



# SCEC DEIB Newsletter

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging  
*“Small Steps Make Big Strides”*



## Notable Advocates

### **John Kinsel, Sr.**

(1921-2024) one of the [Navajo Code Talkers](#), who helped secure an Allied victory in World War II by sending crucial messages in a code based on the Navajo language. The Navajo Code Talkers were a group of Navajo tribe members who served in the Marines, transmitting coded messages in their native language that even the most skilled Japanese codebreakers couldn't crack.

**Matika Wilbur** (b.1984) a Native American and photographer from Washington State. Best known for her photography book, Project 562.



Join the DEIB book club in reading one of this month's suggestions, [Colonization and the Wampanoag Story](#) by Linda Coombs, a juvenile nonfiction selection. If you would like to join us, email [jgallishaw@scecoll.org](mailto:jgallishaw@scecoll.org).

**Native American Heritage Month:** a time to recognize the culture, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans. It's a time to reflect on the diverse cultures of Native peoples and to promote understanding and appreciation of their rich heritage.

### **ALSO CELEBRATED IN NOVEMBER:**

#### **National Veterans and Military**

**Families Month:** a time to honor those who have served in the military and the families who made sacrifices. It's an opportunity to give respect to their commitment to protecting American freedoms.

**In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.**  
 – Iroquois Proverb

**“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.”**  
 – Sitting Bull



## RESOURCES TO SHARE

<https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/for-teachers.html>

■ [CommonLit 2024 November Text Calen...](#)

We are looking for artwork from students focusing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Please encourage your students to submit a piece of artwork for a future newsletter. Questions or comments are welcomed. Please send to [jgallishaw@scecoll.org](mailto:jgallishaw@scecoll.org) or [kaylward@scecoll.org](mailto:kaylward@scecoll.org).



## READING SUGGESTIONS

[Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America](#) by [Matika Wilbur](#)

[Colonization and the Wampanoag Story](#) by [Linda Coombs](#)

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