



John McCoy (Iulilaš) Since Time Immemorial (JMLSTI)

The John McCoy (Iulilaš) Since Time Immemorial (JMLSTI) program supports integration of Tribal history, culture, and government into K–12 curricula as required by state law. During the 2024–25 year, JMLSTI training series served as a powerful platform for fostering collaboration between tribal nations and school districts across Washington state. These trainings emphasized the importance of tribal sovereignty, cultural understanding, and educational partnerships, building stronger, more inclusive learning environments for all students.

Eight tribal nations—Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Puyallup Tribe, Skokomish Indian Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, and Tulalip Tribes—partnered with the ONE to present their unique histories, cultures, and perspectives. These sessions were designed to deepen educators' understanding of tribal communities and to support the implementation of JMLSTI.

The training events were held at various locations across the state, including tribal lands, school districts, and educational institutions. Highlights include:

- Strong partnership development between tribes and schools: Multiple districts collaborated directly with tribal communities to host these events.
- Professional development: Several sessions offered clock hours, supporting educators' ongoing professional growth.
- Cultural immersion: Events held at tribal venues like the Muckleshoot Tribal College, Port Gamble S'Klallam Longhouse, and Skokomish Community Center provide authentic cultural experiences and direct engagement with tribal leaders and educators.

This year's JMLSTI training series not only strengthened relationships between tribes and schools but also laid the groundwork for continued collaboration, mutual respect, and culturally responsive education across the region.