

# Gaylen Lee Memorial Fund

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In the Summer of 2019 Gaylen Lee was tragically murdered. His death was a huge loss to the Nim (Mono community), and all those whose lives he touched.



He was an alumnus of Fresno State and was an Out Standing Graduate of the Anthropology Department. He generously shared his cultural heritage with my students and was a regular participant in the Granddads Archeological Field School even long after he graduated. He built bridges between the archeological and Native American communities, tirelessly worked to strengthen ties between the University and these communities as well as had a passion for mentoring Indian youth.

The easiest way to give is online. Go to the online giving page for Fresno State. Click the button that says "View all giving opportunities," choose "other" and type in "Gaylen Lee Memorial Fund." If you would rather give by mail send a check to: Micheline Golden, Director of Development, College of Social Sciences, 5340 N. Campus Drive, M/S SS91, Fresno, CA 93740. Please note on your check that the gift is for "the Gaylen Lee Memorial Fund."

This fund is dedicated to help with recruiting Native Americans to attend the University, ensure their success and retention once they are here, as well as make sure they gain the crucial skills that needed back to their communities. The fund will provide capital to implement the best ideas that will be gathered from Native American community members, students and alumni to fulfill these goals. At this time less than 1% Native Americans graduate from college. We simply must do better than that!



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