



**Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ
2022 Ahidag Ha'icu A:ga
2022 Annual Report**

Ñia, Oya G T-Taccui Am Hab E-ju: — Our Dream Fulfilled

TOCC Vision

Our vision is to become the Tohono O’odham Nation’s center for higher education, and to enhance the Nation’s participation in the local, state, national, and global communities.

Mission

As an accredited and land-grant institution, TOCC’s mission is to enhance the unique Tohono O’odham Himdag by strengthening individuals, families, and communities through holistic, quality higher education services. These services will include research opportunities and programs that address academic, life, and development skills.

TOCC’s Goals, 2023-2026

1. Strengthen the Himdag
2. Enhance Access, Reach, and Community
3. Establish Curricular Pathways
4. Model Sustainability
5. Foster Excellence

About the Front Cover

The cover shows Tohono O’odham Community College students, employees, and guests who participated in the harvest of bahidaj (the fruit of the ha:šaň). Several harvesters are holding their ku’ipad, the traditional gathering stick made of dried saguaro ribs. Through the annual Bahidaj Harvest, TOCC maintains a Tohono O’odham tradition, sharing it with the next generation. The photograph was taken by adjunct instructor Pamela Golden, who teaches Digital Media and Photography at the College.

T-Şo:şon – Our Core

T-Wohocudadag – Our Beliefs

We at Tohono O’odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ believe that *T-Wohocudadag* provides balance, strengthens us and helps us respect ourselves, other people and cultures.

Things in our lives (e.g. nature, people, the environment, animals) keep us in balance. Everything is here for a reason, to learn from, to care for and to respect.

T-Apedag – Our Wellbeing

We at Tohono O’odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ believe that *T-Apedag* is inclusive of what is healthy and good for us (physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally), and for the things around us.

How we interact with the world and our relationships influences our health. Well-being is how you give, how others give to you, and about taking care of oneself and others – mentally, spiritually, emotionally and physically. Self reflection provides understanding of one’s place in the world, and one’s effect on others and vice versa.

T-Pi:k Elida – Our Deepest Respect

We at Tohono O’odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ believe that *T-Pi:k Elida* is a deep sense of respect for the land, your surroundings, the people, things upon the land, and also for your own self and your life.

This includes valuing the people and the culture.

I-We:mta – Working Together

We at Tohono O’odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ believe that *I-We:mta* is crucial for the success of the college.

In years past, when someone shot a deer they shared it with the people. This was also true when planting and harvesting the fields where everyone helped one another. Providing food was not just for oneself; it included the concept of sharing, taking care of others, and giving back to the community. Tohono O’odham provided help when help was needed, particularly in times of loss and death.

The Board of Trustees Guides Our Path Forward



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In Memoriam

The Board and the College community were saddened to lose two long-time trustees in April and July 2022. Their legacy inspires us.

Elizabeth 'Libby' Francisco-baq

1960-2022

Trustee 2002-2022

Board of Trustees Chair 2005-2006

Vice Chair in 2007 and 2009

Board Secretary 2012-2016

Anthony 'Tony' Chana-baq

1939-2022

Elder Trustee 2007-2022

Board of Trustees Vice Chair in 2008

Board Secretary 2017-2022



President's Message



*Paul Robertson, Ph.D.,
College President.
Photo by Jai Juan.*

Şa: 'am 'a'i masma? Greetings and welcome!

2 Despite the pandemic and its lingering impact, this 2022 Annual Report shows that TOCC is on the move and striving to achieve its mission of “enhancing the O’odham Himdag by strengthening individuals, families, and communities through holistic, quality higher education services.” The pictures, numbers, and brief narratives weave a tapestry of the College and its resiliency during a time of change and existential challenges.

TOCC is blessed by a combination of students intent on learning so they can support themselves and their communities, staff and faculty committed to the vision and mission, leadership by the Board of Trustees, and remarkable fiscal support from the Tohono O’odham Nation. The result is a synergy this Report depicts.

The College’s year was marked by its largest graduating class, return of students to the dorms, expansion of food service, construction of the Apedag Ki: (Wellness Center), groundbreaking for the O’odham Language Center, a solar

energy initiative, development of the cross-country team, and the advent of automated processes developed through the expertise and leadership of the College’s IT Department.

This report showcases the Himdag, which underpins and informs much of the life at the College. Over the year, College personnel and community members came together for the traditional Bahidaj Harvest (gathering the fruit of ha:şañ, the tall cactus – a.k.a. the saguaro), engaged in learning traditional skills, and benefitted from the presence, wisdom, and voices of elders.

Respectfully,

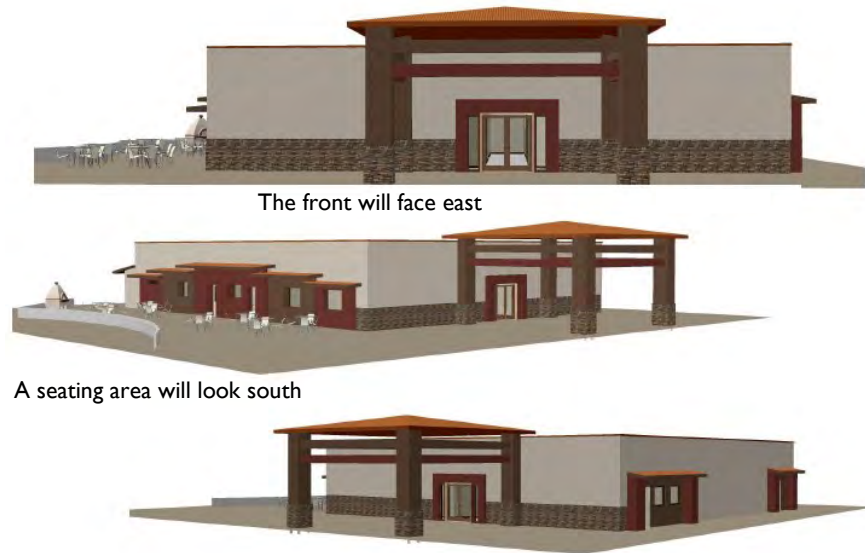
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul M. Robertson".

Paul Robertson, Ph.D.
President



Agriculture Interns Ramon Salcido and Amber Ortega, joined by Farm Manager/ Extension Agent Assistant Joyce Miguel, presented a poster at the First Americans Land-Grant Consortium 2022 Conference. Everyone in the Land Grant Office of Sustainability contributed to the poster. Photo courtesy of R. Salcido.

Construction Update: Plans for Language Center Progress



The front will face east

A seating area will look south

The groundbreaking for the O’odham Language Center was held on December 15, 2022. Above left: Board Chair Dr. Ofelia Zepeda, center, and the O’odham Language Center’s Co-Directors Leslie Luna and Ronald Geronimo pose with *gigkǫ* (ironwood digging sticks). Photo by M. Lee. Above right: The 6,500-square-foot Language Center will house meeting space, reading and curation rooms, media studios, a healing space, and offices. Renderings by ESB Design+Build.

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Wişag Koş Maşcamakud – Hawk’s Nest Campus Improvements



In 2022, the U.S. Department of Labor reaccredited TOCC’s Apprenticeship Program, thanks to the leadership of the new Apprenticeship Program Director Jackson Doe. In early 2023, there are nineteen active apprentices and interest is high.

Apprentices renovate the Apprenticeship Building. From left: Alvin Thomas and Isabelle Encinas work on the outside. Isabelle Encinas (Electrical) writes an order. Norbert Wilson (Carpentry) measures an angle. Left to right, photos by Jackson Doe, LeAnn Miles, and Martha Lee.

Students Return to Campus and Enjoy the Food Service



In 2022, Tyrone Mandre joined Food Service Head Cook Gracie Garcia as a partner in the kitchen. They prepare three meals a day, Monday-Friday, for dormitory residents. Breakfast and lunch are available for free to those on campus.

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Above: Students gather in the kitchen in one of the dorms of E-Maşcamdam Ki:ki. From left: Molly Sanriquez, Landis Reed, Shenelle Zeena, Amaya Burnette, and Diavian Zazueta. Photo by Jai Juan.

With over 20 students living on campus, the College is holding in-person classes, events, and activities. Dorm residents are full-time students who enjoy room and board, books, tuition, and fees at no cost. This benefit is provided by a federal grant. The Residence Life Coordinator is Anne Miguel.



Profiles: Student of the Year and Full Circle Scholar



Elizabeth Palmatier (Tohono O'odham) was the College's 2022 Student of the Year, for which she received an American Indian College Fund Scholarship. Elizabeth is pursuing an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education with plans to continue to university and then pursue a career working with children. She loves how little kids are so creative and how their faces light up when they suddenly understand.



Clay O'Brien Begay (Diné) was TOCC's American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholar in 2022, a scholarship sponsored by Indian Motorcycle. Clay is pursuing an Associate of Arts in Computer Information Systems and is on track to graduate in May 2023. He then plans to study Machine Learning Engineering. He is currently interning with the Arizona State Museum.

Jegos Athletics: 2021 and 2022 Cross Country Seasons

“Runners bless the path and clear the way. It is the way we pray and honor the land and others.”
 – Cross Country Coach Anthony Francisco, Jr.



2021 Team, from left: Diavian Zazueta, Kristy Segundo, Dyani Palimo, and Coach Anthony Francisco, Jr. Not pictured: Shaunanthony Pashano.

Women – 2021	High School	Hometown
Dyani Palimo	Baboquivari High School	Sells, Arizona
Kristy Segundo	Baboquivari High School	Sells, Arizona
Diavian Zazueta	Sherman Indian High School	Sells, Arizona
Men – 2021		
Shaunanthony Pashano	Hopi High School	Polacca, Arizona



2022 Team, from left: Manager Amaya Burnette, Shaunanthony Pashano, Diavian Zazueta, Shenelle Zeena, Landis Reed, and Coach Anthony Francisco, Jr. Highlights of the season included the student athletes living on campus and sharing meals together while building team camaraderie.

Women – Runners, 2022	High School	Hometown
Diavian Zazueta	Sherman Indian High School	Sells, Arizona
Shenelle Zeena	Tuba City High School	Tuba City, Arizona
Men – Runners, 2022		
Shaunanthony Pashano	Hopi High School	Polacca, Arizona
Landis Reed	Alchesay High School	White Mountain Apache Nation
Student Manager		
Amaya Burnette	Alchesay High School	White Mountain Apache Nation

Photographs courtesy of Tohono O’odham Community College Athletics.

Meet T-Ba'itk (Our Voice) – The Faculty Senate

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All full-time faculty are members of T-Ba'itk—the Faculty Senate, which shares governance of the College, focusing on Curriculum, Faculty Development, and Continuous Improvement for Student Learning. The Faculty Senate paused for a photo during its January 2023 meeting. In person, from left to right: Wendi Cline, J.D., Interdisciplinary Instructor; Kimberly Danny, M.S. (Diné), Agriculture and Natural Resources Instructor; Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan, M.A. (Tohono O'odham), Tohono O'odham Language and Culture Instructor; Curtis Peterson, Ph.D., Social and Behavioral Science Instructor; Edison Cassadore, Ph.D. (San Carlos Apache), Literature and Humanities Instructor; Diona Williams, M.Ed., Early Childhood Education Instructor; Frances Benavidez, M.A. (Tohono O'odham), Director of Tohono O'odham Studies; Neal Wade, MBA, Business Instructor. On Zoom, from left, top row: Linda Chappel (She/Her/Her/He), Art Instructor; Teresa Newberry, Ph.D., Science Instructor; Dwayne Pierce, M.A. (Tohono O'odham), Tohono O'odham History and Culture Instructor (and Representative of Adjunct Instructors on T-Ba'itk); center row: Mobarak Hossain, Ph.D., Mathematics Instructor; Timothy Foster, M.A., Information Technology Instructor; Hamidou Keita, Ph.D., Chemistry Instructor; bottom row: Heidi Wallace, Ph.D., Writing and Humanities Instructor. Photo by Ashlynn Siqueros.

Not pictured: Shaodong Lin, M.S., Mathematics Instructor; Dwayne Manuel, M.F.A. (Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community), Art Instructor; Jason Post, Ph.D., Geographic Information Systems Instructor.

Bahidaj Harvest and O'odham Taş Focus on the Himdag



The Himdag Committee hosted the Bahidaj Harvest. The harvest group gathered after picking bahidaj near Wişag Koş. In front, from left: Frank Espinoza, Liz Zepeda, Evan Thomas, Ingrid RainCloud, Pauline Nasewytewa, Martha Lee, Reia Li, Stephanie Grater, Padraig Grater, and Berni Felix. Family members gathered in the truck. Photograph by Pamela Golden. Below: Summer Narcho showed the group how to clean the bahidaj. Joseph enjoyed this hands-on activity. The big pot of juice was boiled down to make sitol (syrup). Photos by M. Lee.



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O'odham Taş in September 2022 focused on sharing Himdag traditions with the College's students, staff, neighbors, and community. Far left: Competitors in the cecemait-making contest prepare their wa:ga (dough). Left: Zylen, a student from Santa Rosa Ranch School, shows the piece he made at the O'odham pottery booth. The celebration included a blessing, arts & crafts, a run/walk, and much more. Photos by Evan Thomas.

Class of 2022 — TOCC's Largest Graduating Class

Associate of Business in Business Administration

Tamara Corben—with high honors
Saundra Flores—with high honors
Clarrisia Johnson
Zachary Jose
Michelle Pina—with honors
Julian Twitty

Associate of Applied Science in Business Management

Alexandria Dixon—with high honors
Zachary Jose
Julie Kiehne-Lamkin—with honors
Corissa Shepherd
Vetasha Smith

Associate of Arts in Computer Information Systems

Sebastian Preston

Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Farrah McCraith—with high honors
Kelsea Smith

Associate of Arts in Elementary Education

Samantha Clark—with high honors
Rachel Hendricks

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Winona Boado
Dhanielle Declay—with high honors
Winona Gayton—with high honors
Jennifer Grisenti—with high honors
Natalie Hanley—with high honors
Christopher Julian—with high honors
Arron Julian—with honors
Dani Elizaveta Kouyoumdjian—with high honors
Lonnie Langston
Robert Lewis, III
Cheryl Lopez—with honors
Bertha McFadden—with honors
Dedria Mitchell
Corey Reeder—with honors
Rubyn Sloan
Artie Steele—with honors

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts – Open Pathways

Jessica Garcia—with high honors

Associate of Arts in Life Science

Kayla Nelson

Associate of Science in Life Science – Natural Resources

Pachynne Ignacio

Associate of Arts in Social Work

Earldon Anhill
Michelle Bartlett
Winona Boado
Marcilla Cruz—with honors
Arica Dosela
Dionne Leonard
Sofia Martinez
Mariena Mendez
Carmella Thompson

Associate of Arts in Tohono O'odham Studies

Teresa Choyguha—with high honors

Certificate in Casino Gaming

Vetasha Smith

Certificate in Social Services

Victoria Joe—with high honors
Agatha Quiyo

Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies

Winona Boado
Jordan Haney—with honors
Sofia Martinez
Rhonda Mina
Steven Pahe—with high honors
Jolie Sestiaga

Pre-College GED Graduates

Alisa Orduno, May 2022
Angela Francisco, December 2022

Class of 2022, S-ape 'o mapt na:to g 'e-maşçama



Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maşçamakuđ Class of 2022. From left to right – **Back:** Zachary Jose, Corissa Shepherd, Rhonda Mina, Roseanna Bearpaw, Teresa Choyguha, Pachynne Ignacio, Winona Gayton, Earldon Anhill, Arron Julian, Cheryl Lopez, Clarissia Johnson. **Front:** Marcilla Cruz, Tamara Corben, Jolie Sestiaga, Farrah McCraith, Kelsea Smith, Jessica Garcia, Dhanielle Declay, Cheryl Roman, and Dani Elizaveta Kouyoumdjian. Fifty individuals earned a total of 54 college degrees or certificates. Photo by Alejandro Higuera.

The College celebrated an in-person Commencement for the first time since 2019. The ceremony was held in Gewkdag Şon Ki: and was concurrently streamed on TOCC's YouTube channel. Twenty graduates received their diplomas in person.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Rea Goklish, Principal of Rice Primary School in San Carlos Unified School District. The student speaker was graduate Dani Kouyoumdjian, and the alumni speaker was Cissimarie Juan, Class of 2018.

Financials, Fiscal Year 2022

Statement of Financial Position as of 6/30/2022 and 6/30/2021

Assets	Unaudited – 2022	Audited – 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$13,857,890	\$11,808,175
Student accounts receivable	\$191,450	\$207,442
Tohono O’odham Nation’s contribution to the O’odham Language Center	\$300,000	\$300,000
Grants and contracts receivable	\$3,391,692	\$3,391,692
Inventory	\$439,806	\$273,991
Investments	\$2,186,895	\$2,415,278
Capital assets, net of depreciation	\$10,265,244	\$10,265,244
Prepays and other current assets	\$61,576	\$16,913
Total assets:	\$30,694,553	\$28,678,735
Liabilities	\$11,984,562	\$12,277,844
Equity:	\$18,709,991	\$16,400,891

Liabilities	Unaudited – 2022	Audited – 2021
Accounts payable	\$524,428	\$889,851
Salary-related payables	\$595,889	\$513,705
Deposits held (AIHEC & other)	\$29,870	\$29,870
Other payables and accrued expenses	\$65,949	\$75,992
Deferred grant revenue	\$10,768,426	\$10,768,426
Total liabilities	\$11,984,562	\$12,277,844

Tohono O’odham Community College ended 2022 in a strong position with equity of \$18.7 million. The College’s financial statements, audited by Keegan Linscott & Associates, PC, are available at tocc.edu/publications/. The figures shown here are from the Financial Statements for the August 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, available at tocc.edu/board/.

Income Statement for 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022

2022 Unaudited Revenues	
Tuition and fees	\$119,120
Student housing	-
Legislative contribution - Tohono O’odham Nation	\$4,853,376
Tribal Community College Act funds	\$2,302,313
Indirect costs from restricted federal grants	\$215,601
Unrestricted gifts and donations	\$18,236
Bookstore sales	\$111,869
LLC contract	\$49,324
Miscellaneous income	\$62,580
Cross country sales and donations	-
San Carlos Apache College (SCAC) Admin Fees	-
Subtotal—Unrestricted Revenues	\$7,732,419
Restricted Revenues (grants and contracts)	\$16,150,069
Total Revenues	\$23,882,488
2022 Unaudited Expenses	
Educational program services	
Instruction	\$1,739,155
Student services	\$1,030,217
Athletics (cross country)	\$202,193
Bookstore	\$82,169
Supporting services	
Academic support	\$239,653
Institutional support (without depreciation and bad debt)	\$1,985,369
Facility operations and maintenance	\$906,783
Sustainability	\$153,305
Cultural Liaison	\$84,018
Student Life	\$339,913
SCAC BIE funds, tuition, and fees	\$554,065
Culinary Arts	\$15,840
Subtotal—Unrestricted Expenses	\$7,332,680
Restricted Expenses (grants and contracts)	\$13,274,887
Total Expenses	\$20,607,567

Sustainability Efforts Focus on People and Natural Resources



Above: Solar panels provide covered parking and generate electricity at I-We:mta Ki.

Below: Workforce & Community Development hosted Indianpreneurship Training in August 2022 for local entrepreneurs seeking to start or expand their businesses. Kristen White and Chase Vanover from ONABEN facilitated the workshop. ONABEN stands for Our Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network (onaben.org).

Back row: Anselmo Ramon, Nico Black Owl, Chase Vanover, Joanna Robles, Bernard Mandre, Jennelle Galvez, Kristen Wright, Pauline Nasewytewa. Front row: Deshon Miguel, Tara Arviso, Kimberly Ramon, Kendrick Lopez, Analyssa Jose.



Top: Artist Kevin Throssell shows a wire basket to Lead Security Guard Valentine Lee. Under the aegis of Workforce & Community Development, Mr. Throssell led two workshops on wire basketry for community members and TOCC employees.

Above: Dr. Adrian Quijada, Biodiversity & Research Specialist, talks with his former students and TOCC alumni, Duran Andrews, Class of 2018, and Amy Juan, Class of 2014, at the 2022 Youth Agriculture Day. The two alumni are managers of the San Xavier Co-op Farm.

Personnel in December 2022

Full-time employees..... 91
 Gender52 female, 39 male
 Gender percentage..... 57% female, 43% male
 Tohono O’odham.....62 or 68%
 Other Native American..... 8 or 9%
 Of other ancestry21 or 23%
 Part-time employees 14

Staff - 58

Tohono O’odham..... 50 or 86%
 Other Native American..... 4 or 7%
 Non-Native..... 4 or 7%

Administrators - 18

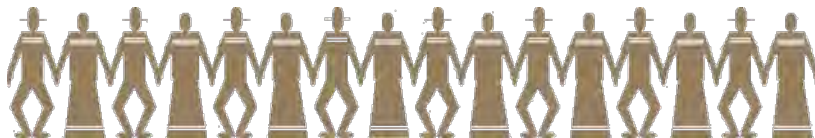
Tohono O’odham..... 10 or 56%
 Other Native American..... 2 or 11%
 Non-Native..... 6 or 33%

Full-time Faculty - 15

Tohono O’odham..... 2 or 13%
 Other Native American..... 2 or 13%
 Non-Native..... 11 or 74%
 Faculty with Ph.D. or other doctoral degree 6 or 40%
 Faculty with master’s degrees..... 9 or 60%

Adjunct Faculty – 32

Tohono O’odham..... 7 or 22%
 Other Native American..... 5 or 16%
 Non-Native..... 20 or 62%



Friendship Dancers art by Tony Johnson.

Information Technology Department, Fall 2022



Deshon Miguel
Senior Systems Administrator



Dr. Mario Montes-Helu
Dean for Sustainability



Shawn Nez
IT Support Technician



June Starr
IT Technical Support Manager

D. Miguel photo by Jai Juan, others by M. Lee, collage by D. Armstrong.

S-ke:g ’apt hab ju: g ’e-cipkana, IT Team

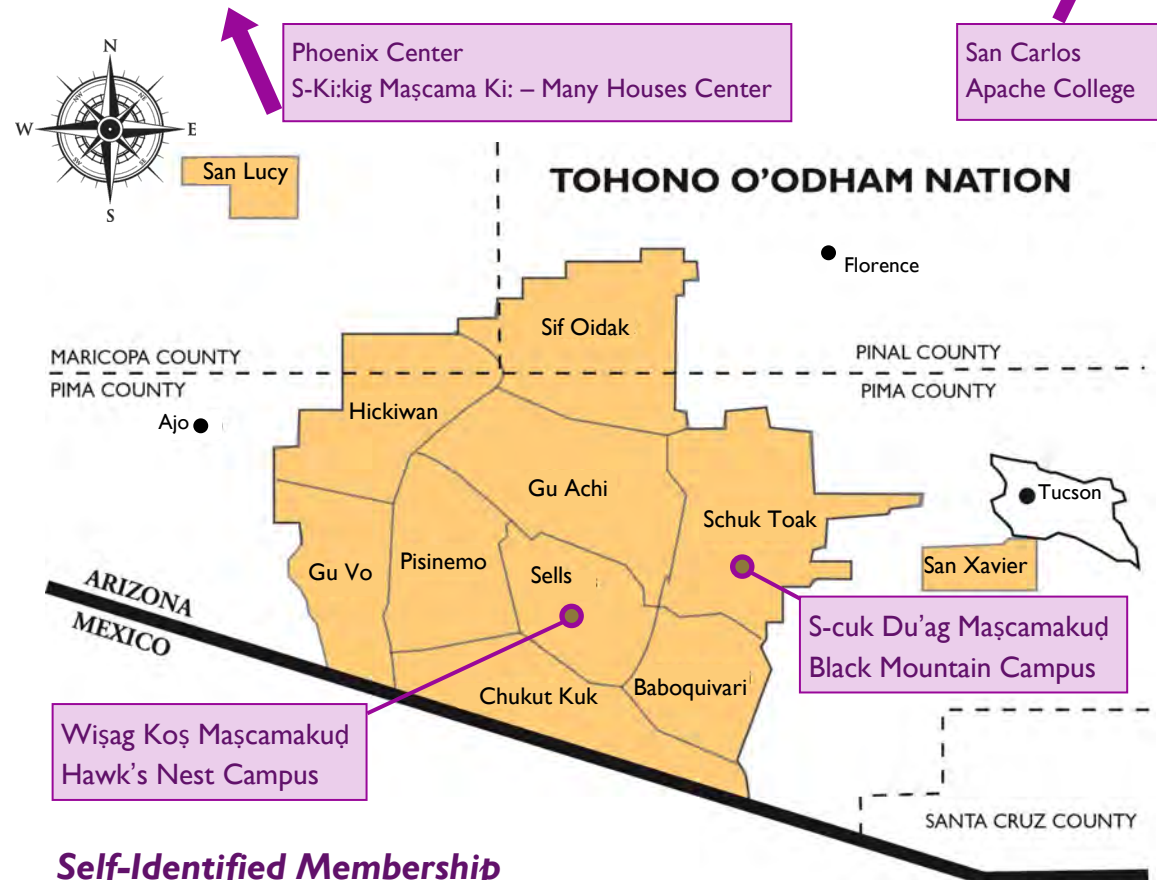
The Information Technology Department worked at all TOCC campuses throughout the pandemic. The department’s many achievements included implementing a cloud-based VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone system and streamlining the online application and registration process for prospective and returning students across the Tohono O’odham Nation and the United States.

District-by-District Enrollment of TOCC Students

District	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Baboquivari	37	30	36	37
Chukut Kuk	35	32	29	32
Gu Achi	28	30	25	29
Gu Vo	12	14	17	21
Hickiwan	14	13	10	18
Pisinemo	19	13	14	12
San Lucy	4	8	6	7
San Xavier	10	15	24	16
Schuk Toak	29	22	20	21
Sells	53	52	47	58
Sif Oidak	7	12	12	17
No District	3	2	6	3
Tohono O'odham Students	251	243	246	271
San Carlos Apache Students*	96	151	137	148
Other Native American Students	38	340	350	468
Non-Native Students	58	45	31	35
Total Unduplicated Headcount	443	779	764	922

*In 2019, the label for this row was "Apache Students Enrolled at SCAC." For 2020-2022, this row counts all students from the San Carlos Apache Nation, whether at TOCC or SCAC.

Student Body, Fall 2022 – Unduplicated headcount: 922
 Full-time student equivalent (at 12 credit hours): 624
 Females 723 (78%) and Males 199 (22%); Average age 34



Self-Identified Membership

Our Application for Admission asks students to indicate their district membership and membership in the Tohono O'odham Nation or other Native sovereign nations. **The table to the left** shows the students' self-identified membership over the past four years. The data set was provided by TOCC's Institutional Effectiveness unit in October 2022.

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*The Elder Panel at the O'odham and Pee Posh Early Childhood Symposium
Held on October 6, 2022 at S-cuk Du'ag Maşcamakuđ – Black Mountain Campus
Elders spoke about the meaning of O'odham and Pee Posh childhood at this important event.*

The symposium was sponsored by the Better Way Foundation, Indigenous Mothers and Early Childhood, the A'al Ha-Maşcam (Children and Their Learning) TOCC Community of Practice, and Tohono O'odham Community College.

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