

**TRRU Presents:**

**TRIBAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
IN MONTANA SCHOOLS**

**2022-2023**

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**&**

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**She is currently pursuing her degree in Education at MSU-Billings to become a history teacher. She believes that change comes from the youth and the youth have strong voices that must be included to help guide how schools are operating. “I want to help the youth in their educational journey and support their ambitions to live a good long healthy life. Pinamaya”**



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# Westernized School System:

English Class

Math Class

Science Class

Social Studies

## INDIGENOUS WORLDVIEW IN SCHOOLS:

Native  
Language Class

Land  
navigation,  
Universal  
time

Land based  
education, holistic  
& spiritual healing,  
agriculture

Realistic points  
of view on  
Native Americans

**OUR TRIBAL YOUTH FIND A PLACE OF DISCONNECTION IN OUR SCHOOLS. WHY DO WE HAVE TO LEARN THESE THINGS WHEN IT DOESN'T HELP US IN OUR COMMUNITIES OR IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES?**





# HOW DO WE HELP? LEADERSHIP, CULTURE, IDENTITY

**TRY TO BRING CULTURE INTO OUR ACTIVITIES & CONFERENCES**

**CONNECT WITH OUR KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS/ ELDERS**

**YOUTH CONFERENCES- TEACH LEADERSHIP SKILLS, BUILD LIFELONG CONNECTIONS & RELATIONSHIPS**

**WE CAN TEACH OUR YOUTH HOW TO RUN FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**WE GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD FOR ONCE**

**GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE ALL OF THEIR TALENTS**

# **R.I.S.E**

## **RESILIENCY IN SOMETHING ELSE**

### **SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN RISE 2022-23**

**HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**HEART BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL**

**BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL**

**SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL**

**BIG SKY HIGH SCHOOL**

**POPLAR HIGH SCHOOL**

**BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**HAYS/LODGEPOLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**TWO EAGLE RIVER ALTERNATIVE**



**RISE IS A VIRTUAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP THAT MEETS BIWEEKLY TO ENGAGE YOUTH IN LEARNING LEADERSHIP, TRIBAL IDENTITY AND CULTURE**

**RISE WAS CREATED BY TRIBAL YOUTH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**RISE WORKS ON SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/ STATEWIDE INITIATIVES.**

**CONNECTS WITH KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS.**

**YOUTH HOSTS AND PLANS MEETINGS.**

**WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKERS, HOSTS TALENT SHOWS, & HAVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS SO EACH SCHOOL CAN MAKE CONNECTIONS & RELATIONSHIPS**



# **STATEWIDE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022-2023**

**THEME: "RISE UP, SPEAK OUT- THEY DID THEIR PART, NOW IT'S OUR TURN"**

**MSU BILLINGS  
APRIL 4TH-6TH**

**FASHION SHOW**

**3on3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**



**TRIBAL SPEAKERS**

**TALENT SHOW**

**GALA & AWARD BANQUET**

**HORSE PAINTING & TIPI LIGHTING**

# **CSKT TRIBAL EDUCATION Summit 2022**



**WHO: ARLEE, RONAN, POLSON, MISSION, ST.IGNATIUS, & TWO EAGLE  
RIVER SCHOOLS**

**OVER 60+ YOUTH PRESENT- WE HAD MORE YOUTH THERE THAN  
ADULTS!**

**THE GOAL WAS TO BRING BACK THE FLATHEAD YOUTH INITIATIVE (FYI)  
PROGRAM**

**THE FLATHEAD YOUTH INITIATIVE IS YOUTH LED INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT  
THE 7 COMMUNITIES ON THE SALISH/KOOTENAI RESERVATION**

**THEY ARE STILL DOING THEIR BIWEEKLY MEETINGS & MAKING A GOOD  
CHANGE THROUGHOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES! :)**



# **GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL FORUM 2022**



**HEART BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL, GREAT FALLS HIGH DIVERSITY CLUB & PARIS GIBSON  
HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED**

**12 YOUTH TOTAL!**

**WE HOSTED A YOUTH PANEL WITH THE YOUTH IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES  
TO TALK ABOUT CHANGES IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS, CULTURE/ IDENTITY BEING  
REPRESENTED IN SCHOOLS (OR NOT), ANY MENTAL HEALTH/ WELL BEING  
HARDSHIPS WITHIN THE SCHOOLS AND HOW WE CAN HELP LEAD CHANGE AND HELP  
GUIDE THEM WITH CHANGE AS WELL.**



# “SCHOLARSHIP, FAFSA, & COLLEGE RESOURCE DAY”

**WE MADE A POWERPOINT REGARDING FAFSA, COLLEGE RESOURCES, & SCHOLARSHIPS THAT FAVOR NATIVE STUDENTS.**

**IN THIS POWERPOINT IT TALKS ABOUT HOW TO APPLY FOR FAFSA IF YOU'RE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, IN-STATE COLLEGES/ OUT OF STATE COLLEGES, TRIBAL COLLEGES IN MT, TRADE SCHOOLS, AND HOW TO APPLY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

**WE PARTNERED WITH BILLINGS SENIOR IN 2022 FALL AND 40-50 TRIBAL YOUTH CAME TO WATCH! HAYS/ LODGEPOLE REACHED OUT TO PRESENT IT AS WELL, SO THEY WILL BE OUR NEXT STOP!**



# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**EASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**STATEWIDE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**STUDENT EXCHANGE**

**NORTH CENTRAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**RISE VISITS TO COMMUNITIES**



# ANY QUESTIONS?

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