

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bio of Johnson O'Malley education staff

Marley Juan

Mahomga gam yuujeh, my name is Marley Juan I am 25 years old I have lived on the Middle Verde Reservation for my entire life. I am the daughter of Lorna Hazelwood and Ronald Juan. I graduated from Scottsdale Community College in 2015 with my Associates of Arts Degree and have been working with the Yavapai-Apache Nation JOM department for (3) years as a Camp Verde High School tutor. I plan to further my education in the near future to obtain my Bachelor's degree. I have worked with children for many years, whether it was as a teen leader myself with the Native American club and UNITY or as an employee of this nation.

I work with teens ranging from 15-18 years of age and grades 9-12, I tutor every day after school from 3:30-4:30 PM and once a week on Wednesday evenings 4:30-6:30 PM. I keep track of student's grades and attendance to make sure they are on the right path to graduate on time.

I am also the advisor for the high school's Native American club and work with the students on weekends,

whether that be taking them on college tours or community services and fundraising.

I enjoy my job and love working with this age group to prepare them to be successful adults. I want the youth of this nation to walk into their futures with open minds and confidence.

Sa-ha-na Jackson

My name is Sa-ha-na Jackson. I am twenty-three years old, and I am a Yavapai-Apache citizen. I was raised in the Clarkdale community and lived there until I was eighteen before I left for Tucson to attend Pima Community College. I am now back home, living in the Tunlii Community, and have plans to finish my degree as ASU. My education has always been important to me and while my path in my higher education may seem unconventional, I truly feel it has made me a well-rounded individual. I am excited to share with the Camp Verde Middle school students the many lessons I have learned both on and off the reservation. I am excited to encourage them with this: that is does not matter how long it takes you to do something,



(L to R) Sa-Ha-na Jackson, Ariana Jackson, Rachel Jackson, Cindy Eaton-Coordinator for JOM, Leahl Garcia, Marley Juan and Thomas Herrera.

what matters is that you complete it. Native youth success is my passion, and I hope that this school year is one we can ALL look back on with pride.

Leahl Garcia

Hello, my name is Leahl Garcia and I am a tribal member here at the Yavapai-Apache Nation. I live in the Tunlii community and have four beautiful children. I am a tutor at the Camp Verde Elementary School, I work with grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. I have been here with JOM since November

2018. I really enjoy working with the students; I learn new things every day.

Thomas Herrera

My name is Thomas Herrera, I recently started work with the JOM program this year at the Camp Verde Elementary school. I'll be tutoring grades 3rd-5th. My goal is to help our kids succeed not only in school but in life, by setting goals not only academically, also help them set a future off the reservation. I hope to give the kids the ability to see that there is more to the world than here.

Ariana Sandoval

Ariana Sandoval is a JOM tutor for the Yavapai-Apache Nation. She graduated from Mingus Union high school and has attended classes at Yavapai College. This is her second year tutoring students at the Clarkdale Jerome School. She enjoys working with the students in the Clarkdale community and hopes to see all her students succeed.

Rachel Jackson

Rachel Jackson is a JOM tutor for Kindergarten through

4th grade students at Clarkdale-Jerome School. She is originally from the Clarkdale community and enjoys working with kids there, many of whom are nieces and nephews. This is her fourth year as a tutor and she describes this as her most fulfilling work yet; developing relationships with the kids and watching their progress year after year. She enjoys spending time at home with her two kids that are in college now, traveling, and river adventures with her dogs.

A visit to the farm in Dewey

BY MERIKA BACH,
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The children and their families enjoyed a day at Mortimer Farms in Dewey with a lot of happiness! It was a beautiful day packed with lots of fun! We all started by taking a hayride around the farm. There were many farm inspired rides, games and activities.

The children also picked and ate strawberries! One of the goals at

Mortimer Farms is to educate children about farming and ranching. We got lost in the corn maze (below you will see this year's design, no wonder we all got lost).

We enjoyed a picnic lunch in the shade and then roamed the fields for the perfect pumpkin to take home with us. It was a very memorable day! If you have an opportunity, we would highly recommend you take some time and check it out: <http://www.mortimerfarmsaz.com/>



2 tons of pumpkins.



Staff members of the Montessori School



A real hayride on the farm..