

NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2026

Del Norte Indian Education Center



2026 High School Seniors Prepare for Graduation

On May 19th, DNIIEC partnered with Title VI Indian Education to host a Sash Decorating & Graduation Necklace Making Workshop for American Indian high school seniors. Students received free beading supplies, choosing from premium materials like abalone, clam shells, dentalium, pine nuts, leather, and Czech glass beads to design their own unique graduation regalia.

The resulting jewelry and sashes were absolutely stunning, showcasing the incredible creativity of our graduates. Congratulations to the spectacular Class of 2026!



Above: DNHS Student, Jordan Scott, holding a graduation necklace he made



Above left: DNHS student, Tey-met-tret Hostler, Title VI TOSA, Karlie Scott, and DNHS student, Jayden Eagles



Tey-met-tret Hostler selecting beads for her graduation necklace

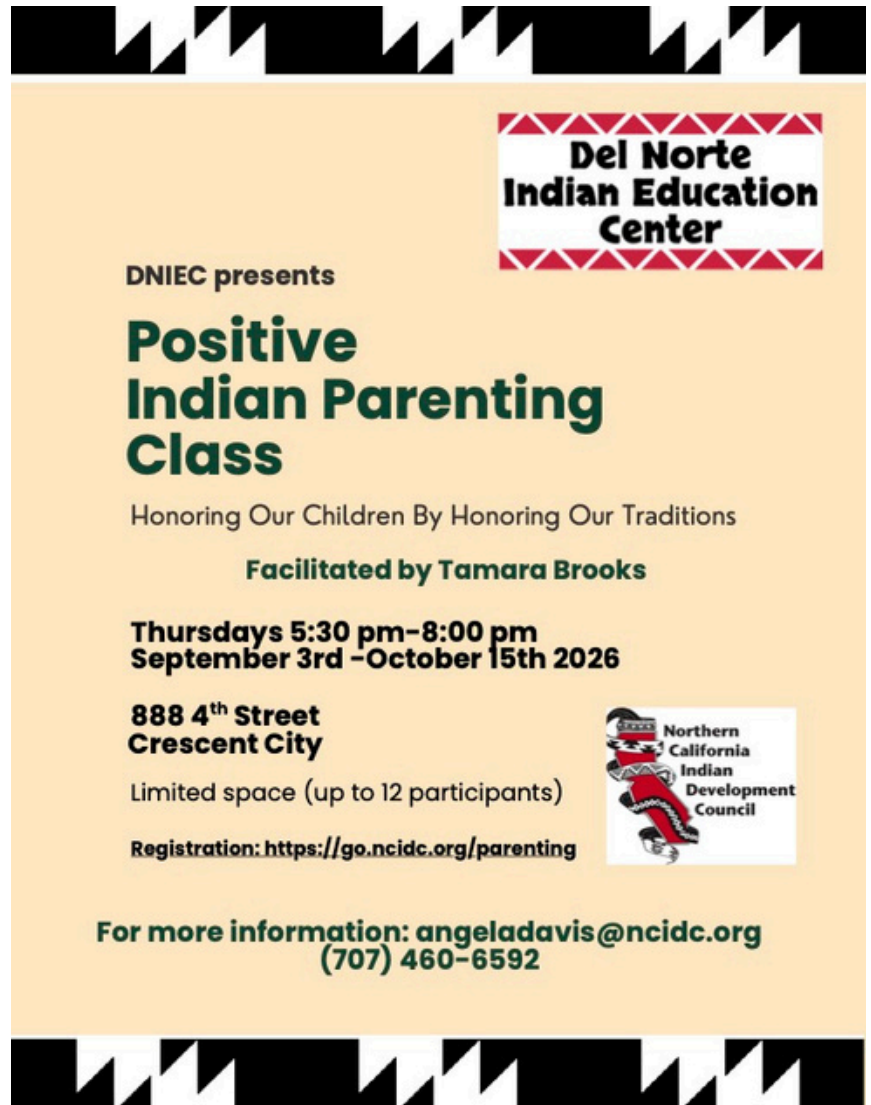
Hello Families,

We want to share a quick update regarding DNIEC's upcoming Positive Indian Parenting Class. To ensure as many families as possible can register and participate, we are moving the start date from tomorrow night to this coming September.

We want everyone to get the most out of this wonderful program, and this extra time will allow more of our community to join us. You can find the new class schedule and updated registration link on the flyer to the right!

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support.

Thank you so much!



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DNIEC presents

Positive Indian Parenting Class

Honoring Our Children By Honoring Our Traditions


Facilitated by Tamara Brooks

**Thursdays 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
September 3rd -October 15th 2026**

**888 4th Street
Crescent City**

Limited space (up to 12 participants)

Registration: <https://go.ncidc.org/parenting>



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Hygiene Kits

FREE TO NATIVE FAMILIES
*AS AVAILABLE




Each household will receive a bag with a variety of self-care items inside including:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Soap
- A cotton Towel
- Feminine Pads

And More!

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**Ani Carillo**

Sault Tribe Chippewa

Native Women's Cultural Art Exchange Group

Each year, DNIEC holds a 6-8 week-long Native Women's Cultural Art Exchange group that meets once per week for 3.5 hours.

Native Women ages 12+ are welcome to attend, free of charge. Supplies are provided, and a light dinner is served.

Women from various tribes are encouraged to bring their own projects and share their knowledge and skills with fellow attendees. However, one may come without a project, supplies, or experience; novices are always welcome.

The group creates a very small, intimate atmosphere, providing a safe space for sharing, decompressing from the stress of everyday life, and enjoying the sisterhood it fosters.



Left to right: Tiffany Stewart, Nevaeh Whisenant, Lieanna Whisenant, Quienna Whisenant, and Sheila Reed



Above: DNIEC student Molly Patterson holding a Coulter pinecone.



Above: Pine nuts from a Coulter Pine



Above: DNIEC student, Jordan Davis sorting pine nuts

Cultural Enrichment Activities at DNIEC Afterschool Program

DNIEC Afterschool students are becoming pine nut experts! Guided by a generous donation of various pinecones—Coulter, Pinyon, and Gray—students are studying the science of pinecones, their role in the ecosystem, and how to identify male versus female cones. They are also discovering the rich cultural history of how pine nuts are gathered, processed, and used in tribal regalia and jewelry. Because traditional processing is a detailed, multi-step task, students are taking it one step at a time. They have already extracted the nuts and will soon clean the pitch from the shells. We can't wait to see the beautiful handmade jewelry they create at the end of this journey! We will keep you posted!



DNIEC student Darren Davis holding Gray pinecone