



Memorandum of Understanding Between Cal Poly Humboldt, College of the Redwoods, and the Hoopa Valley Tribe

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated September 8, 2023 sets forth the terms between Cal Poly Humboldt, College of the Redwoods, and the Hoopa Valley Tribe to establish a MOU for collaboration and partnership.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a formal partnership between Cal Poly Humboldt (Humboldt), College of the Redwoods (CR), and the Hoopa Valley Tribe. This partnership recognizes the tribal sovereignty of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and seeks to strengthen the educational experience and cultural relevance for Hoopa Tribal members attending both CR and Humboldt. As an extension of providing quality education at both colleges' leadership recognizes the importance of building reciprocal relationships based on mutual respect and integrity. This partnership symbolizes the honoring of the cultural wealth Native American students and the tribes provide for both campuses. Above all, this partnership will strengthen the learning experiences for all students and build effective leaders with skills to strategize the challenges of the future.

This MOU is strictly for internal management use of each of the parties and shall not be construed to provide a right or cause of action or by any person or entity, and in no way restricts either of the parties from participating in any activity with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

Further, this MOU is neither a fiscal, nor funds obligation, document. Nothing in this MOU authorizes or is intended to obligate the parties to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services, or supplies, or transfer or receive anything of value. The parties to this MOU will review the program one year prior to the expiration to ascertain whether MOU will be renewed or if revisions are necessary.

II. Terms and Conditions

Term

This MOU shall be effective for five years from the date of signing.

Termination

This MOU can be terminated by either party at any time by providing notice in writing to the other parties.

III. Amendment

This MOU may not be amended unless agreed upon by all parties.

IV. Notice

All notices, requests, demands, amendments, modifications, bills, or payments under this MOU shall be in writing.

Notice to Cal Poly: Cal Poly Humboldt:

Cal Poly Humboldt
1 Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521

Notice to Hoopa Valley Tribe: Hoopa Valley Tribe

Hoopa Valley Tribe
11860 State Hwy 96
PO Box 1348
Hoopa, CA 95546

Notice to College of the Redwoods: College of the Redwoods

College of the Redwoods
7351 Tompkins Hill Rd
Eureka, CA 95501

The educational partnership between the Hoopa Valley Tribe (Tribe), Cal Poly Humboldt (Humboldt) and College of the Redwoods (CR) is made for the purposes set forth below and entered into as of the date of the last Party signature below.

WHEREAS both Humboldt and CR are committed to offering high quality educational experiences for Hoopa Tribal members.

WHEREAS the need for strengthening economic growth and workforce development is recognized.

WHEREAS the Tribe desires to collaborate meaningfully with Humboldt and CR to strengthen sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

WHEREAS the need for ecologically sustainable methods of growing healthy food and protecting culturally significant food sources are recognized and supported.

WHEREAS the need for clean energy to support the Hoopa Valley and surrounding communities, who face frequent electricity shut-off during incremental weather and threat of forest fires, is recognized.

WHEREAS the aging infrastructures of the Hoopa Valley that are in dire need of an engineering workforce trained to repair and redesign structures are acknowledged.

THEREFORE, by the considerations set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties agree as follows:

JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Tribe, CR, and Humboldt agree to develop an educational partnership.
- B. Together all parties will promote high school college-readiness and increase transfer rates from CR to Humboldt.
- C. Design and develop internship opportunities, with placement in Hoopa, for current CR and Humboldt students with priority given to Hoopa Tribal members.
- D. Provide a supportive and welcoming environment for Native students attending CR and Humboldt.
- E. Conduct semi-annual meetings to ensure meaningful ongoing engagement between the Parties.
- F. Collaborate in the administration of athletics, provide clinics and camps for coaches and athletes alike, and develop training programs for Hoopa Tribal member athletes that will increase their ability to move on and play sports at the collegiate level.
- G. Conduct data gathering activities and complete community needs assessments that will help the Tribe increase funding opportunities for the benefit of Native American students.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

- A. Provide increased access to undergraduate prerequisite courses that prepare transfer students for vocational trades (e.g. carpentry, plumbing, and electrical) and academically rigorous areas such as business administration, engineering, fisheries, forestry, health professions, technology, early childhood education, alternative energy, pre-engineering, and applied sciences at the Eureka campus and the K-T instructional site.
- B. Strengthen communication between the Hoopa Education Department, CR K-T Instructional Site, and the Eureka CR campus.
- C. Build pathways for Hoopa Tribal members attending CR to transfer to Cal Poly Humboldt and provide support for students navigating the process.
- D. Provide support to Native students through the Native American Student Support & Success Program (NASSS).
- E. Include the CR K-T Instructional Site in the annual CR program review process.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

- A. Increase CR transfers of Hoopa Tribal students to Humboldt.
- B. Design tribally approved intern and research opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to engage with the Tribe, with priority for Hoopa Tribal members.
- C. Strengthen support for Hoopa Tribal members attending Humboldt by ensuring enrollment in student support programs: Indian Tribal and Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP) and the Indian Natural Resources, Science, & Engineering Program (INRSEP).
- D. Ensure meaningful communication between Humboldt administration and programs that support tribal students.
- E. Provide the appropriate centers and institutes such as Schatz Energy Research Center to work with tribal professionals engaged in clean and renewable energy.
- F. Develop opportunities for engineering faculty to work with the Hoopa Valley tribal members attending Humboldt.
- G. Seek additional opportunities for scholarship and internship placement for tribal students.
- H. Identify a liaison in the office of Financial Aid for tribal students.
- I. Provide career support resources for tribal students with an emphasis on placement into positions with the Tribe.

Date: September 8, 2023

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Cal Poly Humboldt

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