

## Indigenous Communities Spotlight

The ASCA recognizes that the 2024 Annual Conference is being hosted on lands that belong to the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla and many other nations along the Columbia River. The ASCA acknowledges that these lands were stripped from native nations under the Oregon Donation Land Act of 1850 – giving 2.5 million acres of native lands to white settlers and forcing native people of the land into reservations. We recognize that every member of the ASCA community has, and continues to, benefit from the use and occupation of this land. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible ASCA's relationship to Native peoples. As guests on these lands, we respect and give honor to the work of all Indigenous nations past, present, and future.

Portland's urban Native community is descended from more than 380 tribes, and there are nine sovereign Native American nations located throughout Oregon. With a deep and enduring presence in the region, their traditions, art, and heritage have left an indelible mark on the city. Throughout the conference, we encourage you to reflect upon the ways you can connect with the Indigenous communities here and at home to support and honor them. The information provided below and on the [2024 ASCA Annual Conference](#) website highlights some of these opportunities and sources to learn more:

- The [Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians](#) and the [Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde](#) represent the history, culture, and support of over 45 tribes ranging from various areas of the Pacific Northwest, including Portland. Each of the tribes' websites provide opportunities to learn more about each tribe's history, events, and ways to support and uplift initiatives and efforts.
- The [Northwest Native Chamber](#) originated in Oregon and was founded in 1994 by Mitch Conley, a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. With its expansion to Washington and Idaho, the Northwest Native Chamber serves all members of the community with culturally specific services that are designed by and for Native entrepreneurs, with the goal of building relationships and seeking economic justice.
- [Travel Portland](#) also provides an in-depth overview of history, events, and cultural opportunities to engage in while visiting Portland. Visit cultural centers like the [Native American Youth and Family Center \(NAYA\)](#) to learn about the history and contemporary contributions of Native Americans in the area. Explore galleries and shops featuring Native American art and crafts, such as the [Quintana Galleries](#) or the [Oregon Historical Society](#). Please explore more at the

[Businesses Owned by Minoritized Persons in Portland, OR](#) document curated by the Equity & Inclusion Conference Committee.

- [Settlement Patterns in the Portland Region: A Historical Overview](#) (**Content Warning:** Historical maps and documents may contain harmful language and labels for ethnic and cultural groups.)