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Tribal Share Increases Commitment to STEM Education of Indigenous Youth with Donation to AISES



[Las Vegas, NV, Sept. 16] – Tribal Share, the nonprofit governing body for the Tribal Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Tribal-ISAC), proudly announces that it was able to double the amount donated to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) from \$500 in 2023 to \$1,000 in 2024. These donations demonstrate Tribal Share’s support of Indigenous Youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. This is just one of the connections that Tribal Share and the Tribal-ISAC platform are providing to the benefit of Native American and Alaska Native tribes and tribal citizens.

For 47 years, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), an organization by and for Native professionals, has improved representation of American Indians in STEM studies and careers. AISES provides student, educator, and school support including educational resources, scholarships, internships, mentoring, and career connections.

Tribal-ISAC Steering Committee Member, Patrick Tinklenberg, said “As a leader in information sharing and collaboration in the Tribal Community, Tribal Share understands that Indigenous voices must have a larger role as part of the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. These voices belong to the people who will be called on to protect their communities and enhance the security capabilities of tribal government, businesses, and healthcare operations. The \$1,000 donation highlights our appreciation of AISES' ongoing efforts to empower Native American students and professionals to thrive in STEM fields. We embrace AISES for its like-minded leadership and look forward to continuing and deepening this valued partnership.”

Sarah Echo Hawk, AISES' CEO, characterized this collaboration by saying, “AISES is excited to be a new member of TribalHub family this year and is looking forward to a long and successful partnership. Together, we can work to create innovative pathways for the development and support of Indigenous STEM talent for the benefit of Tribal Governments, Tribal Economic Enterprises, Tribal Health Services, and our Tribal Communities collectively. We're grateful for this donation and the organization's efforts to help support the mission of AISES to significantly increase Indigenous representation in the STEM fields.”

Donating to AISES reduces barriers for Native American students and professionals to excel, express diverse cultural perspectives, and illuminate the history of indigenous contributions in growing fields, such as science and technology. The RISE Fund, sponsored by Aristocrat Gaming, is specifically designed to engage the gaming industry in Indian Country to support representation of Indigenous peoples in its future workforce.

For more information about Tribal Share, Inc or Tribal-ISAC and its initiatives, please visit tribalisac.org. For media inquiries or further information, please contact info@tribalisac.org.

About Tribal Share:

Tribal Share, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) and the governing body of the Tribal-ISAC, a platform for cyber threat information sharing, threat prevention, protection, community response, and a managed and trusted collaboration with other government agencies and industry ISACs for the tribal governments and their operations and enterprises across the United States.

About AISES:

Advancing Indigenous People in STEM since 1977, AISES has focused on substantially increasing the representation of Indigenous peoples of North America and the Pacific Islands in critically needed STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) disciplines. This nonprofit currently supports individual student and professional members across the U.S. and Canada through chartered college and university chapters, professional chapters, tribal chapters, and affiliated PK-12 schools. Members benefit from diverse STEM-focused programming that supports careers and promotes student success and workforce development in multiple crucial areas. To learn more visit aises.org.