



# Partnership With Native Americans Celebrates American Indian Heritage Month; Provides Laptops to Freshman Students

Non-profit joins in national recognition of Native culture and history



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ADDISON, Texas, Oct. 31, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- In recognition of National American Indian Heritage Month, celebrated throughout the month of November, Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA), a nonprofit committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote and often impoverished reservations, is awarding five additional laptops to Native students pursuing their freshman year in college, adding to the half a million students previously aided through its American Indian Education Fund program.



This November, Partnership With Native Americans Celebrates American Indian Heritage Month.

The cultural tie between education and ancestry is strong and has an important influence on quality of life for Native communities. Over centuries, Native Americans have made a significant and diverse impact on Western society. PWNA believes education for Native students will only increase and sustain these contributions that are so vital to both Native and non-Native cultures.

"Only 13% of Native American students hold a college degree. By assisting Native students through our laptop giveaway- and our scholarship program - we hope to give more American Indians and Alaskan Natives the resources and encouragement they need to complete college and succeed as future leaders," says Robbi Rice Dietrich, President/CEO of PWNA. "It is my great pleasure to work with more than 300 Native communities throughout the Plains and Southwest, and to experience first-hand the rich traditions, welcoming hospitality and generosity of Native culture."

Throughout American Indian Heritage Month, PWNA invites you to expand your knowledge and appreciation of Native history and heritage, by participating in its Native education quiz and random daily drawings. With 567 federally recognized Indian tribes, reservations and pueblos in more than 30 states and nearly 35 state-recognized tribes, Native history and culture is as diverse as it is expansive.



PWNA supports year-round education, nutrition and other immediate needs, and long-term solutions such as scholarships, emerging leader training and community investment projects to help end the cycle of poverty. PWNA staff collaborate with reservation-based programs to deliver supplies and services based on the tribes' self-identified initiatives for building their communities – a culturally relevant and respectful approach proven effective for more than 25 years. To learn more about Native history and heritage, join PWNA for Heritage Month education and giveaways. See how you can get involved at [www.pwna4hope.org](http://www.pwna4hope.org).

### **About Partnership With Native Americans**

Partnership With Native Americans (PWNA) is a nonprofit committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote, geographically isolated and often impoverished reservations. The organization collaborates with reservation programs to serve immediate needs and support long-term solutions for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities. Established in 1990, PWNA works through its grassroots partnerships and distribution network to improve the lives of 250,000 Native Americans annually. For more information follow PWNA on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, or visit its website at [www.nativepartnership.org](http://www.nativepartnership.org).



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