



INSTITUTE OF
AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS

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Introductions

Felipe Colón (Laguna Pueblo), Provost
Dr. Kay Holmes (Mvskoke Creek descendant),
2022–2023 Faculty of the Year

Invocation

Paul Quintana (Cochiti Pueblo)

Flag Song

Welcome

Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee Nation), President

Introduction of the Board of Trustees and Honored Guests

Loren Kieve (Cherokee Nation), Board of Trustees Chair

Honorary Doctorate Recipient and Commencement Keynote Speaker

Jeffrey Gibson (Member of the Mississippi Band
of Choctaw Indians and Cherokee descent)

Presentation of Graduate, Undergraduate, and Certificate Candidates

Felipe Colón (Laguna Pueblo), Provost;
Charlene Teters (Spokane) '86, Interim Academic Dean;
and **Nena Martinez Anaya**, Dean of Students

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee Nation), President

Undergraduate Student Remarks

Adensunset Levy '23, Valedictorian

Closing Remarks

Loren Kieve (Cherokee Nation), Board of Trustees Chair

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2023 IAIA Commencement | Saturday, May 13

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Sabrina Saleha Ahmed (Navajo) ’23
Creative Writing: Screenwriting

Brandon Scott Bombardier
(Caddo Nation of Oklahoma) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

Payton Maria Canku
(Crow Creek Sioux Tribe) (1992–2023) ’23
Creative Writing: Screenwriting

Nika Feldman ’23
Studio Arts

Angélica M. García ’23
Studio Arts

Jeffrey Lynn Haozous
(Fort Sill Apache) ’23
Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction

Shane Hendren (Navajo Nation) ’23
Studio Arts

Laureli Veronica Ivanoff
(Native Village of Unalakleet) ’23
Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction

Ibe Jared Liebenberg
(Chickasaw Nation) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry

Renda Dionne Madrigal
(Turtle Mountain Chippewa) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

T’naa Zake-eesh McNeil (Tlingit) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

Joelle Estelle Mendoza
(Diné and Apache) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

Susanna Mireles-Mankus ’23
Studio Arts

Diego Domenico Moreno
(Pascua Yaqui Tribe) ’23
Creative Writing: Screenwriting

Myeekay Charlie Joe Notah
(Navajo Nation) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

Margarita Paz-Pedro
(Mexican-American, Laguna Pueblo, and
Santa Clara Pueblo) ’23
Studio Arts

Kira Hayen Poole
(Caddo Nation of Oklahoma) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

Dominick Porras ’23
Studio Arts

Madelynn Boyiddle Schoel
(Wichita and Affiliated Tribes) ’23
Studio Arts

Joseph Seymour, Jr. (Squaxin Island
Tribe and Pueblo of Acoma) ’23
Studio Arts

Anastasia Doralee Lorelei Smith
(Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) ’23
Creative Writing: Fiction

DeAnna Autumn Leaf Suazo
(Diné and Taos Pueblo) (1992–2021)
Studio Arts Certificate of Recognition

Cressandra Thibodeaux
(Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Ojibwe) ’23
Creative Writing: Screen Writing

BACHELOR OF ARTS
AND FINE ARTS

Jennifer Benally
(Oneida Nation and Diné) ’23 ** ‡
Studio Arts

Lyla Begay (Diné) ’22
Studio Arts

James Black
(Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes) ’23
Museum Studies

Michael T. Bozzuto
(Red Willow [Taos Pueblo] and Diné) ’23 *
Cinematic Arts & Technology

Paige Busick (Chickasaw) ’23 **
Studio Arts

Ana (Dyusa) Chapiro-Luboff ’23 *
Indigenous Liberal Studies

Shantel V. Chee (Diné) ’23
Creative Writing

Gregory Ebona (Tlingit and Haida) ’22
Cinematic Arts & Technology

Tyrell Etsitty (Diné) ’23 *
Cinematic Arts & Technology

Christine Gossin ’22 **
Indigenous Liberal Studies

Monique A. Holiday (Diné) ’23
Studio Arts

Shannon Christy Hooper
(Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe) ’23 *
Studio Arts

Preston Johnson (Navajo Nation) ’23 *
Cinematic Arts & Technology

Jontay Kahmakoatayo (Plains Cree) ’23 *
Studio Arts

Adensunset Gerart Levy ’23 **
Cinematic Arts & Technology

Elizabeth Lukee (Acoma Pueblo) ’22 *
Studio Arts

Derrell Lopez (Diné) ’23 **
Studio Arts

Monica Silva Lovato (San Felipe Pueblo
and Santo Domingo Pueblo) ’23
Studio Arts

Ellen R. Maldonado
(Acoma Pueblo and Navajo) ’23
Studio Arts and Performing Arts

Alica Mteuzi (Caddo Nation,
Cheyenne, and Arapaho) ’23 **
Studio Arts

Jerome Nakagawa
(Diné and Japanese) ’22 *** ‡
Studio Arts

Matthew Narcho (Tohono O’odham) ’22 *
Studio Arts

Wiyaka Pomarleau
(Diné and Oglala) ’23 ***
Performing Arts

Daveishena D. Redhouse (Navajo) ’23 ** ‡
Cinematic Arts with Gaming Minor

Brianna Gabrielle Reed ’23 (Diné) **
Creative Writing

Erik Sanchez (Shoalwater Bay,
Chinook, and Chicano) ’22 ***
Cinematic Arts & Technology

Gerrell Sam (Diné) ’22
Studio Arts

Emily S. Schuyler
(Oneida Nation of the Thames) ’23 *** ‡
Studio Arts

Aubs Kayla Staats ’22 *
Studio Arts

Miguel Valencia (Navajo) ’23 **
Cinematic Arts

Karen A. Vargas (Chicana) ’23 ***
Creative Writing

Roxanne White (Diné) ’22
Studio Arts

Hannah M. Wolfe-MacPike ’23 *
Museum Studies with Art History Minor

Tiara Yazzie (Diné) ’22 *
Studio Arts

Jacquelyn Yepa
(Diné and Jemez Pueblo) ’22 *
Studio Arts

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
AND FINE ARTS

Preston Bark
(Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) ’22 **
Studio Arts

Shantel V. Chee (Diné) ’23
Studio Arts

Robin Hill (Seneca) ’23
Studio Arts

CERTIFICATE

Jade Rose Anaya ’23
Business & Entrepreneurship

Jennifer Beetem ’23 ***
Museum Studies

Shantel V. Chee (Diné) ’23
Broadcast Journalism

Debbie Hartsell (Puyallup) ’22 **
Business & Entrepreneurship

Esther Ramirez ’23 *
Museum Studies

Austin Stuedell ’23 **
Museum Studies

Delight Talawepi (Hopi) ’23 **
Business & Entrepreneurship

Arcelia Teller (Diné) ’23 **
Business & Entrepreneurship

Jacquelyn Yepa
(Diné and Jemez Pueblo) ’22 *
Business & Entrepreneurship

*** Highest Honors (4.00)
** High Honors (3.75–3.99)
* Honors (3.50–3.74)

‡ Alpha Chi Member, New Mexico Gamma Chapter

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