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# 2021 SPRING COMMENCEMENT



FRIDAY MAY 7TH, 2021 | 1:00 PM  
DINÉ COLLEGE - TSAILE, ARIZONA

## Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel Diné College President

Congratulations Warriors!

The 2021 Diné College Commencement is a time of recognition and celebration for your accomplishment. Your Warrior family is proud of you. For some of you, the road has been easy and straight and for others commencement marks a long journey with many twists and turns. No matter how you got to hold that diploma in your hand, it is proof that you have the ability to be successful. Do not forget the feeling of graduating from college. You have learned new theories and ways to solve problems. You have written papers that made you look anew at old problems. You are not the same person you were when you started here at Diné College because today, you are a college graduate.



Now comes the hard part. What do you do with that college degree? I have a suggestion; think about giving back to your nation. Did you know that nearly 25,000 Navajos have some college but no degree? Be a role model and set an example. Provide the inspiration to get those you know to go back to school and finish what they started. Or, within your own family, encourage the attainment of a degree. Imagine what the Navajo Nation would be like if 50% of its citizens had a higher education degree or certificate.

You are proof that when a goal is set, with a commitment to hard work, anything is possible. Again, congratulations and don't forget to say thank you to all that helped you. I am counting on you to help create a more prosperous Navajo Nation. Based on your accomplishment, I am certain it will happen.

Take care,  
– Dr. Monty Roessel

## SPRING 2021 COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 07, 2021 - 1:00 PM

### Emcee:

James Tutt, Dean of STEM

### Processional:

Avery Denny, Professor

### National Anthem:

Roxyanne Harvey & Natiana King 2020-2021 Central Navajo Teen

### Invocation:

Letanya Thinn, Board of Regent

### Welcome:

President Charles "Monty" Roessel, Ed.D

### Commencement Speaker:

Mr. Colton Shone - Channel 4 KOB TV Morning Anchor

### Commencement Acknowledgement:

Provost Geraldine Garrity, Ed.D.

### Conferral of Degrees & Certificates:

President Charles "Monty" Roessel, Ed.D

### Alumni Induction Ceremony:

Duane Hanley - Class of 2011, First Bachelor degree recipient

### Congratulatory Remarks:

Cameo Mejia, BA in Elementary Education

### Benediction:

Anderson Hoskie, Board of Regent

### Recessional:

Diné College Song

Note: For in person graduates, please follow CDC guidelines by wearing a face mask, social distancing, and sanitize your hands frequently.

# Diné College Journey Song

by Emery Denny  
Revised by Herman Cody (02/11/2020)

Din4 College d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Din4 College d66 naash1.

Sisnaajin7d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Sisnaajin7d66 naash1.

Tsoodzi[ d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Tsoodzi[ d66 naash1.

Dook' oos[7d d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Dook' oos[7d d66 naash1.

Dib4 Nitsaa d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Dib4 Nitsaa d66 naash1.

Dzi[ N1' oodi[ii d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Dzi[ N1' oodi[ii d66 naash1.

Dzi[ Ch' 0ol' 99d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Dzi[ Ch' 0ol' 99d66 naash1.

Din4 College d66' naash1, Sa' ah Nanghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Din4 College d66 naash1.



## 2021 Commencement Speaker

### Mr. Colton Shone

Channel 4 KOB TV Morning Anchor


Colton Shone, received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Arizona State University in Mass Communication. After graduating, Colton was a reporter in Phoenix in both television at CBS 5 News and radio at KTAR-FM. He then moved to Tucson to anchor and report for the CBS and Fox affiliate. Then in November 2015, he accepted an anchor job with NBC's affiliate KOB-TV morning news show in Albuquerque, NM. Colton grew up in Phoenix, Ariz. His mother is from Lukachukai, Ariz. and his father is from Piñon, Ariz.

# Congratulations to the Spring 2021 Graduates!


FRIDAY, MAY 07, 2021 | 1:00 PM

## SCHOOL OF DINÉ STUDIES AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

**Associate of Arts,  
Early Childhood Education**  
ShaSheena Shaiya Jones (TS)  
Francelita Tsosie (TS)

**Associate of Arts, Diné Studies**  
Randy Yazzie (SH) 

**Associate of Arts, Education**  
Christie Danielle Begay (SH)  
Krista Kayla Begay (CH)  
Henly Calamity Black (TS)  
Clifton M. Mariano Sr. (SH)\*\*\*  
Kaitlynn Angelette Martinez (TS)\*  
Yvonne Silago (CP)  
Chad O'Brian Greg Singer (TS)

**Bachelor of Science,  
Secondary Education,  
Mathematics**  
Wayne Harvey (TS) 

**Bachelor of Arts,  
Elementary Education**  
Marlene Benally (TS)  
Cameo Mejia (TS)\*\*

**Certificate,  
Navajo Cultural Arts**  
Triston Brady Black (TS)\*\*\*  
Ryan Robert Dodson (TS)\*\*\*  
Valena Arneilia Hatathlie (TS)  
Willis R. Tsosie (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

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

**Associate of Applied Arts,  
Business Management**  
Shenoa Heather Holly Hunt (SH)  
Shastikka Grace Iyua (TS)


**Associate of Applied Arts,  
Office Administration**  
Tanya Tullie (TS)

**Associate of Arts,  
Business Administration**  
Jeremy Ryan Ashley (TS)  
Nical Shay Glasses (TS)  
William Jon Jim (TC)  
Henrietta Notah (TS)\*\*  
Shenale Tso (TC)  
Alethea Amber Yazzie (TS)  
Jaken Trent Yazzie (TS)  
Tonelia L. Yazzie (WR)

**Associate of Arts,  
Social and Behavioral Science**  
Gwendolyn Bennett (SH)  
Ryan Christopher Bergen (TC)  
Shelden L. Coolie (TC)  
Rholania Charleston (TC)  
Charlotte Goldtooth (TC)  
Roxyanne Harvey (TS)  
Irene Littleben (CH)  
Tammie J. Mariano (SH)  
Leslie James Nelson Jr. (TS)   
Niagara A.C. Rockbridge (TS)  
Jolan Shirley (TS)  
M. Earl Smith (TS)\*\*\*  
Rainee Dee Style (TC)  
Glensen David Tom (TS)  
Felisha Tsosie (TS)  
Jamerlene N. White (TS)  
Naomi Ruth Yazzie (TS)

**Associate of Arts, Social Work**  
Tammie J. Mariano (SH)

**Bachelor of Arts,  
Business Administration**  
Gaven John Beach (TS)  
Shawn Vic Begay (TS)  
Gwendolyn G. Dedman (TS)  
Cory K. Halwood (TS)  
Brent Lyle Harrison Sr. (TS)  
Amber E. Gorman Wauneka (TS)\*  
Sheila Rae Yazzie (TS)\*\*

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**  
Samantha Lee Begay (TS)  
Charlotte Goldtooth (TC)  
Kevin Jensen (TS)  
Cory Leah Morgan (TS)\*\*  
Scott T. Morgan (TS)   
Keannah Lily Speen (TS)