

Fifteen Navajo Preparatory School Students Awarded \$15,000 in Scholarships

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According to a statement by Eve's Fund, students were selected based on demonstrated financial need, scholastic potential, and leadership skills. Each recipient's award fully covers the school's required academic and residential fees. (photo/Eve's Fund)

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A nonprofit working to promote health and wellness in Indian Country has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to 15 Navajo students attending Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington, New Mexico.

The scholarships come from Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives, a 501(c)3 that sponsors community programs in injury prevention, literacy and education for at-risk Native youth.

Seven of the students are receiving the scholarship for the first time, and eight students are continuing from previous years. According to a statement by Eve's Fund, students were selected based on demonstrated financial need, scholastic potential, and leadership skills. Each recipient's award fully covers the school's required academic and residential fees.

Eve's Fund established the scholarship program in 2011 with an initial funding of \$3,000.

To date, the organization has awarded \$116,5000 to 72 individual Navajo Prep students, some of whom received the scholarship in each of their four years at the school. To qualify for the scholarship, students must write a short essay on "What I want to do with my education" or "How a good education will help me achieve my goals."

"On behalf of the Navajo Prep community, I am proud to congratulate our fifteen bright, hardworking students who have been awarded the 2023-2024 Eve's Fund Scholarship," Shawna Becenti, Head of School at Navajo Prep, said in statement. "We are grateful that Eve's Fund has partnered with Navajo Prep for the past 13 years. During this time, Eve's Fund has supported the vision and mission of our school by funding our students with scholarships to attend Navajo Prep. We are thankful for the continued collaboration and support of our students and communities."

Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives was founded by the late Dr. Robert Crowell and Barbara Crowell Roy to honor the memory of their daughter, Eve Erin Crowell, who passed away in February 2005.

Eve's Fund helps address the financial needs of talented high school students served by the only Navajo-sanctioned college-preparatory high school for Native Americans. Approximately 90% of Navajo Prep students graduate successfully, and of these, over 90% go on to matriculate at a four-year college or to serve in the military, including some accepted to the highly competitive military academies. Navajo Prep was established in 1991 by the Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

This year's scholarship awardees are: (L to R: from top row)

Sophomore, Keira Antonio (Pueblo Pintado, NM), Junior, Laci Antonio (Pueblo Pintado, NM), Senior

Thomacita Begay (Tuba City, AZ), Freshman, Leannabah Cly (Tuba City, AZ), Senior

Luke Damon (Albuquerque, NM), Senior

Wallen Descheeny (Klagetoh, AZ), Sophomore

Kamyra Goldtooth (Fruitland, NM), Sophomore

Jerald Hardy (Window Rock, AZ), Junior

Dominique Henderson (Little Water, NM), Senior

Orion King (Rock Point, AZ), Sophomore

Nevaeh Lewis (Torreon, NM), Sophomore

Brooke Martin (Mulholland Well, NM), Sophomore

Madilynn Mora (Round Rock, AZ), Senior

Winnie Morgan (Crownpoint, NM), and Freshman

Luke Smith (Standing Rock, NM)

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