

**San Diego State University
Department of Anthropology, Collections Management
Education Outreach Program**

**SDSU's Department of Anthropology offers classroom presentations
about the Kumeyaay and the science of archaeology!**



Examples of Kumeyaay pottery from San Diego County

About the program:

The Education Outreach program was designed to supplement San Diego schools' social studies curriculum, teaching students about archaeology and the cultural heritage of San Diego with an interactive learning approach. The program was started in 2006 and reaches over 100 classes grades K-12 each year, particularly 4th through 6th grades. Presentations are flexible and tailored for the needs of each teacher, with optional inclusion or focus on scientific methods, San Diego ecology and geology, world archaeology, or other topics.

Presenters are graduate students in the SDSU Anthropology program. The presenters bring a "culture box", with artifacts and photographs that can be passed around, touched, and explored. The artifacts help to tell the story of San Diego's prehistory and history, and inspire discussion of how artifacts are found, interpreted, and were used by people in the past. Most of the objects are recreations of Kumeyaay cultural materials, though there are some authentic archaeological objects included. Presentations are free to San Diego area schools.

About the presenters:

Education Outreach Coordinator Nancy Quidachay is an anthropology MA student at SDSU. Nancy is studying ethnoprimateology (interactions between humans and primates) and is interested in studying primate education conservation signage at the San Diego Zoo. She earned her BA in anthropology with a minor in evolutionary biology from SDSU in 2019. She also works as an Instructional Student Assistant in SDSU's

anthropology department and as the Senior Capstone Associate for Junior Achievement in San Diego.

Assistant Education Outreach Coordinator Drake Rinks is an anthropology MA student at SDSU. Drake is studying evolutionary anthropology and is interested in cross-cultural perspectives of substance use and addiction. He earned a BA in anthropology from Colorado State University in 2020 and has previously held positions as a Gallery Educator for the Museum of Us and Graduate Assistant for the SDSU Department of Anthropology, Collections Management Program. He currently also works as a 7th-12th grade substitute teacher for Pacific Ridge School in Carlsbad, CA.

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More Information:

Teacher Guide on Kumeyaay of San Diego County:
<http://www.kumeyaay.info/kumeyaay/KumeyaayGuide.pdf>

Program Website:
<https://anthropology.sdsu.edu/collections-management>

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