

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT EXAMPLES

City of Albany, CA

The City of Albany recognizes that we occupy the land originally protected by the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. We acknowledge the genocide that took place on these lands and must make strides to repay the moral debt that is owed to this indigenous people, specifically the Ohlone Tribe. We thank them for their contributions which have transformed our community, and will continue to bring forth growth and unity. The City of Albany commits to sustaining ongoing relationships with the Tribe and together build a better future for all that now make this their home.

Palo Alto, CA

(full version): I want to acknowledge that this [event] takes place on the traditional indigenous territories of the Ramaytush, Muwekma Ohlone, and Tamien Nation. Many American families, going from now until our great-great-great-grandparents, came to America from other countries and did not live here first. It is important for us to remember that the land we live on is the traditional land of Native American, or indigenous, nations. If you would like to learn more about whose land you live on from wherever in the world you are joining us, you can go to <https://usdac.us/nativeland>.

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Cal State University East Bay, Hayward, CA

(short version): Horše túuxi! (Hor-shehtroo-hee)

Cal State University East Bay recognizes that it is located on the ethnohistoric territory of the Jalquin (hal-keen) / Yrgin (eer-gen), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo Ohlone-speaking People, the successors of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other familial descendants of the Verona Band. We recognize that every member of the Hayward community has, and continues to benefit from, the use and occupation of this land, since the institution's founding in 1957. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion, and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university's relationship to Native peoples. As members of the Hayward community, it is vitally important that we not only recognize the history of the land on which we stand, but also, we recognize that the Muwekma Ohlone people are alive and flourishing members of the Hayward and broader Bay Area communities today.

This acknowledgement was created by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe with the support of the CSUEB Indigenous Acknowledgment Collective and is a living document.

Chabot College, Hayward, CA

The Ohlone are located on the Northern California Coast. Ohlone was an umbrella term given to the collective of various tribes, bands, and territories. Chabot College sits on land recognized as Ohlone Muwekma, the Chochenyo speaking People. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other familial descendants of the Verona Band.

Holy Names University, Oakland, CA

We acknowledge that HNU sits on the traditional lands of the Muwekma Ohlone People, and pay respect to elders both past and present.

We would like to formally acknowledge the people and land of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. A Land Acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes the history and legacy of colonialism that impacted Indigenous Peoples, their traditional territories, and practices.

Acknowledgment is a simple, powerful way of showing respect and a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth.

The ability to gather, learn, and establish our presence as an institution of higher education came at a great expense of the original inhabitants of this land, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe (mah-wek-mah ah-lone-ee).

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The mission of HNU is to empower a diverse student body for leadership and service, guided by the core values of the Sisters. These Core values include Dedication to Justice, Service to People Who are Poor or Marginalized, and Commitment to Liberating Action. It is important to reflect on these commitments in relation to the very location of HNU: Our location in Oakland, CA, with all of its rich diversity and stark disparities, and our campus itself being located on the land first inhabited by the Ohlone people.

Long before Holy Names University was here on this hill, and even before the Sisters came to California, this area was home to the Ohlone. The Ohlone still have a presence today, in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area.

The present-day Muwekma Ohlone Tribe is comprised of all of the known surviving American Indian lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region who trace their ancestry through the Missions Dolores, Santa Clara, and San Jose; and who were also members of the historic Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County. The aboriginal homeland of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe includes the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, most of Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, and portions of Napa, Santa Cruz, Solano, and San Joaquin.

Let us acknowledge with respect and reverence for the Muwekma Ohlone People, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations, while not forgetting the colonization of this land.

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Stanford sits on the ancestral land of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Ohlone people. Consistent with our values of community and inclusion, we have a responsibility to acknowledge, honor, and make visible the University's relationship to Native peoples.

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

We pause to acknowledge that Santa Clara University sits on the land of the Ohlone and the Muwekma Ohlone people, who trace their ancestry through the Missions Dolores, Santa Clara, and San Jose. We remember their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, work, learn and

pray on their traditional homeland. Let us take a moment of silence to pay respect to their Elders and to all Ohlone people past and present.

San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

The San José State University community recognizes that the present-day Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, with an enrolled Bureau of Indian Affairs documented membership of over 550, is comprised of all of the known surviving American Indian lineages aboriginal to the San Francisco Bay region who trace their ancestry through the Missions Santa Clara, San José, and Dolores, during the advent of the Hispano-European empire into Alta California; and who are the successors and living members of the sovereign, historic, previously Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County.

Furthermore, the San José State University community recognizes that the university is established within the Tha'mien Ohlone-speaking tribal ethnohistoric territory, which based upon the unratified federal treaties of 1851-1852, includes the unceded ancestral lands of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. Some of the enrolled Muwekma lineages are descended from direct ancestors from the Tha'mien Ohlone tribal territory whose ancestors had affiliation with Mission Santa Clara. The San José State University community also recognizes the importance of this land to the indigenous Muwekma Ohlone people of this region, and consistent with our principles of community and diversity strives to be good stewards on behalf of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe whose land we occupy.

UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Native American Student Development recognizes that UC Berkeley sits on the territory of xucyun (Huichin), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo speaking Ohlone people, the successors of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other familial descendants of the Verona Band.

We recognize that every member of the Berkeley community has, and continues to benefit from, the use and occupation of this land, since the institution's founding in 1868. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university's relationship to Native peoples. As members of the Berkeley community, it is vitally important that we not only recognize the history of the land on which we stand, but also, we recognize that the Muwekma Ohlone people are alive and flourishing members of the Berkeley and broader Bay Area communities today.

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