribal Youth Council Female Co- President and have time to speak on the importance of UNITY and youth councils. Along with other native youth leaders such as UNITY Midwest representative Angelina Serna.

### **11/27/22**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting/ Bishop Tribal Council swearing in

The Tribal Council hosted the Bishop Tribal Youth Council to attend a swearing in of the newly elected officers, family and friends were also in attendance to support the youth and congratulate them, the youth officers were read an oath to office and the UNITY pledge, and the new officers signed the oath.

9 in attendance

### **11/29/22**

I was able to attend the Nevada Day Powwow for the annual Nevada Day Celebration where I had the opportunity to run and receive the title of the 2022-2023 'Miss Nevada Day Powwow Princess' With great honor, responsibility, and respect I will be representing the people of Nevada as well as my own tribal community where I reside as a proud member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe of California.





## November 2022

### 11/11/22

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting/ flag placing in collaboration with the Cultural Center  
As the meeting for the Bishop Tribal Youth Council, we met at the Sunland Tribal cemetery and placed flags on the graves of service men and women and took additional flags to the Pioneer cemetery and completed our meeting.

8 in attendance

### 11/14/22 & 11/15/22

I had the honor to be a part of the 2022 White House Tribal youth forum as well as the FIRST Native American Heritage Month Celebration at the White House. I was able to represent my community, UNITY, as well as The Nevada Day Powwow at these events. I was filled with so much joy and so much honor to be able to be in the position I was in. It truly was an unforgettable experience.

### 11/17/22

Fall gathering BTYC activity – meal prep and serving

The Bishop Tribal Youth Council assisted in the Fall gathering from 3 pm to 6 pm to help in packaging meals

along with OV CDC and Wanaha staff and passing the meals out to the community members in attendance.

6 in attendance

**11/18/2022 to 11/21/2022**

Bishop Indian Education Center's San Diego College tour

I assisted with the BIEC College and Career ed program by driving and chaperoning youth for the San Diego

campus tours over the weekend we were able to visit (4) campuses with the youth.

8 in attendance sing in sheets provided by Tamia Shoshone

**11/19/22**

Yuuwano

Members of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council assisted the Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center's

Yuuwano event, with any duties the staff needed them to complete, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. BTYC members helped by

running the Youth Games and issuing prizes to winners and participants. Kaytlynn Johnston

BTYC female Co

President assisted in reading names of tribal veterans and BTYC members helped by handing out sweaters to

honor veterans in attendance.

**11/23/22**

Moccasin making class first session 9 am to 5 pm w/ instructor Charlene Redner

During the fall break we were able to host a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All materials were provided as well as snacks and a

lunch, in the workshop participants began the process of making moccasins. Instructor Charlene Redner shared

her experience in making moccasins and the different types of moccasins in different tribal regions, she then

assisted participants in measuring and cutting out leather and began sewing.

11 in attendance

**11/28 and 11/29/22**

Moccasin making classes session two and three w/ instructor Charlene Redner

The last two sessions of moccasin making classes were to continue working on the project and to move on with

finalizing the moccasins. We met had a light meal and participants got to work and sessions ended around 7 pm,

most all participants left with a completed project or near complete.

9 in attendance

Assist in class as needed and or other duties as needed

Upcoming activities:

Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meetings: @ 4:00 p.m. BIEC 12/4/22 and 12/18/22

Cultural workshop @5:30 p.m. TBA w/ Charlene Redner





## **December 2022**

### **12/4/22**

#### **Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meeting**

Meeting of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council, we met at the BIEC Cafeteria and planned for upcoming activities and involvement such as the Winter Market and the Winter Gathering and planned our next meeting to be a gift exchange among the BTYC members.

12 in attendance

### **12/17/22**

#### **Winter gathering and Winter Market**

Members of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council assisted the OVCD's staff members with the Winter Gathering event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. BTYC members helped by running the Youth Games and issuing prizes to winners and participants. Isaac Reno BTYC Male Co- President, and Kaytlynn Johnston BTYC Female Co-President assisted in welcoming community members to the Winter gathering, BTYC members assisted with raffle and other duties. Two members of the BTYC assisted the Cultural Center by dressing as elf's and handing out candy canes and oranges alongside "Santa" for the winter gathering.

4 in attendance

### **12/18/22**

#### **BTYC meeting and gift exchange**

The Bishop Tribal Youth Council met for 4 pm to 6 pm to host a regularly scheduled meeting and to have a holiday gathering and a gift exchange, all members in attendance brought a gift to participate in a gift exchange game to celebrate the holidays. All members shared in a light meal and a regular meeting with an icebreaker activity was conducted.

11 in attendance

### **12/21/22**

#### **Dentalium necklace making class 9 am to 2pm w/ instructor Charlene Redner**

With instructor Charlene Redner we hosted a 9 am to 2 pm workshop in making dentalium necklaces all materials were provided, and all attendees were able to produce a double strand dentalium and beaded necklace, a light meal and snack was provided for all attendees as well as knowledge and history shared by the instructor.

11 in attendance

Assist in class as needed and or other duties as needed

Upcoming activities:

Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meetings: @ 4:00 p.m. BIEC 1/8/23 and 1/22/23

Cultural workshop @5:00p.m. Pinenut necklace making w/ Charlene Redner



## January 2023

**1/8/23**

Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting

Meeting held at the Bishop Indian Education Center for a regular meeting of the BTYC, light meal serves, icebreaker, meeting called to order, shared upcoming area activities for the youth and to discuss ideas for the upcoming year. Volunteer and community service opportunities for our BTYC youth such as Spring gathering, a rock climbing activity, and other collaborations.

11 in attendance

**1/12/23**

Outdoor Risk Management training

Attended the Outdoor Risk Management training at Toiyabe with the County youth workers and the Toiyabe youth and elder program workers. This was an all-day training of what to do and how to plan an outdoor activity while mitigating risks and ensuring a safe outing even in environments that have natural risks and what to have with you in case of emergencies and how to plan ahead.

**1/19/23**

Social Services presentation for BIEC

Hosted by the Bishop Indian Education Center staff and presented by the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Social Services Department, the staff of the Social Services department took turns presenting about the different services that they have available and who they serve and how to go about applying for services, they also provided us with materials and information to display and offer for any parents or community members in need of services.

9 in attendance

**1/22/23**

### Bishop Tribal Youth Council meeting

Meeting at the Bishop Indian Education Center. Light meal served, icebreaker and review of agenda, discussed our upcoming representation at the UNITY midyear conference in Tempe AZ,

(2) elected youth will represent us as the male and female business area representatives. We also

had a special presenter Vicky Begay from Toiyabe Family Services youth outreach, she shared the activities and invited BTYC to attend Thursday youth wellbriety meetings.

10 in attendance

**1/23/23**

Pinenut necklace making class w/ instructor Charlene Redner

With instructor Charlene Redner we hosted a 5 pm to 7 pm, this workshop had been postponed from December to obtain materials needed to make authentic Pinenut necklaces - all materials were provided to participants, a light meal and snack was provided for all attendees as well as knowledge and history shared by the instructor. All attendees were able to produce a double stranded Pinenut beaded necklace,

13 in attendance

Assist in office and in classrooms as needed and or other duties as needed.

### Upcoming activities:

Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meetings: @ 4:00 p.m. BIEC 2/5/23 and 2/19/23

Cultural workshop Date: TBD Stormie Perdash powwow dance class February

UNITY midyear: 2/22/23 to 2/26/23

Wilderness Camp with Tim V: 3/28/23 to 3/31/23

Foxy Flash climbing Group: 3/17/23



“For the youth, by the youth” I want to thank all the communities and youth councils throughout the states of California and Hawaii, Continue to be the inspiring leaders you all are.