



Indigenous Leadership Academy

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Supporting Tribal Sovereignty



- Examination
- Exploration
- Elevation

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Why did this program start?

COVID-19 death rates in the young adult and middle age range are about ten or more times as high for Native Americans as for Whites in 2020, and are reduced to about four to five times as high in 2021. Above age 75, death rates are approximately twice as high among Native Americans in both years.



National Institutes of Health (.gov)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov> › articles › PMC8936100



[Life Expectancy Loss among Native Americans During ... - NCBI](#)

Cohort Demographics

Indigenous Leadership Academy in Numbers



51

Number of Tribal Nations Represented in the Indigenous Leadership Academy, 16 of which are located in Arizona.



24

Number of states (and D.C.) represented in the Indigenous Leadership Academy.



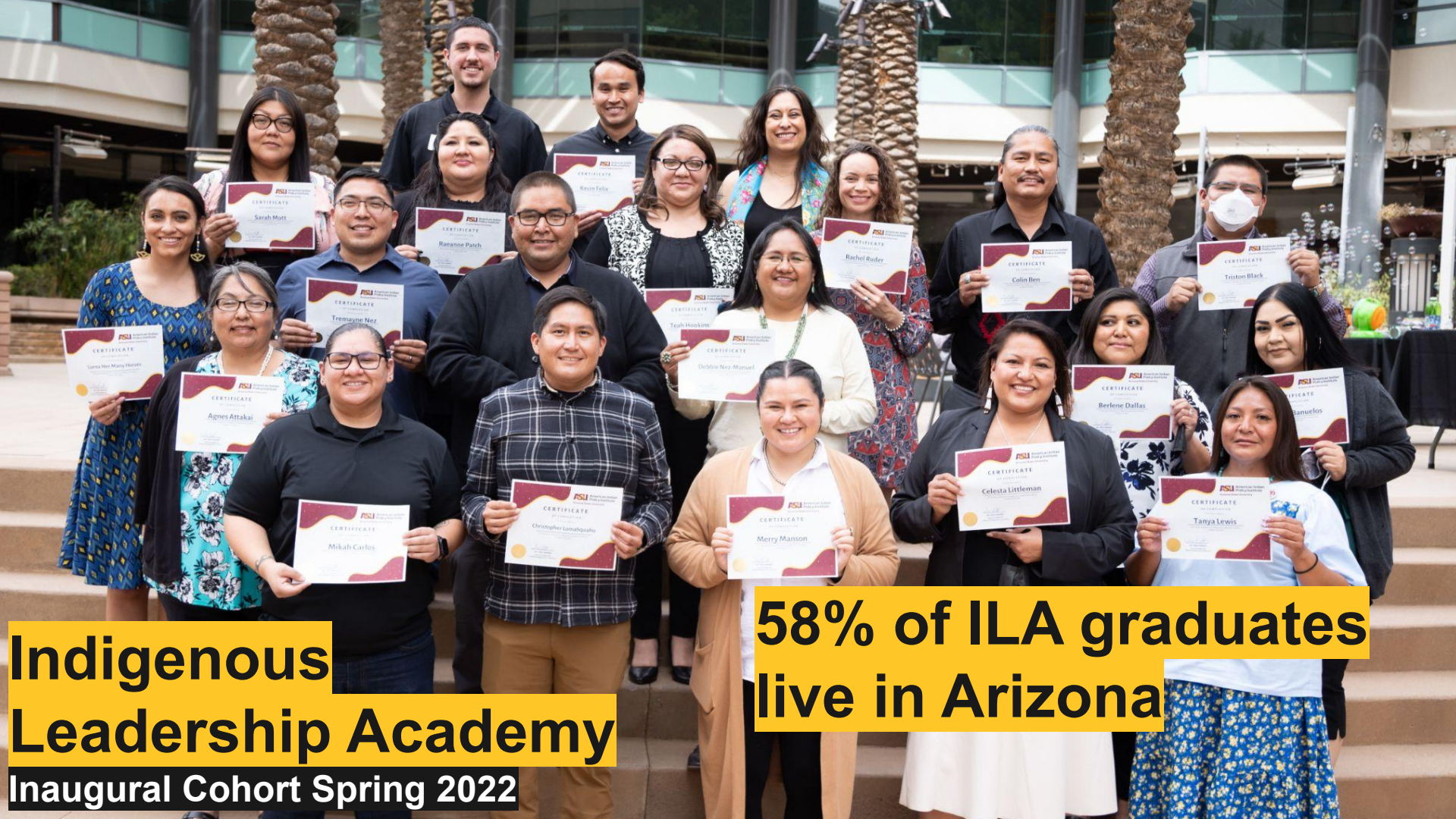
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Number of Guest speakers the Indigenous Leadership Academy has welcomed.



112

Number of cohort participants who have graduated from the Indigenous Leadership Academy from the five cohorts (three Spring and two Fall).



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INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
Sarah Mott

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Kerin Felix

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Baranne Patch

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Rachel Raifer

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Agnes Attakai

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Mikah Carlos

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Christopher Lumbaguallo

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Morry Manson

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Tanya Lewis

**Indigenous
Leadership Academy
Inaugural Cohort Spring 2022**

**58% of ILA graduates
live in Arizona**

Mikah Carlos, ILA Cohort 1

Mikah Carlos is from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community in Arizona. Mikah currently serves on Tribal Council for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

“ILA gives the resources and feedback from the beginning to the implementation of the project. I especially appreciated the opportunities ILA provided to discuss our projects with other members of the cohort to get feedback on our projects. That feedback allowed me to expand on what I thought was possible for our event.”





Participant Feedback

“It is with deep humility and profound honor that I reflect on my participation in the Indigenous Leadership Academy facilitated by Arizona State University. Throughout this transformative journey, I found myself surrounded by an extraordinary cohort whose collective wisdom and support propelled me forward, particularly within my smaller group, Marcus Benally, MBA, Dr. Charlinda Haudley, Elizabeth Talbert and Rose Quilt, where I was empowered to enact positive and innovative changes for my community project. Engaging with an array of remarkable Indigenous business leaders and entrepreneurs was nothing short of inspiring. Each event attended and every speaker heard imparted messages of courage, bravery, motivation, and inspiration, leaving an indelible mark on my aspirations.”

- **Cola Boyer, Cohort 5**

ILA Alumni Doing Great Things

Tanya Lewis, cohort 1, became the Chairwoman of the Yavapai-Apache Tribe.

Dillon Shije, cohort 3, became Tribal councilman of the Ohkey Owingeh.

Carla Johnson, cohort 3, became Vice-Chairwoman of the Tohono O'oham Nation.

Rosa Alvarez, cohort 4, became a council member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Brittany Woods-Orrison, cohort 2, was featured in Vogue magazine, [“Meet Two Young Indigenous Activists in Alaska Working at the Front Lines of Global Warming”](#)

Mikah Carlos, cohort 1, became the youngest person ever elected to Tribal council for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. They were also chosen by governor Hobbs to be on the AZ MMIP task force.

Christopher Lomahquahu, cohort 1, was selected to participate in the second cohort graduate partnership program between ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and the Native American Journalists Association.

Amy Sazue, cohort 5, joined the fourth cohort of the [BIPOC Leadership Council](#) at Art Equity.

ILA Alumni Doing Great Things Cont.

Elise Blasingame, cohort 2, published, “[What Mary Petola’s Win in Alaska May Mean for Indian Country](#)” for the Washington Post.

Triston Black, cohort 1, penned, “[Internet in Tribal Communities is Unreliable and Holds Back Indigenous Education](#)” in Teen Vogue.

Dr. Millicent Pepion, cohort 4, wrote an opinion piece for the Navajo Times titled, “[Addressing the no Physical Address Issue on the Navajo Nation.](#)”

Tevis Blankenship, cohort 3, became the [administrator](#) overseeing operations of the Archives & Records Management Branch at the Arizona State Library, Archives, & Public Records

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Pidamaya ye!

Thank you!

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