# Student Panel

School Culture & Climate from a Student Perspective

Moderated by Public Education Secretary Arsenio Romero & Indian Affairs Deputy Secretary Lashawna Tso





### Jeremy Begay

Mescalero Apache Tribe New Mexico State University – Las Cruces Campus

Jeremy is a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe located in southern New Mexico. He attends NMSU and is majoring in nursing, and cyber security.

He works at Mescalero Apache Schools as a substitute teacher and Robotics team coach and at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino. He is an active member of the New Mexico Indigenous Youth Council and a proud mentor to students in STEM/Robotics. The STEM students focus on software and construction on various projects. Jeremy's focus topics in his tribal community are mental health(men's), Indian education, language revitalization.

### Chenoa Scippio

*Navajo Nation University of New Mexico - Alumna* 

Chenoa is of the Folded Arms Clan, born for the Salt Clan. Her home is both in Naschitti and in the Pueblo of Santa Clara.

She has a Bachelor's of Science in Population Health and a Bachelor's of Arts in Native American Studies from The University of New Mexico.

At UNM, Chenoa was involved in a variety of programs and student organizations, including the Native American Studies Indigenous Research Group (NASIRG), KIVA Club, and the Student Fee Review Board.

Chenoa is a member of the New Mexico Indigenous Youth Council, and also serves as Co-President of the National UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth) Council Executive Committee. Currently, Chenoa is working at New Mexico Community Capital in downtown Albuquerque.



### Kaiya Brown

#### Navajo Nation

V. Sue Cleveland High School – Junior

Kaiya (She/They) hails from Tó Hahadleeh (Indian Wells, Arizona), and is of the Tót'soh'nii níshłí, Bina'adaałtsózí éí bá shíshchíín, Tachii'nii 'éídashicheii, Bilagáana 'éí dashinálí. Kaiya created the first Native American Club (now renamed as Native American Student Union) at V. Sue Cleveland High School with the hopes of bringing Indigenous youth together.

They have fundraised for causes such as the Coalition To Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW). During her downtime, she enjoys reading, practicing yoga, roller skating, and studying her mother language, Diné Bizaad, through dual credit at the IAIA in Santa Fe, NM.

Ultimately, she is motivated to utilize both this council and her school's NA student union to unite indigenous youth through culture, language revitalization, and empowerment.





### Alysia Coriz

*Kewa Pueblo University of New Mexico - Alumna* 

Alysia currently serves as the Director of Membership and Outreach for the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women She also serves as the Co-Chair of the All Pueblo Council of Governors Youth Committee and is a Board Member for Naeva (formerly known as NAVA-EP).

She is also the Female Co-President for the Kewa TRUTH Youth Council and former Co-President of the UNM Kiva Club. Alysia is a 2020 recipient of UNITY's 25 under 25 Award and an Uplift Climate Fellow.

She is passionate about creating empowerment through community building, revitalizing and maintaining Indigenous language and culture, and making positive social change in Native communities beginning with our young people.

# Panel

*Tribal Consultation & Best Practices with Tribes, Nations, Pueblos, & Local Education Agencies* 

Moderated by Public Education Secretary Arsenio Romero & Indian Affairs Secretary James Mountain





### **Dominic Gachupin**

Governor Pueblo of Jemez

Governor Gachupin is the chief executive officer of the Pueblo of Jemez and performs the customary and traditional responsibilities and duties of the position.

Prior to taking office he served as a Family Advocate, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Language Program Manager, and Lt. Governor.

### **Christopher Moquino**

Governor Pueblo De San Ildefonso

Governor Moquino is a resident and member of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. He and his fiancée Kim are proud parents to four children.

Prior to his governorship, he served as Lieutenant Governor, Tribal Councilor and Tribal Administrator for the Pueblo where he focused on improving the delivery of tribal services to community members. He worked as a Field Representative for US Senator Jeff Bingaman for eight years.

Governor Moquino currently serves on Secretary Deb Haaland's Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee for the BIA SW Region.





#### Dr. Karen C. Sanchez-Griego Ed.D

Superintendent *Cuba Independent Schools* 

Dr. Sanchez-Griego is leading district wide redesign and support the landmark case of Yazzie/Martinez, in which Cuba ISD is a plaintiff district.

She is working on ensuring that the students in CISD receive an equitable academic education using a systems approach that supports holistic efforts to ensure a Prek-thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade educational system.

## **Jennifer Guy**

Superintendent Los Alamos Public Schools

Superintendent Guy has worked in education in New Mexico for the past 32 years.

She is dedicated to ensuring that every child at LAPS is successful and safe to learn in ways that meet their unique needs and help them to truly thrive and excel in our schools.

Guy and her husband John moved to Los Alamos 17 years ago with their three boys.

