



The Hopi Tribe May 16, 2023 Groundbreaking

*HHCC Renovation & Expansion Project
- A Hopi Tribal 638 Construction*



Pictured at the HHCC Renovation & Expansion Project area, just southwest of the Village of Walpi, in no particular order are individuals representing: Hopi Tribal 638 Construction Project including Vice Chairman Craig Andrews, Hopi Tribal Council - Ronald Humeyestewa, Village of Mishongnovi Council Representative, Hopi Principal Contract Oversight Team (PCOT) - Anthony Laban, Jr. Micah Lomaomvaya, Cheryl Tootsie, Darren Poleyestewa, Walpi Soyal-mongwi - First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Melvin Consulting PLLC (owner's Representative), Brycon Corporation (Contractor), Dyron Murphy Architects. Photo by: R.Laban HT more information on pg. 2.

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Pictured above: Audience attending HHCC Renovation & Expansion Project Groundbreaking in Polacca, Ariz. Photo by: R. Laban Hopi Tutuveni



Pictured above (l-r): 2 HHCC Representatives, Vice Chairman Craig Andrews, Darren Poleyestewa Soyalmongwi - Walpi/FMCV, Ty Reidhead Area Director and IHS Representative, Daryl Melvin - Melvin Consulting PLLC, Representative from Brycon Corporation (Contractor) at HHCC in Polacca, Ariz. Photo by: R. Laban Hopi Tutuveni

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor - Hopi Tutuveni

Polacca, Ariz. - May 16, 2023 On a beautifully warm Tuesday, a crowd gathered to witness a Groundbreaking ceremony for the long awaited Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC) Renovation & Expansion Project scheduled to take place at the Hopi Health Care Center located in Polacca, Ariz

Storyboards containing pictures and project plans were set up for attendees to complete self-tours before and after the ceremonies occurred.

Seating for those present was set up directly south of where the expansion will occur which is to the north-eastern corner of where the Emergency entrance of HHCC currently sets.

Lisa Lomavaya, Public Relations - HHCC served at the MC for the gathering and who introduced those scheduled to comment, such as; James Tewaguna Monroe, Kikmongwi for Walpi -First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Craig Andrew, Vice-Chairman - Hopi Tribe, Darren Poleyestewa, Soyalmongwi for Walpi - First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Ty Reidhead, Area Director - Indian Health Service, and Ronald Humeyestewa, Hopi Tribal Council Representative - Village of Mishongnovi. Lomavaya mentioned that although

James Tewaguna Monroe was invited he was not present, after all.

Hopi Vice Chairman Craig Andrews opened the ceremony by welcoming all those present with a “little bit” of Hopi, Spanish and a Navajo before continuing his comments in Hopi. Andrews acknowledged the many years of time and hard work it took, “...even before my time...” to arrive at this particular point in HHCC’s history.

Vice Chairman also mentioned the pandemic’s impact on the Hopi people and thanked those for gathering to witness the momentous ceremony.

The infamous Village of Walpi, could be clearly seen from where the audience was seated, which made for a beautiful backdrop.

Lomavaya also mentioned her goal of emphasizing to HHCC visitors to look east up to the Village of Walpi and surrounding communities the HHCC serves. She continued that she also expresses to visitors, to always remember that those they serve have strong traditional and cultural values and about the need to support Traditional Leaders.

The segue served as a positive reminder, for those in attendance and that are knowledgeable, about permissions garnered from the Soyalmongwi of Walpi to utilize clan lands to build HHCC on, some twen-

ty-three plus years, prior.

After being introduced, Darren Poleyestewa, current Soyalmongwi from the Village of Walpi, provided positive and encouraging comments in Hopi about the need to come together for the good purpose of providing more services, for all the Hopi people and for a strong life.

Poleyestewa also acknowledged those non-Hopis who have contributed work on behalf of HHCC. And he expressed happiness and gratitude for the work finished to this point and provided encouragement for all those, who are aiding the project into continued fruition.

Ty Reidhead, Area Director representing the Area Office of Indian Health Service, then provided comments and information about the cost of the project starting at \$6 million and growing to about \$38 million, with the increase being contributed to the pandemic.

Reidhead made reference to the IHS Mission, which is: *To raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Native to the highest level.*

He used that reference as a transition to talk about recent discussions with Chairman Nuvangyaoma and recent closures of rehabilitation facilities which were found to be preying on Native people who have challeng-

es with substance abuse and concerns for the Hopi people being impacted by the situation.

Reidhead continued by mentioning the tenaciousness of the Chairman in ensuring a voice of the people is present during discussions with IHS.

He continued by mentioning that focus must be on the youth, as well and to build capacity and to lead the newly expanded facility into the future with wellness. He expressed how excited he was and that “...today is a celebration...” And was happy it occurred, “...during my tenure. And I got more to do, got construction, got houses...to continue the journey of building.”

Closing comments were provided by Ronald Humeyestewa, Village of Mishongnovi Hopi Tribal Council Representative who began by expressing gratitude to the Office of the Vice Chairman for inviting him to the ceremony.

Humeyestewa acknowledged the length of time it took to get to this point in time by saying, “Iiss tahti...23 years!” He then continued to express gratitude to those working on the project and that he supports what Poleyestewa had already expressed in Hopi, as well.

Light refreshments were served to attendees after pictures and visiting occurred.

Secretary of the Interior Debra Haaland Visits Hopi to Deliver \$6.6 Million in Funding for the Keams Canyon Water Improvement Project

For Immediate Release

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 23, 2024 Secretary of the Interior Debra Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) met with the Hopi Tribal Council and toured the Hopi Reservation on Sunday, May 21, 2023. The historic meeting was the Secretary’s first visit to the Hopi Reservation since her confirmation.

Secretary Haaland shared with the Tribal Council that she was delivering \$6.6 million in funding for the Keams Canyon Water Infrastructure Improvement Project. The funding will be used to install new hydrants, water lines, and automated meters as well as connecting the distribution system to the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project. She applauded Chairman Nuvangyaoma, Vice Chairman Andrews, and the entire Hopi Tribal Council because “it was their leadership that moved the project forward.” Chairman Nuvangyaoma expressed the Tribe’s deep gratitude to the Secretary “for coming to Hopi and making us feel heard, appreciated, and valued.”

After meeting with the Tribal Council the Secretary was able to tour the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project and several other locations on the Reservation. Vice Chairman Andrews brought her to Keams Canyon so that she could see where the grant funding would be deployed and walk her through the project. Vice-Chairman Andrews explained that “water is life and for far too long our people have had to cook, drink, and bathe using arsenic-laced, contaminated water... this funding means that Hopi children and elders will be able to consume clean and uncontaminated water.”



Keams Canyon tank site, left to right, Vice-Chairman Andrews, Deb Haaland, and Chairman Nuvangyaoma.

The Secretary has roots close to Hopi as she spent much time during her childhood in Winslow staying with her grandparents. The visit offered an opportunity for the Secretary to see firsthand both the challenges and opportunities that the Hopi Tribe faces.

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Left to right, HTC Council Representatives from Village of Bacavi Dwayne Secakuku, Ruth Kewnimpewa, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, Marilyn Fredericks Village of Bacavi Rep, Danny Honanie Village of Kykotsmovi Rep.

2023 Hopi Code Talkers Citizenship Awards “Youth Preserving Our Hopi Lavayii”

By: Eugene Talas, Director Hopi Veterans Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - June 1, 2023
Another school year has successfully concluded for young students who promoted or graduated from local Hopi schools the past few weeks. I had the honor to attend a few of the promotion and graduation ceremonies to witness the happiness, pride and joy of students, teachers and parents, as they celebrated the school achievements of the promoting classes. We applaud and thank all teachers and support staff for their outstanding encouragement and love to each of the students they taught, fed, transported, mentor and kept safe during the school season.

Since 2013, the Hopi Veterans Services sponsors the annual Hopi Code Talkers Citizenship Award to present to a girl and boy in each of the school’s 6th and 8th promotion class. The award is in honor of the ten Hopi Code Talkers who used their Hopi Lavayii during World War II in the Pacific campaigns. Moreover, this award is to help promote and encourage Hopi lavayii (language) speaking among our youth to preserve our rich culture and as a lasting tribute of the Hopi Code Talkers legacy.

I commend the teachers of each school who made the challenging selection for the award recipients. The criteria was based on student’s positive and respectful attitude with students and teachers; actively participated in class, school and team sports; assisted fellow students and had excellent communication skills during the school year. The award consists of a certificate, with pictures of the ten Hopi Code Talkers; a mini Hopi Flag and a 1.5 inch Hopi Code

Talker lapel pin with “Citizenship Award” words. Additionally, the Hopi Junior Senior High School students received a plaque.

Our sincere appreciation to each school for participating this year to recognize the achievements of their students. We congratulate each of the award recipients and their proud parents and/or guardians for supporting them throughout the school year.

Students enjoy your summer and get ready to excel in junior high and high school! Nahongvita!

Moenkopi Day School

Xaine Tisi (b)
Torrey Tallsalt (g)

Hopi Day School

Rylen Yazzie (b)
Itzel Pena (g)

Second Mesa Day School

Tiryn Canyon (b)
Hailey Youvella (g)

First Mesa Elementary

Daniel Pattea (b)
Kianna Pawesiema (g)

Keams Canyon Elementary

Jayden Huma (b)
Elycianna Selestewa (g)

Hopi Junior High School – 8th

Wyatt Lomavaya (b)
Kaidance Garza (g)

Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School

Alexander Silas (b)
Emily Fred (g)

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HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

2nd Quarter Session

March, 2023

MONTH OF MAY 2023 AGENDA

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action – Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavi's request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center – Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe – Tabled

2. Discussion and possible action - Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – Tabled

3. Action Item #090-2022 - Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit – Tabled

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #043-2023 – To clarify sections of the 2023 Expenditure Authorization & Appropriations Language (EAAL) – Author/Eugene Talas, Chair, Budget Oversight Team

2. Action Item #045-2023 – 2023-2027 Hopi Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation

3. Action Item #046-2023 – Approve Lease Agreement between Hopi Tribe on behalf of First Mesa Consolidated Villages and Arizona Public Service – Staff Housing - Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services

4. Action Item #047-2023 – To approve and accept funding from the National Science Foundation (SNF) SCC-IRG Track 1 for the implementation of the Qoyangnuptu (Sun-Rise) in the amount of \$467,563 – Author/Laverne Dallas, Director, Behavioral Health Services - Time Certain, Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

5. Action Item #048-2023 – To rescind Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-044-2015 (changing the name of the Chief Administrative Officer to Executive Director), and H-022-2023 (approves the modification of the Executive Director's position) – Author/Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi

6. Action Item #049-2023 – 2023 HDOT Contractual

Agreement – Show Low Construction, Inc. – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation

7. Letter dated April 17, 2023 from Andrew Larson, Indian Health Service-Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, RE: Presentation of the Scope, timeline, and Budget Information for the funded Indian Health Projects – Raymond Namoki, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi – **Time Certain, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

8. Letter dated April 27, 2023 from Dale Siquah, Water/Energy Committee Chairman, RE: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Near-Term Operations of the Colorado River – Rosa Honani, Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain, Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

9. Letter dated April 27, 2023 from Dale Siquah, Water/Energy Committee Chairman, RE: Water Rights Negotiation Team (WRNT) report on the consultation and present the team's proposed comments to the draft SEIS that are due to the Federal Government on May 30, 2023 – Dale Siquah, Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - **Time Certain, Tuesday, May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

10. Discussion/Possible Action – Memorandum dated March 16, 2023 from Eugene Talas, Chairman, Budget Oversight Team (BOT) to obtain general direction from Tribal Council members for BOT to plan and develop the FY 2024 General Fund Budget - **Time Certain, Monday, May 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Discussion/Possible Action – Memorandum dated April 27, 2023 from Dale Siquah, Chairman, Water/Energy Committee, RE: Attendance at the Colorado River Basin Tribal Coalition meeting on June 7-9, 2023 in Boulder, CO – Rosa Honani, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovis

12. Discussion/Possible Action – Letter dated April 20, 2023 from Mr. Clyde Qotswisiwma, Chairman, Hopi Election Board, Hopi Tribe, RE: Extension of Terms for Karen L. Shupla's term as Tribal Registrar and two (2) Hopi

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**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL
2nd Quarter Session
March, 2023
MONTH OF MAY 2023 AGENDA, continued...**

- Election Board members terms.
Update on advertisement update
on the vacant board positions from
the Office of the Tribal Secretary
– Ruth Kewanimptewa, Tribal
Council Representative, Village of
Bacavi - **Time Certain, Wednes-
day, May 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
13. Ratification of Memorandum
dated May 1, 2023 from Herman
G. Honanie, Chairman, Hopi Land
Commission, RE: Ratification of
individuals to the Hopi-Navajo
Joint Eagle Commission – Dale
Sinquah, Council Representative,
First Mesa Consolidated Villages
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
 a. Walpi Housing Manage-
ment Agreement Communications
– TABLED
11. Health/Education Committee
12. Hopi Pandemic Recovery
Committee – Report for April
2023
13. Hopi Tribal Economic De-
velopment Corporation – Annual
Review Fiscal Year 2022 – Lu-
cinda Smiley, Chief Executive
Officer, HTEDC – Time Certain,
Monday, May 22, 2023 at 1:00
p.m.

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman – Hopi
Executive Order No. 001-2023 –
Lifting of Face Mask Mandate
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

***Hopi Tribal Council may go
into Executive Session on any
agenda item
Time Certain Requests

Rabies Outbreak Hits West of Hopi
Submitted by: Charles Mahkewa, Hopi Small Animal Control

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - June 1, 2023 The Hualapai Nation west of Flagstaff is experiencing a Rabies Outbreak. Biologist’s have confirmed several cases of rabies within the wild Fox population on the west side of their Reservation. The Hualapai Nation is working closely with partners to get the word out and get control of this outbreak.

As a reminder please get your pet friends vaccinated for not only rabies but for all potential diseases that may have potential to affect your pets. As responsible pet owners it is your responsibility to ensure your animals are properly vaccinated and kept up with other health related measures.

Hopi Small Animal Control DOES NOT give vaccinations. That procedure would have to be administered by a Veterinarian or a licensed practitioner. The Hopi Veterinarian Office (928-738-5251) may be able to assist with vaccinations or Dr. Scotts Office (928-289-5422) in Winslow.

Hopi IHS can also be contacted for more information about this outbreak. George Chung or Sherry Chase would be the individuals to contact for this information. Please keep safe. Kwa Kwai

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**Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and
Commission Update**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Office of the Vice-Chairman

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - May 30, 2023 the Office of the Vice-Chairman would like to provide the Hopi Sinom an update on the movement of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition - BEITC. The BEITC is made up of Tribal Leaders from the five tribes, represented by: Hopi Tribe, Zuni Tribe, Ute Indian Tribes - Uintah and Ouray, Ute Mountain Ute, and the Navajo Nation and BETIC staff. On April 13, 2023, Vice-Chairman Craig Andrews was voted in as a Co-Commissioner for the BEITC along with Christopher Tabbee of the Ute Indian Tribe - Uncompahgre Band. To read about the BEITC leadership and their staff, please visit: www.bearscoalition.org.

Hopi delegates who serve on the BEITC include; Vice-Chairman Craig Andrews, Staci Kaye -Office of Vice-Chairman, Carlene Tenakhongva - Of-
fice of General Counsel, Joel H. Nicholas - Hopi Cultural Preservation Office,
and Cultural Resource Advisory Task Team (CRATT) members - Bill Preston,
Sharold Nutumya, and Ronald Wadsworth.

Since the last update, the BEITC has progressively collaborated with the Bu-
reau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service agencies to develop the
first-ever National land management plan for the Bears Ears National Monu-
ment (BENM). The BENM was the first National Monument to be established
at the request of Tribal Nations. This collaboration is on a fast track to have
a complete land management plan by June 2024. It serves as the foundation
for both the planning and the implementation of the day-to-day management
decisions which will embrace Indigenous Knowledge and apply it to a Federal
land management. It is monumental and of importance, since the usual Federal
land management planning process focuses on Western scientific processes in
managing land.

Weekly meetings are held with BEITC and the Bears Ears Commissioners
(BEC) to decide on the details that involve this type of high-level collabo-
ration and planning. The BEITC Subcommittee, which consists of Cultural
Resources Advisors, from each of the Co-Managing tribes, discusses topics
comprised of site protection, wildlife, plants and woodlands, night sky, sound-
scapes, livestock, water, wells, mining, tourism, recreation, fire management,
view sheds, air quality, geologic resources, and paleontological resources. In
addition, consultations about threats to the landscapes such as mining ex-
traction, livestock grazing, recreation and tourism, and climate change, are
also discussed and decided on.

With community outreach as a focus, the Hopi delegates are planning Town
Halls addressing the topic of BENM. Town Halls will begin on June 27, 2023
in Munqapi, followed by one at First Mesa Elementary School on June 29,
2023 and at the Veterans Memorial Center in late July, with the date to be
determined. We look forward to updating the Hopi Sinom.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Vice-Chairman at
(928) 734-3113 or mail inquiries to P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039.

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Governor Hobbs Announces Actions Against Fraudulent Medicaid Provider

News Release

Phoenix, Ariz. - May 17, 2023 Today, Governor Hobbs, alongside Attorney General Mayes, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, AHCCCS Director Carmen Heredia, representatives from 13 tribal nations, and law enforcement, announced actions against over 100 Medicaid behavioral health residential and outpatient treatment service providers believed to be engaging in fraud. These providers have taken advantage of vulnerable individuals, particularly in tribal communities, and profited off their pain and suffering rather than providing real care.

“Prior to my administration, AHCCCS had taken a piecemeal approach to targeting these fraudulent providers,” said Governor Katie Hobbs. “Under my administration this will change. Thank you to our law enforcement officials and AHCCCS for taking action, and to our MMIP Task Force for helping bring to light these fraudulent providers and the stories of those who have been affected by them. Together, we are going to bring about the systemic reforms we need to root out this problem and deliver true accountability.”

WATCH THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE LINK BELOW:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUxP9YI-FT0>

AHCCCS has suspended payments to fraudulent providers and the Governor’s Office has authorized a full third-party audit of claims dating back to 2019. In addition to these actions, the Governor’s office will continue to evaluate systemic changes needed to prevent these issues from reoccurring. If you or a loved one are in need of help, please call 211 to be connected to proper resources.

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AHCCCS Provides Information for Native Americans Who Have Health Care and Needs Help with Sober Living or Residential Services

For Immediate Release

Phoenix, Ariz. – May 31, 2023 Are you a Native American who has AHCCCS health care and needs help with sober living or residential services?

We can help. Just dial 2-1-1 and press 7. If you or a family member is affected by the closure of a sober living home or residential facility, you can call 2-1-1 and press 7, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Learn more at www.211arizona.org/MMIP.

The American Indian Health Program (AIHP), administered by AHCCCS, Arizona’s Medicaid program, provides health care coverage to approximately 150,000 American Indian/Alaska Native tribal members. On May 15, AHCCCS suspended payments to more than 100 providers of behavioral health services based on credible allegations of fraudulent billing and exploitation of AIHP members.

AHCCCS has launched a dedicated hotline at 2-1-1 (press 7) to assist its members who may need help due to the closure of a sober living home or residential facility. Please encourage any AHCCCS members affected by the closure of a sober living home or residential facility to dial 2-1-1 (press 7) for help. Callers can get help with transportation, housing if they’ve been displaced, and finding other health care services.

The hotline is available 24/7 for any AHCCCS member, or caller with information about an AHCCCS member, who needs help due to a provider closure.

AHCCCS has also alerted tribal, state, and local police departments of this hotline, and has equipped officers with hotline business cards to distribute in their communities.

Visit www.211Arizona.org/MMIP to learn more.

AHCCCS Helps Law Enforcement with Missing Persons Data

For Immediate Release

Phoenix, Ariz. – May 31, 2023 AHCCCS is able to provide information about enrolled members, when permissible by law (45 CFR 164.512(f)(2)), to help law enforcement agencies find missing persons.

The requesting law enforcement agency must complete the Request for Data form with as many details as possible and attest that the data will not be used against the victim and is in the best interests of the member.

This process is available only to law enforcement agencies. Submissions by entities other than law enforcement will be returned.

Return the Request for Data Form to missingpersons@azahcccs.gov. Contact missingpersons@azahcccs.gov with any questions.

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RED FLAGS FOR UNETHICAL TREATMENT PROVIDERS



1. Avoid getting into unmarked passenger vans or black SUVs like a Cadillac Escalade. They can vary in color but are typically silver, white, black, and red.
2. Never get into a vehicle with someone who is offering you alcohol, food, money, or free housing. This is enticement, and not only is it dangerous, it's also illegal.
3. Always ask the driver for credentials. Reputable Treatment Centers DO NOT send drivers or "recruiters" to pick up patients on the reservation, in front of jails, bus stops, or homeless shelters. Always get at least a business card that has an address for where you will be taken.
4. Beware of a 30-day blackout period. This increases the chance that you will be reported missing. If they take your phone away and tell you that you can't speak to anyone, this is not the place for you. Most ethical treatment centers have a 7-day black out period, and this is discussed with your support network.
5. Ask the provider if they have a website. If a case manager or discharge planner can't find them by doing a simple internet search, they are probably not an ethical treatment center. Verify @ www.AZCareCheck.com

June is National “Men’s Health Month”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Submitted by: Bernadean
Kachinhongva, HSAPC Mentor**

Kykotsmovi, AZ - May 31, 2023
The month of June is National “Men’s Health Awareness Month”—the H.O.P.I. Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) is recognizing Men’s Health Awareness Month and the importance of men in our communities. This is a public health campaign created to educate people on the rise of men’s health illnesses locally and worldwide. HSAPC staff would like to enlighten the communities by educating and lifting the stigma of “Men are tough, Men/boys don’t cry, and Men don’t need to get their health checked”.

Regular checkups of young adults are crucial. Life can become overwhelming at times and regular health checkups are vital components of early detection. The primary focus of Men’s Health Awareness is to encourage men to speak up and seek help from their primary provider. It may be hard for an individual to seek support for themselves, and that’s okay. The goal is that you are willing and open to seek the help needed.

If a man chooses not to improve their health it may impact them physically, mentally, and emotionally. Some examples of the effects on their physical, mental, and emotional health, may be observed becoming tired or weak quickly. Early detection can assist in the longevity of life.

The HSAPC staff recognizes the importance of this awareness within our communities. We highly encourage men to continue with yearly checkups, follow up, and if needed a higher level of care. We see the value

and role men play in our communities. We Care for you!! As a grant recipient of Arizona’s Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith, and Family’s - Trauma Informed Substance Abuse Prevention Program (funds provided through SAMHSA), the HSAPC staff receive trauma-informed care training and utilize strategies in our services. HSAPC mentors help individuals work through their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing journey. “We believe in honoring ourselves by living an honest, sober, balanced life”. Healing begins with you!

HSAPC mentors provide one-to-one mentoring services for youth and adults, group classes, community presentations, supportive programs for local schools, and cognitive restructuring for a positive recovery journey. As a non-profit organization, all HSAPC services are free of charge. We encourage all in their recovery journey to take it one day at a time: sometimes it’s one moment at a time. If you feel comfortable reaching out to HSAPC mentors, call 928-734-0300. You can also call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at 928-737-6300 to schedule an appointment or call your local Behavioral Health facility. The Hopi Health Care Center at 928-737-6000 or your local health care facility. Other resources for men’s care are Hopi Colorectal Screening Program: Stephanie Hyeoma; Hopi Cancer Assistance Fund: Dana Russell; Hopi Tobacco Prevention and Education Program: Stewart Dukepoo 928-734-1151 or 928-734-1152; Cancer Support Community of Northern Arizona: cscz.org; Hopi Health Care Center: Public Health Educator - Gary Leslie 928-737-6000.

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Hopi Cancer Support Services Reminders for the Month of June

AICF Designates June 2023 to Honor Native Cancer Survivors

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Submitted by: Dana Russell,
Manager**

Kykotsmovi, AZ - June 1, 2023
The American Indian Cancer Foundation has designated June 2023 to honor Native cancer survivors during the national Celebrate Indigenous Life (CIL) campaign!

Cancer is the leading cause of death among Native women and the second leading cause of death among

Native men. The CIL initiative aims to honor, support, and raise awareness of Native Cancer Survivors.

Most everyone in our Native Communities have been touched by acquaintances or family members who have been on the cancer journey and survived. Recognizing this we invite everyone to wear lavender on Thursday, June 22, 2023 for CIL Day.

Thank you for your awareness and support of all cancer survivors

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June 2023 is National Men’s Health Month

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Submitted by: Dana Russell,
Manager**

Kykotsmovi, AZ - June 1, 2023
You may not be aware that June is National Men’s Health Month. In recognition of this important designation I should point out that Native American Men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher mortality (death) rates for many health related causes compared to their female counterparts or U.S. males overall. The importance of educating yourself about a healthy lifestyle and screening for early detection of male

health problems can reduce mortality rates from disease. If you are more informed about the value of maintaining good health and practicing, you, your spouse and your children will thank you for it.

Hopi Cancer Support Services is ever so aware of the importance of Men’s Health in the

Community. We are fortunate to have the support of the Hopi Tribal Council and community partners as we shape our efforts to improve Men’s Health.

If you have any question about Men’s Health that we may be able to answer, feel free to contact our office at 928-734-1151.

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - May 12, 2023 Due to transitions occurring in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) the August 26, 2022 COVID 19 report was the latest data being provided for the public.

Hopi Tutuveni was informed by previous Interim DHHS staff that until DHHS and Tribal Leadership determined roles of the Public Health Authority, no reports would be submitted to Hopi Tutuveni.

Hopi Tutuveni Staff and Editorial Board know the importance of providing such important health information to the Hopi public. Since Hopi is still officially under Pandemic status and there are known active COVID cases on Hopi, we continue to welcome updates from DHHS and/or the Hopi H.E.O.C. about that important information which impacts the Hopi public.

Hopi Tutuveni continued republishing the last and latest Covid-19 Report dated August 26, 2022 received from DHHS and up through the third year of the pandemic, in the March 15, 2023 publication. The August 26, 2023 Response report can still be found online at: <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni>

We are pleased to inform the Hopi Tutuveni readership that Joyce Hamilton, a very qualified Hopi woman, with well over twenty years of experience in working with the Hopi Tribe's HDHHS. She has been selected as a new Director, a leader at the helm of HDHHS since April 25, 2023. We appreciate the latest update and submission being provided in response to Hopi Tutuveni's request for this dedicated space for important health information for the Hopi public.

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Five Graduate from TCRHCC Pharmacy Technician Program

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: George Joe, Office of Communications - TCRHCC

TUBA CITY, Ariz – May 16, 2023 The fifth cohort of Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation's Pharmacy Technician Trainee program recently graduated five students.

The Pharmacy Tech program started in 2019 and has since had a total of 41 graduates.

Applicants for the fifth cohort were chosen in January and graduated Wednesday, April 19th.

The Master of Ceremony for the graduation, Interim Outpatient Pharmacy Manager Nicholas J. Palm, PharmD, MEd, BS, BCPS told the graduates, "The new tools you learn will help you serve your community. Congratulations graduates."

The Interim Director of Pharmacy Bickie Solomon, PharmD, MBA-HM, BCSCP said, "Graduates, you accomplished a lot in a short time. You all successfully completed your pharmacy technician trainee program with persistence, dedication, and hard work." She then shared her own educational journey.

The five graduates are: Benally, Tyeria; Nelson, Jaileen; Nockideneh, Ashley; Nockideneh, Shaylyn; Woody Jr., Derrick.

The pharmacy technician program is a twelve-week program, Monday through Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; which includes 80 hours of on-the-job shadowing and training.

Upon completion of the program, students have the opportunity to become a Pharmacy Technician Trainee and gain experience to advance to a Certified Pharmacy Technician or Medication Reconciliation Technician. These are jobs currently available at TCRHCC.

The program recently started a sixth cohort pharmacy technician trainee program.

The Training Program is a competitive selection process and is offered at no cost to qualified candidates thanks to a Health Disparities Grant from the Arizona Department of Health Services.

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Message from TCRHCC CEO: Graduates, We Need You in Health Care

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: George Joe
Office of Communications - TCRHCC



Pictured above: Joette Walters is the CEO of TCRHCC in Tuba City, Ariz.

Tuba City, Ariz. - May 22, 2023 Graduation from high school or college is one of the greatest achievements in a person’s life. For some, graduation brings closure to years of studying into the night and personal sacrifice. But for others, it is just the beginning.

When I was growing up, my grandparent’s health worsened as they grew older. We had nurses come to the house to check on my grandfather, and we participated in caring for him at home and my grandmother went through her cancer treatments. I interacted a lot with the healthcare team which got me interested in the healthcare field. Today, I look back and see this as significant in my decision to entering the healthcare field.

But when I started college, I thought I would get a degree in engineering. My interests changed and I moved into healthcare and chose nursing. I was fortunate to have mentors, family, and friends who encouraged and guided me. Today I look back and I am glad I chose nursing because I enjoyed helping people and it opened many doors. Nursing is a field where you can use your degree in a wide variety of settings.

If you choose the health care field, we need you. There is a big demand for not only medical doctors, but we also need physician’s assistants, nurses, medical technicians, nurse assistants, dentists, x-ray technicians, people who track down viruses, and the list goes on. Just look at the career page of any health care facility and you will see vacant positions. We need people who have received the proper training, education, and experience.

While we have plenty of vacant jobs, our health care needs are dire. Pre-pandemic, the leading cause of deaths among Native Americans were from diseases of the heart, cancer, unintentional injuries, and diabetes. During those tough times, patients come to us for help during the most vulnerable time in their life, and our health care team are privileged to be part of the process that seeks to help them.

I encourage all of you to be courageous and follow your passion. Reach out to professionals in your area of interest, ask them how they got to where they are. Ask if they would serve as a mentor. Surround yourself with people that will encourage, challenge, and mentor you. Many of the leaders I work with at TCRHCC are willing to serve as mentors, teachers, and we would be open to developing mentoring opportunities for those interested in healthcare or any of the support services. Learning doesn’t stop with school -- become a life-long learner.

Once again, congratulations to all the graduates (Preschool, Kindergarten, Middle School, High School, and College). On behalf of TCRHCC, we wish you all the best.

Joette Walters is the Chief Executive Officer for Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, a Joint Commission accredited 73-bed health center that provides services to a 6,000 square mile area and serves as a referral center for the western region of the Navajo, Hopi, and San Juan-Paiute Reservations. TCRHCC is a P.L. 93-638 health care facility and operates the Sacred Peaks Clinic in Flagstaff, Ariz. and LeChée Healthy Facility near Page, Ariz.

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FREE Outdoor Rabies Vaccination Clinic – Dogs and Cats, June 20-22, 2023



This outdoor clinic is provided for dogs and cats only. Animals must be HEALTHY and at least 3 months old to receive the rabies vaccine. All dogs MUST BE restrained on a LEASH, and cats MUST BE transported in a CAGE, on a LEASH, or in PILLOW CASE. Tick collars will be provided to all eligible dogs.

Tuesday, June 20	
8:30 - 9:30 am	Upper Moenkopi Community Building
9:45 - 10:45 am	Lower Moenkopi Community Building
11:00 - 12:00pm	South of Moenkopi Senior Center
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Hotevilla Elder/Youth Center
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Hotevilla Village
3:45 - 4:45 pm	Bacavi Community Building
Wednesday, June 21	
8:30 - 9:30 am	Old Oraibi Village by Hamana So'ohs
9:45 - 11:15 am	Kykotsmovi Community Building
12:30 - 1:45 pm	Shungopavi Community Building
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Sipaulovi/Mishongnovi Community Building
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Sipaulovi Village
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Mishongnovi Village
3:45 - 4:45 pm	Walpi Housing, near playground
Thursday, June 22	
8:30 - 9:30 am	Lower Sipaulovi Housing Admin
9:45 - 11:15 pm	Polacca Post Office
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Parking area before Walpi Village
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Circle M Store
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Sand Clan housing area
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Keams Canyon Park

For questions, contact the Office of Hopi Public Health Compliance at 928.497.1685 or IHS Office of Environmental Health at 928.737.6281.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services



PRESS RELEASE
Hopi Law Enforcement Services Investigates Bomb Threat to Second Mesa Day School

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kykotsmovi, AZ – On May 23, 2023, at approximately 11:40 am, Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) received a report of a bomb threat at the Second Mesa Day School. In response to the threat, Second Mesa Day School immediately cleared the area and the students were bussed home.

HLES was still on scene and investigated this serious threat.

Further details to come as the situation is cleared.

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Community invited to participate in 13th annual Indigenous language education conference

This year's AIITEC will feature a community of indigenous educators and researchers to share proven strategies and practical resources through an online platform that participants can immediately use to welcome students to their classrooms and to promote student success.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Flagstaff, Ariz. - May 31, 2023 The College of Education at Northern Arizona University invites the community to participate in the 2023 Hybrid Stabilizing Indigenous Languages American Indian/Indigenous Education Conference (AIITEC), which takes place June 23-24 at NAU's Flagstaff Mountain campus. The theme of the conference is "Returning to our languages and ways of knowing," addresses the success of Indigenous language revitalization efforts since the passage of the Native American Languages Act of 1990 and the important role of schools in nurturing and passing on the languages of Indigenous communities.

The program includes presentations from Hopi, Ute, Apache and Diné language teachers who will provide strategies and resources that participants can use to welcome students to their classrooms and promote student success.

The National Coalition of Native American Lan-

guage Schools in collaboration with a research team funded by the Spencer Foundation will provide an overview of these successful immersion schools and the policy and regulations which support these programs. Hawaiian-language immersion high school students, teachers and teacher-educators will celebrate 40 years of a pre-K-Ph.D. program.

The conference will address:

- Culturally responsive school practices to promote the success of Indigenous students
- Language revitalization
- Parental/community involvement
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Oral tradition

The conference will also include presentation from:

- Richard Littlebear—Prsident Emeritus, Chief Dull Knife College: "Conveying the Pleasure of Speaking, Reading and Writing our own Languages"
- Christine Sims—Department of Language, Lit-

eracy and Sociocultural Studies, University of New Mexico: "Early Childhood Partnerships to support Indigenous Communities"

- Robin Butterfield—Native American Parent Technical Assistance Center: "Developing Native American Student Leadership"

- Leslie Harper—National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs: "Native American Language Medium/Immersion Education Present Extent"

- Louise Benally—Dine Language Teachers Association: "Can the Mentor-Apprentice Program Method Produce Diné Fluent Speakers?"

- Indigenous language teachers from Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Wyoming, Canada and Australia. Sessions include "Indigenous Language Revitalization through Land-based Teachings", "Community-Based Science for Native Americans" and "Indigenous Boarding Experiences."

For more information or to register, visit nau.edu/coe/aiitec/ or call (928) 523-8218.

OBITUARY

ALLEN DOERING OBITUARY



Submitted by: Brantley Doering

Flagstaff, Ariz. - May 31, 2023 Allen went home to his Heavenly Father on Thursday, the 27th day of April. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Over the years, Allen included his four-legged friends as part of his family whom he spoiled. Allen was a native of Natchez, Mississippi. He was the son of Catherine Lydia (Shaw) and August Edward Doering, born on June 28, 1948.

Allen was a highly regarded teacher who formed lasting friendships with his peers and communities in which he served. He was beloved by all of his students who frequently reached out to him years after he had taught them.

During his teaching career he touched the lives of the following Native Americans: Choctaw (Mississippi), Chitimacha (Louisiana) and Hopi (Arizona), and Navajo (Arizona).

One of his most prestigious awards, acknowledging his excellence in teaching, was the National Teacher of the Year awarded by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

Allen is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Linda Canard Doering, His son, Brantley M. Doering (Tammy), His grandchildren, Cole and Ashley Doering, His brother, Dix Doering, His sister-in-law, Patti Canard, His brother-in-law, Roger Canard (Denise), His niece, Tracy Canard Goodluck, His nephews, Robert Canard and Jason Romero.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Lydia (Shaw), and his father, August Edward Doering and his nephew, Collin Doering.

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, 423 N. Beaver Street, Flagstaff, Arizona will host Allen's Celebration of Life Ceremony on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating Allen's life. Please feel free to share your memories of experiences you shared with him. Memories and condolences can also be shared online at www.norvelowensmortuary.com.

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HOPI WORDS

- Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)
- Yuki'at - Accomplishment
- Tukopna - Accuse
- Hintsakpi - Activity
- Pu'ason - Afterward
- Qe'ti - Back out of
- Novaki - Bakery
- Tuptsiwni - Belief
- Kwusiva - Bring
- Päato - Burst
- Pitanakts - Cap/Hat
- Sikiki - Car (Auto)
- Kansulmongwi - Chairman
- Namora - Choice
- Iyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)

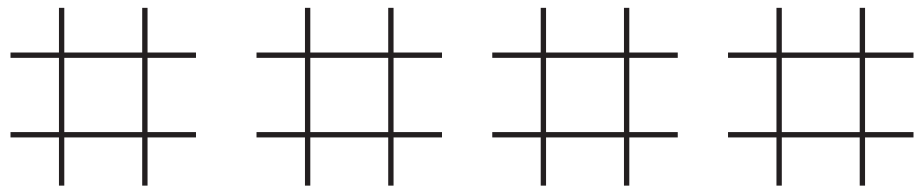
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- Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have)
- Öqala - Determined
- Alögö - Different
- Hötsiwa - Doorway
- Hiihiko - Drink
- Nan'ip - Each (of two)
- Tutuqayiw - Education
- Töövü - Ember
- Tumal'aya - Employee
- Tunatya - Endeavor
- Naatsiki - Factionalize
- Qöppö - Fire place
- Saavu - Fire wood
- Tuuqayta - Fluent
- Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)

Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)

- Sivaqöppö - Heater
- Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life
- Nü'okwa - Kind Hearted
- Ngahu - Medicine
- Muytala - Moon Light
- Tömö - Season (Winter)
- Nuvati - Snowed
- Nawini - Suggestion
- Tsangaw - Thank Goodness
- Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)
- Hihiiyà - Wow!

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VA Claims Day – June 14, 2023

“Your Service, Our Mission: Bringing VA Benefits Home”

Submitted by: Eugene Talas, Hopi Veterans Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 30, 2023 On June 14, 2023, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Hopi Veterans Services (HVS) will host a VA Claims Day event at Hopi Day School in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. MST. VA staff will be conducting face-to-face counseling/claims due to PACT Act bill that Congress passed, and President signed into law in August 2022. PACT Act that expands VA health care and benefits exposed to burn pits, agent orange and other toxic substances while serving in Vietnam to Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF)/Enduring Freedom (OEF) and for contaminated water in Camp Lejeune. The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions to identify and assist Veterans who may have presumptive disabilities and who might be eligible for a VA pension claim. A presumptive disability is a condition that VA presume related to military service, although the condition may first appear after discharge from the military. These conditions may qualify for VA compensation payments to the Veterans and their survivors.

“With the focus on Veterans with presumptive disabilities and those who are pension eligible, VA is hopeful we can help Indian Country Veterans access the full range of benefits they have courageously earned through their service,” said Stephanie Birdwell, Director, VA’s Office of Tribal Government Relations.

VA launched a nationwide campaign to roll out VA claims events with tribal communities. VA realizes that reaching these Veterans could have a direct, tangible impact on the lives of thousands of previously unreached Veterans and their spouses. This will help VA enhance and improve the experience for all Veterans and their families.

If you are a Veteran and interested in attending this event, please bring the following documents, which will help us expedite your claim:

- Medical records/medical evidence (doctor or hospital reports)
- Any documents that provide historical or military information needed for the disability you are claiming
- Discharge or separation papers (DD-214 or equivalent)
- Dependents’ records (marriage certificate, death certificate, child birth certificate)
- Spouses/widows may be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) when a Veteran dies because of these presumptive disabilities

This is a free event for Veterans to apply for VA benefits “on-the-spot” assisted by VA representatives. The three priorities of the event is to ensure every Veteran who attends can enroll in the VA health care, receive screening for benefits under the new PACT Act toxic exposure conditions and apply for disability compensation and/or pension claims. Additionally, there will be several VA programs to provide information on supportive housing (HUD/VASH), suicide prevention and post-traumatic stress disorder.

VA and HVS combined efforts is to educate, encourage, and help as many Veterans as possible to apply for VA benefits for which they may be eligible for. We encourage Veterans and family members to attend the event and begin collecting important documents in preparation to apply for the VA benefits.

For information about the event, contact Joshua Wear, Rural Health Coordinator - VA (928) 458-8713, Andrew Taylor, Rural Health Coordinator - VA, (928) 237-8310, Geno Talas, Director, HVS, (928) 734-3461, or Lora Homana Pawiki, VA Tribal Government Relations, (928) 308-3615.

So, mark your calendars and join us at the VA Claims Day event on June 14, 2023, at Hopi Day School, in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. to apply for your VA benefits.

“You have Served, Now Let Us Serve You!”



The University of Arizona Old Main Sign now includes the Hopi Name - Kiisonvi



Press Release

Tucson, Ariz. – April 20, 2023 the University of Arizona NAATE staff hosted a delegation of Hopi representatives from the Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman, HCPO, and the Royalty of the American Legion “Lori Piestewa” Post 80 to attend the Hopi – Old Main Building Sign Dedication & Celebration.

With the advisement and guidance of the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office staff, the name “Kiisonvi: The focal point of a community where thoughts and prayers become one to benefit all life - Hopi” was selected to dub the Old Main sign.

The Hopi Tribe Offices of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Hopi Cultural Preservation Office (HCPO) have collaborated with the University of Arizona’s Office of Native American Advancement & Tribal Engagement (NAATE) and the Linguistics Department with the support of the University of Arizona President Robert C. Robbins to dedicate the Old Main Building Sign with a Hopi name.

The event began with a reception which many Hopi UA students were able to attend to participate and watch the unveiling of the revised sign with its new Hopi name. The opening prayer was conducted in Hopi by Leigh Wayne Lomayestewa, Research Assistant - Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Other staff members of HCPO in attendance were Sue Kuyvaya, and UA Alumni Stewart Koyiyumtewa and Joel Nicholas.



Current Lori Piestewa Post 80 Princess Edith Silas and former Post 80 Princess 2019-2022 Princess Rose Honanie and their families were also in attendance representing the Hopi Tribe’s Veterans and Military service members. With their fathers singing for them, the Royalty performed the Pahlkmana dance for the growing crowd

that gathered in front of Old Main.

N. Levi Esquerro, Senior Vice President of NAATE began the unveiling ceremony with an explanation of how the proposed name change of buildings around campus has begun. The University of Arizona Linguistics Department working with NAATE, developed the Native Languages of Arizona Campus Sign Initiative to heighten the visibility of Arizona’s Native Nations and Native languages on permanent building signs across campus. This initiative is one of the steps the University of Arizona is taking to create a sense of belonging for our Native students, staff, and faculty. “To date, we have completed 5 building signs with Native language representing the Tohono O’odham, the Hualapai Nation, Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe, and now with the Hopi Tribe and more to come.” stated Levi.

The University of Arizona’s President Robbins also gave a welcoming address to the students, faculty, and other visiting guests in attendance that included some members of the Arizona Board of Regents. During President Robbins’ warm welcome, he stated, “I am thankful for our Board of Regents and Tribal Leaders – Chairman Peter Yucupicio - Pascua Yaqui, Chairman Ned Norris - Tohono O’odham, and other tribal leaders in support of the Hopi Tribe and our collaborative work with our Native Nations.” President Robbins went on to express his thanks to Levi and his Office for growing the University’s partnerships with Tribal Nations.

University of Arizona’s Senior Vice-President & Provost Liesl Folks introduced Chairman Nuvangyaoma and stated she is, “especially excited to be working with the Chairman’s team on trying to bring one of our micro campuses to the reservation so that students who are studying at the University of Arizona will have a home base right there on the reservation, so we are excited to keep working with you to bring that to fruition.”

During Chairman Nuvangyaoma’s address to the crowd, he stated, “It is very great for us to bring Hopi to Tucson to the U of A campus to experience a little bit of it. It was fitting with the name we chose “Kiisonvi” because a lot of the ceremonies happen in the kiisonvi in our plaza. It brings people together and look at this, we got a crowd here, a diversified crowd, coming together with one heart in purity, to celebrate and enjoy life. President Robbins under your leadership, the leadership here at U of A that’s supporting these efforts and recognizing the 22 tribes of Arizona is monumental. We’re not here only to celebrate Hopi’s unveiling of the sign, we’re here to celebrate for all of our Indigenous tribes across the United States, here in Arizona the 22 tribes, original inhabitants, first nations of this beautiful state of Arizona, so we share this moment with all the other tribes and it’s a celebration for all of us.”

Another one of The University of Arizona’s initiatives to support Native American students has led to the establishment of the Arizona Native Scholars Grant. The Arizona Native Scholars Grant (ANS) is an institutional grant program that ensures the tuition, mandatory fees, tuition differentials, and program fees are fully covered for Native, Arizona Resident, Undergraduate students seeking their first Bachelor’s degree. ANS will fill in the gap between a student’s tuition, mandatory fees, tuition differentials, program fees, and all other gift aid the student receives (Pell Grant, merit scholarships, etc.). This can be awarded up to four years (eight consecutive semesters).

“We are extremely grateful for this partnership and relationship we have developed with the University of Arizona and this is something we continue to nurture and strengthen...” said Chairman Nuvangyaoma, “...and we are optimistic that as we continue to build on this partnership, that we may soon see a University of Arizona micro-campus here on Hopi.”

For more information about the University of Arizona and the Arizona Native Scholars Grant can be found at: www.arizona.edu

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HOPIVEWAT COMMUNITY CURATION PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Huvam angqw tutuqaywisa'a

The Hopiweat Learning Center in partnership with the Museum of Northern Arizona will be presenting on Hopi artists "Community Curation" experiences with Hopi collections. This event is supported by the National Endowment of the Arts

- Kykotsmobi Youth & Elderly Center- June 8 & 16, 2023 3:30p-6:30p
- Moenkopi Legacy Inn- June 22, 2023 3:30p & 6:00p MST
- Tewa Community Building- June 29, 2023 3:30p-6:30p

Discussions include:

- Talk with Hopi artists about museum curation and their experiences.
- Learn why Hopi material culture is important in the history of museum collecting.
- Discuss why it is important for Hopi people to have their own repository facilities.

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Second Mesa Day School Promotes 36 Sixth Graders on May 23, 2023



Second Mesa, Ariz.
— May 23, 2023 Second Mesa Day School gym was full with family and friends who gathered to support the Sixth Grade Promoting Class of 2023.

Thirty-six class members had many visitors present to cheer them on during the happy and momentous occasion.

Since the mask mandate has been lifted by the Hopi Tribe, events such as the SMDS Promotion ceremony are beginning to have more attendance, although some in the audience still chose to wear masks as a personal choice.

Some audience members expressed feeling relieved to be able to see each other's friendly smiles and especially during this happy time for their children.

SMDS 6th Grade Teachers Miss Cly and Mr. Wayman Navenma, along with Teacher Aide Mr. Lomayestewa, were very attentive to making sure

their students were in line and very presentable.

Before the ceremony began, Mr. Gary Polacca provided an update on the report of a bomb threat at the school earlier in the day. Polacca notified the audience that with help of Hopi Law Enforcement all issues had been cleared and to allow for the ceremony to continue. With that bit of business completed the ceremony continued.

The SMDS Prince - Honvehma Lomawaima provided a very nice Opening Prayer in Hopi while his parents sat proudly listening to their son.

Welcoming remarks were provided by Kim Thomas SMDS Principal and Guest Speaker Micahel Adams SMDS School Counselor provided positive and encouraging words for the Class of 2023.

Special recognition awards for the Hopi Code

Talkers Citizenship Award and Achievement Award were both presented to Hailey Youvella, who not only seemed shy but also very surprised.

The SMDS 6th Grade Promoting Class are: Kiyah Ami, Lee Bahnimptewa, Tiryn Canyon, Kayden Dennis, Mikaela Francisco, Vaelena Fred, Richard Fredericks, Lorie Hamilton, Garryn Hamley, Kiara Harvey, Kion Honhongva, Leondro Honvantewa, Kevin Josytewa, Weston Juan, Maelynn Kewanyama, Mikael Koiyaquapewa, Chance Lomaomvaya, Rain Lomayaktewa, Honvehma Lomawaima, Dion Mansfield, Kailani Martinez, Carly Masaquapewa, Everleigh Nahnacassia, Oriana Nahpi, Tom Numkena, Alberta Poleahla, Annette Qumyintwa, Delilah Saufkie, Drayden Selina, Maria Solis, Fabian Sota, Ariel Talayumptewa, Ciyeon Tawvaya, Adriana Widehat, Krista Yaiva and Hailey Youvella



Hopi High School Holds 36th Commencement Exercise for the Class of 2023



Pictured above: Happy Hopi High School Bruins Class of 2023 Graduates smile for the camera during graduation ceremonies held at Hopi Jr./Sr. High School stadium on May 25, 2023 in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo courtesy of: Valerie Martin, HJSHS Librarian



Pictured above(l-r): Valedictorian Hangyeol Park and Salutatorian Kelly Huma present speeches to fellow Class of 2023 Graduates and audience during Graduation Ceremonies at HJSHS School stadium in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo courtesy: Valerie Martin, HJSHS Librarian



Pictured above at the top 10 Students of the Hopi High School Graduating Class of 2023 presented during graduation ceremonies at HJSHS School stadium in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo courtesy: Valerie Martin, HJSHS Librarian

Congratulations Hopi High School Graduating Class of 2023!

Hopi Jr. High School Holds Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2023



Pictured above is the Hopi Jr. High School Class of 2023 during Promotion Ceremonies at HJSHS School stadium in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo courtesy: Valerie Martin, HJSHS Librarian



Pictured above(left and right): Valedictorian John Park and Salutatorian Nevaeh Lomaintewa receive certificates of award during Jr. High Promotion Ceremonies while fellow classmates (pictured in center) happily sit in attendance at HJSHS School stadium in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo courtesy: Valerie Martin, HJSHS Librarian



Pictured above at the top 10 Students of the Hopi Jr. High School Class of 2023 presented during promotion ceremonies at HJSHS School stadium in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Photo courtesy: Valerie Martin, HJSHS Librarian

Congratulations Hopi Jr. High School Promoting Class of 2023!