

DINÉ COLLEGE SONG

Sung by: **Avery Denny, Diné College Professor**



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



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



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



Dook'oosííid déé naashá,
Sa'ah Nanghai Bek'eh Hózhó,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóo wo wo wei,
Dook'oosííid déé naashá.



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



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



Dził Ch'ool'íí déé naashá,
Sa'ah Nanghai Bek'eh Hózhó,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóo wo wo wei,
Dził Ch'ool'íí déé naashá.



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

2024

Fall Commencement



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DINÉ COLLEGE GYMNASIUM • TSAILE, ARIZONA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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 this stage to accept the college diploma you worked so hard to earn is groundbreaking.

The graduates here today have earned their degrees. Despite family challenges, you continued your education. Despite the difficulties you faced, you continued your education. Now, you can hold your degree or certificate with pride and move forward. Some of you will continue your education. Some of you will secure a job. Whatever your next step may be, remember that your success here at Diné College was not given, you worked hard to hold that degree.

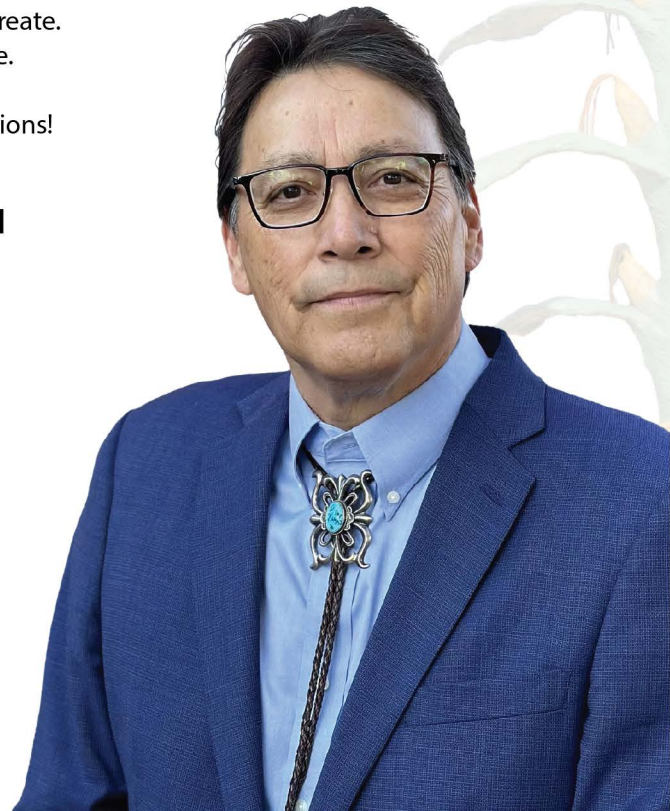
The Navajo Nation needs you; your community needs you; your family needs you. Part of the Warrior spirit is not just fighting for your future but also giving back for the future of others. Don't forget your people who helped you get here today. In that same spirit, reach out to help others within our Warrior family. A simple word of encouragement can mean a lot.

I am sure all of you graduates can remember a time when a simple gesture kept you focused and motivated. Enjoy this day, you have earned it.

Class of 2024, the future is yours to create.
Walk forward with pride and purpose.

Thank you, Ahéhee' and Congratulations!

Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel
Diné College President



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Emcee:	Xavier R. Slowman, Student
Processional:	Dr. Avery Denny, Professor
Posting of Colors:	Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock Veterans Association
National Anthem:	Hansen Dempsey, Computer Technician
Invocation:	Travis L. Teller, Student Mental Health Coordinator
Welcome Address:	Bo Lewis, Acting President, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Commencement Speaker:	Charly Edsitty, Television Journalist KTRK-ABC, Houston, Texas
Acknowledgement:	Dr. Alysa Landry, Provost
Conferral of Certificates & Degrees:	Bo Lewis, Acting President, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Alumni Induction:	Crystal Carr Cook, DC Alumni, Director of Legislative Affairs & Special Projects
Congratulatory Remarks:	Kyle Curry Wilson, Associate of Science Health Occupation and Bachelor of Arts Psychology
Benediction:	David P. Nez, Interim Dean of School of Diné Studies & Education
Retrieval of Colors:	Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock Veterans Association
Recessional:	Diné College Song



Fall Commencement

BOARD OF REGENTS

- Theresa Hatathlie, *Chairperson*
- Greg H. Bigman, *Vice-Chairperson*
- Jalen Smallcanyon, *Secretary/Treasurer*
- Anderson Hoskie, *Appointed Member*
- Cameo Mejia, *Designated Member*

PRESIDENT

Dr. Charles “Monty” Roessel

CABINET

- Dr. Alysa Landry, *Provost*
- Bo Lewis, *Vice President of Finance and Administration*
- Glennita Haskey, *Vice President of Student Affairs*

SCHOOL DEANS

SCHOOL OF ARTS & HUMANITIES:
Dr. Haesong Kwon, *Interim Dean, Assistant Professor*

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCE:
Patrick Blackwater, *Dean, Assistant Professor*

SCHOOL OF DINÉ STUDIES & EDUCATION:
David P. Nez, *Interim Dean, Senior Lecturer*

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS:
James Tutt, *Dean, Professor*

SCHOOL OF TRANSFORMATION:
Timothy Nelson, *Dean*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Charly Edsitty

TELEVISION JOURNALIST
KTRK-ABC 13 - Houston, Texas

Charly Edsitty is a television journalist at KTRK-ABC 13 in Houston, having joined the team in 2018. As a morning anchor and reporter, she helps thousands of people across southeast Texas start their day with the news they need to know.

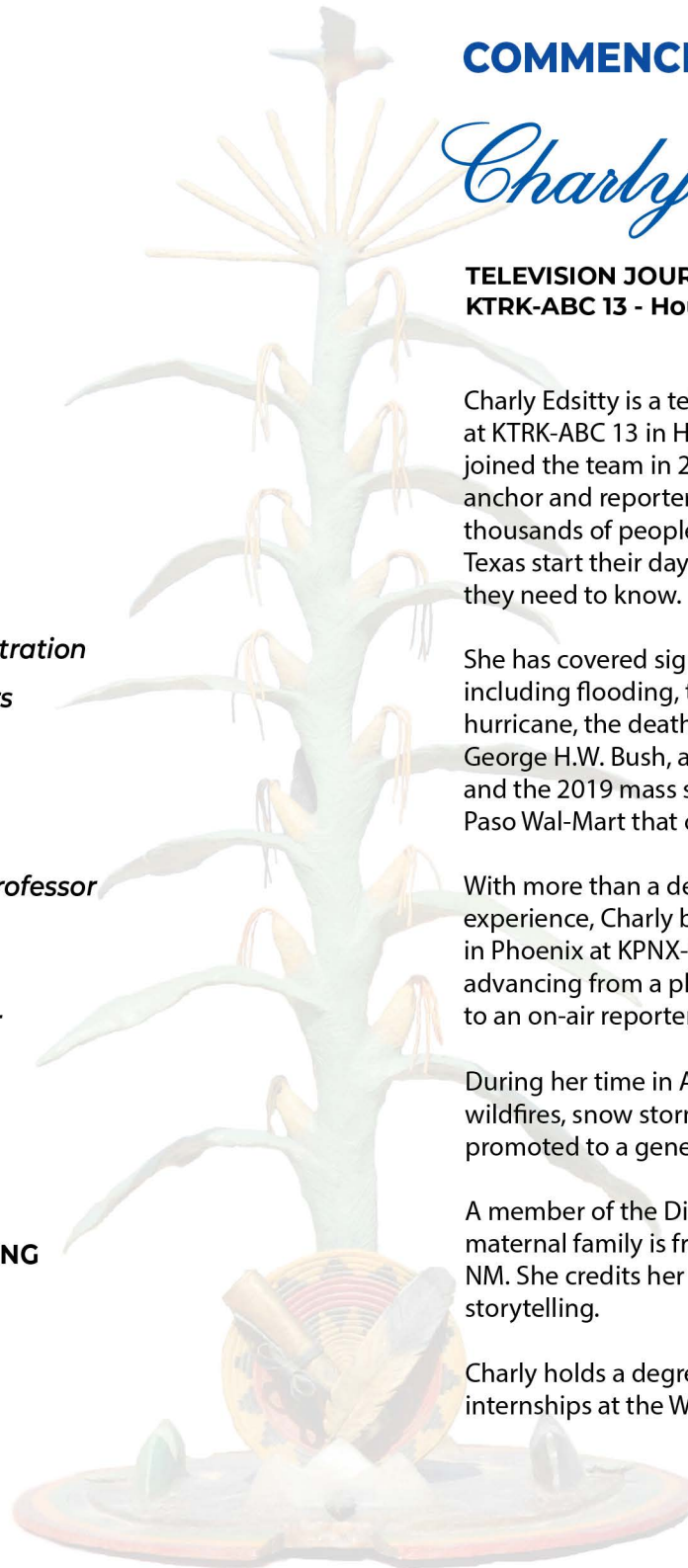
She has covered significant events, including flooding, tropical storms, a hurricane, the death of President George H.W. Bush, a global pandemic, and the 2019 mass shooting at an El Paso Wal-Mart that claimed 23 lives.

With more than a decade of reporting experience, Charly began her career in Phoenix at KPNX-12 News, quickly advancing from a planning producer to an on-air reporter.

During her time in Arizona, she was a bureau reporter based in Flagstaff, covering wildfires, snow storms and Indigenous communities. Afterward, Charly was promoted to a general assignment reporter in Phoenix.

A member of the Diné (Navajo Nation), Charly grew up in Glendale, AZ. Her maternal family is from Teec Nos Pos, AZ, and her paternal family is from Newcomb, NM. She credits her grandparents with instilling pride in her heritage and a love for storytelling.

Charly holds a degree in print journalism from Baylor University and has completed internships at the White House and CBS News.



CONGRATULATIONS

SCHOOL OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

Bachelor Fine Arts, Emphasis in Digital Photography

Begay, Charquita Ric (TS)
Francisco, Ericka Ann Marie Lynn (TS) *

Bachelor Fine Arts, Emphasis in Traditional Painting

Carroll, Melissa A (TS)
Smith, Dawn Tesha (TS)

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration

Benally, Christine (TS)

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Attson, Courtney Lisa (TS)
Carrillo, Kyle (TS)
Harrison, Trina A (TS)
Jim, Valerie (TS)
LaFontaine, Josh Raymond (TS)
Nelson Jr, Leslie James (WR) 
Revan, Patrice (TS)
Seweingyawma, Mercedes (TS) *
Taylor, Jessica Lauren (TS)
Tohe, Latrinda (TS)
Wartz, Shanterielle (TS)
Wilson, Kyle Curry (TS) ***

Associate of Arts, Business Administration

Begay, Haley Geena (TS)
Begay, Nicholas (TC) **
Begay, Ryan A (TS)
Damon, Janis (TS)
Henio, Sheryl D (WR)
Morgan, Jolynda (WR) ***
Peshlakai, Melissa (TS) *
Teller, Thianne K (TS)
Tsosie, Leander G (TS)
Wagner, Vanessa (TS)

Associate of Arts, Social and Behavioral Science

Allen, Tanya Marie (TC)
Armendez, Aaron Thomas (TC) **
Begay, Ashley Dana (TS)
Chee, Karen Deborah (TS)
Cleveland, Shelly Ernestine (TS)
Dee, Chanley R (TS)
James, Jamaine Jacklyn (TS) **
Johnson, Marshall Ann (SH)
Kelewood, Terri Mae (TS)
Sanchez, Audrey Rose Connie (SH) *
Sandoval, Yolanda E (CP)
Smith, Lolita (TC)
Tsosie, Leander G (TS)
Watson, Vera (TS)
Wero, Dustin Vaughn (TC)
Willie, Kimberly (SH) *
Yazzie, Breanna Cree (WR)
Yazzie, Jenabah R (TS)

Associate of Arts, Social Work

Calamity Sr, Albert (CP)
Dick, Jennifer Jean (SH) ***

Associate of Applied Science, Office Administration


Begay, Quana Lynn (SH)
Sam, Pasquilita (TS)
Sombrero, Jodie (TC)

SCHOOL OF DINÉ STUDIES & EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Education; Emphasis in Multicultural Education

Chester, Delphine Ann (SH)
Jones, Cynthia Jean (TS) 

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

Begay, Garrick (TS) * 
Begay Jr, Tommy Lee (TS)
Kee, Berlinsea (TS)

Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education

Begay, Brittany Tinelle (TS)
Betony, Deshaine (TS)
Bitsie, Kaitlin Marie (TS)
Curley, Shawana (TS) **
Peaches, Rieshanna (TS)
Tso, Kaitlyn Mauthea (TS) **
Watchman, Destinee N (TS)

Associate of Arts, Education

Bainbridge, Wyhala Justine (TS)
Begay, Garrick (TS) * 
Begay, Tanya Sue (SH) **
Kee, Berlinsea (TS)
Noble, Dorthea (TS)
Spencer, Gabriel (TS)
Watchman, Destinee N (TS)
Yazzie, Dana L (TS)

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

Master of Science, Biology

Begay, Faylene (TS) **
James, Kaitlan (TS) **
Singer, Neilroy (TS)

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Cleveland, Erin L (TS)
Greymountain, Joyceline S (TC)
Johnson, Redynia (TS)
King, Kelly (TS) **
Tsosie, Autumn Sunshine (TS)
Tsosie, Paige S (TS)
Yazzie, Lawanda Rae (TS)

Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science

Badoni, Landis (SH) *
Benally, Alana Rae (TS) ***
Clyde, Chantanielle S (TS)
Morris, Nichole (SH)
Piestewa, Karlene Rae (TC) *

Bachelor of Science, Public Health

Begay, Shannon H (TS) *
Johnson, Mercede (TS)

Minor in Native American Studies

Johnson, Mercede (TS)

Associate of Science, Biology

Begay, Kukunaokala Raymond (TC)
Harry, Mikah Lei (TS)

Associate of Science, Environmental Science

Mitchell, Lelahneigh Eva (TS)

Associate of Science, Health Occupation

Davis, Deirdre (TS)
Lee, Faye A (TS)
Ellison, Erika Jean (SH)
Harry, Mikah Lei (TS)
Roan, Haley Alvina (WR)
Sam, Dannielle Donni (TS)
Sampson, Nizhoni La-Teet (TS)
Todachine, Heather A (TS)
Tsosie, Paige S (TS)
Wilson, Kyle Curry (TS) ***

Associate of Science, Mathematics

Tallbrother, Chelsea J (SH)
Yazzie, Darren (TS)
Yazzie, Desiree Elaine (TC) **

Associate of Science, Pre-Engineering

Yazzie, Desiree Elaine (TC) **

Associate of Science, Public Health


Begay, Jerica (TS)
Bahe, Beautrice Ann (TS)
Borja, Pamela (CP)
Gorman, Aliyah (TS)
Largo, Keanu Miles (SH)
Lee, Timeka L (SH)
Lee, Twila Dawn (TS)
Nelson, Samantha Autumn (TS)
Nez, Sheldon (SH) *
Tallsalt, Tana (TC) **
Wagner, Tristen J (TS)
Wilson, LiTegrah (TS)

Certificate, Medical Assistant

Begay, Ernestine R (TC)
Begay, Meghan A (TC) *
Begay, Rachelle Lynn (TC) *
Big, Shandiin D (TC)
Bitsinnie, Urina (TC)
Chicharello, Arionna (TC) **
Cling, Shavon (TC)
Dash, Donovan (TC)
Goodluck, Ashley Marie (TC)
Haskie, Sharmayne (TC)
Hunt, Twila (TC)
Johnson, Melissa Louise (TC)
Peaches, Karla Rae (TC)
Shirley, Daphina (TC)
Tsinnijinnie, Sapphira Sarah (TC)
Yazzie, Jerrilynn (TC)

Certificate, Public Health

Begay, Shaquille W (TC) **
Thomas, Alden (TS)
Welch, Effie (TC) ***
Wilson, LiTegrah (TS)
Yazzie, Courtney P (SH)

* 3.50 to 3.69 Cum Laude
** 3.70 to 3.89 Magna Cum Laude
*** 3.90 to 4.00 Summa Cum Laude
 Veteran

FALL 2024 GRADUATES!