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**Fall**  
**2021**  
COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021  
9:00 AM

# Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel

Diné College President



Welcome to the Fall 2021 Diné College commencement. This marks the second fall commencement in our history. More importantly, your accomplishment is part of a long line of graduates who have sat where you sit, waiting to walk across the stage and receive your diploma. Like them, you will join a workforce armed with knowledge of your area of study but also the needs of the Navajo Nation. A degree from Diné College is more than just a diploma, it is recognition that you are proud of your heritage, believe there is more than one way to view the world and, you have worked hard to earn a rigorous and quality degree from the Nation's college.

It is my ardent hope that your time at Diné College has imparted to you the value of service. Our core values and philosophy are not just for our students, they are valuable to all. Your education and experience are what our Nation needs today. The ability to be creative, think holistic, and transform our Navajo Nation for the better speaks to your efforts and future. Imagine the world you want to live in and go out and help create it. These values are meant to be taken with you, into your life, your career and our world.

We do not know what tomorrow brings but for today, cherish your accomplishment. Thank your family, friends and faculty. Stay safe and be healthy and thank you for choosing to be a part of the Warrior family.

— Charles M. Roessel

## **Emcee:**

Dr. Paul Willetto,  
Dean of School of Arts,  
Humanities & English

## **Processional:**

Avery Denny, Professor

## **Posting of Colors:**

Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock  
Veterans Association

## **National Anthem:**

David Delmar, Educator

## **Invocation:**

Regent Sharon Toadecheenie

## **Welcome Address:**

President Charles "Monty" Roessel

## **Conferring of Honorary Doctorate Degree:**

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Don Denetdeal | 3. Avery Denny      |
| 2. Harry Walters | 4. Johnson Dennison |

## **Commencement Speaker:**

Johnson Dennison, Educator

## **Commencement Acknowledgement:**

Provost Geraldine Garrity

## **Conferral of Degrees & Certificates:**

President Charles "Monty" Roessel

## **University of Arizona Public Health Certificates:**

Dr. Christopher Dickerson, Assistant Professor

## **Alumni Induction Ceremony:**

Patrick Blackwater, Assistant Professor

## **Congratulatory Remarks:**

Valeria Quiroz, Bachelor of Science in Biology

## **Benediction:**

Regent Theresa Hatathlie

## **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 Avery Denny

Revised by Herman Cody (02/11/2020)

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

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

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

Dook' oos[7d d66' naash1, Sa' ah Naghai 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 Naghai 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 Naghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Dzi[ N1' oodi[ii d66 naash1.

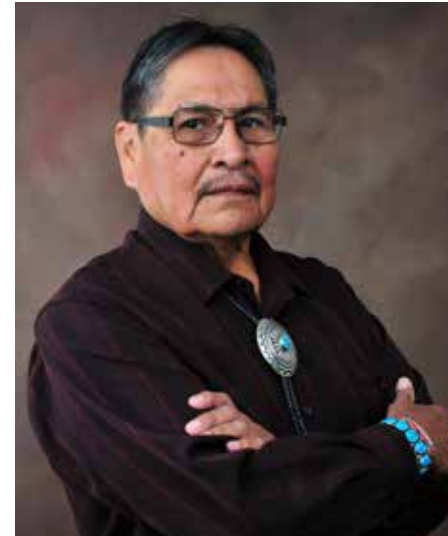
Dzi[ Ch' 0ol' 99d66' naash1, Sa' ah Naghai Bek' eh H0zh=, Dzi[ nanit' ooh  
wo wo wei, d66' naash00 wo wo wei, Dzi[ Ch' 0ol' 99d66 naash1.

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

## 2021 Commencement Speaker

### Johnson Dennison

Former Diné College Board of Regent Member



Mr. Dennison retired from a Coordinator of the Office of Native Medicine at a Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility. He has thirty years of experience in education: Three years teaching in classrooms, ten years as Elementary School Principal, ten years as a High School Principal, seven years as a Dean of Instruction at Diné College. He has a BA degree in Education and MA in Educational Leadership from the University of New Mexico.

He is a Navajo Traditional Medicine Man practitioner since 1974. As a cultural specialist, he has been a motivational speaker at various conferences and meetings on such topics as Navajo Culture, Navajo History, Native Medicine, Navajo Language, Native American Education and is a Navajo Storyteller.

Mr. Dennison is a former member of the Board of Regents at Diné College, a former President of the Diné Medicine Men Association, and a former member of a Health Board at Chinle Hospital.



**CONGRATULATIONS FALL GRADUATES**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**

### **School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**

#### **Bachelor of Science, Biology**

Begay, Jamie (TS) \*\*  
James, Kaitlan (TS) \*  
Quiroz, Valeria Giuliana Icaza (TS) \*\*\*

#### **Bachelor of Science, Public Health**

Begaye, Vanessa Elizabeth (TS)  
Kee, Amber (TS)  
Todacheenie, Shinaya (TS)  
Tsinnijinnie, Crystal S (TC) \*  
Whitehorse, Bernice (SH) \*\*

#### **Associate of Science, Agroecology/ Environmental Science**

Begay Jr, Dondi K (TS)  
Goldtooth, Natasha (TS)

#### **Associate of Science, Health Occupation**

Boyd, Jeriah (TS)  
Limika, Hosea Mwetich (TS)  
Nez, Raenelle R (TS)  
Yazzie, Janicelynn (TS)

#### **Associate of Science, Mathematics**

Iyua, Roberta J (SH)  
Nez, Alexander Merwin (TS)

#### **Associate of Science, Pre-Engineering**

Ashley, Jeremy Ryan (WR)


#### **Associate of Science, Public Health Socio-Cultural Option**

Anderson, Nikki Estell (TC)  
Gene, Charmayne (TS)  
Gamble-Little, Bernadean (TC)  
Sam, Shauntel Phyllis (TS) \*  
Slim, Kyra Ashley (TC)  
Yazzie, Emmeline (TS)

#### **Certificate, Medical Assistant**

Adson, Kristin Lori (TC)  
Attakai, Nichole (TC)  
Begaye, Tania Leah (TC)  
Seschillie-Bryant, Sheryl (TC) \*\*  
Engle, Cheyenne Unique (TC)  
Hicks, McKenzie Riley (TC)  
Kiyaani, Doreen (TC)  
Nez, Devin (TC)  
Luther, Tempress Kim (TC)

#### **Certificate, Public Health in conjunction with University of Arizona**

Borja, Pamela (CP)   
Castillo-Tsosie, Denise R (CP)  
Clark, Carrie Lee (TS)  
Gene, Charmayne (TS)  
Whitehorse, Bernice (SH) \*\*  
Willeto, Payton (CP) \*\*\*  
Yazzie, Janicelynn (TS)

### **School of Arts, Humanities & English**

#### **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Traditional Painting**

Begay, Nathan Shelton (TS)  
Sekayumptewa, Andrea (TS)

#### **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design**

Tso, Troy M (TS)

#### **Certificate, Art Endorsement**

Sekayumptewa, Andrea (TS)

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