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Meet the Eve's Fund Scholarship winners

FARMINGTON – This year's 13 winners of the Eve's Fund Scholarship from Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington will share \$12,000. The 10 new students and three continuing students will receive help in the pursuit of their educational goals and for a brighter future.

These young students, against many obstacles, intend to graduate from high school and advance to higher education. Many will be the first in their families to do so.

The students were chosen for the Eve's Fund Scholarship based on demonstrated financial need, scholastic potential, and leadership skills.

The majority of students stay in dormitories on campus during the week and are transported back home on weekends to be with their families.

The 2020 Eve's Fund Scholarship winners include:

• Joshua Begay, a sophomore
"Hello, my name is Joshua Begay. My clans are Mud Clan and Born for Red Running into Water. My maternal grandfather's clan is Red House and my paternal grandfather's clan is Sleeping Rock People.

"I am from a very rural community on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico called White Rock. My community is so small that many people may not even know about it.

"I hope my education will teach me things that will benefit my community and me."

• Uriel Benally, freshman
"Greetings! My name is Uriel Benally and, in my culture, we introduce ourselves by our clans. Translated into English, the names are Mexican clan, Zuni clan, Ojibwe/Chippewa clan and Mountain Cove clan.

I am originally from Indianapolis, but I've been raised in Upper Fruitland on the Navajo Nation. In my small community, most of our events are held in a chapter house, which helps bring the community closer and helps us to solve problems when they come up.

"In the future, I want to use my education to become an environmental scientist and find other ways we can use energy as well as for our own uses."

• Sky Harper, senior
"My name is Sky Harper and I am from the Near the Mountain Towering House Clan, born for the Red Running into Water Clan. My maternal grandfather is part of the Big Water Clan, and my paternal grandfather is the Towering House Clan.

"In fall of 2020, I will pursue higher education at Drexel University. I am drawn towards the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field.

"Currently, I intend to become an anesthesiologist in order to help others. I plan to major in health sciences and minor in mathematics."

• Keona Hosteen, senior
"Ya'at'eh, my name is Keona Hosteen. Call me "Ona." I am a Navajo from Crownpoint but I reside in Standing Rock (Tse'ii'ahi), New Mexico.

"My traditional four clans that identify who I am: Red Bottom (T'ááshch'í), Red Running into the Water (Táchii'nii), Zuni (Tábhá), and Water Edge (Naasht'ézhi dine'é).

"As someone who has been at Navajo Prep for four years, I am very grateful for the education I have received. Even though I am two hours away from home, I have adapted well which is great for someone who will be heading off to college very soon."

• Isaiah Morris, junior
"My name is Isaiah Morris. I am 16 years old. My clans are Bitter Water and Big Water clan. My parents are DeAndra Wagner and Olyne Morris. I am from Window Rock, Arizona, which is the capital of the Navajo Nation.

"Growing up Window Rock has been a great experience because it is where I was introduced to playing basketball. I was always fascinated watching the basketball high school games in Window Rock.

"Being a student at Navajo Prep has motivated me and helped me plan for college. In the future, I would like to go into electrical engineering."

• Lance Gilbert Morris, senior
"Hello, my name is Lance Gilbert Morris. I am Bitter Water (Tódich'ii'nii), born for the Big Water Clan (Tótsohnnii).

My maternal grandpa's clan is the One who Walks Around Clan (Honágháahnii) and my paternal grandpa's clan is the Weaver Zia Clan (T'í'ógí).

I am from Sheepsprings, New Mexico, a small community located at the bottom of the Chuska mountains between Newcomb and Naschitti.

Sheepsprings is a great place where you can get away from the world and get your mind right. It is not busy and all that's there are the land, a store and the people who reside there. My education will allow me to make better decisions for my life, it will help me become more wise and independent and it will strengthen me for the tough times that I will experience in my life."

• Jaden Shirley, junior
"I am Jaden Shirley. My clans are the Red Bottom Clan and I am born for the Red Running into Water Clan. I am originally from a small community called Sanostee, New Mexico. Sanostee is a rural place with a small population and not many opportunities.

"With my education, I hope to become a biochemical engineer to build biodegradable plastic because at this moment of time we are struggling with the environmental impacts from humans."

• Kenny Sloan, junior
"Hello my name is Kenny Sloan. My mother's clan is Grey-Streaked People, my father's clan is Tobacco People. My maternal grandfather's clan is Manygoats, and my paternal grandfather's clan is Black-Streaked People. I am from Tonalea, Arizona.

Tonalea is a very small town with about 200 people. The

houses are spread out and we only have two stores. I hope that my education will allow me to teach in my community. I want to teach at the school in nearby Tuba City.

"My dream is to open a music academy on the reservation. Many people on the Navajo Nation don't even know what music theory is. I want to bring this to a lot of reservation children who are musically inclined."

• Alana Smith, sophomore
"Hello my name is Alana Smith and my clans are Ashhí (The Salt People Clan), nishí, Kinlichiiinii (Red House Clan), bashishchiin, Hasht'ishnii (Mud Clan) and dashicheii, Honágháani (The One Who Walks Around Clan) dashinalí. I am originally from Shiprock but I have grown up in Farmington.

I plan to graduate with an IB diploma and attend Stanford University, MIT, or Colorado State University."

• Kalani Williams, sophomore
"Hello my name is Kalani Williams. I am Diné. I am born for the Honey Comb Rock People Clan, from my mother's side of the family and the Mud Clan, from my dad's side of the family. My third clan is the "The Red Bottom People" Clan which is from my maternal grandfather's clan and my fourth clan is the "Within his Clover Leaf People," which is from my paternal grandfather's clan.

"These clans are a kinship that keeps us Navajos together since the beginning of time in each world we were created. I was born and raised in Shiprock, N "Tsé Bitai," which means the winged rock or the rock with wings.

"Since I was old enough to imagine, I always had this vision that my community will become a place where Native youth will explore the world and have endless options to create and accomplish many things in their life."

• Kimberlynnibah Yazzie, sophomore
"Ya'at'eeh, my name is Kimberlynnibah Yazzie. I am Within His Cover Clan, born for Salt People Clan. My maternal

grandfathers are Towering House Clan, and my paternal grandfathers are Deer Water Clan. I was born in Tuba City and raised in Standing Rock, N.M.

"I have been raised on Bar WJ Ranch, and due to my upbringing, I have spent a lot of time around livestock, learning about range, livestock management and conservation practices. I live in a community where people care about their animals and know how to manage the land their animals depend upon.

"I am very fortunate to live this lifestyle, which has influenced my dream and goal to obtain my doctoral degree in veterinary medicine."

• Isaac Yazzie, junior
"I was born in Albuquerque on May 3rd, 2003. From then on, I lived in Farmington. I grew up with a complete family – mother, father, and an older brother, who I looked up to my entire life. He was, and still is, a good role model to me. My mother was a hardworking woman and still is. Even today, she balances our family and her work. Same with my father who, like any other father, works hard to support his family.

"I would say these people were the ones who molded me into the person I am today. Though I am not perfect, my family definitely made me a good student, which is reflected by my years as a student."

• Natalyn Yazzie, freshman
"Hello, my name is Natalyn Yazzie. My clans are Near the Water Clan, born for the Red Bottom People, Coyote Passing, and Towering House people. I come from a community called Fort Defiance, located in Arizona.

The community is pretty small, but still has many people who live in the area. It was also a place where the Navajo people lived before the forced removal during the Long Walk. As I'm getting older and receiving this education, I hope that it helps me fulfill my goals and dreams by making me a better educated person who can go out in the world and get things done."



Missing from above photos is : Isaac Yazzie