Welcome to the second newsletter for the Stanford Powwow!

As the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow approaches, we decided to publish a monthly newsletter providing a unique look into the history of our Powwow—and some insight into its extensive planning, amazing Planning Committee members, and wonderful sponsors.

Happy reading!
Planning Powwow from Around the U.S.

Before March 2020, the Stanford Powwow Planning Committee would come together in the Native American Cultural Center (NACC) every Friday at noon to plan Powwow and eat food. Since then, our planning for the Stanford Powwow has drastically changed as we have had to find new ways to connect virtually. Using our experience from quickly planning and hosting the virtual 49th Annual Stanford Powwow, we were able to learn what worked and what did not work, and came into the new 2020-2021 school year with an idea of how we wanted to handle planning for the 50th Annual while still being flexible to all of the uncertainties.

This year’s Planning Committee is made up of approximately 50 students who range from all class years, come from varying backgrounds, and are currently spread out all over the country. Since mid-October 2020, our committee members have been dedicated to bringing the Stanford Powwow to life in between their classes and other responsibilities while working from their hometowns in Alaska to Massachusetts and everywhere in between and spanning over all six United States time zones. The Planning Committee is made up of 15 subcommittees that each oversee the planning of different aspects of our Powwow. These subcommittees are: Ad Sales, Alumnx, Booth, Budget, Contesting, Coordination, Facilities, Fun Run, Hospitalities, Program, Publicity, Sales, Sustainability, Volunteer, and our newest committee, the COVID-19 Taskforce.

Keeping the COVID-19 pandemic in mind from the start of our planning, our committee has been planning for either an in-person event that will be adjusted to meet the University, local county, and state health regulations or an entirely virtual event. That being said, we are prepared and excited to host the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow one way or the other, and we hope you are all excited too! We are doing our best to plan for a great 50th Annual Stanford Powwow and will keep you all posted along the way! Thank you for your support and encouragement!
2021 Vendor Application CLOSED!

The Stanford Powwow Booth Committee will be processing all submitted applications and will be contacting applicants for any clarifications or missing documents.

If you applied, please check your emails regularly in case you are contacted about the need for clarifications or missing documents. Decisions will be released in late February/early March.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the Booth Committee at powwowboothstanford@gmail.com.

Thank you to our valued campus partners for your support!

The American Studies Program is proud to support the 50th Anniversary Stanford Powwow, and celebrates the resilience of Stanford’s Native students during these challenging times.
The Office for Religious and Spiritual Life congratulates the Stanford American Indian Organization on the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow!

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Coordination

Caelin Marum
(Woodland Cree & MHA)
Caelin is a senior from Ennis, MT studying Political Science and Native American Studies. She is currently the committee head for the Coordination committee and oversees the Ad Sales, COVID-19 Taskforce, Facilities, and Hospitalities committees for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Caelin was little, she wanted to be a palaeontologist!
“I’m really excited to see what we can do with powwow going forward. This year alone has shown that it has so much flexibility and potential to bring people together regardless of format.”

Ryan Duncan
(Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation)
Ryan is a freshman from Choctaw, OK studying Native American Studies. He is currently on the Coordination committee overseeing the Program and Volunteer committees for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Ryan was little, he wanted to be a Choctaw language teacher!
“Powwow has always been an essential aspect of my life as it allows me to connect not only with my culture but also with my family in a setting that exists nowhere else.”

Tierra Baird
(Oglala/Sicangu Lakota & Diné)
Tierra is a sophomore from Porcupine, SD studying Earth Systems. She is currently on the Coordination committee overseeing the Booth and Contesting committees for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Tierra was little, she wanted to be a veterinarian!
“I am excited to be working with amazing Indigenous students to make powwow an incredible event.”

Grace Carter
(Cherokee Nation)
Grace is a freshman from Joplin, MI majoring in Psychology. She is currently on the Coordination committee overseeing the Fun Run, Sales, and Publicity committees for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Grace was little, she wanted to be a teacher!
“My favorite part of Cherokee National Holiday is watching the dancers during Powwow - the colors, sounds, and energy are always spectacular. I can’t wait to experience this with so many different tribes represented at Stanford.”
Keeping Up With the Committee

Sustainability and COVID-19 Taskforce

Vanessa Farley
(Chippewa Cree of Rocky Boy Montana)

Vanessa is a junior from Anchorage, AK majoring in Product Design and minoring in Native American Studies. She is currently the committee head for the Sustainability committee for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Vanessa was little, she wanted to be a marine biologist! “I’m excited for all of our communities to come together for a weekend! There is so much art and color.”

Jack Cooper
(Anigiduwagi EBCI)

Jack is a sophomore from Birdtown, Cherokee, NC majoring in Film and Media Studies and minoring in Human Biology. He is currently a member of the COVID-19 Taskforce committee for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Jack was little, he wanted to be a veterinarian! “I’m excited to watch all the dances, meet new people, and if possible eat lots of food.”

Buddy Kalanikumupa'a Seto Myers
(Kānaka Maoli - Native Hawaiian)

Buddy is a junior from Kailua, Hawai‘i and San Rafael, CA majoring in Human Biology and minoring in Native American Studies. He is currently the committee head for the COVID-19 Taskforce and Volunteer Committees for the 50th Annual Stanford Powwow. When Buddy was little, he wanted to be either a firefighter, a professional surfer, or a baseball player! “I am so excited to be able to help create, run, and participate in the celebration of Indigenous culture, intelligence, and strength that is Stanford Powwow. Stanford’s Native community is truly a home for me and aloha ‘au i kākou, I love you all!”
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