

## Welcome to Our Indigenous Leaders

The second <u>Tribal Probation Academy (TPA)</u> was hosted by the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada in Reno, NV. We had 26 applicants and 25 successfully completed the three-week training program during the weeks of October 15-19, November 12-16 and December 10-14, 2018. Twenty-two tribes from across the Nation were represented: the Kaibab Paiute Tribe, Lummi, Karuk, Kewa Pueblo, Ft. McDermitt Paiute Shoshone,



Confederated Salish & Kootenai, Blackfeet, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Spokane, Wind River, Grand Traverse Band, Mescalero Apache, Seminole Nation, Kenaitze, Shingle Springs, Eastern Shoshone, Hualapai, Ft. Apache, Reni-Sparks Indian Colony and ENIPC Peacekeepers.



During the first week of training, the participants covered topics such as legal issues, vicarious care, safety skills training, offender supervision, cultural and special topics under which they worked on a personal project to implement in their own community upon the completion of their training. A month later, they returned for their second week of training and continued in the areas of youth, special offender populations, victimization, substance abuse, safety skills training, offender supervision and the continuation of their projects. On their final week of training, the group returned to study the role of probation, program management and their hands-on-safety skills training.

The applicants were also

tested on their competency at the end of each week of training and given a final exam before earning their Certificate of Completion. They each gave a brief presentation of the projects they were going to implement in their own communities. These ranged from beginning work on policy and procedure manuals for their departments, developing safety protocols for their home visits, creating "go-bags" for their departments, and more. Throughout the training, the cohort formed strong alliances of friendship and networks that have remained active through the years APPA has continued to work with them.





It is in the spirit of PPPS Week that we salute the work that these individuals exemplified in the time we spent with them and in the years since as we have seen them continue to flourish in their own careers as leaders in their departments, in their communities and in the field of Probation and Parole.



Watch "Welcome to Our Indigenous Leaders" video!