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29TH ANNUAL
INDIGENOUS
CONVOCAATION

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Office of the President

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Northern Arizona University, congratulations!

A convocation is a time to reflect on and celebrate your unique contributions and accomplishments. I hope you feel a deep sense of pride for the years of work it took to get here and the success you have achieved because of who you are.

As you go forth into the world as an NAU graduate, we know you will contribute to building a more diverse, inclusive, equitable, just, and prosperous society. Equipped with the knowledge you have gained, the lessons you have learned, and the determination and resilience you have shown time and again, we are confident that you will rise to the challenges of the future and shape a better world.

Continue to give back and be a leader, approach the future with optimism and curiosity, and draw on the foundation of knowledge and experience you have built here at NAU. Through your accomplishments and actions, you will inspire others to pursue their dreams. We will be cheering for you every step of the way throughout your journey, and we hope you will remain lifelong ambassadors for NAU and stay connected to your Lumberjack family.

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Thank you for choosing NAU. Again, on behalf of the entire Lumberjack community, congratulations!

With respect,



José Luis Cruz Rivera

President

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Northern Arizona University sits on the base of the San Francisco Peaks, on ancestral homelands sacred to Indigenous Nations throughout the region. We honor their past, present, and future generations, who have lived here for millennia and we will forever call this place home.

OVERVIEW OF THE INDIGENOUS STOLE



Since 1994, the Indigenous staff and faculty have honored the achievements of Indigenous students who self-identify as Native American, Alaska Native, and in recent years, Native Hawaiian and who are graduating from Northern Arizona University. The Office of Indigenous Student Success along with the Office of Native American Initiatives (ONAI) colleagues continue the tradition of giving complimentary stoles to Indigenous graduates. The round design is a combined graphic that represents the 4 R's – Relationships (feather/four directions), Respect (water), Resilience (corn stalk/growth), and Responsibility (sun).

The four Rs align with ONAI's mission: "Cultivate effective and inclusive content to communicate NAU's unparalleled commitment to respect, responsibility, relationships, and resilience of Native American/Indigenous cultures while expanding educational opportunities to sovereign nations." The 4R + Relationships: Four cardinal directions considered sacred in Native American cultures. The feathers represent the trust, honor, wisdom, and strength necessary for establishing and cultivating relationships. Responsibility: Sun graphic illustrates responsibility by showing the effect that it has by reaching out its rays. It also signifies the beginning of a new day as it rises from the east. Both express dependability and accountability, essential parts of responsibility. Respect: The water graphic uses a water droplet shape that is utilized in Native American jewelry and other inspired circular designs. Water is used here to visually express the importance of respect and the value of community approval and honor. Resilience The corn is a resilient crop. The corn stalk symbolizes the growth students experience through support in their education.

DEAR INDIGENOUS GRADUATES,

Congratulations class of 2024! The Indigenous Convocation ceremony is a cultural celebration of your achievements and accomplishments as Indigenous Peoples*.

We are excited and thankful to your family, friends, staff, faculty, tribal, and community members who have encouraged and supported your collegiate journey.

May you wear your Indigenous stole with strength, pride, and joy.

We wish you the very best and welcome to the Indigenous Lumberjack alumni family!

Respectfully,

The Indigenous Convocation Committee

Office of Indigenous Student Success



Office of Native American Initiatives



*Indigenous Peoples include Native Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Native Pacific Islanders, and other global Indigenous relatives. Indigenous Peoples also identify with specific Nations, Tribes, Bands, Clans, and Communities.

29TH ANNUAL INDIGENOUS CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM MST
Ardrey Auditorium – Flagstaff, Arizona

Welcome

Dr. Ora Marek-Martinez, Associate Vice-President, Office of Native American Initiatives

Opening Prayer

Báásé Pike, Ambassador, NAU Council of Indigenous Ambassadors

NAU President Video Message

Recognition of Graduates

Sharon Singer Doctor, Director, Office of Indigenous Student Success
Kiara Weathersby Nicas, Director, Native American Cultural Center

Indigenous Alumni Induction

LeRoy Shingoitewa, ONAI Elder (1968 alumnus)

Entertainment

Intertribal STAR Dancers

Acknowledgements

Dr. Ora Marek-Martinez

Closing Prayer

Denver Seaton, Co-Ambassador, NAU Council of Indigenous Ambassadors

Reception immediately following ceremony
at the Native American Cultural Center (bldg. 14)

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

2024 INDIGENOUS CONVOCATION GRADUATES

The names in this program do not constitute an official graduation list.

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Nicholas Aboyte	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Business Economics (BSBA)
Mikaila Adson	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Derek Advincula	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Elementary Education (BSED)
Rebecca Alex	Navajo Nation	Strategic Communication (BS)
Sierra Alvarado	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Visual Communication (BFA)
A'Shayla Anderson	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian	Visual Communication (BFA)
Justice Aoki	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Daniel Apo	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Studio Art (BFA)
Leila Arroyos	American Indian/Alaska Native	Anthropology (BA)
Adrianna Babchuk	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Dental Hygiene (BSDH)
Rachel Baer	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biology (BS)
Isabell Bahe	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Joshua Bahe	Navajo Nation	Marketing (BSBA)
Julieta Barajas	American Indian/Alaska Native	Management (BSBA)
Toa Barclay	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Electrical Engineering (BS)
Brittney Barnett	American Indian/Alaska Native	Visual Communication (BFA)
Zoe Bartlett	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Jaron Bauers	Navajo Nation	Computer Science (BSCS)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Kelly Becenti	Navajo Nation	Biomedical Science (BS)
Deja Begay	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Elijah Begay	Navajo Nation	Civil Engineering (BS)
Matthew Begay	American Indian/Alaska Native	Health Science-Physical Education (BSED)
Miles Begay	Tohono O'odham Nation	Political Science (BS)
Milford Begay	Navajo Nation	Civil Engineering (BS)
Nizhoni Begay	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Taylor Begay	Navajo Nation	Informatics and Computing (PHD)
Tyana Begay	American Indian/Alaska Native	Management (BSBA)
Yichiihdiibaa Begay	American Indian/Alaska Native	Social Work (BSW)
Aliana Bekis	Navajo Nation	Psychology (BS)
Dakota Bell	Potawatomi Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Arlinda Ben	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)
Darrien Benally	Navajo Nation	Communication (MA)
Ernessa Benally	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)
Kelvin Benally	Navajo Nation	Athletic Training (MS)
Kimara Benally	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Public Administration 90-30 (B)
Eli Bigthumb	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Caileigh Bitsoi	Navajo Nation	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Sierra Black	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Marketing (BSBA)
Robert Blackhat Jr	Navajo Nation	Career and Technical Education 90-30 (BSED)
Darylene Blaine	Akimel O'odham/Tohono O'odham Nation	Business Admin - Yuma (BBA)
Ciarra Blake	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Adela Bob	Navajo Nation	Educational Leadership (MA)
Jeremy Bolanos	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Strategic Leadership 90-30 (B)
Caitlyn Bolibol	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Biomedical Science (BS)
Sage Bond	American Indian/Alaska Native	Music (BA)
Patrick Boone	Navajo Nation	Educational Leadership - Instructional Leadership K-12 School Leadership (MED)
Yasmin Boone	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interior Design (BS)
Remington Bottoroff	American Indian/Alaska Native	Business Economics (BSBA)
Johnathan Bowsley	American Indian/Alaska Native	Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BS)
Aric Bradley	Navajo Nation	Biomedical Science (BS)
Ashley Brown	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)
Ashley Brown	Navajo Nation	Interdisciplinary Studies - Early Childhood (B)
Colin Brown	Navajo Nation	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Gunnar Brown	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Interdisciplinary Studies - Emergency Management 90-30 (B)
Lhanaiya Brown	Navajo Nation	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Shandean Brown	Navajo Nation	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Luciano Buck	Navajo Nation	University Studies (BUS)
Allison Bumbera	Yakama Nation	Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BS)
Jaden Burch-Alvarado	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS) PB
Pedro Camacho	American Indian/Alaska Native	Environmental Engineering (MS)
Corina Castillo	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Applied Human Behavior 90-30 (B)
Cole Catron	Navajo Nation	Business Economics (BSBA)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Chase Charley	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Dion Clark	Navajo Nation	Business Administration (MBA)
Mourtice Clitso	American Indian/Alaska Native	Civil Engineering (BS)
Kaitlyn Codd	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interior Design (BS)
Telisa Colelay	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Biomedical Science (BS)
Christopher Comings	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Brianne Cooke	Acjachemen - Juaneno	Biology (MS)
Chanel Coolie	Navajo Nation	Business Administration (MBA)
Sarah Cotrofeld	Micmac - Aroostook Band/ Native Hawaiian	Sociology (BS)
Alison Crowley	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Interdisciplinary Studies - Emergency Management 90-30 (B)
Kaitlin Curley	American Indian/Alaska Native	Psychology (BS)
Traci Curley	Hopi Tribe	Athletic Training (MS)
Brooke Damon	Navajo Nation	Environmental Sciences (BS)
Savannah Davis	Navajo Nation	Biology (BS)
Bryan Dawes	Navajo Nation	Interdisciplinary Studies - Applied Human Behavior 90-30 (B)
Candice Deal	American Indian/Alaska Native	Applied Science-Early Childhood (BAS)
Kyann Dedman-Cisco	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Dorothea Dela Cruz	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	University Studies (BUS)
Colton Denetsosie	American Indian/Alaska Native	English (BA)
Sheree Denetsosie	Navajo Nation	Business Administration (MBA)
Nilsa Deschamps	American Indian/Alaska Native	Finance (BSBA)
Tyline Descheny	Navajo Nation	Comparative Cultural Studies (BA)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Cyena Diaz	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Marketing (BSBA)
Jessica Dodson	Navajo Nation	Educational Leadership - Community College/Higher Education (MED)
Tania Duncan	American Indian/Alaska Native	Construction Management (BS)
Meikayla Dunnill	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Feather Eagleman	Navajo Nation/Sioux-Rosebud Tribe of SD	Biomedical Science (BS)
Jorah Ebert	American Indian/Alaska Native	Management (BSBA)
Justin Eggan	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Computer Science (BSCS)
Joshua Ellis	American Indian/Alaska Native	Finance (BSBA)
Kailah Esona	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Organizational Leadership (M)
Alyscia Etsitty	American Indian/Alaska Native	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)
Alyssa Etsitty	Navajo Nation	Photography (BS)
Sean Etsitty	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
FatuChanel Fatu	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Environmental Sciences (BS)
Ethan Feilbach	Creek Nation - Muscogee / Muckleshoot	Visual Communication (BFA)
Arielle Fixico	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interior Design (BS)
Marissa Follrich	American Indian/Alaska Native	Visual Communication (BFA)
Chelsie Fowler	American Indian/Alaska Native	Environmental Engineering (BS)
Seth Freifeld	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Interdisciplinary Studies - Justice Studies 90-30 (B)
Adelene Fuson	American Indian/Alaska Native	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Chanel Gagnier	Comanche Tribes/Navajo Nation	Nursing-Accelerated Option (BSN) PB
Alicia Gant	American Indian/Alaska Native	Social Work (BSW)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Holden Gardner	American Indian/Alaska Native	Mechanical Engineering (BS)
Valerie Gee	Navajo Nation	Biomedical Science (BS)
Jaren Geis	American Indian/Alaska Native	Construction Management (BS)
Declan Geltmacher	American Indian/Alaska Native	Civil Engineering (BS)
Dazabah Gene	American Indian/Alaska Native	Communication Sciences and Disorders (BS)
Ryan Gilbert	Navajo	History (BS)
Delilah Gilmore	Navajo Nation	Early Childhood Education & Early Childhood Special Education (BSED)
Audrey Goldtooth	American Indian/Alaska Native	Nursing (BSN) PB
Brandy GomezAlo	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Aaliyah Gonzalez	Navajo Nation	Women's and Gender Studies (BS)
Keilani Gordon	American Indian/Alaska Native	Social Work (BSW)
Cameron Grayeyes	American Indian/Alaska Native	Health Sciences - Fitness Wellness (BS)
Joscelyn Green	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Mechanical Engineering (BS)
Kalayah Greer Gipson	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Secondary Education - English (BSED)
Shawna Greyeyes	Navajo Nation	Biomedical Science (BS)
Breeana Gripman	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Comm Studies (BS)
Vania Gushoney	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Social Work (BSW)
Kennedy Hackbarth	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Manu Hailame	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Mathematics (BS)
Ashley Hale	Navajo Nation	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Sheena Hale	Navajo Nation	Educational Leadership - Community College/Higher Education (MED)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Gabrielle Hall	Navajo Nation	Electrical Engineering (BS)
Shasta Hampton	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Joey Hanley	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)
Max Hanson	American Indian/Alaska Native	Business Economics (BSBA)
Jessica Haozous	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	Applied Science-Administration-Yuma (BAS)
Hannah Harvey	Navajo Nation	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Lillian Harvey	Navajo Nation	Social Work (BSW)
Alexandra Hastings	American Indian/Alaska Native	Health Sciences - Nutrition and Foods (BS)
Emerald Heath	American Indian/Alaska Native	Secondary Education - English (BSED)
Hi'ilani Helenihi	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Management (BSBA)
Corey Hemstreet	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Rachel Hendricks	Gila River Indian Community	Elementary Education (BSED)
Krissy Henry	Navajo Nation	Social Work (BSW)
Alexandra Hernandez	Tohono O'odham Nation	Interdisciplinary Studies - Strategic Leadership 90-30 (B)
Victoria Hernandez	Tohono O'odham Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Courtney Herndon	Quapaw Tribe	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Melissa Herrera	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Speech-Language Sciences and Technology (B)
Kimberly Higuera	American Indian/Alaska Native	International Affairs (BA)
Kayla Hill	The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Scott Hillis	Navajo Nation	History (BS)
Lourdes Hinton	American Indian/Alaska Native	Sociology (BS)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Kevin Hirschi	Chickasaw OK	Applied Linguistics (PHD)
Mark HoChing	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Educational Leadership - Community College/Higher Education (MED)
Roberta Hoeffner	American Indian/Alaska Native	Health Sciences - Fitness Wellness (BS)
Robyn Holgate	Navajo Nation	Finance (BSBA)
Valerie Holguin	American Indian/Alaska Native	Athletic Training (MS)
Cheyenne Holloway	American Indian/Alaska Native	Comm Studies (BA)
Harley Hopper	American Indian/Alaska Native	Strategic Communication (BS)
Keona Hosteen	Navajo Nation	Communication Sciences and Disorders (BS)
Cameron Hrabak	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)
Tiana Hudak	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Hizuru Humbert	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Business Administration (MBA)
Kendrea Jackson	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Alicia James	Navajo Nation	Athletic Training (MS)
Amber James	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)
Jessica James	Cherokee	Interdisciplinary Studies - Applied Human Behavior 90-30 (B)
Nanibah James	American Indian/Alaska Native	Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS)
Deanna Jentzen	Blackfeet Tribe	Interdisciplinary Studies - Applied Human Behavior 90-30 (B)
Catlin Jim	American Indian/Alaska Native	Elementary Education (BSED)
Lisa Jim	Navajo Nation	Social Work - Advanced Standing (MSW)
Mialynn Jim	Navajo Nation	Biology (MS)
Alesha Jimmie	Navajo Nation	Social Work (MSW)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Kelsey Joe	White Mountain Apache Tribe/Navajo Nation	Applied Science-Early Childhood (BAS)
Katrina John	Navajo Nation	Athletic Training (MS)
Isabella Johnson	Cheyenne - Northern Tribe of MT	Psychology (BS)
Emily Johnston	American Indian/Alaska Native	Elementary Education (BSED)
Chloe Jones	Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Trib	Special and Elementary Education (BSED)
Samantha Jones	American Indian/Alaska Native	English (BA)
Isaiah Jones Embry	American Indian/Alaska Native	Psychology (BS)
Ericka Judge	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Business Admin - Yuma (BBA)
Lauren Kaibetoney	Navajo Nation	Organizational Leadership (M)
Malia Kaminski	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Alanna Kathadhe	Hualapai Tribe	Interdisciplinary Studies - Learning and Pedagogy (B)
Isaiah Kaye	Pascua Yaqui Tribe/Tohono O'odham Nation	Biomedical Science (BS)
Chasen Kazahaya	American Indian/Alaska Native	Finance (BSBA)
Jerry Kee	Navajo Nation	Indian Country Criminal Justice (BS)
Destiny Kelln	Menominee Indian Tribe	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Makiah Kennedy	American Indian/Alaska Native	Social Work (BSW)
Paulita Kewanwytewa	The Hopi Tribe	Elementary Education-Certification (MED)
Caleb King	American Indian/Alaska Native	Data Science (BS)
Megan King	American Indian/Alaska Native	Health Sciences - Fitness Wellness (BS)
Corina Kiyaani	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Jeremiah Kong-Delgado	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS)
Jamie Kootswatewa	The Hopi Tribe	Organizational Leadership (M)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Sydney Lagman	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Forestry (BSF)
Avianna Lal	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Terra Lamotte-Harvey	Navajo Nation/Sioux-Yankton Tribe of SD	Educational Leadership - Community College / Higher Education Administration (EDD)
Caleb Larca	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Creative Media & Film (BS)
Tsulan Cooper Lauffer	Sac and Fox Nation OK	Clinical Speech - Language Pathology (MS)
Nanea Leayman	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Business Admin - Yuma (BBA)
Devida Lee	American Indian/Alaska Native	Early Childhood Education & Early Childhood Special Education (BSED)
Kimberly Lee	Navajo Nation	Interdisciplinary Studies - Administration (B)
Angelina Lele	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Ryan Leonard	American Indian/Alaska Native	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Angela Lewis	Utu utu Gwaitu Nuumu/ Navajo Nation	Nursing (BSN)
Joshua Lewis	American Indian/Alaska Native	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Tristan Long	American Indian/Alaska Native	Nursing (BSN)
Michaela Anne Loper	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Marketing (BSBA)
Elisa Loya	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MS)
Roger Lupe	American Indian/Alaska Native	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Sheila Machuse	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Nehemiah Magalei	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Valendria Malone	Navajo Nation	Sociology (BS)
Magdalena Maloney	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	English (BA)
Alofaletauia Maluia	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Strategic Communication (BS)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Henry Mann Jr.	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Joelle Mansfield	Hopi Tribe	Geography, Environment, and Society (BS)
Joel Mateo	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Biomedical Science (BS)
Darlene McCauley	Laguna Pueblo	Educational Leadership - K-12 Administration (EDD)
Kaiden McChesney	American Indian/Alaska Native	Management (BSBA)
Aaryna McDaniel	American Indian/Alaska Native	Philosophy, Politics and Law (BA)
Steven McKimney	American Indian/Alaska Native	Civil Engineering (BS)
Shelby Meister	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Comm Studies (BS)
Carmen Membriila	American Indian/Alaska Native	Social Work (BSW)
Antonio Mencos	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BS)
Vera Merriott	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian	Parks and Recreation Management (BS)
Adriano Mescal	Navajo Nation	International Affairs (BA)
Carmen Miller	Tohono O'odham Nation	Business Admin - Yuma (BBA)
Blanca Rosa Miranda	Gila River Indian Community	Health Sciences - Fitness Wellness (BS)
Michelle Mitchell	American Indian/Alaska Native	Elementary Education (BSED)
Isabella Moe	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Arin Montoya	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian	Mathematics (BS)
Tahj Moore	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biology (MS)
Nicholas Mose	Navajo Nation	Comm Studies (BS)
Cassandra Moss	Navajo Nation	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Yolanda Munoz	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Indian Country Criminal Justice (BS)
Natasha Naha	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Reading K-8 (MED)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Sharina Nash	American Indian/Alaska Native	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Ciera Nez	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Keri Nez	Navajo Nation/Laguna Pueblo Tribe	Early Childhood Education & Early Childhood Special Education (BSED)
Lily Nez	Navajo Nation	Dental Hygiene (BSDH)
Sheadeen Nez	Navajo Nation	Accountancy (BSACCY)
Shinel Nez	Navajo Nation	Interdisciplinary Studies - Justice Studies 90-30 (B)
Tanya Nez	Navajo Nation	Organizational Leadership (M)
Tawnya Nez	Navajo Nation	Educational Leadership - Principal Pre K-12 (MED)
Jobrienne Nockideneh	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)
Shalyn Nockideneh	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Joy Norrington	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Applied Human Behavior 90-30 (B)
Bella Norton	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Biology (BS)
Kylie Nutlouis	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Rebecca Oakham	Navajo Nation	Teaching Science with Certification (MAT)
Savanna Obregon	American Indian/Alaska Native	Engineering - Mechanical Engineering (MENG)
Ariana Padilla	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian	Social Work - Advanced Standing (MSW)
Monique Parrish	American Indian/Alaska Native	Computer Engineering (BS)
Briana Pediangco	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Comm Studies (BS)
Melina Perez	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Elementary Education (BSED)
Jeanette Perkins	American Indian/Alaska Native	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN) PB
Christian Placiente	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Management (BSBA)
Leighannie Platero	Navajo Nation	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Joseph Plunkett	Cherokee - Eastern Band of NC	Marketing (BSBA)
Pj Poutasi	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Sociology (BS) PB
Samantha Quiroga	Tohono O'odham Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Sasha Railey	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)
Kayla Ramirez	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biomedical Science (BS)
Natalie Ramone	Navajo Nation	Psychology (BS)
Leilani Ramos	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Marques Reese	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Ashleigh Richards	American Indian/Alaska Native	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Paige Rickard	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Exercise Physiology (BS)
Dadric Anderson Riggs	Navajo Nation	Visual Communication (BFA)
Shelah Roanhorse	Navajo Nation	Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MS)
Tamara Robbins	Navajo Nation	Social Work (BSW)
Terilyn Robbins	Navajo Nation	Social Work (BSW)
Echo Roberts	Oneida Tribe of WI	Organizational Leadership (M)
Jacob Robles	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Physical Therapy - Entry Level (DPT)
Jeremy Rodas	American Indian/Alaska Native	Management (BA)
Sara Rodriguez	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Educational Leadership - Community College/Higher Education (MED)
Denesha Rodriguez	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Interdisciplinary Studies - Justice Studies 90-30 (B)
Jolee Rogers	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Tallerita Tunney Rogers	Navajo Nation	Business Administration (MBA)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Isabella Romero	American Indian/Alaska Native	Exercise Physiology (BS)
Michael Romero	American Indian/Alaska Native	Finance (BSBA)
Cyerra Ronell	American Indian/Alaska Native	Social Work (BSW)
Michal Rouse	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Public Administration 90-30 (B)
Reyna Ruiz Solano	Tohono O'odham Nation	Management (BSBA)
Natyana Russette	American Indian/Alaska Native	Psychology (BS)
Antonio Sagaral	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Mechanical Engineering (BS)
Mira Sagg	American Indian/Alaska Native	Marketing (BSBA)
Deirdre Sampson	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Amanda Sanchez	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Organizational Leadership (M)
Angelica Sandoval	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Joelle Santiago	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Biomedical Science (BS)
Aaron Sayco	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Nursing - Option for Registered Nurses (BSN)
Tamara Schneider	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Tsosie Schneider	Pueblo of Zuni	Informatics and Computing (PHD)
Xochiana Seneris	American Indian/Alaska Native	Psychology (BS)
Amber Seowtewa	Navajo Nation	Occupational Therapy (OTD)
Tawny Shebala	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Kourtney Shirley	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)
Beverly Shondee	Salish & Kootenai of Flathead Res	Educational Leadership - Principal Pre K-12 (MED)
Elda Silva	American Indian/Alaska Native	Environmental Engineering (BS)
Alyssa Sissenwein	American Indian/Alaska Native	Marketing (BSBA)

Name	Indigenous Affiliation	Degree/Major
Verlaine Six	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education (BSED)
Jennifer Slater	American Indian/Alaska Native	Nursing (BSN) PB
Kyra Slim	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Emily Slivers	Navajo Nation/Menominee/Oneida	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Melinda Smith	Navajo Nation	Interdisciplinary Health (PHD)
Reyna Ruiz Solano	Tohono O'odham Nation	Management (BSBA)
Erin Solomon	American Indian/Alaska Native	Hotel and Restaurant Management (BS)
Christian Spisak	American Indian/Alaska Native	Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BS)
Austin Squier	American Indian/Alaska Native	Comparative Cultural Studies (BA)
Chandra Stevens	American Indian/Alaska Native	Interdisciplinary Studies - Applied Human Behavior 90-30 (B)
Nicole Stevens	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Applied Science-Public Administration (BAS)
Jacob Steward	American Indian/Alaska Native	Business Economics (BSBA)
Tara Stewart	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Denise Stoner	Shawnee - Eastern Tribe, OK	Anthropology - Applied (MA)
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Aeden Szopinski	American Indian/Alaska Native	Biology (BS)
Joscelyn Tallon	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Elementary Education (BSED)
Latawnya Tan	Navajo Nation	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Hannah Tautolo	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Educational Leadership - Principal Pre K-12 (MED)
Mayan Taylor	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Interdisciplinary Studies - Justice Studies 90-30 (B)
Evereta Thinn	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)

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Angelo Todakonzie	Navajo Nation	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Amber Todecozy	Navajo Nation	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Chandi Toledo	Navajo Nation	Elementary Education - Certification (MED)
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Trinity Towns	American Indian/Alaska Native	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
Gillian Townsend	American Indian/Alaska Native	Secondary Education - General Science (BSED)
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Cameron Tsingine	Hopi Tribe/Navajo Nation	Construction Management (BS)
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Kai Tsosie	American Indian/Alaska Native	International Affairs (BA)
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Jaclyn Tutt	Navajo Nation	Public Health - Health Promotion (MPH)
Iliana Unga	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Psychology (BS)
DeRay Uqualla	Gila River Indian Community	Interdisciplinary Studies - Strategic Leadership 90-30 (B)
Isaac Valencia	American Indian/Alaska Native	Business Admin - Yuma (BBA)
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Riley Williams	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Astronomy (BS)
Maddie Wise	American Indian/Alaska Native	Criminology and Criminal Justice (BS)
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Taylor Yazzie	American Indian/Alaska Native	Health Science-Public Health (BS)
Troy Yazzie	Navajo Nation	Finance (BSBA)
Tyson Yazzie	Navajo Nation	University Studies (BUS)
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Jordan Yogi	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	Psychological Sciences (BS)
Kelsey Yonnie	Laguna Pueblo/Navajo Nation	Nursing (BSN) PB
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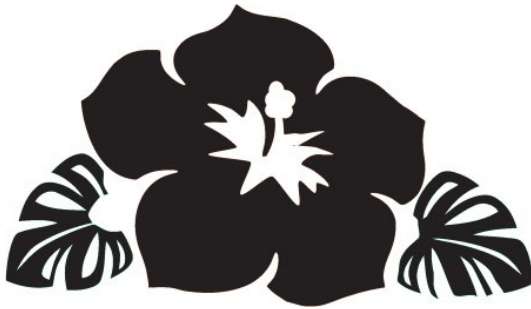
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