**AQUINNAH WAMPANOAG TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Education Department would like to reestablish our Youth Council.  The Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Youth Council (AWTYC) Est. 1993 is for Tribal Youth ages 14-24 years of age. The Youth Council will be a group of young Wampanoags who will meet on a regular basis to share ideas, address common concerns, serve others and have fun together. Youth council members learn leadership skills while helping others.

From **Amira Madison, Tribal Council member**,  "AWTYC allowed me to grow as a leader. It taught me to delegate, collaborate, and pushed me out of my comfort zone as a representative of our community. It gave me the confidence to be involved on a national level with other tribal youth. Being part of a youth council gives our youth the fundamental tools to be a great leader! What better way to use those tools than helping make your community a better place."

**Youth Group Information!**

·        Learning about Wampanoag culture, customs, and language

·        Meeting other young tribal members

·        Learning a skill or using your skills to help the community

·        Receiving support with college plans

·        Traveling throughout Indian Country and meeting youth from other nations

Do you have ideas for a special community project? We can help you set it up.

**Next virtual meeting dates:**

* **March 23, 2023**
* **April 27, 2023**
* **May 25, 2023**
* **June 22, 2023**

**Next in-person events:**

**·**  **March 26, 2023** **Boston/Harvard Field Trip**

**In-Person meetings at Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School:**

* **March 1, 2023**
* **April 5, 2023**
* **May 3, 2023**
* **June 7, 2023**

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