



PANEL



Hello my name is Kasey Booqua and my clans are Eagle and child of the Badger. I am 16 years old and I attend the Native American Community Academy. I am going to be in the 11th grade this 2022-2023 school year. I enjoy running and participate in track and field where I run the 100m, 200m sprints and 4x1 relay. In the future I want to become a mechanical engineer. My hope for the future of Native American students is that they get a chance to be proud of their identity and their culture and that they have a class for that.



KESHSHI HO' KASEY BOOQUA LESHINA. HO' KYAKYA:LI:KWE DEYAN, DONASHI:KWE AWAN CHA'LE. HO' ASDEMŁAN DOBALEKKYA YAŁDO DEBIKWAYIKYA.



KESHSHI! HO' SHERYL TSETHIKAI LESHINA. HO' KYAKYA:LI:KWE DEYA, BITCHI:KWE AWAN CHA'LE. HOM CHA:WE NACA AN TSI'NAWASHE:NA:WE.

Hello my name is Sheryl Tsethikai. My clans are Eagle and child of the Crow. I am a parent of two students at the Native American Community Academy (NACA). They are Kasey Booqua, who is going to be in the 11th grade and Amari Booqua, who is going to be in the 8th grade. I have also had two daughters that have graduated from NACA: Shantael Booqua who is going to be the personal wellness teacher for middle school at NACA and Tymera Booqua who just graduated this June. I enjoy being part of my kids education and extra-curricular activities including sports, after-school Zuni Language club and the Zuni Language Dance Group at NACA. In my other spare time, I like to make crafts from plastic canvas.



Hello, my name is Breonia Lanyate. My clans are Crow and child of the Badger. I am 16 years old and I am going to be a 10th grader at the Native American Community Academy this year. I like to bake during my spare time and play basketball. This is going to be my second year at NACA. I was previously at John Adams Middle School. I came to NACA for my freshman year. When I graduate, I want to become a doctor or get into cosmetology. I want Native students to be successful in their education and in their life.

KESHSHI HO' BREONIA LANYATE LESHINA. HO' BITCHI:KWE DEYAN, DONASHI:KWE AWAN CHA'LE. HO' ASDEMŁAN DOBALEKKYA YAŁDO DEBIKWAYIKYA

Hello my name is Luke Othole. My clans are Badger and child of the Turkey. I am 15 years old and I am going to be in the 10th grade at the Native American Community Academy. For fun I like to ride my bike and play video games. I like to play basketball and was part of the team this past year. I also was involved in the cross country team. I want Native students to be able to say where they are from and who they are in their language.



KESHSHI HO' LUKE OTHOLE LESHINA. HO' DONASHI:KWE DEYAN, DONA:KWE AWAN CHA'LE. HO' ASDEMŁAN AWIDE YAŁDO DEBIKWAYIKYA.



Kasey, Luke, and Breonia, along with 7 other NACA students and 2 alumni, are taking part in a Zuni summer program called Kellen's Cool Kids that is reconnecting different Villages that are important to Zuni Culture and Language. Villages such as Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, and El Morro show their influence in how students learn today and encourage the value of identity, language and culture in the modern urban world.