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TSAILE, ARIZONA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Good morning to our Warrior family. Today is an important day in your life, your family, your community and the Navajo Nation. Whether you are a first time graduate or one of many in your family, walking across a stage to accept your college diploma that you worked so hard to earn is groundbreaking.

The graduates that are here today have earned a degree in the most difficult of times. Despite a world-wide pandemic, you continued your education. Despite family challenges,

you continued your education. Despite whatever difficulties you faced, you continued your education. Now, you are able to clutch that degree or certificate and move forward.

Some of you will continue your education. Some of you will secure a job. Whatever your next step is just remember that your success here at Diné College was not given, you worked hard to hold that degree. The Navajo Nation needs you; your community needs you and your family needs you. Part of the Warrior spirit is not just fighting for your future, but it is also giving back for your future.

Don't forget the people that helped you get here today. And in that spirit, reach out to help others within our Warrior family. A simple word of encouragement can mean a lot. I am sure that all of you graduates can remember a time when a simple gesture meant a lot and kept you focused and working.

Enjoy today, you have earned it.

Dr. Monty Roessel



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Emcee: Patrick Blackwater

Processional: Dr. Avery Denny, Professor

Posting of Colors: Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock Veterans Association

National Anthem: Danielle Coleman

Invocation: David P. Nez, Senior Lecturer

Welcome Address: President Charles "Monty" Roessel

Commencement Speaker: Honorable Katie Hobbs, Arizona Governor

Acknowledgement: Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Provost

Conferral of Certificates & Degrees: President Charles "Monty" Roessel

Alumni Induction Ceremony: Crystal Carr, Director of Legislative Affairs & Special Projects, DC Alumni

Congratulatory Remarks: Clifton M. Mariano, Bachelor of Arts, Education; Emphasis in Multicultural Education

Benediction: Jalen Smallcanyon, ASDC President

Retrieval of Colors: Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock Veterans Association

Recessional: Diné College Song

DINÉ COLLEGE SONG

By Avery Denny (Revised by Dr. Herman Cody)

Diné College déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Diné College déé naashá.

Sisnaajini déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Sisnaajini déé naashá.

Tsoodzil déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Tsoodzil déé naashá.

Dook' oosliid déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Dook' oosliid déé naashá.

Dibé Nitsaa déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Dibé Nitsaa déé naashá.

Dził Ná' oodilii déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Dził Ná' oodilii déé naashá.

Dził Ch'óol' í í déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Dził Ch'óol' í í déé naashá.

Diné College déé' naashá, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh Hózhó, Dził nanit' ooh
wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei, Diné College déé naashá.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Born and raised right here in the Grand Canyon State, Governor Hobbs has dedicated her life to listening to her community and helping solve difficult challenges for the people of Arizona. A fearless advocate for Arizona, Governor Hobbs will bring transparency and accountability to the governor's office and deliver real results for all of us.

She learned the value of service from her parents and from her faith. Starting as a kid who volunteered at church, she has spent her entire life serving – and has never stopped. She put herself through college at Northern Arizona University and graduate school at Arizona State University with a combination of work study and scholarships, and then immediately started as a social worker helping everyday Arizonans. Her first job out of college was working with youth experiencing homelessness Phoenix, and then she helped run one of the largest domestic abuse shelters in the country.

In her time as a social worker and running a domestic violence shelter, Governor Hobbs saw firsthand the price Arizonans pay when their elected leaders fail to address the problems people are facing day in and day out. Frustrated with the lack of leadership, Governor Hobbs decided to run for office herself, and she used her experience as a social worker to take on Arizona's toughest challenges.

In the legislature, she worked with both parties to expand health care to over 500,000 Arizonans. She worked across the aisle to find new ways to tackle the growing opioid epidemic here in Arizona. And she worked with a Republican governor to clear the state's rape kit backlog and put sexual assault offenders in jail. When Governor Hobbs became Secretary of State in 2018, she had more tough challenges to tackle. She promised to bring trust and accountability to the office – and she did. Governor Hobbs modernized the office, fixed broken systems, battled misinformation, and navigated the pandemic.

Governor Hobbs has never backed down from a tough fight, and she is a battle-tested leader with the strength and experience to get the job done. Now she's ready to deliver real results for everyday Arizonans and finally bring the leadership required to solve the most urgent issues Arizona faces today. Governor Hobbs knows firsthand that government only works well if it's led well. For her, that means transparency and accountability. It means focusing on our common needs, not the small differences that divide us. It means bringing people together to serve our state, not tearing us apart for political gain. And it means creating opportunity for all – regardless of zip code, gender, race, or ability.



GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

School of Arts and Humanities

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts

Tsosie, Josiah C (TS)

Bachelor Fine Art, Navajo Silversmithing

Ami II, Carlon Patsunu (TS) ** 

Bachelor Fine Art, Painting

Begay, Savannah Nadine (TS)
Burbank, Michael (TS)

Minor, Native American Studies

Ami II, Carlon Patsunu (TS) ** 

School of Business and Social Sciences

Associate of Arts, Business Administration

Ashley, Paige Misae (TS)
Begay, Brandon Julison (TC) *
Begaye, Francine Tricia (TS)
Benally, Jaren (TS)
Brieno, Brandon Trey (TS)
Brown, Candice (TC)
Cleveland, Vanesha N (WR) **
Gilbert, Eartha Joy (SH)
Greymountain, Brittany (TC) *
Harvey, Dawn (SH) **
James, Gayla (TS)
Lee, Kelly Nicole (WR) *
Tsosie, Jessica Noami (TS)
Tsosie, Truman T (TS)

Associate of Arts, Social & Behavioral Science

Akee, Jessica K (TC)
Begay, Adrianna Lynette (TS)
Elliott, Cody Ray (TS)
James-Yazzie, Shalana Marquita (TS)
Mann, Tasha (TS)
Rockbridge, Niagara Aveda Chanel (TS)
Tso, Lori (TS)
Wilson, Blaine Q (TS)

Associate of Applied Science, Business Management

Notah, Tayla Reeves (WR) **

Associate of Applied Science, Office Administration

Lee, Alethea (TS)

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration

Begay, Kendra Rose (TS)
Begay, Richelle M (TS)
Desiderio-Bia, LeAndra D (CP)
Glasses, Nical Shay (TS)
Mountain, Sylvia (TC) *
Tso, Shenale (TC)

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Attikai, Katrina (TC) **
Hardy, Delphina Lynn (TS)
Interpreter, Harley-Daniel Mike (TS)
Martinez, Jo Anna (TS)
Norcross, Andrea M (TS)
Wilson, Johanna Ann (TS)
Yellowhair, Joesanna (TS) **

Minor, Native American Studies

Interpreter, Harley-Daniel Mike (TS)

School of Diné Studies and Education

Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education

Begay, Alison Dale (TC)
Birbahadur, Calee Mattina (SH)
Bowen, ReAnna Mae (TC)
Yazzie, Jewellyn (TS)

Associate of Arts, Education

Ashley, Andrea (TS)
DeChilly, Jaelyn Bah-Hozhonii (TS)
Johnson, Jacquelyn Lee (TC)
Woody, Melissa Mae (TS) **

Bachelor of Arts, Education; Emphasis in Multicultural Education

Becenti, Kimberly A (SH) *
Dickie, Lucinda J (SH)
George, Darren Lincoln (SH) *
Mariano, Clifton M (SH) **
Martinez, Kaitlynn Angelette (TS) *
Starks, Andrea (SH)

School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Associate of Science, Biology

Charley, Rheanna Dawn (TS)
Clichee, Dominique D (TS)
Johnson, Tyanna D (TS)

Associate of Science, Environmental Science

Begay, Jayson Fasthorse (WR)

Associate of Science, Health Occupation

Alfred, Alishya Mary (TS) *
Bahe, Antonia Kaitlyn (TS)
Bahe, Cherilyn Nasba (TS)
Begay, Faylene (TC) **
Begay, Meghan A (TC) *
Cervantes, Amy R (TS) ***
Elthie, Mykiala Mileah (TS) *
Jim, Marshall S (TS) ***
Jim, Shane (TS) ***
Johnson, Doreen Ann (TC)
Johnson, Laura Emeline (SH)
Largo, Keanu Miles (SH)
Tsinnijinnie, Sapphira (TC)
Wero, Joyceline S (TC)
Whiterock, Jamie (TS)
Williams, Jacy Lynn (TS)
Yazzie, Megan Yvonne (TS) **

Associate of Science, Pre-Engineering

Badonie, Myra I (TS)
Begay, Clay O'Brian (TS)
Benallie, Jerrick (TS)
Benslow, Jonathan Storm (TS)
Hale, Kaulan Ian (TS)
James, Cherylana Jean (TS) *
Vann, Nicole Grace (TS) *
Whitehorse, Latrell Alden (TS)

Associate of Science, Mathematics

Badonie, Myra I (TS)
Benslow, Jonathan Storm (TS)
Hale, Kaulan Ian (TS)
James, Cherylana Jean (TS) *
Laughter, Talia Ruth (TS)
Vann, Nicole Grace (TS) *

Associate of Science, Physics

Benslow, Jonathan Storm (TS)

Associate of Science, Public Health

Begay, Candyce (TS)
Begay, Vernyllia (TC)
Washburn, Marlinda G (SH)
Wells, Cary (SH) *
Whiterock, Jamie (TS)
Yazzie, Jasmine Hasbah (TS)
Yellowhair, Berdina Tso (TS)

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Begay, Jessica (TS) *
Brown, Marenda (TS)
White, Kalista Raine (TS) **

Bachelor of Science, Public Health

Anderson, Nikki Estell (TC)
Anderson, Qeturah Redhouse (WR)
Arviso, Raynie D (CP)
Begay, Shaunice S (TS)
Brock, Alex (TC) ** 
Dayzie, Utahana Mariah (TC) *
Harvey, Brittany (TS)
Lee, Mariah Rae (TS)
Smith, Colleen M (SH) **
Smith, Olivia Jean (SH)
Tsosie, Lavina (TS)
Tuttle, Pattie Lynn (TS)
Watchman, Timeka Dee (TS) *
Watson, Wahleah Rose (TS) **
Wells, Cary (SH) *
Yellowhair, Berdina Tso (TS)

Certificate, Computer Technology

Beam, Logan Terence (TC) **

Certificate, Medical Assistant

Begaye, Shalice (TC)
Bigman, Allison Renea (TC)
Parrish, Walela Rae (TC) ***
Slim, Kaylene Kaye (TC)
Yazzie, Berlintia (TC)

Certificate, Public Health

Gray, Sean Bradford (SH) ***
Gorman, Aliyah (TS)
Joe, George R (TC)
Joe, Terrilyne (CP)
Kedeltly, Leslie Ann (TS) ***
Watchman, Timeka Dee (TS) *
Weaver, Benjamin James (TS) ***

Graduation with Honors

* 3.50 to 3.69 Cum Laude

** 3.70 to 3.89 Magna Cum Laude

*** 3.90 to 4.00 Summa Cum Laude

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