## **IEDP NEWSLETTER** Indian Education Opportunities Program

## **Meet the New IEOP Coordinator**

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Clark County School District

Richard "Richie" Savage is the new coordinator of the Indian Education Opportunities Program (IEOP) and citizen of the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe. He is a product of the Clark County School District (CCSD), attending Ruth Fyfe Elementary School, Hyde Park Middle School, and a graduate of Clark High School. After high school, he attended University of Nevada, Las Vegas, majoring in Sociology with the goal of working within his community. He is an active UNLV alumnus, serving as the Vice President of the Native American Alumni Club. As an urban native, Richie regularly travels back home to his reservation to visit family and attend gatherings and events.



**Engagement & Events Department** 

Before coming on board to the Engagement and Events Department, he worked as a middle school art teacher and soccer coach at Jim Bridger Middle School, but his career with CCSD began with him working as a temp for the Special Projects Department in Maintenance. He eventually found himself in the classroom working as a Special Needs Assistant and substitute teacher. While working as a night-time custodian at Western High School, he found himself admiring the hard work and dedication that the teachers and staff put in to make a school successful. It was then when he decided to pursue the Alternate Routes to Licensure (ARL) Program offered by CCSD to become a teacher. After completing the ARL program, he continued his studies in education at Sierra Nevada College while teaching at Quannah McCall Elementary School in North Las Vegas. He still enjoys coaching soccer and painting murals.

As the new coordinator, Richie would like to see the program grow into something that holds true to its mission of providing quality educational and cultural programs and services to a community he cares deeply about. From experience, he knows that native students exist in our schools and deserve representation. He promises to strive to make himself and his department a reliable resource for parents and students.



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