

2024 NativeVision Scholarship Recipients

Benjamin Lawrence Cashwell

Coharie Tribe of North Carolina

1st Howard “Cookie” Krongard Scholarship recipient

Dartmouth College

6016 McNutt Hall Dartmouth College Hanover, NH 03755 USA



Benjamin will attend Dartmouth College, majoring in Government and minoring in Native American/Indigenous studies. He is from the Coharie Tribe of North Carolina and his passion is public service...to his country, state, and fellow Indigenous people. Benjamin’s goal is to prepare for a future in advocacy and policymaking as a United States Legislator and later as the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Through these roles, he hopes to work to expand the well-being and sovereignty of Native people, bring people together across party lines, put public education first, protect the ecosystems of Turtle Island, and ensure that every person has an equitable opportunity to succeed. Benjamin was chosen by NativeVision as the first Howard “Cookie” Krongard Scholarship recipient. He was valedictorian of his class, played football throughout his high school career—as well as wrestling and cross country in his freshman year—and was very active with school and volunteer activities.

Khaila Marie Fratis
Aleut Community of St. Paul

University of Alaska Southeast
11066 Auke Lake Way
Juneau, AK 99801



Khaila is from the Aleut Community of St. Paul in Anchorage, Alaska. She is attending the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau to major in education. Khaila would like to become a teacher and return to her community to educate youth in the arts and improve the health of Indigenous people on a holistic scale. She has been a committed member of the Unangax language revitalization program and plans to continue her passion by incorporating her Native language, dances, and music into the curriculum where she teaches. She was part of the Unangax dance group amongst many other activities at school. Khaila participated in basketball, volleyball, and cross country.

Maiya Cynea Harrison
Cherokee

Prairie View A&M University
100 University Dr, Prairie View, TX 77446



Maiya aspires to obtain a degree in criminal justice and become a Crime Scene Investigator. She is a member of the Cherokee Nation and plans to attend Prairie View A&M University in Texas. Maiya has always had a passion for justice and a fascination with forensic science. She is drawn to the idea of using scientific methods to analyze evidence and unravel mysteries, ultimately contributing to the resolution of crimes and the pursuit of truth. Maiya played basketball and was involved in many school activities, including the black student union, debate, “Blue Crew” (school government), college ambassador, and junior and senior board. Maiya faced some extreme challenges throughout high school but worked very hard to overcome those challenges and succeed in school. She is a shining example of the adage “Life without obstacles removes opportunity for growth.”

Talliyah Mae Timentwa
Colville Confederated Tribes

1st Alfie Jacques NativeVision Scholarship recipient

Walla Walla Community College
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Talliyah is a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes in Washington state. She plans to attend Walla Walla Community College to major in psychology. Talliyah had some experiences in youth that led her to counseling. After moving around from one counselor to another, she finally found the perfect fit. It was then that she decided that she wanted to be a counselor. She wants to be an example for youth that they can succeed, and that someone does understand them.

Talliyah has been involved in rodeo since 2012, belonging to the Horse Nations Indian Relay Council, Washington State High School Rodeo Association, Eastern Washington Jr. Rodeo Association, and Caribou Trail Jr. Rodeo Association. She was a rodeo queen in 2019 and 2021-2023 and was chosen as the 1st Alfie Jacques NativeVision Scholarship recipient. Throughout high school, she was head editor of her student yearbook and played basketball.