

NATIVE YOUTH MENTORING: A DISCUSSION ON GUIDING OUR NEXT GENERATION

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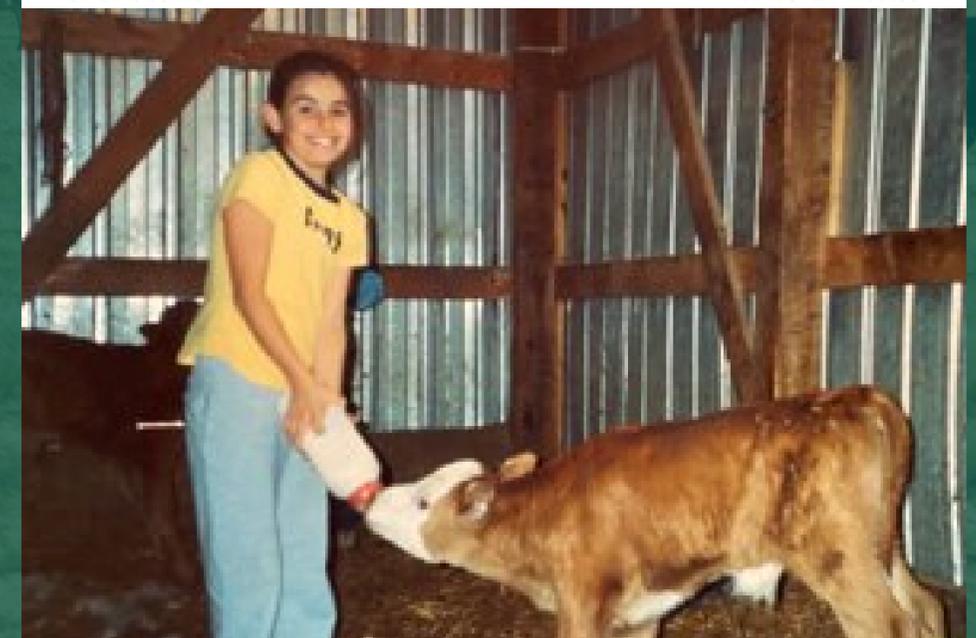
INTRODUCTION

Who am I?

- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe citizen
- Cattle rancher
- NAAF Program Officer

What is my experience?

- Former CRST youth affairs participant and volunteer
- Former IAC youth participant, student leader, and presenter
- Former IFAI student leader and presenter
- Inaugural NYFSA board member
- First NAAF youth liaison



WORKING WITH YOUTH & WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Quote from Zach Ducheneaux, FSA Administrator:

“The youth have to be part of the solution. If my generation had all of the solutions we’d have implemented them, yours wouldn’t be faced with the same multigenerational problems. We need your help.”



TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

- Outreach
 - Social media
 - In person or virtual meetings/gatherings
- What kind of outreach have you done to get Native youth interested and participating?
- Are you offering incentives for participation? If so, what kind? Is there any feedback from the youth about it?
- Models of success: what's working for you?
- Challenges: what hasn't worked and how have you adapted?



TOOLS FOR SUCCESS, CONT.

- **Networking opportunities at events**

- Skill building
- Resume creation and updating
- Interview skills
- Elevator pitch
- Professional introductions

- **Incorporating culture and encouraging youth to connect more**

- Language
- Traditional games



CLOSING QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS

- What is your favorite part about working with Native youth?
- What do you hope to take from this discussion?
- How do you hope to impact Native youth through your NAAF grant and/or other youth programming you offer?
- Any piece of advice to others working with or wanting to work with Native youth?

PHILÁMAYAYE (THANK YOU)

