

# Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuḍ 2020-2021 Ahidag Ha'icu A:ga



## Tohono O'odham Community College 2020-2021 Annual Report

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## TOCC Board of Trustees

Dr. Ofelia Zepeda, from Stanfield, Arizona, currently Chair and a trustee since 2002

Bernard Siquieros, from Sells District, currently Vice Chair and a trustee since 2002

Anthony Chana, from Ge Aji District, currently Secretary and an elder trustee since 2007

Mary Bliss, from San Xavier District, a trustee since 2019

Libby Francisco, from San Xavier District, a trustee since 2002

Jonas Robles, from Ge Aji District, an elder trustee since 2007

**Note:** In the pages that follow, quotation marks indicate direct quotes from TOCC's Annual Report Video for 2020-2021, which is available on TOCC's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwZFYSOL7WFi2nkejO8ZSvw>.

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## Message from Dr. Ofelia Zepeda

Board of Trustees Chair

“The current Board welcomes Tohono O’odham elders and other community members to consider serving on the TOCC Board of Trustees. We can have up to 11 members at a time, so please look into joining us on the Board.

I am pleased to introduce College President Paul Robertson. He has led the College admirably through a difficult year.”

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## Message from Dr. Paul Robertson

President of Tohono O’odham Community College

Şa: ‘am ‘a’i masma? Greetings!

This annual report covers fiscal 2020, which includes fall 2019 and spring 2020, and much of fiscal 2021, through the end of April 2021. The graduates, finances, and spring/summer activities of 2021 will be reported upon at a later date.

This report is also forward-looking, concerning trends and possibilities for Tohono O’odham Community College.

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## Fall 2019 - February 2020

Looking back, fall 2019 was a glorious time of outdoor events such as TOCC's yearly O'odham Taş celebration and students studying and working on their futures.

In early 2020, the College continued its traditions, with evening Storytelling on February 21 and Stargazing on February 26.

The storytelling evening was hosted by the Himdag Committee, and the stargazing event was co-sponsored by TOCC's chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and Kitt Peak National Observatory.

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## Jegos Basketball 2019-2020 Season

Michael Steward, Head Men's Basketball Coach  
 Timothy Larsen, Associate Basketball Coach  
 Jaron Neal, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach  
 Mike Gonzales, Women's Basketball Coach  
 Kieren Lipa, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach  
 Eliza Wilson, Athletic Trainer

### Highlights

Current teams played men and women alumni on October 17, 2019.  
 Both current teams won.

Sophomore Night on February 25, 2020 with women's and men's teams winning against Chandler Gilbert.

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## COVID-19 Pandemic

In January and February 2020, people at the College heard about an infectious new coronavirus spreading across the world.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

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### March 12, 2020

Last In-Person Day on Campus

Two Highlights

Today's Menu \_ 3/12/20 ➡

#### BREAKFAST

Protein smoothies  
Bacon

#### LUNCH

fish  
Chips  
Coleslaw

**Do you know how to sing O'dham songs?  
Interested in learning O'dham songs?**

Join Us

**Thursday March 12, 2020**

**Under the Watto outside I-we:mta Ki:**

S-cuk Du'ag Maşcamakuđ

**5 pm** ~~4:30 p.m. — 5:15 p.m.~~

Bring some water & your şawkuđ  
if you have one

Open to all students. Staff are welcome to attend

Hosted by: Ethan Antone

Ronald Fells, TOCC Retention Coordinator

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## How TOCC Responded to the Pandemic

- Spring break was extended a week.
- Faculty received training in online instruction.
- All classes moved online as of March 30, 2020.
- The campuses were closed except for security and a few other essential staff.
- Dormitory residents moved out with staff help.
- Most employees worked from home.

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## TOCC Focused on Communication

- The deans held online forums to explain new procedures to students and answer questions.
- The College spread the word through emails, Facebook posts, radio PSAs, articles in *The Runner*, texts, and phone calls.
- Counselor Alberta Espinoza held group counseling sessions and Senior Cultural Mentor Camillus Lopez hosted an inspirational event at President Robertson's request.
- The Library organized online tutoring.
- The tocc.edu website posted College news and resources for understanding and avoiding COVID.

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## Sylvia Hendricks

### Director of Student Life

Campus Security worked with the Director of Operations and with the Facilities Maintenance staff to develop guidelines for health and safety and to set up wellness check stations for individuals authorized to come on campus.

TOCC cooperated with the Tohono O'odham Nation to serve as an overflow site for people needing a place to quarantine. A biosafety company cleaned the residences after this need was met.

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## Dr. Curtis Peterson

### Academic Dean

TOCC faculty received Quality Matters professional development on online course delivery. They also trained each other on best practices.

The College website maintains an updated Faculty Directory. Click on the Staff/Faculty tab at [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu) to see the lists of full-time and adjunct faculty.

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## Message from Naomi Tom

Dean of Student Services

“Students learned how to make the best of online classes. Most of our faculty and staff ended up working from home either full time or part time, and we all quickly became experts at using Zoom.

“Thanks to the federal CARES Act, which provided COVID relief funds, we were able to mail checks to eligible students. As they signed up for the funds, we surveyed them about their needs and experiences.”

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### STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING

Covid 19-Emergency Funding is Now Available to Current TOCC and SCAC students



#### FUNDING AMOUNTS

Students taking 3-5 credits: \$200

Students taking 6-8 credits: \$400

Students taking 9 or more credits: \$700

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Currently enrolled at TOCC or SCAC for 3 or more credits
- Title IV eligible (have a Social Security Card, a High School Diploma or GED, and be a US citizen)
- Had to change over from face-to-face classes to online classes this semester
- Are not regular employees of TOCC or SCAC

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and submit survey on TOCC homepage (tocc.edu)



Questions? Contact Dean of Student Services, Naomi Tom: ntom@tocc.edu

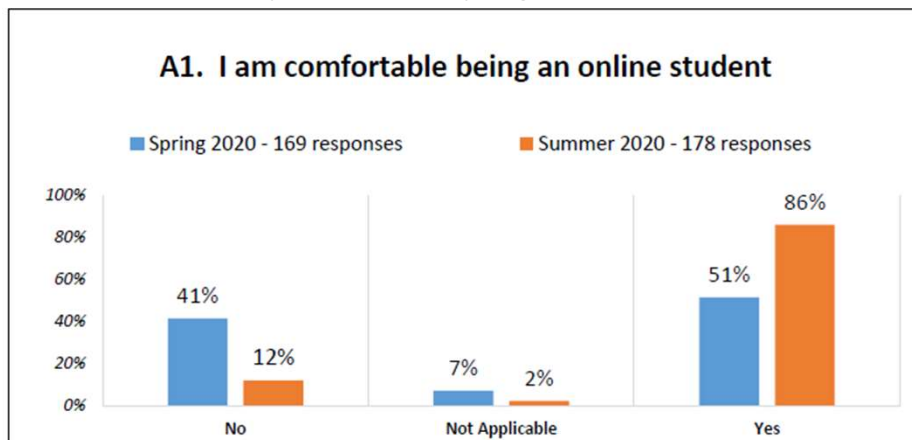
Sample Flyer about Covid Relief Funding for Students

Posted on TOCC's Facebook page on May 4, 2020

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## Sample from Student Surveys - Comparison from Spring to Summer 2020



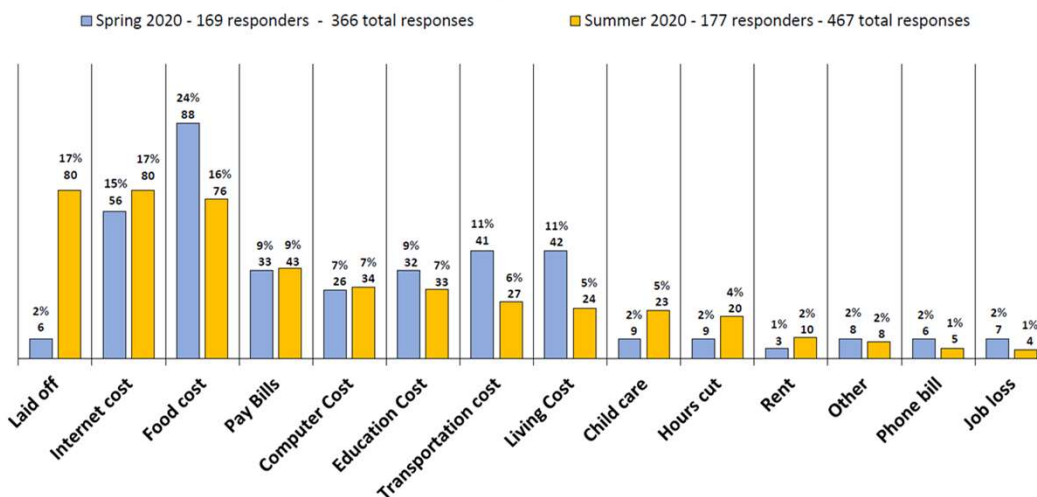
This bar graph shows that by summer session, students were more comfortable with online coursework than they had been in spring 2020.

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## Other Questions from the Student Surveys

**Item-1. Please tell us in a few words how this emergency funding may be of assistance to you.**

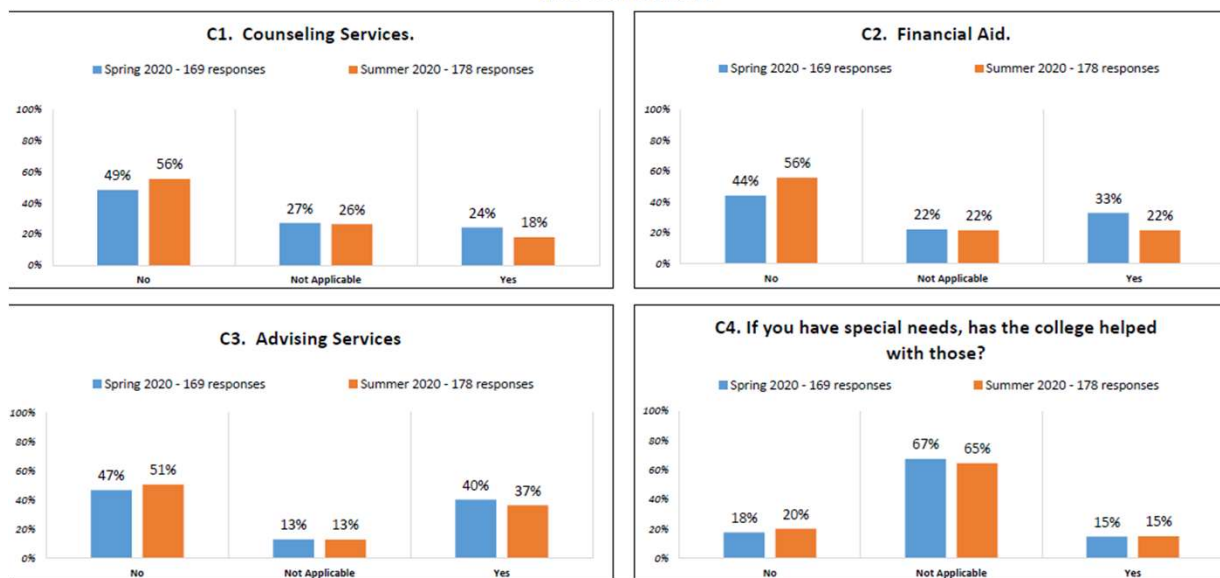


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### Item C - Which of the following student support services have been challenging to access since the transition



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## Targeted Support

With information collected from the surveys, Tohono O'odham Community College understood the students' concerns and provided support. Some of the steps taken:

- The Financial Aid Office increased its capacity by adding two positions, a Financial Aid Manager and an additional Financial Aid Technician.
- The Lead Cook and three Shuttle Drivers assisted with Student Services.
- An Advising Team was assembled to help the Academic Advisor.
- The Bookstore mailed textbooks as well as supply kits for art and science courses.
- The College Library loaned and distributed technology via curbside pickup and home delivery, including iPads, laptops, Chromebooks, and digital cameras.

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## Academic Achievements



### Dwayne Ortega

Coca-Cola First Generation  
Scholar - 2020

Studying for this degree:  
Associate of Arts in Life Science  
with a focus on Community  
and Public Health

Photo by M. Lee

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## Caralina Antone 2020 Student of the Year

“Spring 2020 was a tough semester. I was taking courses for my social work degree and serving as an intern. I really loved the in-person classes and the atmosphere on campus. Suddenly I had to be online, all the time. My wifi was unstable, and my computer kept freezing. But with help from my professors and support from each other, my classmates and I made it. I received my acceptance letter to Arizona State University, and that’s where I am now, studying for my bachelor’s in Social Work.”

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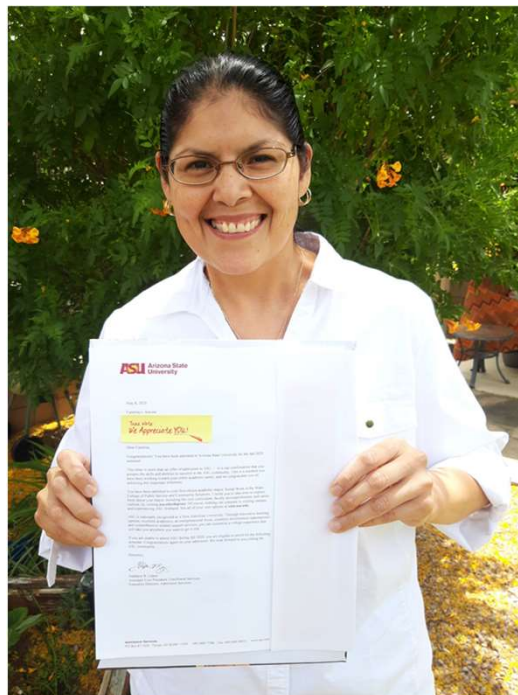
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## Caralina Antone Student of the Year

Graduated in 2020 with her  
Associate of Arts in  
Social Services – with honors

Now at Arizona State University

Photo courtesy of Caralina Antone



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## Commencement 2020

Held Virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live

The online celebration included all the usual elements: flag raising, national anthem, keynote speaker, student speakers, and presentation of the graduates. The ceremony also included a memorial for three faculty members who left us in 2018 through 2020. We remembered them for a moment. Let us recognize them again now, along with the many members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and others whom we have lost over the past two years.

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In Loving Memory of  
Phillip Miguel, John Javier, Louis Billar



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## Class of 2020

Twenty-eight individuals graduated from Tohono O'odham Community College in 2020, four of whom also graduated from San Carlos Apache College.

Six individuals earned their High School Equivalency credentials during 2019-2020.

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## Class of 2020

<b>Lina M. Al-Yousef</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts	<b>Caralina L. Antone</b> Associate of Arts in Social Services – with honors	<b>Alissia C. Bautista</b> Associate of Arts in Social Services – Social Work
<b>Damien Anthony Carlos</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts	<b>Theresa M. Cypriano</b> Associate of Arts in Elementary Education	<b>Miranda Faye Delores</b> Associate of Arts in Social Services
<b>Ursula Melody Enos</b> Associate of Applied Science in Business Management Associate of Business in Business Administration	<b>Jody Escalante</b> Associate of Science in Life Science	<b>Delia Marie Francisco</b> Associate of Arts in Social Services – Social Work

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## Class of 2020

<b>Tina Melanie Juan</b> Associate of Business in Business Administration – with honors	<b>Analysa Martinez</b> Associate of Science in Life Science – Health Science	<b>Warren Matthew Mattias</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts – with honors
<b>Isabel Valencia Mena</b> Associate of Arts in Social Services – Social Work and Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education	<b>Amanda L. Miguel</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts	<b>Crystal Lynn Narcho</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
<b>Matthew A. Narcho</b> Associate of Fine Arts – Studio Emphasis	<b>Deidre White Dove Ortega</b> Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education	<b>Candace Lanae Pablo</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts – high honors

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## Class of 2020

<b>Zachary Pablo</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts	<b>Delisa Ramon</b> Associate of Business in Business Administration	<b>Mia Alesi Rodriguez</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
<b>Stefany Paredes Urias</b> Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education – high honors	<b>Elvira A. Wellington</b> Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education	<b>Delaiah M. Wood</b> Associate of Fine Arts – Studio Emphasis

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## Class of 2020 San Carlos Apache College (SCAC)

*Congratulations to SCAC's first graduating class!*

<b>Bigcoat Coty Antonio</b> Associate of Business in Business Administration – high honors	<b>Melissa Sue Cosen</b> Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts
<b>Arica Dosela</b> Certificate in Social Services	<b>Michelle Sneezy</b> Certificate in Social Services

**Note:** These individuals graduated from both TOCC and San Carlos Apache College.

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## GED/High School Equivalency Graduates

### 2019

Bruce Albert  
Angeline Vavages

**Note:** These individuals, who earned their GED in fall 2019, are in addition to the eight GED graduates listed in the 2019 annual report.

### 2020

Belen Cupis  
Monique Sanchez-Gonzales  
Alma Heredia  
Raul Sotelo, Jr.

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## Introducing an Alumna of TOCC

Ms. Theresa Cypriano, Class of 2020  
From San Lucy District  
Lived in Sells for most of her life

Worked at TOCC for 11 years and took classes during this time; resigned to study full time and then finished her Associate of Arts in Elementary Education

Now enrolled at the University of Arizona through the  
Indigenous Teacher Education Project (ITEP)

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## Theresa Cypriano

### Alumna

“I decided I wanted to become a teacher. I went to school on the Tohono O’odham Nation from preschool to my senior year. I noticed there were not many Native teachers there; there were teachers, however, they were more like teacher aides, not so much the teacher. Also, I distinctly remember my second grade teacher, Miss Rose. She made learning fun! She made learning interesting and every day, it was like, I wanted to be there. She had a really unique way of teaching, and I noticed that, too.”

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## Dr. Ofelia Zepeda

### Board Chair

“The College Board of Trustees made some tough decisions during spring 2020 that we believe will strengthen the College in the long run. We decided to discontinue TOCC’s participation in junior college basketball, but this move has allowed the College to start a cross country team and focus on wellness for the entire student body.”

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**Michael Steward**  
Head Athletic Coach

**Timothy Larsen**  
Assistant Coach

- TOCC's Wellness Program has operated online during the pandemic.
- Access the Wellness Program is through the web at <https://tocc.edu/tocc-wellness-program/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ToccWellness/>.
- The Wellness Program will start in person in Fall 2021 based in the Apedag Ki: (Well-being Building) at S-cuk Du'ag Maşcamakuḍ.
- This is the tenth anniversary of Athletics at TOCC, which started at in 2011 with men's basketball. Women's basketball began in 2012.

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Find the Wellness Program at [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu)



Go to the "Returning Students" dropdown menu and click on the "TOCC Wellness Program."

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## Anthony Francisco, Jr. Head Cross Country Coach

- The College assembled its inaugural cross country team in fall 2020. The team's first meet was the Desert Twilight Community College Festival in San Tan, Arizona on October 2, 2020.
- The team participated in the National Junior College Athletic Association national meet and National Half Marathon in Fort Dodge, Iowa in mid-November 2020.
- Eliza Wilson serves as Athletic Trainer.

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### TOCC Cross Country Team, 2020

From left:  
Myklyn Juan,  
Pachynne Ignacio,  
Shaunanthony  
Pashano,  
Timothy Curley,  
Jacy Edaakie, and  
Coach Anthony  
Francisco, Jr.  
Not pictured:  
Sean Ortega.  
Photo courtesy of  
Jegos Athletics.

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## Dr. Ofelia Zepeda

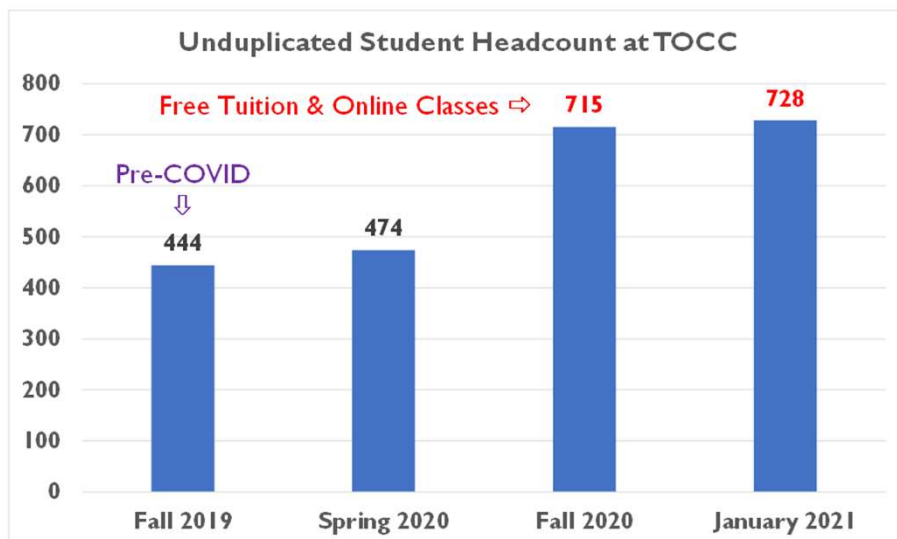
### Board Chair

“The Board of Trustees also approved free tuition for Native American students at TOCC. This started with summer session 2020, and we have renewed the free tuition offer through fall 2021. This move has helped our Tohono O’odham community while diversifying the student body at the College. It has also increased our enrollment....Our student body profile changes every semester, and you can find the most recent numbers on the College website at [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu).”

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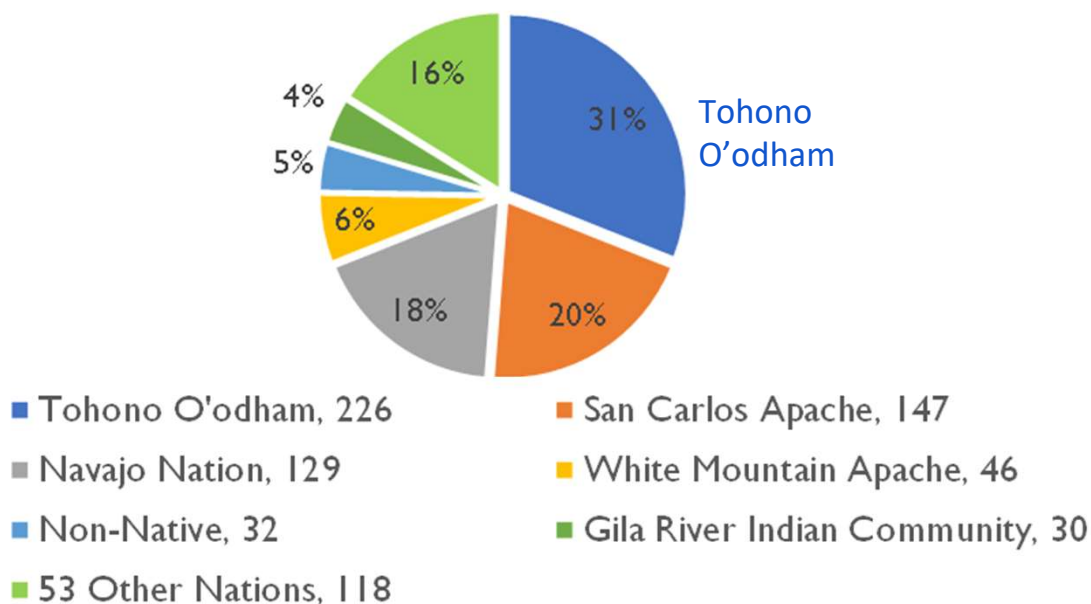
## Increasing Enrollment



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### Student Headcount by Sovereign Nation, 1/24/2021



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### Snapshot of Student Body, January 2021

Current student body profile data is available at <https://tocc.edu/institutional-effectiveness/>

Data on this page and the next two pages is reflected in the pie chart on the previous page.

tribal_affiliation_description	Count of tribal_affiliation_descr
Alaska-CIB	1
Alaska-Native Village of Unalakleet	1
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria-Hoopa Valley Tribe CA	1
Canadian-Cert of Indian Status	2
Cherokee Nation OK	7
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes OK	1
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation SD	1
Choctaw Nation OK	2
Cocopah Tribe AZ	1
Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation AZ and CA	3
Comanche Nation OK	4
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation WA	2
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation OR	2
Crow Tribe MT	1
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians NC	2
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe AZ, CA, and NV	2
Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation AZ	30
Ho-Chunk Nation WI	1
Hopi Tribe AZ	17

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Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation AZ	1
Iowa Tribe KS and NB	2
Jicarilla Apache Nation NM	2
Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation KS	3
Klamath Tribes OR	1
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians FL	1
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians MS	1
Navajo Nation AZ, NM, and UT	129
<b>Non-Native</b>	<b>32</b>
Nooksack Indian Tribe WA	1
Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation MT	1
<b>NTID</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NTID - Navajo Nation AZ, NM, and UT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NTID - Tohono O'odham Nation AZ</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NTID.NOT Enrolled-Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation CA and AZ</b>	<b>1</b>
Paiute Indian Tribe (Bands of Paiutes - Cedar, Kanosh, Koosharem, Indian Peaks, and Shivwits) UT	1
Pascua Yagui Tribe AZ	11
Pit River Tribe (includes XL Ranch, Big Bend, Likely, Lookout, Montgomery Creek and Roaring Creek Rancherias) CA	1
Port Gamble WABand of S'Klallam Indians WA	1
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation KS	2
Pueblo of Laguna NM	2
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation CA and AZ	3
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians WI	2
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation SD	2
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe NY	2

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## Snapshot of Student Body, January 2021

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation AZ	4
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation AZ	147
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of ND and SD	1
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation OK	5
The Seminole Nation OK	4
Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation ND	1
<b>Tohono O'odham Nation AZ</b>	<b>226</b>
Upper Mataponi Indian Tribe	1
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation UT	1
Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation NV	1
Washoe Tribe (Carson Colony, Dresslerville Colony, Woodfords Community, Stewart Community, & Washoe Ranches) NV & CA	1
White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation AZ	46
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, & Tawakonie) OK	1
Wyandotte Nation OK	1
Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation NM	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>728</b>

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## Human Resources Report on Full-Time Employees

April 2021

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percentages</u>
<b>Full-time positions:</b>	<b>98</b>	
Filled Positions	90	92%
Vacant Positions	8	8%
<b>Female</b>	49	54%
<b>Male</b>	41	46%
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Tohono O'odham	54	60%
Native American Other	9	10%
Hispanic	3	3%
White	19	21%
Black	5	6%
Asian	0	0%

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Joann Miguel

Dean of Finance

“TOCC Finances are in good shape. Our revenues and expenses for 2020 were around \$11 million each....The audit for 2020 is complete, and we were found to be a low-risk auditee. Financial statements are included in the annual report that will be on our website under Publications. We are grateful to the Tohono O’odham Nation for its ongoing support. Thanks also to many other funders.”

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020  
(WITH COMPARATIVE SUMMARIZED TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2020	Summarized Total 2019
<b>Revenues and Other Support</b>				
Tuition and fees	\$ 350,837	\$ -	\$ 350,837	\$ 294,570
Legislative appropriation	4,853,376	-	4,853,376	4,853,376
Government grants	6,071,157	-	6,071,157	4,481,964
Gifts	12,290	117,794	130,084	185,542
Bookstore sales	178,250	-	178,250	189,022
Investment income, net	113,661	1,505	115,166	136,547
Miscellaneous income	112,899	-	112,899	57,049
Development revenues	5,554	-	5,554	57,477
Net assets released from restrictions	132,447	(132,447)	-	-
Total revenues and other support	11,830,471	(13,148)	11,817,323	10,255,547

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			Total 2020	Summarized Total 2019
<b>Expenses</b>				
Educational program services				
Instruction	1,415,183	-	1,415,183	1,739,399
Institutional research	6,936	-	6,936	10,109
Student services	1,053,580	-	1,053,580	882,696
Student life	387,350	-	387,350	343,818
Auxiliary enterprises	589,258	-	589,258	669,950
AIHEC Conference expenses	11	-	11	81
Sponsored projects	1,864,234	-	1,864,234	1,645,803
New campus development	119,036	-	119,036	-
Total program services	5,435,588	-	5,435,588	5,291,856
Supporting services				
Academic support	674,166	-	674,166	444,457
Student financial aid	817,423	-	817,423	790,164
Sustainability	146,385	-	146,385	111,232
Cultural	89,600	-	89,600	88,332
Operations & maintenance	1,102,026	-	1,102,026	957,980
Institutional support	2,268,119	-	2,268,119	1,943,070
Total expenses	10,533,307	-	10,533,307	9,627,091

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS OF JUNE 30,

	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,720,374	\$ 1,938,460
Accounts receivable, net	243,407	147,824
Grants receivable	675,856	405,588
Inventory	115,222	105,241
Prepaid expenses	23,516	31,131
Investments	1,524,423	1,788,468
Total current assets	6,302,798	4,416,712
Beneficial interest in funds held by others	374,235	369,508
Capital assets, net	8,530,120	8,060,394
Total assets	<u>\$ 15,207,153</u>	<u>\$ 12,846,614</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS OF JUNE 30,

	2020	2019
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 458,932	\$ 439,791
Accrued expenses	450,692	349,623
Unearned revenue	1,078,863	116,362
Funds held for American Indian Higher Education	-	6,188
Total current liabilities	1,988,487	911,964
Total liabilities	1,988,487	911,964
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	13,085,603	11,788,439
With donor restrictions	133,063	146,211
Total net assets	13,218,666	11,934,650
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 15,207,153</u>	<u>\$ 12,846,614</u>

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees and Management  
Tohono O'odham Community College  
Sells, Arizona

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Tohono O'odham Community College as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and its cash flows for the years then ended and the changes in its net assets for the year ended June 30, 2020, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Auditee qualified as **low-risk auditee?** .....Yes

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## Rebecca Swift

Student Services Director/Librarian

**San Carlos Apache College (SCAC)**

A Site of Tohono O'odham Community College

"SCAC has its own board and produces its own reports. We appreciate being a partner of TOCC. The past year and a half have been a difficult but exciting time as we expand our online options."

A virtual tour of SCAC is available on the TOCC homepage at [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu). SCAC information is at [www.apachecollege.org](http://www.apachecollege.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/ApacheCollege>.

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Photo  
courtesy of  
San Carlos  
Apache  
College



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## TOCC's Accreditation

In fall 2020, TOCC worked on its Comprehensive Evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The Board, staff, and faculty reviewed many College policies, and we had a small group write the required report to the HLC.

A team from the HLC visited TOCC in February 2021 and met with administrators, faculty, students, and staff. TOCC passed this evaluation and continues to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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## Policies Updated

The following policies were updated in 2020 and early 2021:

Faculty Handbook	Finance and Operations Policies and Procedures
Information Technology (IT) Policy	Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (includes Title IX policy)
Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook	Student Handbook
Whistleblower Policy	

These and other policies are available at <https://tocc.edu/employee-forms/>.

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## The Himdag Committee

Chair: Ms. Juana Jose, Cultural Liaison

- Works to link every aspect of life at the College to the Himdag and to make the College more O'odham culturally sensitive.
- Presents on aspects of the Himdag at All Staff meetings.
- Leads trainings and field trips.
- Produces videos on TOCC campuses and other topics.
- In spring 2021, the Himdag Committee developed an orientation for faculty; all at TOCC were invited to attend.

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## Ms. Frances Benavidez

Director of Tohono O'odham Studies

"As part of strengthening our program, the Tohono O'odham Studies faculty works together on curriculum and planning. Please meet our instructors."

Full-time Instructor:

Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan, M.A.

Tohono O'odham Language, History & Culture

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## Tohono O'odham Studies Instructors

Adjunct Instructors in 2021

Adam Andrews, MLS Political Science and Tohono O'odham Language	Jeremy Johns, M.S. & M.Ed. Tohono O'odham Language
Camillus Lopez, Elder Tohono O'odham Language, History & Culture	Dwayne Pierce, M.A. Tohono O'odham History & Culture
Andrea Ramon, M.A. Tohono O'odham Language, History & Culture	Angelina Saraficio, M.Ed. Tohono O'odham Language

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## Web of Communication

### Reaching Out While Operating Online

- Frequent emails to student and employees
- Online forums to answer questions
- Texts to students who opt in to receive texts
- Announcements on website and Facebook page
- [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu)
- <https://www.facebook.com/tohonoodhamcc>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwZFYSOL7WFi2nkejO8ZSvw>  
(TOCC's YouTube channel)

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## Dr. Paul Robertson

### President

- Thanks to the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, TOCC has received funds that it has transferred and will continue to send to students, as well as funds that will help the College with COVID-related expenses.
- Reports on these expenditures are at <https://tocc.edu/u-s-department-of-education/>.
- Along with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) TOCC is lobbying Congress for greater flexibility in usage of the funds.

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## Construction at S-cuk Du'ag Maşcamakuḍ - Black Mountain Campus

- Arts & Sciences Building (classrooms, art studio, science lab, offices for Administration and Finance, and conference rooms) – 12,000 square feet
- Apedag Ki: (Wellness Center) – constructed by apprentices working with Tohono O'odham Community College Development, LLC
- Both of these buildings will be ready for fall 2021
- A Tohono O'odham Language Center building is being planned

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## Dr. Mario Montes-Helu Dean for Sustainability

“The College is preparing to reopen in phases for in-person learning, starting in fall 2021. We will continue to offer many online-only courses while also opening up a ‘flex’ option that allows students to choose to join class in person or online. We are following the latest scientific and safety guidelines to be sure that everybody is safe.”

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## Dr. Paul Robertson President

“I want to thank the Operations and Maintenance team for doing an excellent job providing a safe environment for our workers and for anyone else should they come onto campus.”

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## Facilities Maintenance Team

From lower right then counterclockwise: Grace Francisco, Ambrose Lopez, Nakio Lopez, Rafael Lewis, Georgianne Jose, Darrellene Clark, and Director of Operations Jay Juan. Photo by Annastasia Gonzales.



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## Dr. Mario Montes-Helu

### Dean for Sustainability

- Sustainability Division is focused on long-term future of the College and the Tohono O'odham Nation
- Offers Geographic Information Systems (GIS) workshops open to all of the Nation's members to build GIS capacity
- Workforce and Community Development area is developing two new programs — solar energy and sustainable building technologies
- For details, see <https://tocc.edu/geosmart-project/> and <https://tocc.edu/land-grant-office-of-sustainability/>

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## Dr. Paul Robertson

### President

“TOCC continues to grow and continues to maintain its character as a tribal college, working towards the vision of being the Nation's center for higher education at the same time as strengthening the Himdag through the provision of quality education. That's our vision and mission. So we appreciate your participating.”

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## Conclusion

“Tohono O'odham Community College is a two-year college for individuals from all walks of life who want to further their education. TOCC primarily serves the residents of the Tohono O'odham Nation, but anyone pursuing a higher education is welcome to attend.”

— [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu)

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## Singing by Camillus Lopez

Iolkam Du'ag is a mountain visible from TOCC's Black Mountain Campus. (The mountain is also known as Kitt Peak.) Here are lyrics to the song in English

Iolkam Weco Ñe'i

Bird flies over the land toward Iolkam Du'ag.

At the base of the mountain a great light is shining (TOCC)

As it moves closer to the light it hears good words/sounds coming from the place.

It sings this song;

Singing by Camillus Lopez is available on  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJFQrz0MzxU>

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