

Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ

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2019 Wapkial Ha-Tas

TOCC staff took turns at the College's booth at the O'odham Wapkial Ha-Taş. Here are Theresa Cypriano, Administrative Assistant, Sustainability Division, and Jiivik Siiki, Phoenix Center Coordinator.



Photo by Martha Lee

As a new employee, Jiivik shared some of his background. He has Pima and Tohono O'odham heritage and is a member of the Gila River Indian Community. Jiivik holds a B.A. in History from Arizona State University and an M.A. in American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona. He said he is excited to be working for Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ!



Photo Credit: TOCC Facebook Page

TOCC Jegos Basketball teams handed out rally towels during the parade route.

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Education Pipeline Developing on the Tohono O'odham Nation

Submitted by Martha S. Lee and Duff Galda



Photo by Martha Lee

Duff Galda, M.Ed., Education Instructor

With the hiring of full-time Education Faculty member, Duff (Duffy) Galda, Tohono O'odham Community College has committed to continuing and expanding its Education program.

Ms. Galda was introduced to the community in an article in *The Runner* in November 2018, in which she said, "We are working to create a pipeline for preparing 'home-grown' teachers." With the addition of a program in Elementary Education to the College's offerings, students can now earn an Associate of Arts in Elementary Education (AAEE) at TOCC, transfer to a 4- year university to complete their bachelor's degrees, and then return to the Tohono O'odham Nation to serve as teachers and educational leaders.

"It is an exciting opportunity for our Elementary Education graduates, who will return to the Nation with starting salaries of more than \$55,000 a year working as certified teachers," added Ms. Galda.

Here are a few more things she shared in a recent interview.

Duffy started her teaching career at a small K-8 school on the Navajo Nation. Thanks to the support of an innovative and visionary school principal, she drove her sixth-grade class all over the Colorado Plateau so that they could learn from the land and the Diné community in a hands-on, highly contextualized manner that immersed them in learning opportunities embedded in traditional Diné knowledge and culture. That teaching experience was her first foray into culture-based teaching and learning, which has become a theme of her 33-year career in education.

Here is how Duff Galda describes her TOCC students:

The students represent diverse experiential and educational backgrounds and are seriously committed to working on their educations and applying their new skills and knowledge to supporting the education of youngsters on the Nation. I have been touched by the reflective, active engagement of these students in the class meetings and am tremendously excited to be working with students of this caliber.

Duffy notes that there are some great Education initiatives afoot in the Education Department. "TOCC is teaming with the Tohono O'odham Department of Education this summer to facilitate a two-week professional development experience for Tohono O'odham language and culture teachers on the Nation. Our goal is to support the ongoing education of educators so that as they earn credits to maintain their certifications, they are learning new and innovative techniques that support their anchoring of teaching, learning, and curriculum development in the Tohono O'odham culture."

In addition to internal initiatives at TOCC, Duffy also talked about excellent opportunities for TOCC students who want to be teachers, "TOCC Early Childhood and Elementary Education majors currently have unparalleled scholarship opportunities through a "First Things First" program for Early Childhood majors and the University of Arizona's "Indigenous Teacher Education Program" for those majoring in Elementary Education. Both programs are encouraging TOCC students to complete degrees in Education by offering generous stipends and full tuition waivers for students transferring to state universities."

Readers may contact Ms. Duff Galda at dgalda@tocc.edu or call her at 520-383-0085 for more information on the Education program.

"Best ATF Ever!" Submitted by Elsa Bonilla, Martha Lee, and Gaye Bumsted Perry

What does this title mean? Who said it and why? Keep reading to find out!

This story starts with the noun "articulation." The word can mean the formation of distinct sounds in speech. Radio deejays need clear articulation. But it can also mean the action or manner of joining two parts. Educators have come to use the word "articulation" to mean the process of transferring from one level of education to the next.

In Arizona, the state has an organization dedicated to helping community college students transfer to any of the three state universities. This organization is called "AZTransfer" and its website is aztransfer.com. Every community college and state university in Arizona has a representative employee who belongs to AZTransfer. TOCC's AZTransfer representative is Academic Dean Victoria Hobbs, M.Ed.

AZTransfer also organizes groups of faculty and professionals in different disciplines that meet annually to address transfer issues that arise in their respective fields. These groups are called "Articulation Task Forces," or ATFs for short. For example, if there is a question about whether a community college language course meets university requirements, then the Languages Articulation Task Force will discuss the issue in its annual meeting. It was the Languages ATF that provided support for the Tohono O'odham language courses that are now accepted for transfer to ASU, NAU and UA.

On October 12, 2018, Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC) hosted the Articulation Task Force meetings for two academic disciplines: Education and Early Childhood Education. This was the first time that TOCC had hosted two statewide ATF meetings! Thirty-five representatives from community colleges and universities across Arizona attended the Education ATF and the Early Childhood Education ATF meetings, with additional ATF members attending virtually to discuss current issues in the education fields.

Many people at TOCC helped these ATF meetings to succeed. The organizers would like to thank the Himdag Committee for the Blessing Ceremony and for the other ways in which the Himdag Committee helped make this a memorable experience for everyone. The organizers are also grateful to President Paul Robertson, Ph.D., for his collaboration, assistance with planning, and his lunchtime greeting to the ATF members and Dean Victoria Hobbs, for her support, assistance, and welcome speech delivered to the visiting ATF members. Special thanks also to students: **Isabel Mena**, ECE student and ECE Club Vice President and Student Senate Main Campus Representative; **Alita Smith**, then-Student Senate President; **Belinda Fendenheim**, ECE student and ECE Club President; **Diana Antone**, ECE student; **Alyssah Orozco**, ECE student; and TOCC Traditional Singers **Juana Lopez** and **Eddie Miguel**. Elsa Bonilla would like to thank the students, for their passion towards the betterment of children on the Tohono O'odham Nation."

After the meeting, one of the participants, Melissa Busby, M.A., who is the Board President of the Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, wrote a Facebook comment that this was the "best ATF ever!" Recently, she elaborated, "The sharing of Tohono O'odham culture and traditions and the generous hospitality and extra touches provided by the TOCC faculty, staff, and students made it the best Articulation Task Force meeting ever."



*The Education ATF and the Early Childhood Education ATF joint meeting. TOCC's Education Instructor **Duff Galda, M.Ed.**, hosted the Education ATF meeting in the morning; ECE Community of Practice Coordinator **Elsa Bonilla, A.A.**, hosted the Early Childhood Education ATF with Social Services/Social Work Instructor **Curtis Peterson, Ph.D.** Then-Curriculum Coordinator **Gaye Bumsted Perry, Ph.D.**, facilitated all three meetings. Photo by Elsa Bonilla.*



Several of the attendees gathered after the event. From left to right: TOCC Delegation: Elsa Bonilla, Isabel Mena, Belinda Fendenheim, Gaye Bumsted Perry, Diana Antone, and Duff Galda; Alicia Smith, Ed.D., Residential Faculty, and Program Coordinator– Early Education and Learning, South Mountain Community College; Dawn Wilkinson, M.Ed., Executive Director, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children; Annapurna Ganesh, Ph.D., Residential Faculty – Child/Family Studies, Mesa Community College; Shanna Kukla, M.Ed., Consultant, Early Childhood Higher Education Systems and Adjunct Faculty Early Childhood, UA South and Central Arizona College. Photo courtesy of Elsa Bonilla.

Radio Show Continues on Tuesday Afternoons on Three Stations

Submitted by Martha Lee

In November 2018, TOCC hosted a workshop on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules offered by O'odham Hewel Ñi'ok (the radio network on the Tohono O'odham Nation).



Front row: Workshop leaders *Leeroy Antone, Station Manager, Full Power; Maria Donahue, Station Manager, Low Power; and Fred Lopez, Programming Coordinator.* **Back row:** Participants *Alita Smith, Clifford Wolf Black, Ashlynn Siquieros, Mario Aguilla, Patricia Ortega, and Mariah Shieldchief.*

Congratulations to the four individuals who successfully completed the workshop and are now eligible to serve as deejays for TOCC's radio show or on Hewel Ñi'ok radio stations: Instructor Mariah Shieldchief, and students Ashlynn Siquieros, Alita Smith, and Clifford Wolf Black.

TOCC's radio show **Em Ma:cidag Wui** ("Towards Your Learning") airs on Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. on 91.9 FM Sells, KOHH 90.7 FM San Lucy, and KOHF-LP 101.1 FM Florence Community. Listeners out of range of these stations may hear the show via a radio app such as tunein.com.

Radio Show To Air in San Xavier on Saturdays

Starting in February 2019, TOCC's radio show **Em Ma:cidag Wui** will be broadcast on KWAK-LP 102.5 FM serving the San Xavier Community. The show will air on Saturdays at 4:00-6:00 p.m., with talk and waila music intermixed.



TOCC Visits San Carlos Apache College

Tohono O'odham Community College President, Board of Trustees and some staff members completed a site visit to the San Carlos Apache College (SCAC) on November 8, 2018. The site visit included a tour of the facilities and visiting with students.

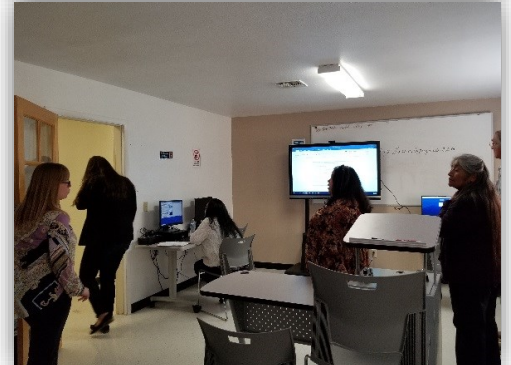
The students pictured in the photo below served on a student panel. The students with varying backgrounds and educational goals shared their experiences and commended TOCC in partnering with the San Carlos Apache Tribe to assist in their goal of establishing San Carlos Apache College as its own Tribal Community College. The agreement between San Carlos Apache College and Tohono O'odham Community College states that TOCC will sponsor SCAC until such time when SCAC achieves independent accreditation.



Back row from left to right; Dr. Martin Ahumada, San Carlos Apache College President; Karen Neptune, Admissions & Records; Orion Cattleman, Student; Bigcoat Antonio, Student; John Sanchez, Student. Front row from left to right; Jewell Fleming, Student; Dr. Ofelia Zepeda, TOCC Board of Trustees Chairwoman; Michelle Sneezy, Student; and Angel Tarango, Student.



In the photo above, Kathy Kitcheyan, Apache Language & Culture Instructor shares the history of San Carlos and of her classroom which served as the former Council Chambers for the San Carlos Apache Tribe.



In the photos above, TOCC Delegation walks the streets of downtown San Carlos touring SCAC facilities. We also met SCAC's four legged friends.



Employment Opportunities - Revised

U:walig Maşad – Deer Mating Month
February 18 - 22, 2019

Tohono O'odham Community College is an accredited two-year tribal college and was established in 1998. TOCC is located in Sells, Arizona approximately 60 miles west of Tucson. Job descriptions can be obtained at TOCC or by calling the number listed above.

Our job listing, job descriptions, and applications can also be found on our website:

www.tocc.edu

JOB TITLE	CLOSING DATE	APPLICATION REVIEW	SALARY	INHOUSE
Assistant Community of Practice Coordinator (Part-time/Temporary)	Open Until Filled	November 14, 2018	\$20.00 per hour	
Director of Institutional Effectiveness	Open Until Filled	February 12, 2019	\$60,349 - \$65,000 annual	
Facilities Maintenance Technician	Open Until Filled	February 19, 2019	\$13.54 per hour	
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Instructor	Open Until Filled	December 26, 2018	\$47,701 annual (DOE)	
Lead Facilities Maintenance Technician	Open Until Filled	December 26, 2018	\$17.41 per hour	
Library Assistant	Open Until Filled	February 27, 2019	\$13.54 per hour	XXX
Physics Instructor	Open Until Filled	November 14, 2018	\$47,701 annual (DOE)	
Project Director, GEO:SMART Project	Open Until Filled	December 26, 2018	\$60,349 annual	
Recruiter	Open Until Filled	October 16, 2018	\$40,000 - \$44,000 annual	
Senior Cultural Mentor (Part-time)	Open Until Filled	November 14, 2018	\$20.00 per hour	
Tutor (Part-time/ Temporary)	Open Until Filled	December 26, 2018	\$13.09 - \$21.25 per hour (DOE)	

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The Tohono O'odham Community College Development, LLC is now fully accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).



TOCC Art Students currently have a display at the entrance to the Main Library in Tucson, 101 N. Stone Ave.

The display contains art from the photography, design and printmaking classes and was on display until February 24th, 2019.



Tutor Schedule*
Spring 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00	Shawn	Kim	Shawn	Kim
9:30	Lucinda	Shawn	Kim	Shawn
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More to come!
For more information, please call: 383-0032.



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Math & Science
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T/Th: 9:00-4:00, W: 9:00-3:00
M/W: 11:00-4:00, T/Th: 9:00-10:00, 1:00-5:00
M/Th: 4:00-6:00

*subject to change

Attention Students

TOCC and your Instructors have attendance policies.

You are responsible to know and observe them.

BE ADVISED:

- ⇒ An instructor can and will drop students for poor attendance or excessive absences.
- ⇒ **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28** is census day. Instructors 'may' submit faculty withdrawals for students who are not attending.
- ⇒ Students are **RESPONSIBLE** to inform & especially to communicate with their instructors regularly to avoid UNEXCUSED absences!
- ⇒ **FRIDAY MARCH 29** is the last day for **students** to withdraw and be eligible for a 'W' grade.



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Lunch with the President

Students met with College President Dr. Paul Robertson on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, to discuss ongoing plans and events at TOCC. This Lunch with the President was sponsored by Ka: T-Ñi'oki - Student Senate.



Photo by Martha Lee