



In historic first, Vice President Kamala Harris visits Gila River Indian Community

Harris discusses impact of Infrastructure Investment on Tribal Nations

Communications & Public Affairs Office
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Laveen, AZ.- Vice President Kamala Harris became the first sitting U.S. President or Vice President to visit the Gila River Indian Community when she spoke to a crowd of about 800 elected leaders, officials from Arizona tribes and Community members gathered at the Gila Crossing Community School on July 6.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who met with Harris prior to her remarks and accompanied the Vice President and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff on a tour of the Community's Reclaimed Water



Vice President Kamala Harris addresses the audience on Thursday, July 6 at the Gila Crossing Community School in District 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN



O'otham singers and dancers from the four "Sister Tribes" welcome the Vice President. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Pipeline Project, also addressed the crowd, calling the Biden-Harris Administration "a true partner" with Indian Country.

"This Administration has taken partnership to a whole new lev-

el," said Gov. Lewis. "They have brought Tribes genuinely to the table, working with us on important investments and solutions for each Tribe's unique needs."

Harris met privately with O'

otham youth prior to her remarks while the Second Gentleman met with Community Veterans. The Vice President's speech focused

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TED Graduation Banquet honors 2023 Graduates



Samuel Dillon, 2023 Betty Fairfax High School graduate, shares his education journey through high school. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

There was joy that filled the air at the Tribal Education Department's (TED) graduate recognition banquet held on Friday, June 23. The banquet fell into the evening, where 85 students RSVP'd with two guests. At the same time, tribal leadership and Community council members attended the event as well, resulting in the attendance of 300 individuals commemorating the graduates. TED student advisors hosted the graduate banquet to honor the class of 2023 students and recognize their academic accomplishments at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass with a dinner service held in the Komatake Ballroom.

Tribal Education Department Director Issac Salcido greeted the banquet guests, congratulated students on their accomplishments, and finally introduced graduates. Cultural and Language Program Manager Anthony Gray and Cultural Specialist Antonio Davis sang O'otham songs as each graduate entered the room during the introduction. Then Arizona State University 2023 graduate Kristen Dosela provided a blessing for everyone.

Following the opening came congratulating and encouraging remarks from Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Both shared their admiration towards the TED employees, paving the way for the graduating students to thrive in their academic futures while admiring the graduates for their efforts in their

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GRRC hosts Grand Opening Ceremony for New Santan Mountain Casino

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Resorts & Casinos Santan Mountain, the tribe's fourth casino in Arizona, invited Community members to an exclusive pre-opening and ribbon cutting from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 17.

Many Community members waited outside for the doors to open. Once they entered and were led to the Silverleaf Ballroom, the first 1,000 received a free State 48 Santan Casino T-shirt. Five hundred more shirts were ordered to be distributed to those who didn't get one at a later date.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, council members from all seven districts and executive leaders and employees of the Gila River Resorts & Casinos attended the event, which included a blessing from former Lt. Gov. Robert Stone, speeches from tribal leaders and cultural performances by tribal members.

After the blessing, Gov. Lewis said, "We've raised the bar at Santan Mountain Casino. It's



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis cuts the official ribbon for the opening of the Santan Mountain Casino. Velia Moncada/GRIN

beautiful, it's open and it's bright."

Located on the outskirts of District 4, the casino entrance boasts large windows that provide

stunning views of the surrounding desert and Santan Mountain. Inside, the decor is dominated by a white color scheme, creating a

light and airy atmosphere. Gov. Lewis also thanked el-

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WIOA First Responder Program instills career training for youth

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) continues its summer First Responders Cadet Program for youth from June 12 - July 28. The unique First Responder Cadet Program works in collaboration with the Gila River Police Department (GRPD), Gila River Fire Department (GRFD), and Gila River Emergency Management Services (GREMS).

Open to ages 14-18, the seven-week program provides youth the opportunity to learn and gain hands-on experience in public safety through an in-depth look at day-to-day operations with experienced instructors in the field.

"I think it's a great program to introduce the youth here in the Community to public safety in general, but our ultimate goal would be to have them go in those career routes, whether it's fire, PD, EMS, or higher education," said Robert Jackson, GRFD. He began working with the program as an instructor in 2017.

The program challenges participants to accomplish physical and mental education training in

each department. This year, 12 cadets joined the summer program, where they trained at GRPD's training facility in Chandler.

The program initially began with GRPD, which provides insight into dispatch, officer protocols, officer safety, Miranda warnings, firearms safety and training, and much more.

Eventually, throughout the years, GRFD and EMS were introduced and now offer firefighter training and medical education as part of the program.

Participants receive a stipend through WIOA and are eligible to receive CPR training and certification through EMS. This added certification will allow them to become better prepared and equipped as they enter their careers.

For departments like GRFD, physical demands are much higher, so the program also partners with the Tribal Wellness Center instructors, who provide physical education and exercise. Cadets are also allowed to practice drills in firefighter uniforms.

Sayuri Jackson, District 3, a first-time participant in the program, said she's gained a lot of



2023 WIOA First Responders Cadet Program participants. Emma Hughes/GRIN

leadership skills and a better understanding of public health and safety. She's also made new friends in the program.

"We all help each other figure out how fast can we get on our turnouts or how can we resuscitate someone in the orderly time," said Jackson. "I've learned a lot of leadership skills and just maybe what career I might go into. It's a really good program. It just helps me a lot, honestly."

Second-year participant, Vincent Alvidrez, District 7, said it's much more inclusive this year with more participants. "We get better activities and whatnot because we get more people and that's more people to learn and that's more people who have better knowledge out there," said Alvidrez.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the summer program steadily increased, with its largest class of 16 cadets in 2019. The program is slowly seeing those numbers return, with 12 cadets this summer.

"If you're looking for good interactions while also having fun learning environment, possibly meeting and making new friends along the way, if you want an op-

portunity in any of the three public safety departments, definitely join. It had to be one of the best decisions I've made personally," said Alvidrez.

Rebecca Lewis, EMT with Gila River EMS, said, "I do believe that this program has given us great results in the past. We have four or five of our cadets that are now in the public safety fields to date."

Lewis instructs the cadets on how to perform CPR on infants and adults while going over other life-saving techniques, such as applying a tourniquet and more.

"Our goal here is to teach these kids about gaining medical knowledge and trying to get them familiar with what we do in the field, so that way it kind of gives them a clear picture of what we do as EMS to kind of help them decide if that's what they want to do," said Lewis.

For any youth interested in the First Responders Program, contact any participating departments: Fire, EMS, or GRPD, and ask them about the program. And for interested adults, a year-round program is also available for those 18 and older.



Rebecca Lewis provides CPR training for the First Responder youth cadets. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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journey to academic success. Graduates from the class of



Students receive a recognition certificate from Tribal Education Department staff along with congratulations from GRIC leadership. Velia Moncada/GRIN

2023, Samuel Dillon of Betty Fairfax High School and Yvette Carpio of Arizona State University spoke to the graduating class and their families at the recognition banquet. They highlighted the numerous challenges and triumphs they faced throughout their educational journeys.

Amongst the banquet activities, a raffle occurred throughout the night where students would receive home appliances as prizes. These prizes ranged from micro-waves to keurigs, egg cookers, and a plasma TV.

Lance Reyna, K-12 Education Manager at TED, and Jennifer Hinton, Adult Education Manager at TED, gave students their certificate of recognition in the late evening, recognizing stu-

dents for their studious work and academic achievement.

Closing remarks were then presented by the Chairman of the Education Standing Commit-

tee, District 1 Councilman Arzie Hogg, concluding the night for students and their well-deserved achievement.

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on federal-tribal partnerships involving infrastructure - including the recent water conservation projects to address the drought in the Lower Basin. She also touted the Biden Administration's commitment to expanding voting rights for Native Americans, to working to solve the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, and to protect the Indian Child Welfare Act, which was recently upheld by a decision of the United State Supreme Court.

"Together we will continue to work together in partnership toward a future where all of our children can realize their God-given potential, a better future for this generation and seven generations to come," the Vice President told the crowd. "In that fight, together we will work to continue to strengthen this partnership, to count on your leadership, and to work together in support of our common cause."

Calling the visit from Harris "an historic meeting," Gov. Lewis talked about what it meant to the Community to have the

Vice President single out Gila River for such a tour.

"This was about an equal partnership," Lewis explained. "In that way we can truly collaborate to address important issues, including climate change, economic development among tribes, and protecting voting rights for tribal members. Her as Vice President coming to the Community as the sole reason she came to Arizona today really represents the Administration's commitment to Indian Country."



Gov. Lewis greets Vice President Kamala Harris upon arrival at the Gila Crossing Community School. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis meeting with Miss Gila River Royalty and O'otham youth on July 6. GRIC Photo



Gov. Lewis guides Vice President Kamala Harris on a tour of the Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project in District 4. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Preparing for Monsoon Storms and Effects this summer

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

As the Community awaits the beautiful summer rainstorms to pass through the desert landscape, the Office of Emergency Man-

agement (OEM) of GRIC prepares for the damages the Monsoon season tends to leave behind. Monsoons occur when the winds shift in direction due to seasonal changes, causing air pressure between the hot and

parched air in the southwest region to increase in moisture. These storms can range from minor dust winds to severe thunderstorms causing heavy winds and rain, low visibility, power outages, and severe flash flood-

ing. "Residents should be prepared and take the monsoon's very seriously and prepare as needed," said Emergency Management Coordinator Adam Sainz. He ensures that preparation planning for emergency disasters are thorough and effective for the Community. For the past and future monsoon seasons, OEM coordinates with each district to supply adequate sandbags for each district and encourages departments to test their facility's backup emergency equipment. This warrants that the Commu-

nity is well-equipped to assist with the prevention of flooding as well as provide emergency power during a power outage. "The OEM Team along with Public Safety and GRIC departments understand the importance of preparedness and work together to keep the Community safe," said Sainz. When an emergency occurs the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) activates to assist, coordinate and deploy emergency resources for the Community. The OEM Team will be ready to respond as quickly

as possible. Although OEM strives to prepare for monsoon season, it is imperative that Community members safeguard and prepare for the monsoon elements as best as possible. Some steps to help plan for such an incident includes: avoid driving in severe weather, watch the news for accurate information and weather updates, create a communication and evacuation plan, prepare for power outages, travel safely, and prepare an emergency 72-hour kit in the event you need to shelter in place.

Eat Safe Food after a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after the loss of power. Find out what you can do to keep food safe during a power outage, and when you need to throw away food that could make you sick.

Before

- Keep appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer. The refrigerator should be at 40°F or below. The freezer should be at 0°F or below.
- Prepare for emergencies or natural disasters. Freeze containers of water and gel packs to help keep your food at 40°F or below. Have a cooler handy. Buy dry ice or block ice to keep food cold in the refrigerator if the power might be out for a long time.

During

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After

Never taste food to determine if it is safe to eat. **When in doubt, throw it out.**

- Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator (meat, fish, cut fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, and leftovers) after 4 hours without power or a cold source.
- Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- Check temperatures of food kept in coolers or your refrigerator with a cold source. Throw out food above 40°F.
- If you have an appliance thermometer in your freezer, check to see if it is still at 40°F or below.
- You can safely refreeze or cook thawed frozen food that still contains ice crystals or is at 40°F or below.

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Adam Sainz, Emergency Management Coordinator for OEM, stands in front of sandbags that are distributed to Community service centers in the case of severe flooding. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Phoenix Suns host annual Basketball camp for youth

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Phoenix Suns, in partnership with the Gila River Indian Community, hosted two week-long basketball camps for youths ages 6-17 the first at Thunderbird High School in Phoenix and the second at Williams Field High School in Gilbert.

Over 200 youths participated in the camp this year, including ten from the Gila River Indian Community. The camps offer one-on-one instruction in a safe and positive environment for everyone to learn more about the sport.

Open to experienced and inexperienced players, the camp allows players to play basketball and learn from trained coaches from high school, collegiate and professional levels. Through guided exercises and drills, youth developed their experiences and helped others gain valuable foundational skills.

Over the course of the week, participants go over drills, learn offense and defense work, teamwork, review educational videos, and hear from guest speakers.

Players were categorized based on age and skill level during the week's activities. The event concluded with an award ceremony and a meet and greet with Phoenix Suns player Damion Lee at the Williams Field High School gymnasium.

During his visit, Lee

shared his start in basketball and how it kept him busy during his childhood, he thanked the youth for coming out to the camp and taking the time to learn and acquire new skills. Lee also signed autographs and took photos with all the youth participating in the camp.



Phoenix Suns player Damion Lee shares encouraging words for the youth at the camp. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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Community Gathers to Celebrate the O’otham New Year

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

The Huhugam Heritage Center hosted a celebration on June 23 to welcome the 2023 O’otham New Year, where dancers and traditional singers, of all ages, from the Community performed in the center courtyard. At the same time, attendees dressed in cultural attire and joined the festivities by dancing to the music and songs that continued throughout the night.

The event was the first celebration since the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Gila River Royalty hosted

ed this year’s gathering.

The night’s program included Akimel O’otham and Pee Posh singing, dancing, and traditional performances. It featured Pee Posh bird dancing and O’otham singers showcasing basket dances, social dancing, and giveaway.

“I wanted to bring our Community together and celebrate with one another,” said 2023-24 Miss Gila River Lehua Lani Dosela. She organized the 2023 O’otham New Year celebration event with her GRIC royalty committee. She contributed 18 ribbon shirts and nine skirts that she sewed for the

dance giveaway.

The 2023 O’otham New Year drew families and friends and people throughout the districts to celebrate the season’s changing into the summer solstice.

Sue Sixkiller from District 1 attended the celebration and remarked on how she recognizes the O’otham New Year as a time of renewal in life, with a time to rejoice and gather with one another and a moment to have pride in the Community and what the Community has to offer.

Also present during the event was Lt. Gov. Monica Antone. Lt. Gov. Antone

acknowledged the efforts to organize the event and expressed her gratitude towards the Huhugam Heritage Center staff for their hard work and dedication in making the Miss Gila River O’otham New Year event a success.

The celebration allowed Community members to dance to the songs of the Pee Posh and the O’otham while learning the language of one another. The event also cultivated a space for everyone to embrace the beauty in the people and traditional customs that make up the Gila River Indian Community.



2023-24 Miss Gila River Lehua Lani Dosela and four others during the giveaway dance. Velia Moncada/GRIN



2023-24 GRIC Royalty and Community members celebrate with a social dance to ring in the O’otham New Year. CPAO Photo



2023-24 Miss Gila River first attendant, Mavis Thomas (center), joins Pee Posh Dancers for the bird dance social at the 2023 O’otham New Year Celebration. CPAO Photo

Veterans gather for education and VA updates June 27

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

On Tuesday, June 27, the Veterans Family and Services Office (VFSO) hosted a Veterans Roundtable. The roundtable brings together veterans from all military branches to provide more visibility, education, and critical updates for Community veterans.

The roundtable, held in District 5, was the first roundtable after the pandemic and was a welcome reunion for veterans from all seven districts. These settings provide much-needed information for the Community veterans since many can’t regularly travel to Phoenix or Tucson for services and information.

During the program’s opening, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone shared remarks with

the audience. “I want to express my gratitude towards the VFSO for providing resources to file claims. I observed their dedication to assisting Community Veterans at every level. And I am immensely grateful for the services offered to Veterans seeking mental health support,” said Lt. Gov. Antone.

During this time, Lt. Gov. Antone also acknowledged the veterans’ posts from the Community for their tireless dedication to representing GRIC. She also recognized their support for the services of a District 7 veteran who recently passed away.

“Today was all about education, and I think it was a very successful event,” said Eric White, VFSO coordinator. “Changes are constantly occurring at the

VA, so to have representatives from the VA here, working with our veterans one-on-one is great, that way they get the answers they need from the VA and it’s programs directly.”

Several members of various VA programs attended to provide program updates, information on program services, and workshop presentations. Some of those programs included the Phoenix VA Health Care System Rural Health, Tucson VA Health Care Native American Veterans Advocate Program, VA Traditional Healing, and information on the PACT Act.

“I appreciate you all being here today to receive all the information we are providing here today,” said Michael Welsh, Deputy Medical Center Director, Phoenix VA Health Care. Mr. Welsh also attended the roundtable and welcomed everyone at the beginning of the program.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis is also attended the roundtable and was pleased to see its return, in-person.

“It’s great to be back with you all in person and I hope you all took away something from this time together,” said Gov. Lewis in his closing remarks. “There was a time when we didn’t have a VFSO, so to see them plan this for you

all is great and I want you all to visit the new office, because it’s your office and you deserve everything they have to offer, as veterans.”

As the Community can now hold public events, VFSO will work to keep roundtables on a consistent quarterly schedule in the future.

Additionally, VFSO plans to hold a Purple Heart event in August to celebrate GRIC officially being designated a Purple Heart Community in 2022.

Lastly, as mentioned previously, VFSO has a new office. The new VFSO office is located at 264 S. Bluebird Road in Sacaton. The staff extends a welcome to all veterans to come and



Lauren Ybarra from the Tucson VA shared a presentation about her program services and how to enroll for benefits. Kyle Knox/GRIN

learn more about the services they offer. For more information, stop in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 520-562-5148 or 520-562-5145.



Veterans gathered in District 5 for the Veterans Roundtable on June 27. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, VFSO Coordinator Eric White, District 1 Councilman Joey Whitman, and regional representatives from the VA at the end of the Veterans Roundtable. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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 IN THE MATTER OF: Dawn Williams vs. Kristin Notah
 CASE Number: CV-2023-0128-RO
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be

issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Restraining Order Hearing
 28th day of July, 2023 at 10:00 AM
 in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 DATED Friday, June 23, 2023

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 IN RE Case: RACHAEL MARIE FARKAS vs. BRANDON MINSHEW
 CASE Number: CV-2023-0112-RO
 CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
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forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Restraining Order Hearing
 21st day of July, 2023
 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 DATED Friday, June 9, 2023

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 IN THE MATTER OF: Jeannette Lewis
 CASE Number: CV-2020-0188-AIC
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be

issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Review Hearing
 15th day of August, 2023 at 3:30 PM
 in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 DATED Thursday, June 22, 2023

Submission
Appreciation Letter
 GRIN: Editor
 Letter is to appreciate the outstanding work done by the Public Works Department. It is recognizing the quality of work done in a timely manner.
 Public Works Director: Jesus Haro
 Public Works Solid Waste Supervisor: Elda

Watson
 Public Works Equipment Operator: Rachel Valencia
 Public Works Employees: Rudy Valenzuela, Robin Brown
 Thank you very much,
 Byron R. Dixon, Sr.

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE
 IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
 IN THE MATTER OF: Michaelene Jones vs. CW Sunbird Jones Sr.
 CASE Number: FM-2023-0031-DV
 This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in held in absentia and a warrant may be

issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond, judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.
Answer/Response Hearing
 15th day of August, 2023 at 11:30 AM
 in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheri L Cassa
 AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
 721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147
 DATED Monday, June 19, 2023

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From the Front Page

ders and Community members for their support of the casino, which is expected to bring economic revenue for the Community.

Lt. Gov. Antone in her speech also mentioned the economic advantages of the new casino and how it will benefit tribal housing, public safety and more.

“It’s beautiful that our Community can open the doors to such a great opportunity, to an economic engine,” she said. “This is your casino, this is our casino, this is Gila River strong... I am looking forward to the next few days as the revenue comes back to our people.”

Later in the program, the Keli Akimel O’otham and a Pee Posh Bird Singing group performed traditional songs and dances for the au-

dience. The lead voice of the bird singers, Angel Ortiz, District 7, commented that the casino to him is a great promise to the Community that will enhance resources. He also mentioned that his favorite feature of the casino was the artwork on the walls, which was created by Community members. Work by Community artists is on display throughout the building, including seven paintings from each of the seven districts.

After the performances at 10:30 a.m., Community members gathered in the hallway outside of the ballroom for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Lt. Gov. Antone and Gov. Lewis were handed \$20 bills, which they slid into the nearest slot machine to mark that the Santan Mountain Casino was open for official business.

Afterward, the Community cheered and dispersed into the 160,000-square-

foot casino, which holds more than 800 slot machines, 15 blackjack tables, three roulette tables—including the first white roulette wheel in the country—three poker card tables, two craps tables three Ultimate Texas Hold’em tables, mini baccarat and electronic table games.

Gila River Resorts & Casinos Santan Mountain also boasts the largest sportsbook in Arizona at 7,000 square feet, which is sponsored by Bet MGM and includes the Upper Deck Deli and a bar featuring giant-screen TVs.

Other features include a main bar and lounge area called “The Hive;” the Premio bar in the high limit room; a food court with Rizzo’s pizza and Italian, Mein Dish Asian cuisine, Taste Kitchen and a Starbucks; and the “upscale but approachable” restaurant Honey and Vine, which uses ingredients grown in the Community and includes an outdoor patio and a walk-up coffee bar.

Also, the high-limit area has a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows that create an indoor/outdoor vibe and opens to the gardens and patio for lounging. At the Community pre-opening, restaurants handed out samples of their cuisine and Eagleheart and Gertie n’ the T.O. Boyz provided live



Keli Akimel Dance group sang and danced at the grand pre-opening for the Santan Mountain Casino. Kyle Knox/GRIN

music. “A lot of people have been waiting for this event to happen,” said Alta Hymmer, Community elder from District 4. “I think it’s a beautiful place, especially the art that comes from Community members.”

After the Community pre-opening wrapped up, the casino held a ribbon cutting for the general public at 1:30 p.m. It has been open for business since, and an official grand opening was held on June 30 and July 1 with sold-out concerts by country music star Gabby Barrett.

“This is a combination of so many efforts,” said Kenneth Manuel, District 4, CEO of the Gila River

Gaming Enterprises—Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte, Vee Quiva, and Santan Mountain Casino. He added, “As a Community member who’s vested in what we do here, it’s extremely important for me to do something for the Community and make the

Community proud.” Gila River Resorts & Casinos Santan Mountain is at 7101 S. Gilbert Road, Chandler, and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Gov. Lewis with two Community members after the ribbon cutting June 21. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Inside the casino floor where Community members test their luck at the slot machines. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Skaters head to District 4 for Go Skateboarding Day



Alexander Daizey successfully ollies over three stacked skateboards during the skills exhibition portion of the day. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Avid skateboarders from the Community gathered for the annual Go Skateboarding Day (GSD) Wednesday, June 21, at the District 4 skate park.

Nationwide, numerous events were simultaneously

taking place for the annual event. Thankfully, local skaters only had to travel a little since Seven Layer Army (SLA) coordinated the Community event, drawing dozens to showcase their skills and talents.

“Coming out of the pandemic, this year was

definitely the biggest SLA event as of recent, and it’s great since today’s all about bringing the Community together,” said SLA co-founder Paul Molina.

Through SLA events Molina and co-founder Reuben Ringlero have witnessed growth and progress in the skaters they work with and remain motivated to grow the next generation of skaters.

“Skating, hanging out with all my friends, the location, it was all great and made the event fun and a success,” said Alexander Daizey, District 3. This year was his second time participating, and he encouraged everyone interested in skating to come out and join.

Issac Miguel, District 3, said he was excited to see how many people came out for the event. “Skateboarding is fun, it brings skaters together and keeps me out of trouble, so I appreciate when these events happen,” said Miguel.

Seven Layer Army Co-founder Reuben Ringlero looks forward to GSD every year and said, “It’s really cool to see when the young ones come back, and we see how much improvement they’ve made after a year.” Ringlero said keeping the youth motivated on something positive and out

of trouble is one of SLA’s goals.

One thing new for this year was the 100 meals for participants and their families that evening, provided by Crime Victim Services.

Crime Victim Services and SLA collaborate yearly for SLA’s annual “Shred in the Name of Love” event every Feb. Building on the partnership Crime Victim Services offered to support GSD with food and drinks.

And no GSD is complete without a “product toss,” which rounded out the evening. Skateboard decks, trucks, wheels, grip



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis assisted Paul Molina during the product giveaway portion of the event. Kyle Knox/GRIN

tape, tools, apparel, and a year’s Go Skateboarding hand rail were some notable items distributed at this Day.



Three lucky skaters received new Seven Layer Army skateboard decks as prizes at District 4 for Go Skateboarding Day. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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CONGRATULATIONS MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

Congratulations to all our graduating students in the class of 2023! Whether you are graduating from high school, trade school, college or with advance degrees, this is a time to be proud of your accomplishments. I also want to acknowledge all of our students who are being promoted to your next stage of education. All of you are taking important steps toward a bright future and toward your chosen career. Education has always been highly valued in the Gila River Indian Community. Every year, each and every graduate fulfills the dreams of our past leaders - of our ancestors.

As you celebrate this time, be proud of your accomplishment and reflect on the determination it took for you to be promoted and graduate. You will forever be that graduating class of students who showed resilience in the face of an unprecedented pandemic a difficult time for our Community. You are each a testament of the power of education and the resilience it takes to never lose sight of your goal and to push through difficult times to achieve a dream. The exemplary persistence and strength that you showed will inspire future generations of O'otham and Pee Posh students and they will follow the path you have laid out for them.

As you celebrate, also take the time to acknowledge all those who supported you on this journey - your parents and guardians, your grandparents and extended families, your districts and your Community, your teachers and school officials and the classmates that will be lifelong friends. The entire Community takes pride in your achievements, because your success is the Community's success since each of you contribute to the future of our Community. As you look forward to your next stage of life - your career or continued education - continue to look to your future, but always keep a foot rooted in our past, in our culture - and know that the Community is there for you as you continue on your path.

I offer you congratulations and respect for what you have accomplished and wish you all the best and many blessings on the next stage of your life. Sapo

Stephen Roe Lewis,
Governor
Gila River Indian Community



CONGRATULATIONS MESSAGE FROM LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE

Greetings graduates, from Lt. Governor Antone

It is with great appreciation and proudness I express my heartfelt congratulations to the 2023, Gila River Indian Community graduates.

Recognizing those in head start, grade school, high school, university, or doctorate, you are true motivation to many of us. This is just the first ladder in walking into the next step of your educational journey. Families and friends that stood behind you and supported your achievements should also be congratulated. This year after and Covid 19/20 we were able to attend ceremonies and I witnessed many families laughing, shouting and crying which only showed the emotions of love and gratitude.

We can never forget to thank the teachers, school faculty, tribal education, student advisors, and mentors. Thank you for the unselfish support in the career you chose to see our students succeed at all age levels.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment as this will pay off tremendously. I can say you all have caught the huge break to fall forward and succeed. Continue to be consistent, plan your goals and dreams and keep the reflection of hope!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

Sincerely, Lt. Governor Monica Antone



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HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES



Adrian D Thomas
Central Arizona College
Associates, Recording
Engineering
Much love y'all. Go follow my
band One Way Sky



Amanda Mitchell
Arizona State University
Master of Science, American
Indian Studies
I'm proud of my education jour-
ney and grateful for the support
of the Gila River Indian Com-
munity and the Tribal Educa-
tion Department. Most impor-
tantly, the unwavering love and
encouragement from my family
and close friends throughout
my educational endeavors. I
look forward to deepening my
professional experience, ap-
plying my knowledge and na-
tion-building wherever my path
leads. Pursuing higher educa-
tion can be challenging when
navigating colonial institutions.
I want you to know you belong,
you are supported, and don't
be afraid to take up space. It
always seems impossible until
it's done.



Andrea "Andi" Losey
University of Dubuque
Bachelor's, Business
Administration
Daughter of the late John-
ny Applegate, I have lived in
Blackwater all my life. I grad-
uated from Coolidge High
School in 2009 and Carrington
College in 2011. I decided to go
back to school in late 2019 be-
cause I was tired of not going
anywhere with my job. After all
these years of finally obtaining
my Bachelor's, I am ready to
continue on this path and earn
my Master's. It has been a
struggle, and I am so thankful
for those who helped push me
and supported me through this,
especially my husband Shawn
Losey and my son Zylus Jones!



Angelita Guerrero
Northern Arizona University
Masters of Education
Educational Leadership;
Principal K-12
First of all, I would like to thank
the Gila River Indian Community
for the support and guidance in
attaining my degree. With this
degree, my goal is to be a leader
that advocates for our youth. I
would also like to thank my fam-
ily and friends for the support and
encouragement of my pursuit of
this achievement.



Danielle Allen
Master of Legal Studies,
Indigenous Peoples Law
I want to thank my husband
Ryan, children, siblings and
family for encouraging me
throughout this journey. I Love
you All.



Haley Bodmer
Arizona College, Medical
Assistant with Phlebotomy
Congratulations Haley we are
so proud of you! Most impor-
tantly be proud of yourself!
Many blessings on your future
endeavors.
Love,
Your family



Isabella Hauter
Arizona State University,
Bachelor of Arts Psychology
Continuing to Northwestern
University



Jaime Jackson
Glendale Community College,
Certificate, Illustration
We are so proud of YOU! Just
remember you are not finished,
you have only just begun. We
will always be here to support
and cheer you on just as you
do for us. We love you to the
Death Star and Back! MUCH!
Love your Wife and Babies,
Lanna, Caleb, Sinny, Yuri, and
Colbs (Deet, Venus, & Stella)



Janel Lewis
Carrington College, Medical
assistance
Yay, I made it !!!



Jessica Romo
University of Arizona,
Interdisciplinary Studies,
Global and Intercultural
I would like to thank my family
and friends who always encour-
aged me to finish my degree. I
could have not done it without
my husband and my sons, they
were always there to push me
to keep going no matter what
obstacles I faced. I will cherish
this graduation for the rest of my
life, I also got to graduate with my
nephew, Nicholas Tapia. WILD-
CAT4LIFE!!!



Kahlea Nez
Pima Medical Institute, Certifi-
cate, Medical Assistant



Kelcey Mosley
Arizona State University - Col-
lege of Health Solutions, Mas-
ter of Science, Strength and
Conditioning



Lauren Marie Antone
University of Arizona, MBA,
Business Administration w/
Concentration in Management
Information Systems
I want to thank my parents,
my friends in the PMBA
cohort, my instructors and
everyone at the Eller College
of Management for their
support. I am truly grateful for
the opportunity provided by the
Gila River Indian Community
Tribal Education Department
to continue my education and
grow both personally and
professionally. Bear Down
Wildcats!



Maria Andrade
George Washington University,
Master of Science, Crime
Scene Investigation
It has been my dream since
I was a little kid to solve
mysteries, and with my love for
science, forensic science and
crime scene investigation just
made sense! I want to thank
everyone who supported me
and helped succeed, I love you
all and I am forever grateful!

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**Kristen Sally Dosela**

Arizona State University, Bachelor of Arts in Education, Educational Studies, Early Childhood Studies, Summa Cum Laude

I am beyond grateful to my parents, Arvis and the Late Lorraine Dosela for their constant words of encouragement. My amazing husband Sam has been my main cheerleader as I stayed up late finishing up my assignments and taking care of our baby boy Benito. My brothers and sisters, I hope you all continue to reach for the stars. I love you all and thank you!! Thank you to Gila River Indian Community, Student Services, and to my GRIC Head Start family. I will continue my educational journey this fall in the Indigenous Education Master's Program at ASU.

**Martin Randall**

Associates Degree, Nursing
I have spent the majority of my life in the healthcare field. I am proud to take the next step in my career. Thank you to the tribe for making it possible. Thank you for my family cheering me on throughout it. Thank you

**Michaela Haley Begay**

University of Oregon, Bachelor of Arts, Family Human Services, Ethics, & Native Studies
Ske:g Sialig, Continue your education, it is very rewarding and such an honor! I appreciate my son, Cillian; my sister, Lauryn; and my boyfriend, Ryan for getting me through my last year of Undergrad. Thank you Je'e, 'O:g, and my family for always being there for me. I love you all!

**Mocha DeLosSantos**

Northern Arizona University, Masters, Social Work
To my family, friends and Community, thank you for your love, support and encouragement throughout this journey. Thank you to Gila River for giving me the opportunity to obtain my degree and further myself in the field of social work. I hope that I am able to bring my education and expertise back to serve our people one day.

**Monica Archambault**

Community College of Denver, AAS Pre-Social Work, Social Work

I couldn't have made it this far in my education without the support from my community, GRIC. I am a first generation graduate from Phoenix attending school in Denver, CO. One graduation down, 2 more to go!

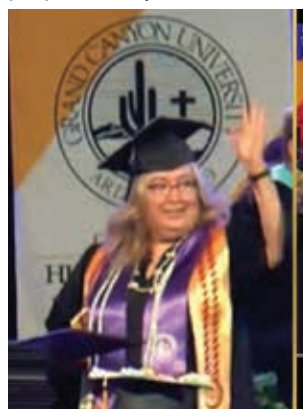
**Nicholas Tapia**

University of Arizona, Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Thank you, mom, grandma, and grandpa, for always pushing me to finish school and always supporting me on my college journey. I know it hasn't been easy, but I stuck with it and here we are today, a bachelor's degree to my name, and now grad school on the way. I would also like to shoutout my auntie who graduated alongside me this past May! We did it auntie! Beardown!

**Rebecca Moffett**

Phoenix College, AAS, Health Information Technology
This is only the beginning for me. On to the next...

**Renay Justus**

Grand Canyon University, Bachelor of Science, Sociology

**Reuben Ringlero**

Academy of Art University, BA, UI/UX Design

**Napoleon Marrietta**

Arizona State University, Masters, American Indian Studies
I finished this semester with a Master's in American Indian Studies with an emphasis on Indigenous Rights and Social Justice and I am currently finishing my second Master's in Public Administration in the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions at Arizona State University. The next steps are to finish my second Master's and possibly adventure into a Ph.D. program. What is meant to happen will happen. Creator will guide me. Thank you to all those who supported me.
Mahsapé, D-hegai

**Shawn Cortez**

California State University of Los Angeles, Fire Protection Admin

Just want to say thank you to everyone who has helped me along this process, from my family, friends, to everyone here at the GRIC student services!

**Reylynn Williams**

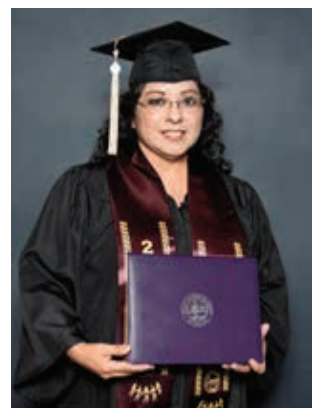
University of Oklahoma, Masters of Legal Studies, Indigenous Peoples Law

A sincere thank you to my family and colleagues for their support as I worked towards a master's degree. All the hours of studying and request for time off to focus on the intense course work from the program paid off in the end. Congratulations to fellow community member Danielle Allen for graduating from the same master's program. Thank you OU IPL Program professors for sharing their knowledge on federal and international Indian law and the staff for their support and guidance.

**Rita Mendivil**

CAC, Early Education & BS Beauty School

Hard work and dedication pays off, this was years in the making but I did it. Thank you to my family and friends who all help me accomplished my dreams and believed in my work. Thank You lord.

**Sara Leonore Duenez**

Grand Canyon University, Master of Business Administration
Hello, my name is Sara Leonore Duenez, from District 4 and I am graduating this year from Grand Canyon University with a Master of Business Administration (MBA). I am a wife of 23 years, a mother to three wonderful children ages 15, 12, and 6. I am currently working with the Enrollment/Census Department and have worked for the Department of Public Works and Community Council Secretary's Office. I look forward to the opportunity to use my higher learning experience within my community. Thank you GRIC for the scholarships that made this possible.

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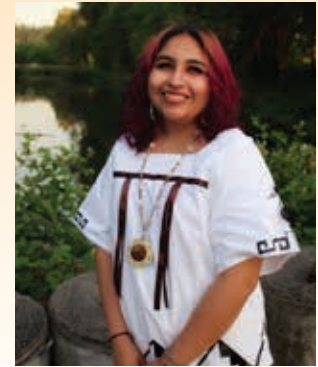
Thomas Jacob Cortez
 University of Southern California (USC), Master of Education, Educational Counseling
 I want to say thank you to the Gila River Indian Community for supporting me through my higher education journey; Thank you to my mom and dad; without you two, I would have never started and finished. Thank you, Shawn, Beto, and Loretta. Thank you to all my best friends, especially Karina the love of my life, who made USC memorable. I love you all!



Ty-Ahna Morning Dove Jones
 Aveda Institute Phoenix, Cosmetology
 I graduated from the aveda institute on may 4th. It had always been a dream of mine to do hair. While I was going to school I worked with children with special needs. Along with making people feel great about themselves I plan to one en a salon to meet the needs of children with disabilities



Yvette Carpio
 Arizona State University, Bachelor of Science in Health Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program
 I've enjoyed my time studying and found the most support in my family & community. I am thankful for the knowledge I've gain and the experiences I've had along the way. I'm looking forward to what the future holds. Thank you for the support & encouragement I've received from my family & friends, Sapó! Awarded The Chief Azul award, Summa Cum Laude, & Dukepoo award recipient.



Erica Blackwater
 University of Oregon, Bachelor of Science, Psychology. Continuing to Grand Canyon University

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Adriella Gambler
 Hamilton High Schiol
 Can't stop, won't stop. Love you Ella!



Alex Setoyant
 Skyline Gila River
 We are so very proud of you!! Continue to doing great things. Keep reaching for the stars. Love Mom, Dad, your Brothers and the rest of the family.



Alexsia Duran
 Coolidge High School
 Alexsia Duran lives in District One and graduated from Coolidge High School. Lexi was Honorable Mention for the 2023 Chief Azul Scholar Award. She plans on attending college and pursue a degree in Dental Hygeine. We are so proud of you Lexi, love you!



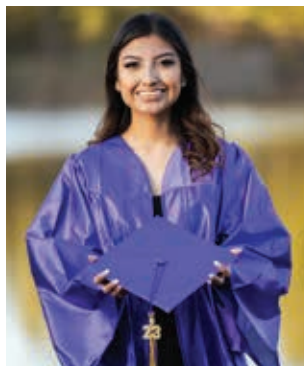
Angel Marquez
 Coolidge High School
 Congrats, on you accomplishments Angel we are so proud of you. Continue to strive in your education don't be afraid of what life has to offer you. Your family will always be there to support you every step of the way. Reach for the stars and enjoy your time at U of A Love Dad, Mom & Amaya.



Anna Vasquez
 Betty H. Fairfax High School
 Anna, you did it! Every challenge you took on, you conquered! Everyday through lock-down was rough but, you made it work. The amount of strength, resilience, and poise you have is something to be admired. Continue to set those goals high, as you always have Anna Bananas! You are thee role model for your sisters and cousins. You have an army of love an support behind you always. I am so incredibly proud of you! Love, Mom



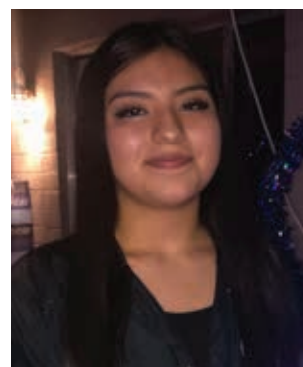
Gabrachale Melton
 Vista Grande High School
 She will be attending College to earn her Associates of science degree to become diagnostic medical sonography. She is the daughter Of Nathan Melton & Cassandra Ramos, and we are so Proud Of Her.



Marissa Quintero
 Blue Ridge High School
 We're so proud of you Marissa! Wishing you the best in your next mile stones.



Mariah Fierro
 Barry Goldwater High School
 You finished high school!



Danette Lewis
 Skyline Gila River



Erreyeh Blackwater-Young
 San Carlos High School

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Anthony Ruvalcaba
Coolidge Alternative Program
Congratulations! You did it! We know it was a challenge on this high school journey but it was definitely worth it! We love you and we are very proud of you! - Love your family



Evelyn Enos
Desert Vista High School
We are proud of all of Evelyn's accomplishments from Marching, Jazz, & Steel Drum Bands, Track & Field, Wrestling, and Basketball, while maintaining academic excellence. She gave numerous service hours toward the AZ Governor's Youth Commission, the Akimel O'Odham Pee-Posh Youth Council, AZ delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council for Tempe Union H.S. District. She will serve as a UNITY Earth Ambassador for 2023-24 as she heads on to ASU. We are so proud of the amazing young woman she has become and very excited for the years ahead.



Cassandra Rose Hiosik Staley
Centennial High School & Glendale Community College
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished in High School and life. You have a solid foundation to grow on and we look forward to watching you follow all of your dreams. The rest is still unwritten. Start this new chapter and make it your own. Your Father would be proud!



Destiny Notah
Riverside Indian School Anadarko, Oklahoma
Today is a Milestone. It tells you how far you've come. Keep learning, keep trying, keep accomplishing & Keep venturing on though your journey. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!! Love Mom... Congratulations Destiny! Thank you for allowing me to share your accomplishments with you and your family "Once a Brave Always A Brave". - ORBS Advisor Ivy Namingha



Damen Allen James Jr
Basha High School
Damen, we are so proud of you! Still through all life has brought, you persevere! And we owe it all to God. Keep Him as your foundation and He will direct your path. As you prepare for the next milestone, we will be here cheering you on. Your goal of becoming a Marine has already started! We all love you! Love, Moms, Dad & the whole family!



Damien Pahona
Chemawa Indian School Salem, Oregon
We are all so Proud of you Fat-man!! We are always going to behind you in all you do. Continue on dancing and singing.. We love you from: Blackwater/Pahona/Namingha/Lewis Family



Tristan Paul
Imagine Prep Coolidge
To my baby boy, i am so proud of you! I know there were tough times throughout your whole education, but you didn't give up and you finished with flying colors. Use this time to learn about yourself and figure out what it is you want to contribute to this world. Whatever you decide, I will be there for support. Love, MOM



Cindy Lopez
Riverside Indian School Anadarko, Oklahoma
Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the Journey- MJ.... Congratulations Cindy! Thank you and your family for allowing me to be there to witness your day and also to be at your service! "Once a Brave Always A Brave". - ORBS Advisor Ivy Namingha



Carol Antone
Chemawa Indian School Salem, Oregon
"Never give up, no matter what may set you back, and know that at the end of the road, you're going to have something that you can be proud of." -Unknown.. Congratulations Carol!! Thank you and your family for allowing me to be there to witness your day and also to be at your service! - ORBS Advisor Ivy Namingha



Samuel Dillon
Betty Fairfax High School, Continuing to University of Pennsylvania
Persevere on your journey, grow strong in your knowledge, and be humble in your heart. Blessings and love to you from your family.



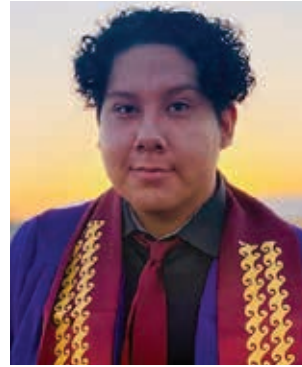
Eric Felix Jr.
North High School
Eric I am truly blessed and amazed at the way you continue to persevere in whatever obstacle comes your way. All that you have experienced and learned will help you on your path. Continue to hold your Culture and your Faith close to you as you move forward., I can not wait to see what you accomplish next. I know your Dad is very proud of you and how you are a hard worker Just like him! WE Love you - Mom, Anthony, Carissa-Lynn, Richard, and Issac. IT'S NOT WHAT YOU CAN SEE IT'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!



Kehanu D. Funiestas
Cesar Chavez High School
Congratulations Kehanu!!! We are so proud of you!! We will always be here to continue to support you in all your upcoming endeavors. We love you so much and are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad, Carol & Darren Funiestas



Graciella Niedo
Chemawa Indian School Salem, Oregon
Congratulations Gracie! Go confident in the direction of your dreams, Live the life you have imagine.- Henry David Thoreau.. Thank you and your family for allowing me to be there to witness your day and also to be at your service! - ORBS Advisor Ivy Namingha



Kyle Burnette
Phoenix Digital Academy
Kyle, we are so proud of you and this big accomplishment! I know you be successful in life and in all you do, continue to stay focused on your priorities. You make your parents, grandparents, siblings and family proud! Love Mom!



Gracie Mark
Casa Grande Union High School
Continuing to The Citadel
We are so proud of you and you continue to do the best you can. For the next chapter in your life it's hard to find the words, so we say this to you: Thank you for choosing a life of service. May God continue to watch over you and bless you!

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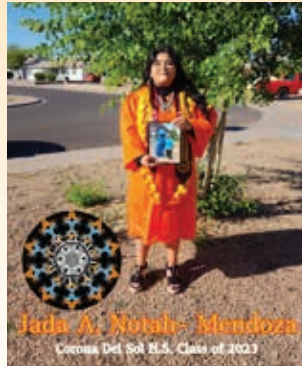
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Hailey K. Allison
Coolidge Virtual Academy
Our daughter, Hailey, has been a two time runner-up Chief Azul Award recipient, she was inducted into the Coolidge Chapter National Honor Society her Sophomore year, & officially graduated high school in December 2022 as a Junior at the age of 16. Through all the hardship, heartache, & loss from the COVID-19 pandemic our baby pushed forward. By doing so she set the best example for her little brother & sister. That's what we are most proud of. We love you more than you'll ever know. Love-Mom, Dad(Jerrold), Kylie, Niko, Bella



Isaac Mark
Riverside Indian School
Anadarko, Oklahoma
I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smile, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.... Congratulations Isaac! Thank you and your family for allowing me to share your accomplishments! " Once a Brave Always A Brave". - ORBS Advisor Ivy Namingha



Jada A. Notah-Mendoza
Corona Del Sol High School
I weathered through the Pandemic, lost loved one's so dear to me. I have experienced some challenges & frustrations and lived countless hours of homework & study time. I know my JOURNEY is just beginning. I AM RESILIENT, I am a strong Native American Woman with goals, dreams, and many opportunities. THANK YOU to My Family, My Friends, and My Community who have and will continue to support me in my journey.



Jalen Peters
Seton Catholic Preparatory High School, Continuing to Northern Arizona University
You pushed so hard, and now you realize what I've always known, YOU ARE CAPABLE! I am BEYOND proud of what you have accomplished. Remember all the support and love you have behind you when facing trials or challenges that you have going forward. Love you everything!!



Jr Enos
Coolidge High School, Continuing to Central Arizona College
We are so proud of you and proving you can accomplish anything if you put your mind to it. As you continue your education and strive to reach your goals never forget we will always be here to support you and help you as you grow into a young adult. Remember we all love you and as always daddy is watching over you each and every day. Hugs and kisses. Love Mom



Kaia Starlight Murphy
Gilbert High School, Continuing to Arizona State University
Congratulations Kaia! We are so very proud of you and what you have accomplished over the years. You are a determined, headstrong, smart, and creative young woman. Your crazy sense of humor always makes us laugh and brightens up our world! We love you very much and we know you will continue to make us proud! Go Sun Devils! Love, Mom, Dad, Ty, Azumi, Jay, Grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins



Mary-Jane Sam
AZ Compass Prep School
MJ, you have faced numerous challenges and have successfully overcome them. Despite the obstacles, keep pushing forward. Remember that we are always here to support you and love you!
Dinah, Grandpa & Izaiah



Kevin Lewis
Chemawa Indian School
Salem, Oregon
Congratulations Kevin!! "Your life journey is about learning to become more of who you are and fulfilling the highest, truest expression of yourself as a human being" -Oprah Winfrey. Thank you and your family for allowing me to be there to witness your day and also to be at your service! - ORBS Advisor Ivy Namingha



Kevin Thunder Lewis
Basha High School
Congratulations Thunder I am Soo Proud Of You! I Know The Past Three Years Have Been Rough But You Remained Strong and Didn't Give Up! Even Though I Had To Glve You A Nudge A Couple Times You Worked Very Hard Up Until The Last Day & Graduated With Your Class!
I Will Always Be Here To Support You In Your Future Choices.
Love Mom, Storm, Khyla & Ava-Mae



Nila Antone
GED, Continuing to Mesa Community College
I am so proud of you baby girl! I know at times it was tough but you persevered and made it! The future is yours for the taking, past mistakes mean nothing.



Mallorie F Thompson
Cesar Chavez High School
David Thompson & Andrea J Jackson



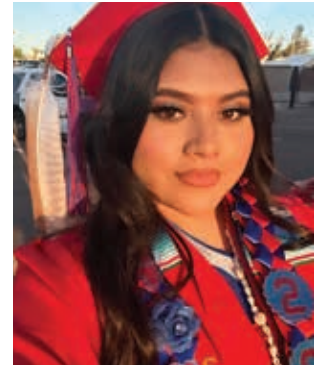
Gabrachale Melton
Vista Grande High School
As a fellow graduate of the 2023 class, I look forward to see what the future holds for me. I will continue my education at Northern Arizona University where I will major in nursing to earn my Bachelors degree in the Science of Nursing. Who would've thought 12 years of education would prepare you for a single diploma in hand, one-time opportunity. I've learned so much in so little time, I wouldn't be where I am today without the support of my family and former teachers, who have shaped me to be thankful for this very moment I'll forever cherish.



Melanie J Thompson
Betty Fairfax High School
David Thompson & Andrea J Jackson



Walter L. Banham III
Onalaska High School
We are all so proud of you! You put in the work and finished, even through the difficult times. Congratulations Son! Love, Dad!



Marisa Rodriguez
Coolidge High School
We are so proud of you! Can't wait to see what your future has in store for you. Congratulations and good luck! - Dad, Shan, the boys. Congrats Marisa! on your achievements, keep pushing forward in your education. We're always here to support you & we're so proud of you - Mom, Phillip, and Family. I'm so proud of you and can't wait to see what else you accomplish in life - V

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Janayah Mendivil
Imagine Prep & Veterinary Science, Vet
Janayah Mom and dad are so proud of you completing both High school and Veterinary Science you push through these 4 years with all your heart and finished with all A's. we love you girl.



Mateo Barragan
Phoenix Coding Academy, Continuing to Arizona State University
Mateo will attend ASU in the fall and plans to study Computer Science. Mateo is from D6 and is the son of Sherilyn Analla and Luis Barragan. His maternal grandparents are Joyce Allison and Bobby Analla (Laguna Pueblo). His maternal great-grandparents are Helen and Gilbert Allison and Jean and Robert Analla. Mateo appreciates everyone who has cheered for him since he was in the D6 Head Start all the way through high school! He is mama's firework!



Omyra Osife
PPEP Tec High School, Casa Grande
I would love to proudly recognize my daughter Omyra Osife in her educational accomplishments. Omyra recently graduated on May 22nd and also received the Alice S. Paul Senior Star Scholarship Award. If I may share one of many short quotes that may inspire you and one day you may hold dear in your heart. "Behind you are all your memories, Before you are all of your dreams, Around you are all who love you, and within you is all you need." I'm beyond proud of you!! Keep Dreaming and know you are capable of achieving anything you put your mind too, for this is only the beginning. - We Love you!! Mom



Raiyna Aubri Yoyokie
Maricopa High School
You did it! Your family is so proud of your accomplishments. Life is full of endless possibilities so continue on your path of greatness. We will always be here to guide you, encourage you, and cheer you on. Congratulations beautiful! We love you!

JR. HIGH PROMOTIONS



Alanah Siquieros
IPC
Congrats! You did it, you have finished middle school now off to high school. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished.



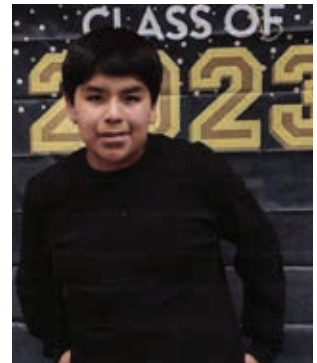
Aliah Harper
Connolly Middle School
Congratulations Aliah! Your family is VERY proud of you! Can't wait to see what's high school has in store for you! Go Chargers!



Anaya Marquez
Sacaton Middle School



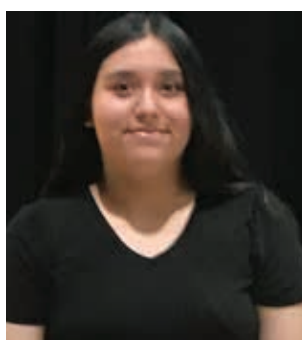
Aolani Rachel Garcia
Fees College Prep, Continuing to Marcos De Niza High School
Congrats Rachel Bear!! We are so proud of you!! Keep up the good work!!



Duriat Johns III
Imagine Prep, Continuing to Imagine Prep Coolidge
Congratulations Van! You accomplished your first step to better yourself. Keep reaching for the stars! You got this. Love from us all. Mom, Dad and Brothers.



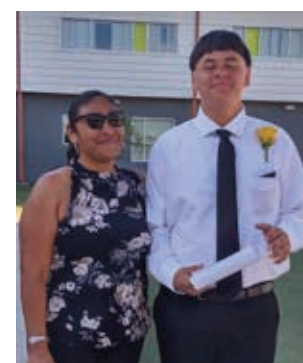
Zachariah James Miguel
St. Peter's Indian Mission School, Continuing to Casa Grande Union High School
Congratulations on graduating the 8th grade Zack. We love you. -Mom and Dad



Zabrina Black Cloud
Wakpala School District
Zabrina has completed the 8th Grade. We are extremely proud of her accomplishments and continued dedication and motivation to her education.



Sinai Antone
Gila Crossing Community School
Congratulations Pearl! Let's cruise through the next 4 years of high school. Stay focused and do your very best everyday. We love you and are so proud of everything you have accomplished so far. Keep up the good work my girl.



Robert Edward Sigelski III
Papago
I'm so proud of you son.



Russell Ringlero
Vista Del Sur Accelerated Academy
MOM AND DAD ARE PROUD OF YOU!

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Eliana Pesqueira
 Skyline AZ Compass
 I Elizabeth Alvarez parent of Eliana Pesqueira am very proud of how far you've come knowing how hard it was you've accomplished a lot during this school year and i know you had it in you. So i wish you nothing but the best as you become a freshman the up coming year you got this baby girl. Love Always ur mother.



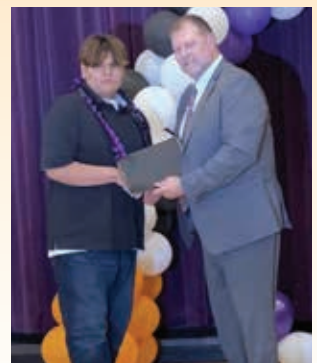
Francisco Percy Jr.
 Gila Crossing Community School
 Congratulations son! We are proud of your accomplishment! We hope you enjoy these next years in high school. We can't wait to see what sparks your interest. Keep moving forward, you have great things in your future, just set your mind to what you enjoy and don't stop working towards that! We love you and your whole family is proud of you!



Hayden Mercado
 Gila Crossing Community School, Continuing to Betty Fairfax High School
 Hayden, We are so proud of you! Stay Focused & always be yourself! Remember to say NO!



Jakob D. Jackson
 Sacaton Middle School, Continuing to Skyline-Gila River
 "Out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope" a quote chosen by Jakob which meant to him, If you are in a bad place you can find some hope some way and someday. So it can keep you moving forward with happiness and with your life.



Jaden Jackson
 Skyline Gila River
 We are so very proud of you, for making it this far. Skys the limit, you can do anything you put your mind to. Here comes High School! Love Mom, Dad, your Brothers and the rest of the Family.



Jayce Pablo
 Coolidge Junior High, Continuing to Coolidge High School
 The family is so proud of you for your accomplishments this far. As you enter into high school continue to learn, grow and expand your knowledge. We will always be here to support you and help you grow into the young man you are becoming. Enjoy your high schools years as it will go by so fast. Remember we all love you and as always daddy is watching over you each and every day. Hugs and kisses. Love Mom



Jorge A Gutierrez Jr.
 Willis Junior Hight School
 Mom and Dad Love you so very much. The whole family is so proud of you. You have grown into a wonderful hardworking young man. Always set goals and go for your dreams. Mistakes are only another lesson in life.



Lilly Mary Jordan
 Fremont Middle School, Continuing to International Baccalaureate Academy
 Our family is exceptionally proud of Lilly, she has without a doubt excelled in her academic studies. She also led efforts with the GRICA STEAAAM program being recognized as the only student to complete all of the assignments. Lilly is also active with her Art Coop the "Walter Hive " helping teach laser cutting classes to the Boys & Girls club and anybody wishing to learn.



Keshia Benally
 Congrats to my sweet baby girl for being promoted to high school. We're so proud of you for pushing yourself even on days when it seemed like "the world was going to end" (LOL). Always remember you are amazing, still growing, and its okay to make mistakes! Good luck & cherish High School because those four years are going to fly on by!



Naomi S. Marrietta
 Sacaton Middle School
 Know that we are very proud of you, and eager to see your next up-coming accomplishments in this new phase of your life. Love you Sasha, from Mom and Dad



Paige Thomas
 Coolidge Jr. High School, Continuing to Coolidge High School
 We are all very proud of you Paige! You have done so much already. Continue doing great in school. We all Love you. Continue making your Dad and Nana proud. Go Bears! Love Mom, Dad, Nic, Girls & Boys!



Teresa Munoz
 Casa Grande Middle School, Continuing to Vista Grande High School
 Congratulations! I know you will continue to achieve great things in High School and beyond... Love you, Mom

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Adeleya Pena
Vah-Ki Head Start, Continuing to Casa Blanca Community School



Ahnevay Yazzie
Santan Head Start
Vay! You did it my girl, mom so proud of you!



Amilio Ahmsaty-Rodriguez
Sacaton Head Start
Hooray Amilio! You did it! We're so proud of you for graduating! We can't wait to see all of your achievements in life, this is just the beginning. Keep up the hard work handsome! Let the journey continue.



Andrea Baptisto
SanTan HeadStart
We are so proud of you, keep going baby-Mom & Dad



Angelita Moyah
Laveen Elementary
Congratulations Angelita we love you babygirl get ready for big things you've got this everyone cheering you on dads very proud of you



Axel Apodaca
Gila Crossing Community School



Bailey Conde
Imagine Coolidge Elementary
Congratulations, Bailey Cole! You make us proud everyday. Love, Mom and family



Camille Yazzie
Hull Elementary
Congratulations my girl, you did it and pass all the nervousness, proud of you babe! Love mom.



Carlee Catherine Conde
Vahki Head Start
Congrats, Miss Carlee! You're ready for the "big school." Love, Mom and family



Colby Jackson
Conley Elementary
Congratulations, Colby! You are on your way to obtaining that high school diploma and college degree. We are all proud of you on this promotion. Keep a positive attitude and ask questions! Love you son! From: Yuri, Sinny, Caleb, Mom & Dad (Deet, Venus, and Stella)



Delilah Pablo-Coronado
Vector Prep & Arts Academy
Shoot for the stars baby. We love you like dinosaurs.



Ella Marrietta
Vah-Ki Head Start



Emily Cruz
Gila crossing community school
Mom & Dad
"You are very nice kind girl. She love to help when she can. Continue to reach for the stars you make us so proud.. Love you



Ezerian Pablo
Sacaton Elementary School



Ezra Jackson
Sacaton Elementary School



Jordan Luna
Vah-Ki Head Start



Gracelyn Failauga
Vah-Ki Head Start



Journey Cerna
Vah-Ki Head Start



Kyle Wilson
Laveen Elementary School
Congratulations Bubba! Reach for the stars my boy. - Mama



Levi Nez
Kidz Academy Preschool
Congratulations Levi! We are so proud of you. Love you lots.

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Hunter Juk Lopez
GRIC EECC
Hunter Juk, The sunshine of our family. Your entourage is so very proud of you and we can't wait to drop you off at your first day of kindergarten! Continue to shine bright in sports and academics, this is only the beginning! We Love You, Mom, Dad and Your Siblings



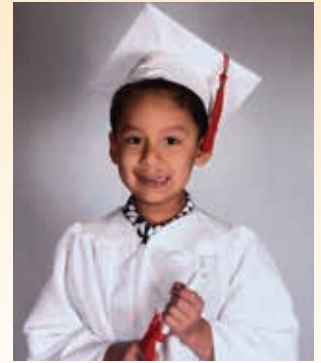
Hailey Cheater
Sunrise Preschool-Chandler
Good-Bye Preschool, Hello Kindergarten!! Growing up has just begun baby girl. Can't wait for many more accomplishments and greater mile stones you'll make. you make us proud! From Momma, Bubba, Daddy, Grandma and many family



Kaleeyia Cloud Ahmsaty
Blackwater Community School
Congrats on completing KINDER!!! Little Miss. Thunder Cloud, you have learned so much and brought us so much joy in hearing about all the goals you reached, from reading to math and to being this little Miss. Independent. Keep aiming for the stars, our little love bug! Love Always & Forever, Mom, Dad, Sissy & Brother. "Promise me you'll remember: You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."



Isa Marie Whitman
Sacaton elementary school
Congratulation Isa, although this is only beginning of your educational journey, I want you to know I am very proud of the way you applied yourself. Showing up everyday and wanting to learn, I know you will continue to do your best and make me proud. I love you forever and ever!



Israel Boni
Gila River Indian Community Early Education Child Care Center
Israel is a very bright student, who is always excited to learn, at the age of 2 Israel was diagnosed and placed on the Autism Spectrum and at the time was nonverbal. We would like to thank all those who have played an important role in his early education/ intervention (therapist, teachers & friends) Israel is leaving EECC with no longer needing therapy or placement of an IEP. You did it bud and we are so very proud of you.



Macy Gabrielle Duenez
Saguaro Elementary
Hello, my name is Macy Gabrielle Duenez, and I graduated kindergarten from Saguaro Elementary School. I enjoyed my time in kindergarten and had a blast making new friends, visiting the Reed Park Zoo, and participating in our water fun day. I improved on my i-ready reading benchmark, met stretch growth on i-ready math benchmark, and met typical growth on the i-ready benchmarks. I will be working on reading, writing, and math through cultural Native American activities during Summer School Camp provided to me by the Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM). I will be attending first-grade at Saguaro.



Persephone Jose
West Elementary School
Persephone we are so proud of you. You have grown so much within this last year from starting Kindergarten now you are going to be starting 1st Grade. We are so happy for you. Love, Dad & Mom, brother & sister.



Noah Poleheptewa
Vah-Ki Head Start
Yay! We're so proud.



Orien Hu'u Blackwater
Gila River Headstart-Sacaton
Congrats, Orien! You make everyone in your family so proud. It's so awesome how quickly you pick up Ev-Err-YTHING. 2 Skills you have always been so good at are: Enunciation & using context clues. (To put new words into context when you speak). You're so funny and your confidence and kindness are amazing to witness. Thank you for giving us light when times were rough. Keep doing your best and being such a great helper. Keep being thoughtful and caring. We know you are going to keep making us super proud. You have so much love and support in your corner.



Lakenual Jones
Childtime
We are excited for you, moving onto Kindergarten! You have been waiting for this moment. Now it's time to grow, and show what your Teachers' taught you. A new adventure awaits you! We love you so much! Dad & Mom



Maricela Peraza
Blackwater Community School
To my sweet girl, this is only the beginning!! I'm super proud of you! You'll are a very bright & smart girl! Full life of love, laughter & care for your peers! baby!! You'll grow to do great things in life!! Just continue to reach for the stars baby!! Love you always; Mama



Rhys Poleheptewa
Vah-Ki Head Start
Good job boys!!! Many more years to come!!!



Nea Mercado
Dos Rios Elementary School
Congratulations, Muxan! May Creator continue to guide you on the right path. Keep up the great work and continue to strive for the best. We are so proud of you. All our love - your family



Redbear Balderrama
Vah-Ki Head Start



Milliana Jackson
Vah-Ki Head Start



Tigerlily Rivera
Blackwater Community School
Congratulations my sweet girl I am so proud of you! I can't wait to see what the future holds for you, keep reaching for them stars! I love you little ba'ag! Love, Momma

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Higher Education Graduates

Steven Hyatt	American Public University	Masters	Information Assurance & Security
Rachael Antone	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Psychology
Cassandra Bates	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Science	Criminal Justice Forensic Psychology
Yvette Carpio	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Science	Health Entrepreneurship & Innovation
David Curtis	Arizona State University	Master of Arts	Communication
Kristen Dosela	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Education	Educational Studies -Early Childhood
Yvonne Garcia	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Filmmaking
Isabella Hauter	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Psychology
Francisco Hernandez Jr.	Arizona State University	Master of Science	Health Care Delivery
Kaitlin Holbrook	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Psychology
Robert Horton	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Science	Supply Chain Management
Garrett Keeto	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Dance & Theatre
Jessica Landa	Arizona State University	Masters	Social Work
Lisa Lindner	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Business Administration
Amanda Mitchell	Arizona State University	Master of Arts	American Indian Studies
Samantha Molina	Arizona State University	Master of Science	Organizational Leadership
Kelcey Mosley	Arizona State University	Masters	Strength and Conditioning
Shea Pablo	Arizona State University	Bachelors	Sustainability
Jasmine Reece	Arizona State University	Master of Science	Organizational Leadership
Gemini Valenzuela	Arizona State University	Bachelor of Arts	Psychology
Areley Conchas	Aveda Institute	Certificate	Cosmetology
Ty-Ahan Jones	Aveda Institute	Certificate	Cosmetology
Rachel Barehand Zamundio	Aveda Institute	Certificate	Cosmetology
Alicia Redfish	Baker University	Masters	Instructional Design & Performance Technology
Shawn Cortez	California State University-Los Angeles	Bachelor's	Fire Protection Admin. & Technology
Devin Richards	California State University-San Bernardino	Bachelors of Science	Public Health
Alaya Antone	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Assisting
Camille Barehand	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Assisting
Sena Cross	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Assisting
Ebony Gonzalez	Carrington College	Certificate	Veterinary Technology
Cheerie Kisto	Carrington College	Certificate	Pharmacy Technology
Martin Randall	Carrington College	Associates	Nursing
Courtney Rodriguez	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Billing and Coding
Amaya Duran	Central Arizona College	Associates	Clinical Laboratory Assistant
Andrew Pedro	Central Arizona College	Associates	Fine Arts
Nicholas Flores	Chandler-Gilbert Community College	Associates Of Arts	Anthropology
Monica Archumbault	Community College of Denver	Associates	Human Services
Sonny Mallett Jr.	Estrella Mountain Community College	Associates	Web Design Development
Maria Andrade	George Washington University	Master of Science	Crime Scene Investigation
Jaime Jackson	Glendale Community College	Certificate	Illustration
Sara Duenez	Grand Canyon University	Master of Arts	Business Administration
Donna Henderson	Grand Canyon University	Bachelor of Science	Health Sciences
Sarah Huerta	Grand Canyon University	Bachelor of Science	Early Childhood Education
Rheanna Jackson	Grand Canyon University	Bachelor of Science	Exercise Science
Manuela Johnson	Grand Canyon University	Bachelor of Science	Health Care Administration
Renay Justus	Grand Canyon University	Bachelor of Science	Sociology
Maureen Lugo	Grand Canyon University	Bachelor of Science	Psychology
Marissa Sanderson	Grand Canyon University	Doctorate of Education	Organization Leadership: K-12 Leadership
Jorge Valenzuela	Grand Canyon University	Doctorate of Education	Organization Leadership Emphasis in Organizational Development
Kanlee Poterfield	Keller Graduate School	Masters	Business Administration

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Delora Griffeth	Mesa Community College	Associates	Social Work
Cianna Chavez	Mesa Community College	Associates	Fashion Merchandising
Mocha De Los Santos	Northern Arizona University	Master of Social Work	Social Work
Angelita Guerrero	Northern Arizona University	Master of Education	Educational Leadership
William Lewis	Northern Arizona University	Bachelor of Science	Criminal Justice
Santiago Jones	Northern Arizona University	Bachelor of Applied Science	Emergency Management
Barbara Espinoza	Ottawa University	Master of Arts	Counseling
Rebecca Moffett	Phoenix College	Associates	Health Information Technology
Rachel Jones	Scottsdale Community College	Associates	Tribal Development
Gregory Mitchem	Southern New Hampshire University	Masters	Organizational Leadership
Brian Cooper	The Refrigeration School	Associate of Occupational Studies	Mechanical Maintenance
Andrew Hariver	The Refrigeration School	Associate of Occupational Studies	Mechanical Maintenance
Justin French	The Refrigeration School	Diploma	Refrigeration Technologies
Daniel Dobbs	The Refrigeration School	Associate of Occupational Studies	Mechanical Maintenance Engineering
Robin Johnson	Universal Technical Institute	Associate of Occupational Studies	Auto & Diesel Tech II
Rosendo Percy Jr.	Universal Technical Institute	Associate of Occupational Studies	Automotive Tech II
Lorenzo James	Universal Technical Institute	Associate of Occupational Studies	Diesel Tech II + Cummings Program
Ariana Bustamante	University of Arizona	Bachelor of Science	Criminal Justice
Nicholas Tapia	University of Arizona	Bachelor of Science	Economics
Lauren Antone	University of Arizona	Master of Business Administration	Business Administration
Grace Elias	University of California Los Angeles	Bachelors	Geology
Andrea Losey	University of Dubuque	Bachelors	Business Administration
Rosalyn Rico	University of Hawaii-Manoa	Bachelor of Science	Human Development/Family Studies
Reylynne Williams	University of Oklahoma	Masters	Legal Studies - Indigenous Peoples Law
Danielle Allen	University of Oklahoma	Masters	Legal Studies - Indigenous Peoples Law
Michaela Begay	University of Oregon	Bachelor	Human & Family Services
Thomas Cortez	University of Southern California	Master of Education	Educational Counseling
Nia Young	University of Texas at Arlington	Bachelor of Arts	Public Relations
Erica Blackwater	University of Oregon	Bachelor	Psychology
Genevie Espinoza	Yavapai College	Associates	General Studies
Amanda Lopez	Aaniiih Nakoda College	-	-
Alicia Kisto	Arizona State University	-	Early Childhood -
Nathan Broeneagle	Capital Technology/University	Associate Of Arts	
Janel Lewis	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Assistant
Cerrah Pino	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Assistant
Edna Pino	Carrington College	Certificate	Medical Assistant
Veronica Hendricks	Central Arizona College	Associate Of Arts	Early Childhood Education
Tahanee Sepeda	Central Arizona College	Associate In General Study	Behavior Health
Rita Mendivil	Central Arizona College	Certificate	Early Childcare Education & B5 Beauty School Nail Technology
Ona De La Rosa	Chandler-Gilbert Community College	Associates	Behavior Science and Human Services
Monique Rossel	College Of The Sequipias	Associate Of Science	Paralegal
Angela Norris	Devry University	Bachelors Of Science	Health Care
Sophia Strohm	Gateway Community College	Associates	Register Nurse Program
Michael Acosta	-	Masters	Film & Media Studies
Kenyen Thompson	Mesa Community College	Associates	Business Management
Kahlea Nez	Pima Medical Institute	Certificate	Medical Assistant
Kylie Thomas	Pima Medical Institute	Associates	Health Care Administration
Sheree Jimenez	South Mountain Community College	Associates	General Requirements
Rachel Hendricks	Tohono O'odham Community College	Associates	Elementary Education
Jessica Romo	University of Arizona	Bachelors	Global & Intercultural Understanding Emphasis
Tyla Molina	UAT	-	-
Kimberly Davis	UEI	Associates	Early Childhood Education

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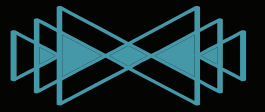
Sophia Nora, American Leadership Academy
 Daniel Jr. Lewis, Amplify Online
 Lillyana Araiza, Apollo High School
 Hector Soto, AZ Compass
 Reyna Soto, AZ Compass
 Nicolas Garcia, AZ Compass
 Nicholas Rodriguez, AZ Compass
 Derek Cooper, AZ Compass
 Savannah Joe, AZ Compass
 Pandolyn Thomas, AZ Compass
 Hannah Preston, AZ Compass
 Mary J. Sam, AZ Compass
 Alexander Apkaw, AZ Compass
 Damen James, Basha High School
 Kevin Lewis, Basha High School
 Isaiah Soke, Basha High School
 Delicia Castro, Basha High School
 Summer Williams, Basha High School
 Leo Harrison, Basha High School
 Mariah Sierro, Berry Goldwater High School
 Leroy Antone, Betty Fairfax High School
 Gabrielle Barajas, Betty Fairfax High School
 Samuel Dillon, Betty Fairfax High School
 Bernardo Estrella, Betty Fairfax High School
 James Knox Manuel, Betty Fairfax High School
 Felix Percy-Lopez, Betty Fairfax High School
 Aldon Rhodes, Betty Fairfax High School
 Kendall Stewart, Betty Fairfax High School
 David Tashquith, Betty Fairfax High School
 Melanie Thompson, Betty Fairfax High School
 Anna Vasquez, Betty Fairfax High School
 Kishi Marrietta, Betty Fairfax High School
 Ashlyn Creighton, Campus High School
 Tristin Jones, Casa Grande Union HS
 Adan Mario Makil, Casa Grande Union HS
 Dean Manuel, Casa Grande Union HS
 Teeya Martinez, Casa Grande Union HS
 Jacob Ochoa, Casa Grande Union HS
 Alianya Pablo, Casa Grande Union HS
 Xavier Bojorquez, Casa Grande Union HS
 Riki Eble, Casa Grande Union HS
 Azaria Enos, Casa Grande Union HS
 Manuel Johnson, Casa Grande Union HS
 Presley Manuel, Casa Grande Union HS
 Gracie Mark, Casa Grande Union HS
 Jacob Martin, Casteel High School
 Arturo Corona, Cathedral High School
 Adrian Carrillo, Cesar Chavez High School
 Christopher Chacon, Cesar Chavez High School
 Michael Cross, Cesar Chavez High School
 Kehanu Funiestas, Cesar Chavez High School
 Kelly Juan, Cesar Chavez High School
 Erica Pablo, Cesar Chavez High School
 Jerome Peters, Cesar Chavez High School
 Eli Andrews, Cesar Chavez High School
 Christopher Lassiter, Cesar Chavez High School
 Mallorie Thompson, Cesar Chavez High School
 Jehgos Hendricks, Chandler High School
 Nomeo Lewis, Chandler High School
 Xander Phillips, Chandler High School
 Marco Reyes, Chandler High School
 Salvador Reyes, Chandler High School
 Anthony Rivera, Chandler High School
 Eliana Stone, Chandler High School
 Ruben Kyyitan, Chandler High School
 Kai Warren, Chandler High School
 Octavia Lyons, Chandler Online Academy
 Carol Antone, Chemawa Indian School

Graciella Neido, Chemawa Indian School
 Damien Pahona, Chemawa Indian School
 Kevin Lewis, Chemawa Indian School
 Dante Emerson, Cibola High School
 Aden Salkey, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Aldon Antone, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Dayna Sharp, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Ray Smiley, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Jr Enos, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Saeed Williams, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Anthony Ruvalcaba, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Ronnell Sharp, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Lena Dawahoya, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Mariah Valenzuela, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Clarie Blackwater, Coolidge Alternative Program
 Hailey Allison, Coolidge High School
 Zadrian Baldwin, Coolidge High School
 Alexsia Duran, Coolidge High School
 Antonio Escalante, Coolidge High School
 Denise Jackson, Coolidge High School
 Angel Marquez, Coolidge High School
 Celestina Davis, Coolidge High School
 Danielle Morago, Coolidge High School
 Marisa Rodriguez, Coolidge High School
 Rogelio Salazar, Coolidge High School
 Raven Terry, Coolidge High School
 Alawna Trujillo, Coolidge High School
 Jesse Ybarra, Coolidge High School
 Alaya Harris, Coolidge Virtual Academy
 Clarie Blackwater, Coolidge Virtual Academy
 Nathan Dixon, Coolidge Virtual Academy
 Jayda Notah Mendoza, Corona Del Sol High School
 Thereas Thomas, Desert Hills High School
 Malakai Eschies, Desert Hills High School
 Heather Garcia, Desert Hills High School
 Savannah Gutierrez, Desert Hills High School
 Evelyn Enos, Desert Hills High School
 Brand'ie George, Dobson High School
 Aliese Howard, Dobson High School
 Brandyn Penuelas, Franklin Police & Fire
 Niyah Joaquin, Hamilton High School
 Adriella Gambler, Hamilton High School
 Jordan Lewis, Hamilton High School
 Jason Otero, Hamilton High School
 Serena Alvarez, GED GRIC
 Anthony Burnette, GED GRIC
 Raylynn Garcia, GED GRIC
 Brianna Knox, GED GRIC
 Alexander Lewis, GED GRIC
 Ethan McCall, GED GRIC
 Adessa Saraficio-Williams, GED GRIC
 Nadia Stone, GED GRIC
 Preciousfaith Thompson, GED GRIC
 Tobias Tobey, GED GRIC
 Isaiah Zepeda, GED GRIC
 Kai Murphy, Gilbert High School
 Emily Woodard, Gilbert High School
 Joseph Lynch, Hailey High School
 Natoyi N. Jackson, Heart Butte High School
 Jason Romine, Humanities & Sciences Institute
 Janessa Sanchez, Humanities & Sciences Institute
 Janayah Mendivil, Imagine Prep High School
 Christopher Lopez, Imagine Prep High School
 Jovan Soto, Imagine Prep High School
 Saniyyah Wood, Imagine Prep High School
 Tristan Paul, Imagine Prep High School
 Nathan Lopez, Imagine Prep High School
 Marisa Rios, Insight Academy Of Arizona

Vanessa Salas, Ironwood High School
 Layla De Leon, Jane Fredrick Continuation High School
 Taima Marrietta, Lakeview High School
 Tia Litton, Maricopa High School
 Sapphira Rayes, Maricopa High School
 Raiyna Yoyokie, Maricopa High School
 Kayleean White, Maricopa High School
 Sarah Hymer, Maricopa High School
 Destiny Garnica, Mountain High School
 Eric Felix Jr, North High School
 Mia Gastelum, North High School
 Walter Banham, Onalask High School
 Tahnice Sanderson, Peoria Flex Academy
 Mikaela Brimhall, Perry High School
 Freddy Rodriguez, Perry High School
 Raechelle Jackson, Phoenix Digital Academy
 Mateo Barragan/ Analla, Phoenix Digital Academy
 Kyle Burnette, Phoenix Digital Academy
 Dawn Franklin, Plano West High School
 Daniel Goodman, Point Quest Education
 Omyra Osife, PPEP Tec High School
 Lillian Miguel, Primavera Online High School
 Arianna Pio, Primavera Online High School
 Junior T. Escalante, Primavera Online High School
 Alauna Thomas, Queen Creek High School
 Cindy Lopez, Riverside Indian School
 Destiny Notah, Riverside Indian School
 Issac Mark, Riverside Indian School
 Kehlan Pancho, Robstown Early College
 Brandy Armstrong, Rocinante High School
 Erreyah Blackwater Young, San Carlos High School
 Estrella Gonzales, Sandia High School
 Jalen Peters, Seton Catholic Preparatory
 Isaiah Castillo, Sierra Pacific High School
 Caiden Thompson, Skyline Gila River
 Jose Carrillo Jr, Skyline Gila River
 Anissa Marie Enos, Skyline Gila River
 Arturo Gomez, Skyline Gila River
 Flaviano Guzman, Skyline Gila River
 Selest Jade James, Skyline Gila River
 Maxwell Jose, Skyline Gila River
 Jamie Kelley, Skyline Gila River
 Danette Lewis, Skyline Gila River
 Cadence Bleu Makil, Skyline Gila River
 Destiny Feather Martinez, Skyline Gila River
 Tatum Thompson, Skyline Gila River
 Isaiah Perez, Skyline Gila River
 Virginia Rossel, Skyline Gila River
 Marcus Andy Sabori Lewis, Skyline Gila River
 Matthew Tate, Skyline Gila River
 Preston Tekala, Skyline Gila River
 Matthew Williams, Skyline Gila River
 Alexander Setoyant, Skyline Gila River
 Malia Hart, Skyline Prep Academy
 Vincent Alvidrez, South Mountain High School
 Matthew Track, Sparks High School
 Mariah Mercado, Student Choice High School
 Joaquin Runningdeer Manuel, Taos High School
 Davian Johns, The Aces, Gilbert Campus
 Beau Jackson, Valley Christian High School
 Steven Joseph Valenzuela, Vista Grande
 Roberto Patraca-Zepeda, Vista Grande
 Gabrachale Melton, Vista Grande
 Damian Lee Martinez, Vista Grande
 Nisto Jose Martinez, Vista Grande
 RavenAngel Martinez, Vista Grande
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 Xavier Gomez, Vista Grande
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