

Native Student Success Spotlight

Tamika Krise, Isabelle LaClair, and Kiana Wily | Squaxin Island Tribe Student Advocates

Nominated by Keesha Vigil, Teen Program Manager, Squaxin Island Tribe

For Native students, having a trusted adult within a school can make a meaningful difference.

Tamika Krise, Isabelle LaClair, and Kiana Wily serve as Student Advocates working with Native students and families in the Shelton School District. Their work helps strengthen connections among students, families, schools, and the Squaxin Island Tribal community.

Their support extends beyond academics. They advocate alongside students during difficult situations, build relationships with families, support cultural identity, and help create school environments where Native students feel seen, valued, and supported.

"Their dedication, compassion, and consistency have made a real impact on the lives of many Native youth in our community," shared their nominator, Keesha Vigil.

Their work is an important reminder that student success is relational. Students thrive when caring adults know them, advocate with them, honor who they are, and help strengthen the connections between school, family, and community.

