

Position: Chairman

Karuk Enrollment Number: 004439

Name: Ivan Super

Ivan Super níthvuuytih (Ivan Super is my name). I live in Yreka, naa vura ôok va'arara (I belong to this place), and I'm excited to run for Chairman of Karuk Youth Leadership.

For the past two years, I've proudly served as Chairman. I was also Junior Class President at YHS for one year. As Chair, I attended most meetings and events, shared Karuk language and songs, and mentored local youth with stories and cultural knowledge. I supported events for Murdered & Missing Indigenous Men and Women and worked to protect our salmon and teach others about Karuk cultural burns. I even spoke to UC Berkeley students about respecting our language. My peers have honored me with several leadership awards.

I've been a traditional dancer for 15 years, and I love sharing our culture through storytelling, traditional gambling, and learning to make regalia. If elected again, I'll make sure every young person has a voice. I'll work hard to create a space where we can learn from each other and feel proud of our culture. I'll help provide mentors and classes to pass down our knowledge.

I also enjoy volunteering and serving the community. I've studied Karuk language for four years at YHS and am an advocate for it. I'm part of the YHS drama club and have experience with public speaking.

Thank you for considering me for this role. I look forward to continuing to serve and strengthen our Karuk youth.

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Ivan Super