

NATIVE DUCK NATION INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Inaugural Webinar

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Yá'át'ééh! Hello!



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LET US START WITH A BLESSING

“If you have one hundred people who live together, and if each one cares for the rest, there is One Mind.”

~ *Shining Arrows, Crow, 1972*



GOALS FOR TODAY

- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview about UOAA/Chapters & Groups
- Activity: *What does it mean to you to be NDN Duck?*
- Vision of Native Duck Nation
- Setting the Stage: UO Native Initiatives
- How to Get Involved with Native Duck Nation
- Next Steps and Questions



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WELCOME & INTRODUCK-TIONS

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BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS

1. Name & Role
2. Year graduated
3. Pronouns
4. Tribal affiliation (if known)
5. What do you hope to learn today?



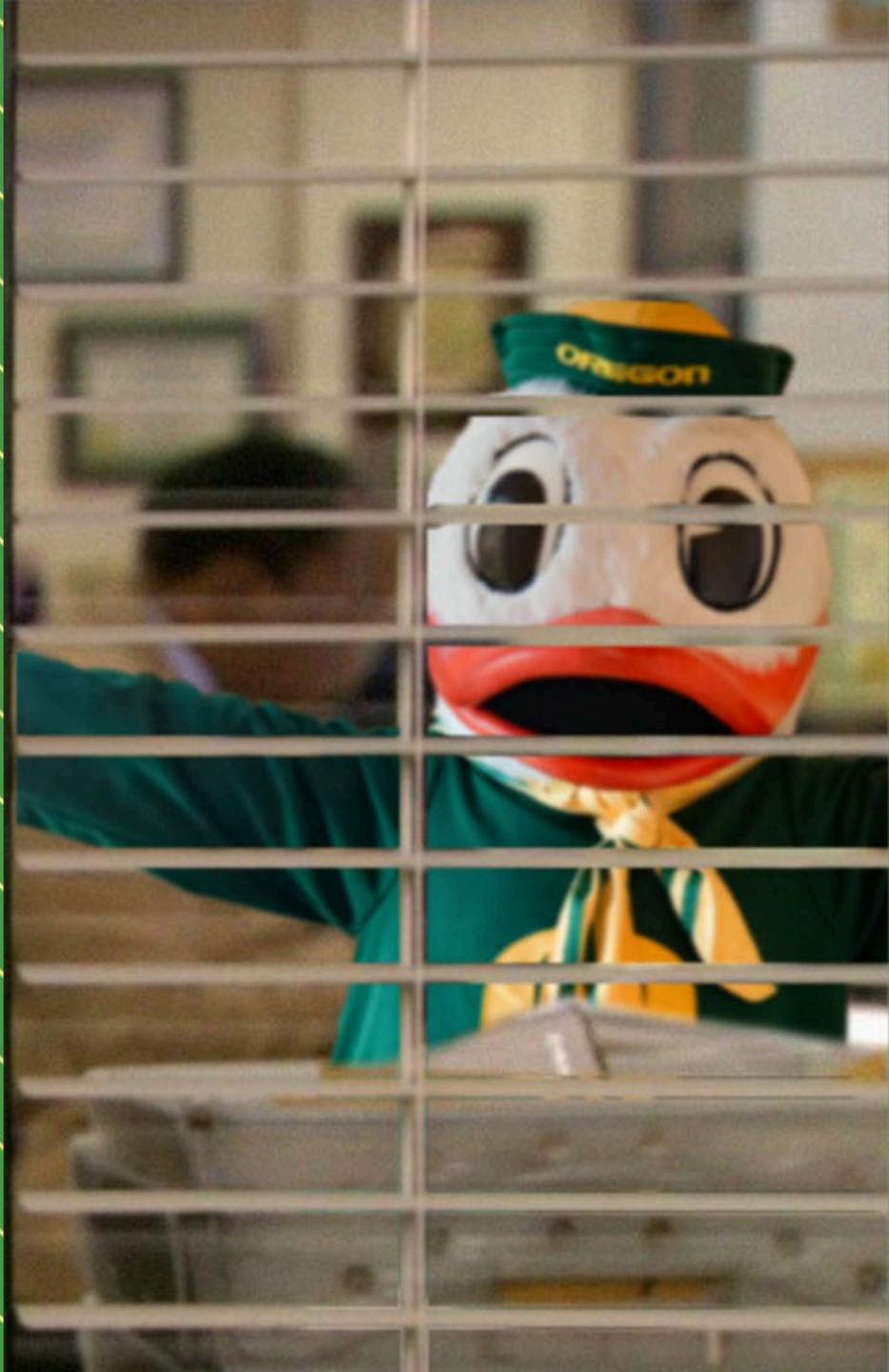
Land Acknowledgement

Portland, Oregon resides within the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin, Kalauya and many other indigenous nations of the Willamette and Columbia River regions



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INTRODUCING THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION





UOAA MISSION

The University of Oregon Alumni Association fosters lifelong relationships, deepens engagement, and advocates on behalf of the university and Duck alumni around the world.

UOAA VISION

Uniting and engaging Ducks in all stages of flight.

UOAA VALUES

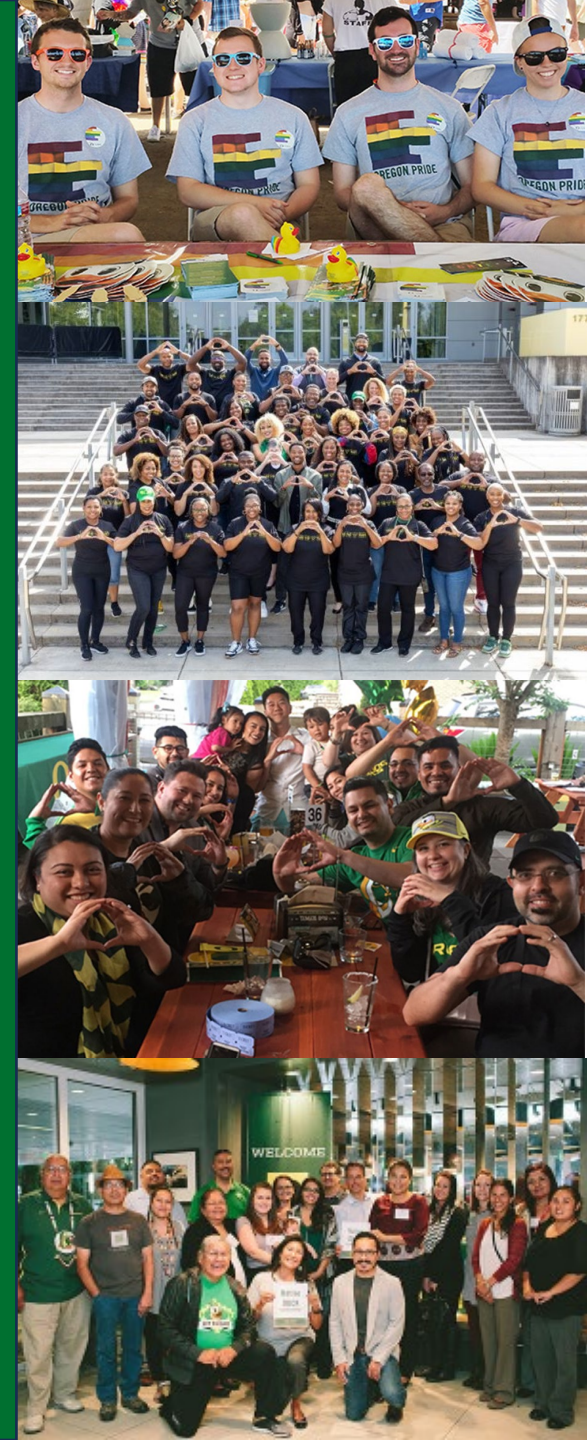
- Community
- Heritage
- Impact
- Fun

CULTURAL, IDENTITY, & AFFINITY NETWORKS

The UOAA is committed to supporting all alumni and wants to see lifelong relationships flourish within all groups.

One of the keyways this connection takes place is with recognized affinity chapters, where alumni with unique perspectives come together.

The groups have social events, support student groups, raise scholarship funds to recruit students, promote civic and philanthropic involvement, and engage in programming to continue a commitment to lifelong learning as well as the growth of the individual.



TYPES OF EVENTS UOAA CAN CO-HOST

- Tailgating
- Career Networking
- Watch parties
- Happy hour
- Mentoring
- Conferences
- Larger events like reunions, fundraising dinners, galas



INTRODUCING NATIVE DUCK NATION (NDN)



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NATIVE DUCK NATION BOARD MEMBERS

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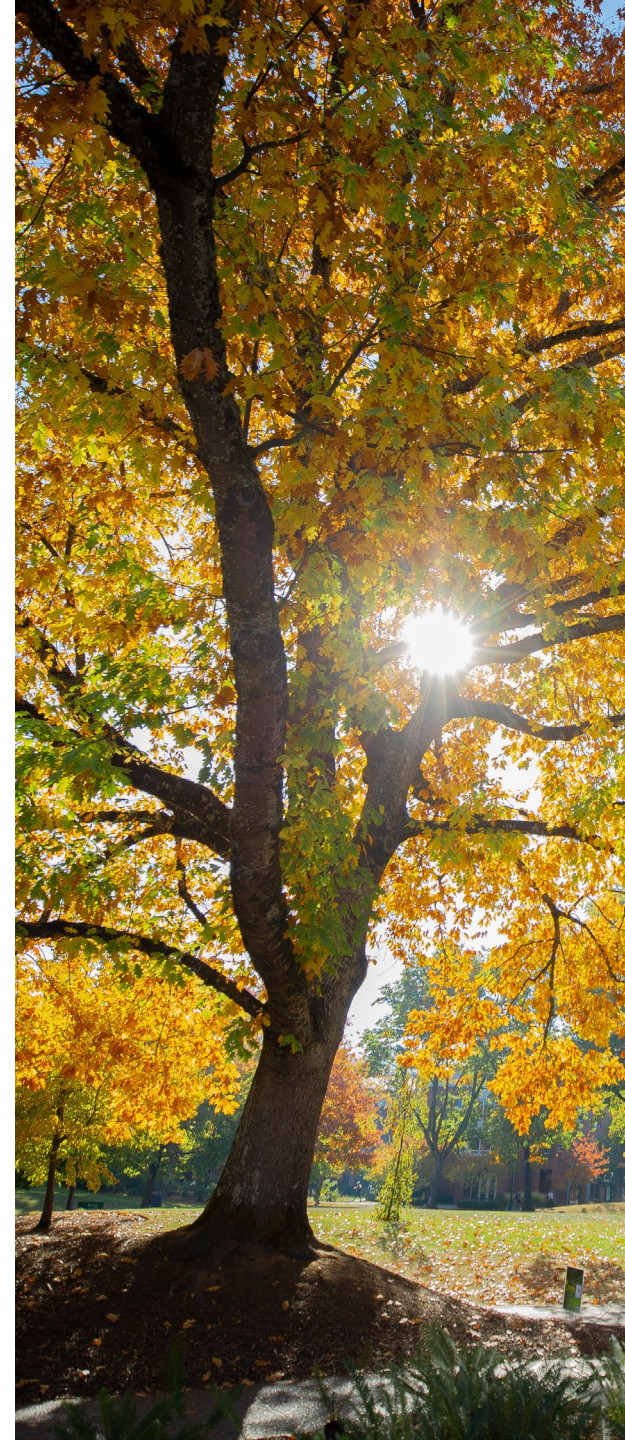
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Native Duck Nation: Why We Are Here

- The University of Oregon Alumni Association (UOAA) has created a space for Native American alumni to come together to empower one another.
 - *To network and community mobilize to support Native students, staff & faculty.*
 - *To begin to make positive strategic impacts upon the University leadership.*
 - *To give back and to create a supportive campus climate for American Indian/Alaska Natives.*



UOAA NATIVE DUCK NATION (NDN) WEBPAGE

O ALUMNI JOIN

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP CAREER SERVICES DUCK MARKETPLACE EVENTS NEWS ABOUT

Native Duck Nation

Community

Chapters and Networks

Recent Grads

Student Alumni Association

Find a Classmate

Book Club

Home > Community > Chapters and Networks

Fostering relationships with Native American alumni

The Native Duck Nation creates opportunities for Native American Duck alumni to network, socialize and meet other alumni, students, faculty, staff and community partners. The network provides a space for alumni to stay connected with the cultural development of the campus community and build upon their own experiences.

Native Duck Nation Events

- **EVENTS**
- **GET THE LATEST NEWS & UPDATES**
- **NATIVE DUCK NEWS**
- **NDN ONLINE COMMUNITY**
- **HELPFUL LINKS**



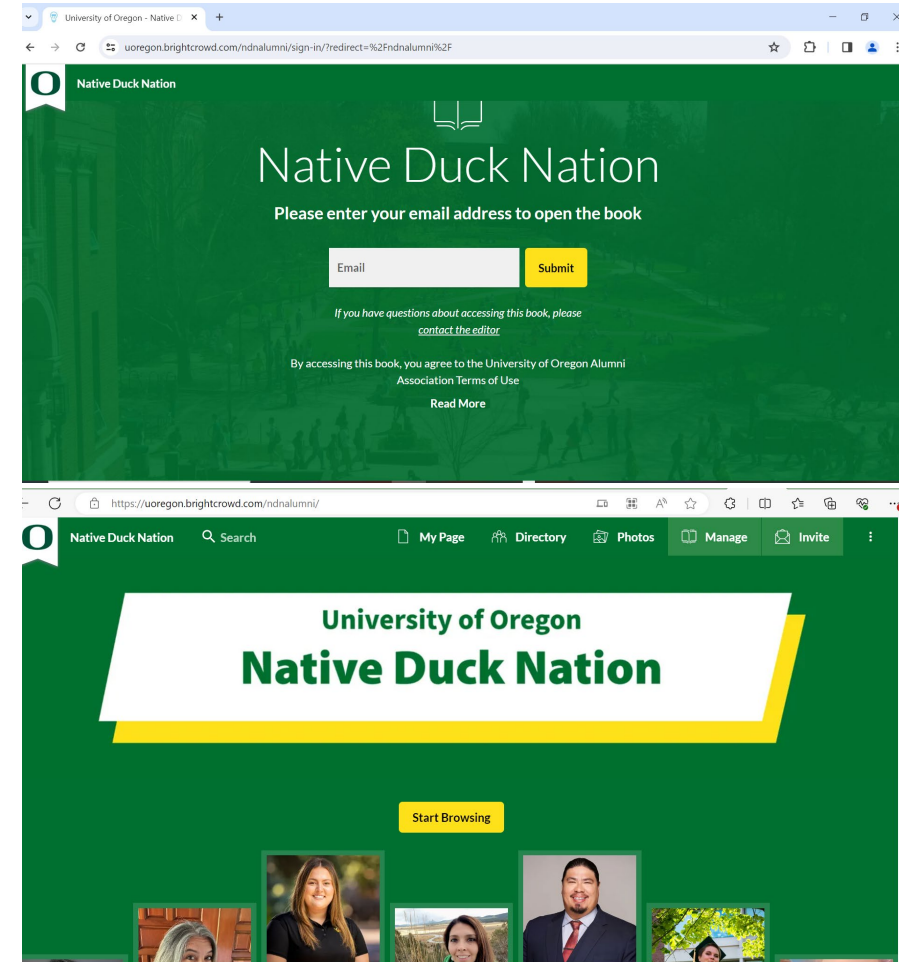
PRACTICE IN ACTION

NDN BrightCrowd Book – Keep the Circle Strong... Online

**Join the
Native Duck
Nation online
community!**



Scan the QR code above to join our Native Duck Nation BrightCrowd book! **This online yearbook allows you to connect with old friends, build new relationships, and network among fellow professionals.** Stay in touch with your former classmates and build the community of Native alumni at UO!



UOAA NATIVE DUCK NATION Home Flight Blanket

- Native-designed, UO student-designed, and produced by Eighth Generation, the first Native-owned company to ever produce wool blankets.
- **Proceeds benefit students and alumni through the Many Nations Longhouse and the Native Duck Nation Alumni Network.**
Limited Supply – [Place Your Order Soon!](#)



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN NDN DUCK?

Mentimeter Activity – Word Cloud





SETTING THE STAGE – UO NATIVE INITIATIVES

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SETTING THE STAGE

- To mobilize Native Duck Nation as University of Oregon NDN changemakers.
- A coordinated and collaborative grassroots movement for:
 - visibility
 - equity
 - inclusion
 - the advancement of Natives

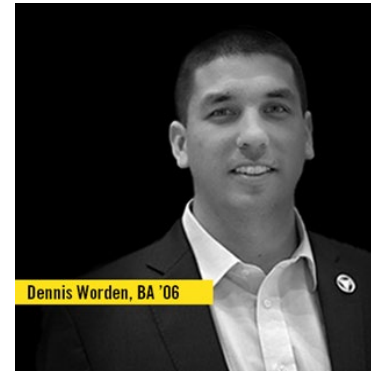


NDN COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Native Duck Alumni as Influencers

UO Board of Trustees (BoT)

Dennis Worden



UO Alumni Association (UOAA)

Jolene Bettles

Tana Atchley-Culbertson*

*Former UOAA Representative

UO Alumni Association Affinity Group

Native Duck Nation (NDN)



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Native Duck Alumni as Influencers

UO President's Diversity Advisory Community Council (PDACC)

- Allison Davis White Eyes
- Michelle Singer
- Bryan Mercier
- Kahseuss Jackson



UO President's Native American Advisory Council (NAAC)

- Oregon's Nine Federally-Recognized Tribes
- Chris Mercier, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Clayton Dumont, Klamath Tribes
- Tracy Kennedy, Burns Paiute Tribe



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Native Ducks on campus as Influencers

**UO Assistant Vice President and Advisor to the President
on Sovereignty & Government-to-Government Relations**

- Office of the President

UO Native Strategies

- Native Faculty, Staff and Allies

UO Native Students

- Native American Student Union
- Indigenous Women's Wellness
- Native American Law Student Association

UO Native Programs

- Many Nations Longhouse
- Native American and Indigenous Studies
- Sapsik'wáʔa Teacher Education Program
- Northwest Indian Language Institute
- Tribal Climate Change Project

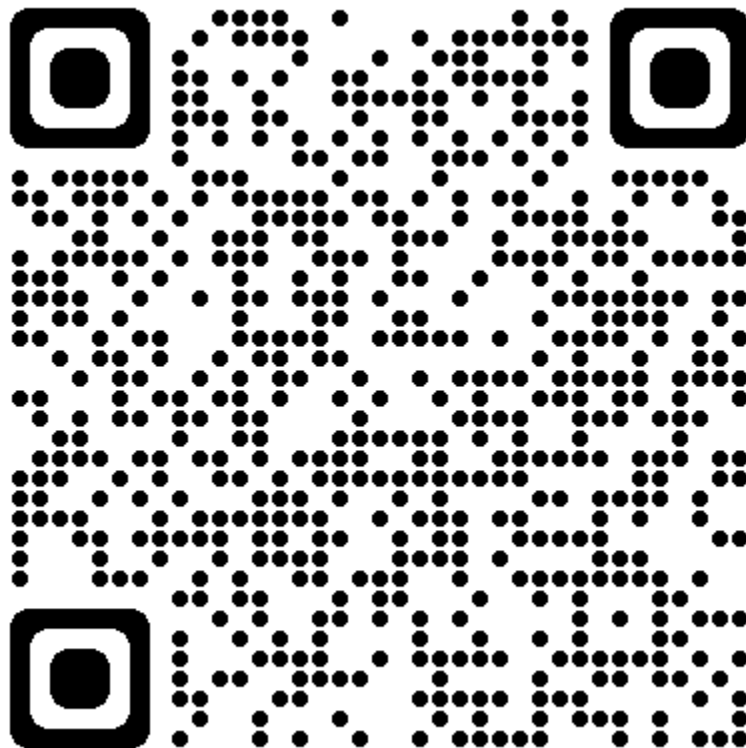


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Native Duck Resources on campus

Please scan this QR code to learn about Native Resources on Campus:



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UO Home Flight Scholarship for American Indian/Alaska Natives

- To learn more about the program by visiting the [Home Flight Scholars Program website](#).
- New innovative student success program dedicated to serving American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) undergraduate students on our campus.
- Once available state and federal grants have been exhausted, the university will provide institutional support to cover the remaining tuition and fee costs for Oregon residents who are enrolled citizens of the 574 federally recognized tribes.
- Expanded academic support and professional development opportunities with a new dedicated AIAN academic advisor.
- Enhanced programs that support inclusion, welcoming, and mentoring through numerous new experiences, conferences, and other opportunities.



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Many Nations Longhouse (MNL)

- To learn more about the MNL visit: <https://longhouse.uoregon.edu/>
- The MNL serves as a place of respite for American Indian/Alaskan Native students at the University of Oregon as they navigate their academic endeavors.
- Our mission is to provide a welcoming environment, respecting the diversity of numerous American Indian/Alaskan Native cultures and beliefs.
- The MNL is a place of community, welcome, peace, harmony, cultural exchange, and of individual support.



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Indigenous UO Campus Map and Walking Tour

map.uoregon.edu/indigenous

Search the Map...

- Indigenous UO
- 1% for Art EMU Stone Sculpture Project
- Andrew Reasoner TEK project
- Burns Paiute Tribe Flag
- Canoe mural under Whilamut Bridge
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Flag
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community Flag
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon Flag
- Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation Flag
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Flag
- Coquille Indian Tribe Flag
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Flag
- Indigenous Traditional Ecological

Indigenous UO

Click on the pins to view points of interests related to Native American and Indigenous history on campus.

This project was created and developed by the Native American and Indigenous Studies Academic Residential Community in 2018 and is updated annually by students in the program.

Learn more on the [Native American and Indigenous Studies website](#).

NATION BUILDING: HOW YOU CAN HELP

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COMING UP:

March 2024

- **Webinar ~ Save-The-Date!**

- Wednesday, March 13, 2024 (12pm -1pm)
 - UOAA Registration & Zoom Connection Info TBA
 - January Webinar Follow Up, Student & Native Strategies Voices
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- **BIPOC Flock at the Blazers**

- Wednesday, March 6 at the MODA Center in Portland, OR
 - Networking reception with BIPOC students, alumni, community partners; followed by the Blazers v. Thunder game. NDN will have a presence/table.
 - Contact Mimi Endo – mendo2@uoregon.edu if interested in attending.
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May 2024

- **Native Duck Nation Strategic Planning Gathering**

- UO Mother's Day Pow Wow Weekend - Friday, May 10, 2024 - 10 AM to 3 PM
- UO Alumni Center on campus in Eugene, OR
- Meeting goals:
 - Develop NDN Goals, Vision, Principles, Strategic Action Plan
 - Lunch and Social Hour
 - Campus Tour
 - Supporting Pow Wow Weekend



P.R.I.D.E.

Proudly Recognizing Indigenous Devotion to Education



SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF THOSE NOMINATED
FOR THE PRIDE AWARDS.
DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE MANY
NATIONS LONGHOUSE.



MARCH 7TH
2024
@ 4:30PM



UNIVERSITY OF
OREGON

Division of
Equity and Inclusion

Center for Multicultural
Academic Excellence



Nominate students, faculty, staff, and community members that contribute in a positive way to the Native Community; uphold traditional values in higher education; or have made a meaningful academic achievement. Nominate up to 2 people.

Nominations due February 9th at 5pm



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NATIVE DUCK NATION LEADERSHIP NEEDS

- **Creation of a UOAA NDN Board**
 - Leadership Team
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Communications Team
 - Alumni Engagement
 - Student Engagement
 - Native Strategies Engagement
- **Volunteer Effort**
- **NDN Start Up Strategic Planning**
- **Time Commitments**
 - Bi-Monthly Zoom Meeting (March)
 - Attend NDN Quarterly Webinar (March)
 - Attend Strategic Planning Gathering (May)



HOW DO YOU WANT TO HELP NATIVE DUCK NATION?

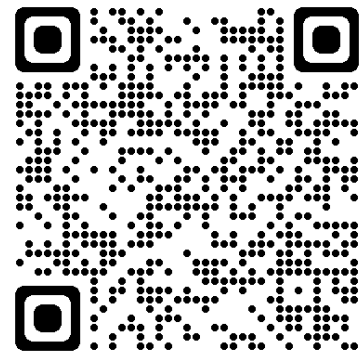
AREAS TO HELP

- **Event Planning & Logistics**
 - UOAA NDN (ex. Tailgates, BIPOC, etc.)
 - Webinars
- **Outreach/Native Engagement**
 - Alumni
 - Students
 - Faculty/Staff
 - Community
- **Communications**
 - Social Media
 - NDN Website Content
 - UOAA NDN News
 - UO Strategic Communications
 - Native Media
- **Fundraising**
 - UOAA Native Duck Nation
 - Scholarship
 - UO Native Student Support
 - UO Native Initiatives
- **Advocacy**
 - UO Appointments (BoT, UOAA, PDACC)
 - Search & Hiring Committees
 - Speaker's Bureau
 - Campus Initiatives
- **Mentorship**
 - Alumni Peer Support
 - Alumni – Student Support
 - Alumni – Faculty/Staff Support



COMPLETE THE SURVEY

- Name
- Email
- Pronouns
- Tribal Affiliation
- State of Residence
- **Would you like to get involved with Native Duck Nation?**
- **What is your capacity to contribute?**
- **What are your areas of strength?**
 - Event planning
 - Outreach
 - Mentorship
 - Fundraising
 - Communications
 - Community Engagement
 - Financial duties
 - Advocacy
- **What leadership role are you interested in fulfilling?**
 - Leadership team
 - Communications
 - Student Engagement
 - Alumni Engagement
 - Native Strategies Engagement
 - Strategic Planning
 - Advocacy
 - Fundraising
 - Event Planning & Coordination
- **Are you interested in attending the March 13th Webinar?**
- **Are you interested in attending the May 10th NDN Strategic Planning Gathering?**



ACTION STEPS

- COMPLETE SURVEY
- SHARE US TO YOUR NETWORKS
- JOIN NDN BRIGHTCROWD FOR CONNECTION
- ATTEND EVENTS AND SHARE
- FOLLOW US ON [SOCIALS](#)



LET US CLOSE WITH A BLESSING

“Love is something you can leave behind when you die. It’s that powerful.”

~ John (Fire) Lame Dear
Rosebud Lakota, 1972

