



2022 IAIA COMMENCEMENT

Processional
Introduction Felipe Colón (Laguna Pueblo), Academic Dean
Master of Ceremonies Kim Parko , 2021–2022 Faculty of the Year
Invocation
Flag Song
Welcome Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee), President
Introduction of the Board of Trustees and Honored Guests Loren Kieve (Cherokee), Board of Trustees Chair
Honorary Doctorate Recipient and Commencement Speaker W. Richard (Rick) West, Jr. (Cheyenne and Arapaho)
Presentation of Masters of Fine Arts, Undergraduate, and Certificate Candidates Felipe Colón (Laguna Pueblo), Academic Dean, and Nena Martinez Anaya , Dean of Students
Conferring of Degrees Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee)
Undergraduate Remarks Tiffanie Irizarry (Ihanktonwan Dakota and Fort Peck Tribes) '21
Closing Remarks Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee)
Recessional

MASTERS OF FINE ARTS

Leah M. Altman (Oglala Lakota Tribe) '22 Creative Nonfiction
Jennifer M. Brady (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe) '20 Creative Writing
Jessica E. Brent (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) '22 Creative Nonfiction

Vivian M. Carroll (Cherokee Nation) '20 Creative Writing
Cruz W. Castillo '22 Fiction
Max C. Early (Laguna Pueblo) '20 Creative Writing
Tashina L. Emery (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan) '22 Fiction
Gillian S. Esquivia-Cohen '22 Fiction
Silas T. Galbreath (Mentasta Traditional Council) '22 Creative Nonfiction
Victoria K. Gonzales Zacateco '20 Creative Writing
Michael H. Harris (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian) '22 Fiction
Sharon Anne Henderson (Diné) '21 Creative Writing
Chelsea T. Hicks (Osage) '20 Creative Writing
Gordon Johnson '21 Creative Writing
Zoe L. Johnson (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) '20 Creative Writing
Jonatha Kottler '22 Fiction
Elee Kraljii Gardiner '20 Creative Writing
Jay D. Mercado (Piipaash and Quechan) '20 Creative Writing
Tyisha A. Mitchell (Colorado River Indian Tribes and Diné) '22 Screenwriting
Maxie Moua '22 Fiction
Adrianne C. Oo-Ota (Kiowa and Apache) '22 Screenwriting
Amanda S. Peters (Glooscap First Nation and Mi'kmaw) '22 Fiction

Serena J. Rodriguez '22 ‡ Poetry
Chantal G. Rondeau (Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation) '22 Fiction
Neda E. Spotted Wolf (Chippewa Cree Tribe) '20 Creative Writing
Deborah A. Svatos '21 Creative Writing
Carmen G. Taylor '20 Creative Writing
Miye N. Tom (Walker River Paiute Tribe) '22 Creative Nonfiction
Lindsey R. Toya-Tosa (Jemez Pueblo) '22 Creative Nonfiction
Jiles T. Turning Heart (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe) '22 Screenwriting

BACHELORS OF ARTS
AND FINE ARTS

Brandon Armijo (Jemez and Kewa Pueblos) '21 Studio Arts
Brennan Avans (Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma) '22 Creative Writing
Brittney G. Beauregard '21 ** Museum Studies
Jacqueline Berg '21 Studio Arts
Austin L. Big Crow (Oglala Sioux Tribe) '20 Studio Arts
Chelsea Bighorn (Assiniboine and Sioux) '21 ** Studio Arts
Kamella Bird-Romero (Ohkay Owingeh) '22 Creative Writing
Natasha M. Brokeshoulder (Diné) '20 ** Museum Studies
Claudia Chavez (Isleta Pueblo) '21 ** Studio Arts

Leandra Chimal (Mescalero Apache Tribe) '21 Studio Arts
Gary Cook '21 ***‡ Cinematic Arts & Technology
T'cha-Mi'iko Cosgrove (Shoshone-Bannock Tribe) '21 Studio Arts
Kelly Dale (Diné) '21 Studio Arts
Darvin D. Descheny (Diné) '21 * Museum Studies
Kiera Fox (Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold) '21 Indigenous Liberal Studies
Kelsey Frosch '21 ** Studio Arts
Jacob T. Frye (Tesuque Pueblo) '20 Studio Arts
Kelly C. Frye (Tesuque Pueblo) '20 Studio Arts
Johnny Gordon, Jr. (Chemehuevi Indian Tribe) '22 ** Museum Studies
Monika Guerra '22 ** Studio Arts
Peter Holt '22 * Cinematic Arts & Technology
Lisette Irizarry (Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes) '22 ** Indigenous Liberal Studies
Tiffanie Irizarry (Ihanktonwan Dakota and Fort Peck Tribes) '21 ** Studio Arts
Marissa Irizarry (Ihanktonwan Dakota Sioux and Taino) '20 * Studio Arts
Fuku Ito '21 Studio Arts
Rayne Kingfisher (Prairie Band Potawatomi) '22 ** Cinematic Arts & Technology
Alexander J. Lewis (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe) '21 Studio Arts

Maylena Lewis (Tohono O'odham) '21 Museum Studies
Robert Lopez, Jr. '22 Cinematic Arts & Technology
Jonathan Loretto (Cochiti and Jemez Pueblos) '21 Studio Arts
Shan Ching Lu '22 Studio Arts
Joseph Maldonado (Tlingit and Ottawa) '22 Studio Arts
Paloma Mankus '21 Museum Studies
Bryson Jermaine Meyers (Chippewa-Cree) '21 Studio Arts
Arielle Mills '22 **‡ Museum Studies
Jazmin Novak (Diné) '21 Studio Arts
Jacob E. Olascoaga (Tlingit and Mescalero Apache Tribe) '21 Studio Arts
Golga Oscar (Yup'ik) '21 Studio Arts
Elizabeth Pinkham (Nez Perce Tribe and Tlingit) '20 ** Studio Arts
Michelle Preslik '22 **‡ Studio Arts
Triana Reid '21 ** Creative Writing
Derek Santos (Oglala Sioux Tribe) '22 ** Studio Arts
Faithlyn Seawright (Chickasaw and Choctaw) '21 ** Museum Studies
Desta Shaw '22 ** Creative Writing
Amalia Sparks-Schuler '22 * Studio Arts
Hailey J. Suina (Cochiti Pueblo) '20 Creative Writing

Charlene Tourtillott (Menominee Nation) '22 Creative Writing
Robyn Tsinnajinnie (Diné) '20 Studio Arts
Kelly Tungovia (Hopi) '22 * Studio Arts
Debon Victor (San Carlos Apache Tribe) '22 Creative Writing
Suni S. Vizcarra-Wood (Quechua Nation, Peru) '21 ***‡ Studio Arts
Dawna Walters (Diné) '21 Museum Studies
Joshua Wells '20 **‡ Studio Arts
Julia White (Ho-Chunk Nation) '22 Cinematic Arts & Technology
Naomi White Horse (Sicangu Lakota Oyate and Northern Chumash Tribe) '22 Indigenous Liberal Studies

ASSOCIATES OF ARTS
AND FINE ARTS

Joseph Arnoux (Blackfeet and Spokane) '21 Studio Arts
Nathan Blacksheep (Bishop Paiute Tribe) '21 Studio Arts
Joshua Dixon (Diné) '22 Native American Studies
Robert Haukaas (Eastern Shoshone Tribe) '21 Creative Writing
Shannon Hooper (The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe) '21 Studio Arts
Erika Knecht '20 ***‡ Museum Studies
Shane Miller '22 ** Museum Studies
Melissa Pochoema (Hopi) '21 * Museum Studies

Simona Rael '21 ** Studio Arts
Stephanie F. Stewart (Diné) '20 Museum Studies
Talon Tsosie (Diné) '21 * Studio Arts

CERTIFICATE

Megan Bruckner '21 ** Museum Studies
Veronica Bustamante '22 *** Business & Entrepreneurship
Dita Carhart '22 *** Native American Art History
Jessica Cordes '21 *** Native American Art History
Cara Gallo '22 ** Museum Studies
Cordelia Hooee (Zuni Pueblo) '21 ** Museum Studies

Tootie James (Quinault Indian Nation) '21 ** Museum Studies

Annelisa Leinbach '22 * Native American Art History

Yolanda Pacheco (Fort Mojave) '22 * Museum Studies
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Tessa Rippenhagen '21 ** Museum Studies

Jamie Robinson '22 ** Museum Studies
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Lynda Romero (Pojoaque Pueblo) '19 Museum Studies

Michael Secilia '21 *** Native American Art History

Bridget Skenadore (Diné) '22 Native American Art History
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Audrey Weebothee Magdalena (Zuni Pueblo) '21 Business & Entrepreneurship

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*** Highest Honors (4.00)
** High Honors (3.75–3.99)
* Honors (3.50–3.74)
‡ Alpha Chi Member
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