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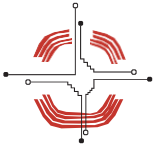


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MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

10:00 AM

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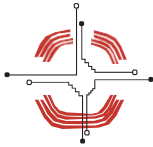
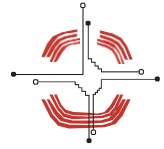


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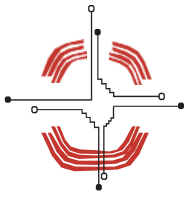


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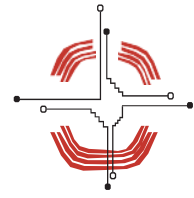


Kirtland, NM

Zuni, NM



**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**  
***Dr. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren***  
***Navajo Nation First Lady***



First Lady of the Navajo Nation Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren is of the Hashtł'ishnii (Mud People Clan), born for the Áshjìhí (Salt People Clan), her maternal grandfather is of the Nóóda'í Dine'é Táchii'nii (Ute Red Running Water Clan) and her paternal grandfather is of the Bit'ahnii (Within His Cover Clan.) She is the wife of Navajo Nation President Buu Van Nygren and a mother.

First Lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She also worked for the Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Counsel and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

In 2021, Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren was the youngest member of the House of Representatives at the Arizona State Legislature. Following her term in the State Legislature, Jasmine became the First Lady of the Navajo Nation in January 2023.

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## Processional

### National Anthem and Invocation

*Adinidiin Jones*

*Miss Navajo Technical University*

### Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries

*Dr. Colleen Bowman*

*University Provost*

### Commencement Address

*Dr. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren*

*First Lady Navajo Nation*

### Presentation of Certificate and Degrees Master Degree Hooding Ceremony

### Poem Recitation

*Shannon Pino*

*MIS, Master of Science Degree Student*

### Conferral of Certificates and Degrees

*NTU Board Regent*

### Congratulatory Remarks

*Jasmine Charley*

*Student Senate President*

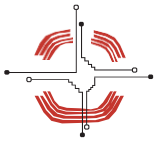
*NTU Board Regent*

### Benediction

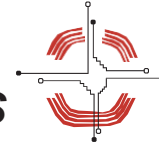
*Wilbur Tso*

*Human Resources Training Coordinator*

## Recessional



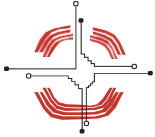
# CANDIDATES FOR THE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION DIPLOMAS



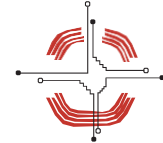
## General Education Diploma

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Trudy Yazzie, *Rough Rock AZ*

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**MATHEMATICS**

Oscar Kyle White III, *Crownpoint NM*

**PROFESSIONAL BAKING**

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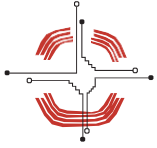
McKayla Jodie, *Crownpoint NM*

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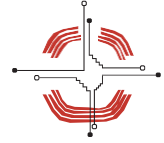
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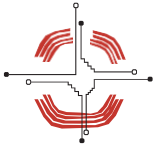
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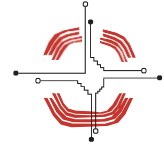
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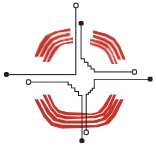
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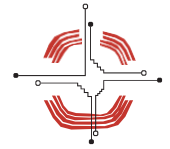
Phaizon Osbourne, *Cleveland TN*  
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Ashton Brown, Navajo NM

*Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the-Water)*  
*Tó Dích'íi'nii (Bitter Water)*  
*Tsi'naajinii (Black Streaked Wood)*  
*Honágháahnii (One Walks Around You)*



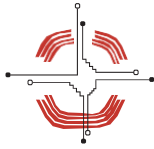
Shannon Lynn Pino, Crownpoint NM

*Bitahni'(Folded Arms Clan)*  
*Tó'aheedlínii (Water Flows Together)*  
*Tsii' Dootl'izh (Southern Cheyenne)*  
*Chishi (Chiricahua Apache)*

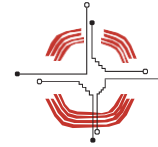


Jared J. Ribble, Borrego Pass NM

*Tó baazhni'ázhí (Two Who Came to the Water clan)*  
*Bilagaana (Anglo)*  
*Kinyaa'áanii/Kiyaa'áanii (Towering House clan)*  
*Bilagaana (Anglo)*



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*Construction Tech.*  
*Mathematics*  
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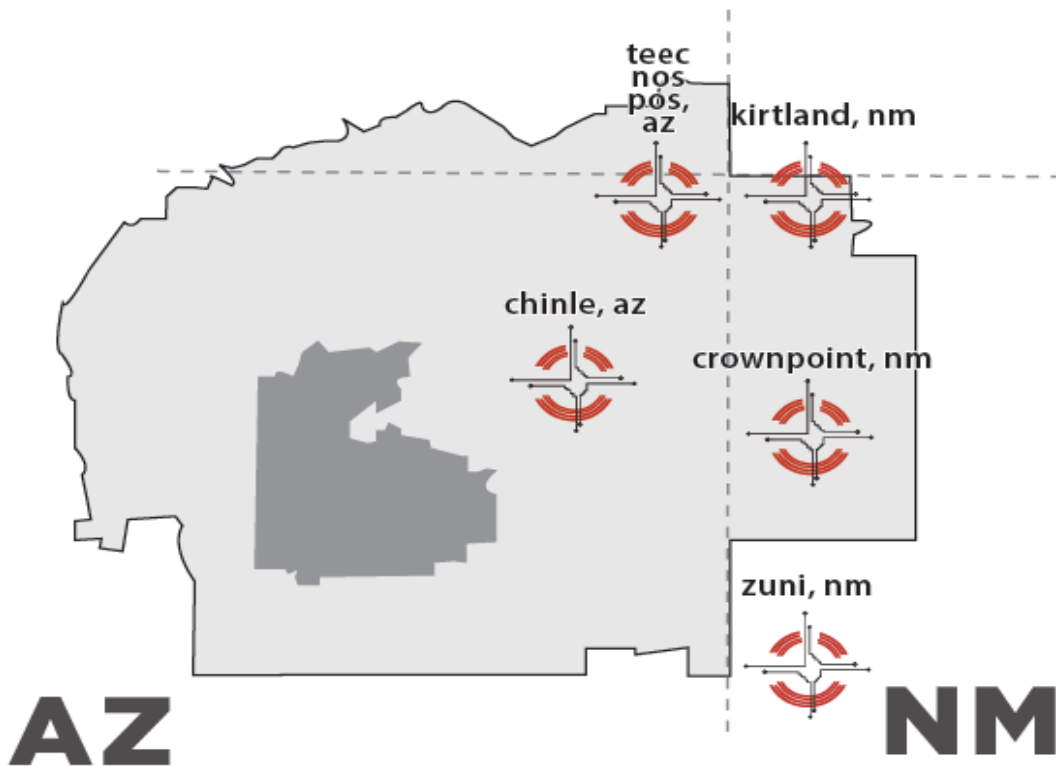
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*Welding*

Harrison Lapahie, M.S.

*Mathematics*

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