



## Watchlist: First Native American woman in space talks to Flathead Reservation students

*(Editor's note: It is estimated that there are approximately 149 billion videos on YouTube, and the number continues to grow. Grand Ronde Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch sifts through those myriad videos twice a month to recommend a worthwhile Indigenous video to watch. Follow her bimonthly recommendations and enjoy!)*

**By Kamiah Koch**

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Students on the Flathead Indian Reservation had the rare opportunity to speak with NASA's first Indigenous woman in space, Nicole Aunapu Mann, while she was in space.

Mann, an enrolled member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes in California, was the commander for NASA's SpaceX Crew-5 mission. She answered pre-recorded messages from students of Ronan, a small Montana town, on a live feed from the International Space Station, as reported by Scripps News video.

The event was sponsored by the local Boys & Girls Club and another program called "Students to Launch," which worked with the club to send 50 children from the area to witness a rocket launch at the Kennedy Space Center in October 2022.

"Knowing that Houston Ground Control is talking about our school and our local Boys & Girls Club," K-4 STEM Teacher Hilary Lozar says in the video. "We had all the questions lined up from our kids. It just felt like suddenly we are a part of things rather than watching from the side."

The video narrator highlighted the importance of these students talking directly to a role model who looks just like them.

"She's actually really cool and I liked how she took her hand and showed the water on it. That was really cool," Ronan fourth-grader Bella Sheets said about the live Q&A with Mann.

You can watch the full NASA Q&A video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei4jvFvOryY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei4jvFvOryY) or the Scripps News coverage video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81bRv9on0Q0>.



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**Nicole Aunapu Mann, an enrolled member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes in California, was the commander for NASA's SpaceX Crew-5 mission and recently became the first Indigenous woman in space. She answered pre-recorded messages from students of Ronan, a small Montana town, on a live feed from the International Space Station, and demonstrated how water acts in near zero gravity.**

## Health & Wellness Center entrance

**Reminder:** The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

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**Applications Available Online:**

March 23 and closing April 21

**Who Is This Program For?**

Tribal member youth between the ages of 14-18 at the time employment starts and will be enrolled in the 9-12 grades for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Program Requirements:**

- Complete application online (also provide two forms of identification)
- Complete Interview process
- Complete onboarding process
- Attend orientation (first day of work)
- Attend 4 mandatory Professional Development trainings (dates, times, location TBD)
- Complete Exit 500-word essay of work experience at end of Internship

**When Will Internship Positions Start/End?**

Starts as early as June 5  
Ends as late as August 18

**When Will I Be Notified for the Job That I Have Applied For?**

Once the application has been received, a follow up email will be sent with key information and next steps

**What Types Of Internships Will Be Offered?**

There will be a limited number of Internships at various CTGR departments. You are encouraged to apply for more than one position. Tribal department and job positions will be posted on April 7th on the [Tribal employment website](#). Please note: some positions may require a minimum age requirement.

**Tribal Youth, Do You Need Help Completing Your Application?**

We are here for you! If you need support in this area, please email [youthenrichment@grandronde.org](mailto:youthenrichment@grandronde.org). Please reach out to us to schedule an appointment with staff to help guide you through the application process.

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