

Paul Williams awarded Historical Association scholarship

The Historical Association of Lewiston commemorated Indigenous Peoples Day by presenting its annual Tuscarora scholarship to Paul Williams, a Niagara County Community College student majoring in digital media.

Williams said, "This came as a great surprise and I am most grateful and appreciative to the Historical Association for their support and encouragement for my studies. I hope to continue my education at a four-year school with my first choice being Syracuse University."

Lewiston Museum curator Tom Collier also spoke and honored clan mother Francene Patterson for her contributions in preserving the Tuscarora Nation heritage and culture. She recently passed away.

Pictured, from left: Tuscarora Council member Neil Patterson Sr.; Bruce Sutherland; HAL President Ken Slaugenhaupt; scholarship winner Williams; his mother, Priscilla; Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Broderick; Collier; and Tuscarora chiefs Leo Henry and Tom Jonathan.

The ceremony took place at the Tuscarora Heroes Monument, which was dedicated in 2013 and was the largest War of 1812 Bicentennial monument project in the United States.



IN THE NEWS

SBA, Treasury announce 'simpler' PPP forgiveness for loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Treasury Department, on Oct. 8 released a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Pro-

tection Program (PPP) loans of \$50,000 or less. This action streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief to America's smallest businesses while also ensuring sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

"The PPP has provided 5.2 million loans worth \$525 billion to

American small businesses, providing critical economic relief and supporting more than 51 million jobs," Secretary Steven Mnuchin said. "Today's action streamlines the forgiveness process for PPP borrowers with loans of \$50,000 or less and thousands of PPP lenders who worked around the clock to process loans quickly. We are committed to making the PPP forgiveness process as simple as possible while also protecting against fraud and misuse of funds. We continue to favor additional legislation to further simplify the forgiveness process."

"Nothing will stop the Trump administration from supporting great American businesses and our great American workers. The Paycheck Protection Program has been an overwhelming success and served as a historic lifeline to America's hurting small businesses and tens of millions of workers. The new form introduced today demonstrates our relentless commitment to using every tool in our toolbelt to help small businesses and the banks that have participated in this program," Administrator Jovita Carranza said. "We are continuing to ensure that small

businesses are supported as they recover."

SBA and Treasury have also eased the burden on PPP lenders, allowing lenders to process forgiveness applications more swiftly.

SBA began approving PPP forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to PPP lenders for PPP borrowers on Oct. 2. SBA said it will continue to process all PPP forgiveness applications in an expeditious manner.

Cuomo pushes census

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday reminded all New Yorkers to complete the census. The census can be completed from home in less than 10 minutes online, by phone or mail. The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced the deadline to complete the census is 6 a.m. this Friday, Oct. 16.

"The census only happens once every 10 years and it's one of the most important ways New Yorkers can help ensure the state gets the representation and funding we need in Washington. This process profoundly affects our state's future, and I strongly urge every New Yorker to participate and do it now," Cuomo said.

Once every decade, the nation conducts the census, which is a constitutionally mandated count of every American, regardless of their citizenship status. The decennial census is one of the nation's most important programs. New Yorkers' fair share of federal funds for programs essential to health care, education, emergency planning, housing, economic development and transportation, as well as representation in Washington, all depends on an accurate and fully counted census response.

New York State Secretary of State Rossana Rosado said, "I urge every New Yorker to take 10 minutes and complete the census immediately. Completing the census is safe and easy, and the information you provide is confidential. It has never been more important for all New Yorkers to complete the census to ensure New York gets its fair share of federal funding."

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