

Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar 2025) Report of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

Presented by Director Josh Bonde

Financials

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant

- \$30,000 to send Dr. Samantha Williams to collect and digitize Stewart Indian School student records housed at National Archives in San Bruno, CA. National Endowment for the Humanities.

Gift Shop (Jan-March 2025)

- \$3,591 in Gift Shop Sales
- Supporting 8 native artists

State of Nevada Capital Improvement Program Projects – Stewart Indian School Buildings

- One Stewart-related building project has been recommended by Governor Lombardo and is now awaiting approval through the 2025 Legislative Session. The project is seismic stabilization and rehabilitation of the old gym in the amount of \$16,761,911.
- Funding to complete design and rehabilitation documents for the auditorium \$1,219,183 and rehabilitation for SISCCM Collections Storage (former Bakery building) \$2,924,744 were not included in Governor Lombardo's recommendations.

Collections

- Working with BIA's Museum Program to become a repository for an estimated 55 boxes of archival records and photographs related to the Stewart Indian School. Once received, SISCCM staff and volunteers will scan and rehouse them using archival safe materials.
- We have accepted two donations to the collections. The estate of Greg Nelson donated a Navajo weaving and the Blood family donated Stewart Indian School boxing posters and a Golden Gloves Tournament program.
- Completed 13 research requests related to the Stewart Indian School.

Exhibits

- The work on Karma Henry is on exhibit through May 3, 2025, in the Great Basin Native Artist Gallery.
- Assisted the California Trail Center with signage and an exhibit handout for a Stewart Indian School related mural at the Center.

- Installed a new exhibit of beaded bottles by Carrie Conway, Northern Paiute in the lobby area.

National Historic Landmark Application

- Consultants hired through the National Park Services are currently revising the application to designate the Stewart Indian School as a National Historic Landmark. The school has been listed on the National Register of Historic Place since 1985.

Volunteers/Interns

- The SISCCM currently has 20 volunteers who greet visitors, work on projects, give tours, work in gift shop, and help with outreach.
- The UNR Museum Studies Program has assigned the SISCCM a 100-hour intern for the Spring semester. Jayden Forinash is a Junior and is working on various projects under the direction of SISCCM staff. The projects include populating the research room touch screen with archival materials, photographing and writing condition reports on items in the collections, and scanning photographs in the archives.

SISCCM Visitor Count

- Since opening in January 2020, a total of 17,207 have signed in at the lobby desk

Personnel

- End of the Quarter hired new Director Dr. Joshua Bonde, Citizen of the Te-Moak Tribe, former director of the Nevada State Museum, Director of Conservation at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, former UNLV faculty.

Education Presentation