

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations, Class of 2025! Diné College is proud to honor and celebrate you and your achievements. You have reached the end of this journey and are ready to start a new adventure. Graduates, embrace the wisdom handed down from our elders. Being connected to the lessons of the past inspires you to forge your future. Take the time to credit and honor those who have contributed to your educational journey. Regardless of whether the contribution was silent or bold, spiritually or financially, your success stems from the support you have. Above all, give yourself credit for persevering through the challenges to reach this intersection of the past and the future. Thank you for choosing Diné College for your academic studies. The higher education institution of our people is truly unique. In your journey, we trust you discovered and deepened your knowledge, wisdom, use of the Diné language, and appreciation for your identity and background. As you take the next step into your graduate studies or begin a professional career, use your education to contribute to the growth of our people, communities, and the world. Continue to set goals for yourselves and walk with confidence. Build on all that Diné College has given you as you take knowledge to new heights, imagine the impossible, and work to make your dreams a reality. You are Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón.

Sincerely,

Glennita Haskey,
Acting President



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Nikki Tulley
Impact & Transition Lead
NASA's Western Water Applications

Nikki Tulley is from the communities of Blue Gap, Arizona, and Toh-la-kai, New Mexico. She attended K-12 in the Window Rock Unified School District and continued her studies at the University of New Mexico and the University of Arizona. Currently she is a research scientist with the BAERI/NASA Ames Research Center, working in the Earth Science Division with Earth Action. She works as NASA's Western Water Action Office Impact and Transition Lead and as NASA's EarthRISE Local Engagement Team Lead. Being born and raised on the Navajo Nation has influenced her career, and she aims to focus on Earth science integrating Indigenous science with Western Earth-observation science. Tulley uses satellite imagery alongside community-based research to connect global environmental change with lived experience on the land that works to build community relations and technical support.



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Diné College déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Diné College déé naashá.

Sisnaajini déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Sisnaajini déé naashá.

Tsoodzil déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Tsoodzil déé naashá.

Dook'osliid déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
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Dook'osliid déé naashá.

Dibé Nitsaa déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Dibé Nitsaa déé naashá.

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Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Dził Ná'oodilii déé naashá.

Dził Ch'ool'íí déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Dził Ch'ool'íí déé naashá.

Diné College déé naashá, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón,
Dził nanit'oooh wo wo wei, déé' naashóó wo wo wei,
Diné College déé naashá.



2025 DINÉ COLLEGE

Fall Commencement

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 • 10:00AM

TSAILE CAMPUS GYMNASIUM



THE NATION'S
COLLEGE

ORDER OF CEREMONY

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| Emcee: | Isaac P. Madson, KXWR Warrior Radio |
| Processional: | Dr. Avery Denny, Hataalii, Professor |
| Posting of Colors: | Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock Veterans Association |
| National Anthem: | Hansen Dempsey, Computer Technician |
| Invocation: | Michelle Whitstone, Assistant Professor |
| Welcome Address: | Glennita Haskey, Acting President |
| Commencement Speaker: | Nikki Tulley, Impact & Transition Lead NASA's Western Water Action Office |
| Acknowledgment: | Dr. Alysa Landry, Provost |
| Conferral of Degrees & Certificates: | Glennita Haskey, Acting President |
| Alumni Induction Ceremony: | Shondiin Silversmith, Editorial Director |
| Congratulatory Remarks: | Kimberleen McNeal, Associate of Arts in Business Administration, Associate of Applied Science in Business Management |
| Guest Speaker: | Dr. Buu Van Nygren, Navajo Nation President |
| Benediction: | Travis Teller, Student Mental Health Coordinator |
| Retrieval of Colors: | Tsaile/Wheatfields & Blackrock Veterans Association |
| Recessional: | Diné College Song |

Thank you to our graduates, families, faculty, and staff for helping make this celebration possible.
Cover photo featuring graduate Cynthia Jean Jones

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Bachelor Fine Arts, Emphasis in Traditional Painting

Gorman, Brandon T (TS)
Sampson, McRay (TS)

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Associate of Arts, Business Administration

Ben, Shelby Lynn (TS)
Bennett, Natasha D (TS)
Halwood, Tegan K (TS)
Holyan, Alberta S (CP)
Joe, Raylene (TS)
Johnson, Kamiah (TC) *
McNeal, Kimberleen (TC) ***
Plummer, Jaden (WR)
Sanderson, Steven Kyle (WR)

Taliman, Candace S (TC)
Werito, Carey Lynn (TS)
Yazzie, Arvina S (TS)

Associate of Arts, Social and Behavioral Science

Bare, Ava Madison (TS)
Begay, Charmayne Jaymelynn (WR)
Begay, Marlinda (TC)
Bia, Michael (TS)
Charles, Tuesday (TS)
Harris, Delores (TS)
Martin, Lambert, Jr (SH)
Sloan, Colicia Blair (SH)
Teller, Cordasia Ann (TS)
Yazzie, Tatumn Rose (TS) **

Associate of Arts, Social Work

Jones, Tyrel (TC) **

Associate of Applied Science, Business Management

Frank, Laila M (TS) **
McNeal, Kimberleen (TC) ***

Associate of Applied Science, Office Administration

Joe, Jolene Helen (SH)
Norcross, Amber Jane (TS)
Smith, Kristopher N (TS) 

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration

Begay, Nicholas (TC)
Hill-Tullie, Rashawn Atsa (TS)
Lameman, Mallory (TS) ***
Tsosie, Morgan (TS)

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Elliott, Cody Ray (TS)
Largo, Dzazhoni Celestine (TS)
Nez, Rachel (TS)
Shorty, Rufina A (SH)
Smith, Telena L (TS) 
Yazzie, Kobe (TS) ***

SCHOOL OF DINÉ STUDIES AND EDUCATION

Associate of Arts, Diné Studies

Claw, Colin B (TS) **

Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education

Jimmie, Chasity (TS) **
Long, Maria (TS)
Towne, Shavonna Lynn (TS)
Yazzie, Lishanon J (TS)


Associate of Arts, Education

Bahe, Tameeka (TS)
Begay, Suzanne (SH)
Bigman, Nanibah Susie (TS) *
Kueneman, Nizhoni A (TS) *

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education

Ashley, Andrea (TS)
Begaye, Tanya Ann (TS) *

Bachelor of Arts, Education; Emphasis in Multicultural Education

Johnson, Valerie (CP)
Jones, Cynthia Jean (TS) 
Sandoval, Alvino (SH)
Toledo, Jennifer (SH)

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

Associate of Science, Biology

Curry, Chloe Andee (TS)
Tso, Aaron J (TC) **

Associate of Science, Environmental Science

Tso, Aaron J (TC) **

Associate of Science, Health Occupation

Anderson, Deondrick Gilbert (TS)
Bahe, Tierra (TC) *
Begay, Terrilyn Marie (TS)
Begay, Xandra J (TS)
Jackson, Fannie (TS)
Johnson, Alissa Hailey (TS)

Associate of Science, Mathematics

Anumita, Iyshanie Prasath (TS) *
Begay, Liyaah Winter-Cloud (TS)

Associate of Science, Pre-Engineering

Nez, William Jason, Jr (TS)

Associate of Science, Public Health

Araba, Sasha Mariah (TS) *
Atene, Nina (SH) ***
Begay, Shaquille Winston (TC) **
Beyale, Justina (TS)
Jackson, Fannie (TS)
Mexican, Theresa (TC)
Russell, Autumn Chastity (WR)
Yazzie, Celena A (TS)

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Science

James, Aleka J (TS)

Bachelor of Science, Biology

James, Tyrone (TS)

Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science

Begay, Brandy Patrice (TS)
Chee, Sheldon Nicholas (TS) **
Jones, Tracie Leigh (TS)
Noble, Makaela Farah (TS) **

Bachelor of Science, Public Health

Begay, Leorenda Renae (TS)

Certificate, Medical Assistant


Attakai, Michelle Raye (TC)
Begay, Emerald Shanidiin (TC)
Begay, Jerilene Cheree (TC) *
McCabe, Ki Anna Clover (TC)
Thomas, Anna J (TC)
Willie, Cassandra (TC)
Worker, Dana Ashley (TC) *

Certificate, Computer Technology

Harvey, Jacob Mathias (TS) ***
Louis, Hayden (TS)
Tsosie, Angelisa (WR)

Certificate, Public Health

Anderson, Deondrick Gilbert (TS)
Begay, Leorenda Renae (TS)
Joe, Starr R (TS) *** Dual Credit Student
Kee, Erica (TS) *
Mexican, Theresa (TC)

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

Sam-Palmer, Lois (SH) *
Tohe, Latrinda (TS)
Yazzie, Celena A (TS) *
Yazzie, Justine J (SH)

Congratulations GRADUATES!