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Kiowa Tribe and Hilliary Announce All-Native Career Fair

Statewide event in Lawton brings job opportunities directly to Native job seekers of every age and experience level, part of long-term workforce development for southwest Oklahoma

Lawton, Oklahoma - [June 4, 2026] - The Kiowa Tribe and Hilliary are partnering to host the All-Native Career Fair on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Impact Center in Lawton. The statewide event is designed to connect Native job seekers across Oklahoma with active job opportunities at Hilliary.

The career fair is one piece of a broader, long-term workforce development effort led by the Kiowa Tribe to prepare Southwest Oklahoma for major upcoming infrastructure and economic build-outs across the region. The Tribe is investing in pipelines that connect Native workers - and the region's workforce broadly - to good jobs in telecommunications, construction, the skilled trades, technical fields, and professional roles. The All-Native Career Fair brings this work into one room, on one day, with hiring managers ready to meet job seekers face-to-face.

Rather than asking Native workers to search for opportunities, the Tribe is bringing the jobs to them in a welcoming, culturally grounded setting designed for Native people of every age, background, and experience level.

Hilliary hiring managers will be on-site to share information about open positions, answer questions, and schedule interviews with interested candidates. Active hiring spans accounting, customer service, facilities, mechanics, construction, engineering, network engineering, information technology, internships, newspaper operations, printing, farming, and additional roles across the company's businesses, including telecommunications, the Lawton Constitution, and its radio and media holdings. Many positions do not require a college degree. Roles range from entry-level and apprenticeship positions to skilled, technical, and professional opportunities.

"Native people have always taken care of our families and our communities through hard work and good relationships. Our grandparents fought to be seen, and they progressed to work alongside the government and other tribes to keep us strong. That resilience has always been for our families. We have phenomenal Native talent in every field, and the Kiowa Tribe's priority is to make sure our people have a seat at the tables where the good jobs are being offered. We have brought Hilliary to the table for every Native job seeker in this region. When one of us moves forward, all of us move forward."

Chenoa (Bigbow) Barhydt, Executive Director of Housing and Community Development, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma

"The Kiowa Tribe has been a true partner to us, and we are proud to stand with them on this event. We have good jobs across our businesses, at every level and in many different fields, and we want the best people to fill them. Native talent in this region is some of the strongest in the state. The All-Native Career Fair is a real opportunity for us to meet job seekers we might never have reached otherwise, and for those job seekers to step into careers with a company that values what they bring."

Edward Hilliary Jr, Hilliary Communications

Attendees should bring a resume and dress professionally. Light refreshments will be served throughout the day. The event is open to Native job seekers from across Oklahoma.

About The Kiowa Tribe

The Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign tribal nation headquartered in Carnegie, Oklahoma. With a proud Plains nation heritage, the Tribe serves its members through programs in housing, community development, economic development, education, health and human services, and cultural preservation. The Tribe is committed to economic self-sufficiency, workforce development, and the long-term prosperity of Kiowa families and Native communities across Oklahoma.

About Hilliary

Hilliary is a Medicine Park-based company with operations across Oklahoma, Texas, and Iowa including telecommunications, the Lawton Constitution, and a portfolio of radio and media holdings. The company has been a long-standing employer in southwest Oklahoma and is committed to investing in the region's workforce and an equal opportunity employer.

Event Details

What: All-Native Career Fair

When: Thursday, June 18, 2026, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Impact Center, Lawton, Oklahoma

Hosted by: The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma and Hilliary

For more information, contact the Kiowa Tribe Housing and Community Development Office.

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