



# Commencement

Saturday, May 12, 2018

## **Processional**

### **Master of Ceremony**

**Stephen Wall JD**, *White Earth Chippewa*

### **Invocation**

**Jeffrey J. Begay '18**, *Diné*

### **Flag Song**

### **Welcome**

**Dr. Robert Martin**, *Cherokee Nation*, President

### **Faculty of the Year Award**

### **Introduction of the Board of Trustees & Honored Guests**

**Loren Kieve**, *Cherokee Nation*, Board of Trustees Chair

### **Commencement Address**

**Layli Long Soldier '09**, *Oglala Lakota*, Poet

### **Honorary Doctorate Recipient**

**George Rivera '84**, *Pojoaque Pueblo*, Artist

### **Presentation of Masters of Fine Arts Candidates**

**Jon Davis**, MFA Director

### **Masters of Fine Arts Graduate Remarks**

**Rose B. Simpson MFA '18/'07**, *Santa Clara Pueblo*

### **Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates**

**Charlene Teters '86**, *Spokane*, Academic Dean

### **Conferring of Degrees**

**Dr. Robert Martin**, *Cherokee Nation*

### **Undergraduate Remarks**

**Vivian Carroll '18**, *Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma*

### **Closing Remarks**

**Loren Kieve**, *Cherokee Nation*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Jeffrey J. Begay '18**, *Diné*

## **Recessional**

# MASTERS *of* FINE ARTS

**Rowena Alegria**

*Huesteca/Mexica*

**Melanie Archuleta**

*Kaibab Paiute*

**Brendan Shay Basham**

*Diné*

**Trevino L. Brings Plenty**

*Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe*

**Eric R. Davis**

**Allison Deegan**

**Trevor Lee Duplessis**

*Cowessess*

**S. Austin Eichelberger, Jr.**

**Marlena Long Eyes Gates**

*Maricopa*

**Ishmael Charles Hope**

*Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian*

*Tribes of Alaska/Iñupiaq*

**Boderra Antasha Joe**

*Diné*

**Leah Kelsey Premo Lemm**

*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe*

**Lemanuel Loley**

*Diné*

**Kateri Velma-Kozub Menominee**

*Bay Mills*

**Lauren James Monroe Jr.**

*Blackfeet*

**Kathy Diane Olson**

**Catherine M. O'Neill**

**Anna M. Osceola**

*Seminole of Florida*

**Adrian Quintanar**

**Rebecca Francesca Reuter Puerto**

**Arielle Robbins**

**Andrea L. Rogers**

*Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma*

**Rose B. Simpson**

*Santa Clara Pueblo*

**Erin Warner Singer**

**Matthew Jake Skeets**

*Diné*

**Dennis Eugene Staples**

*Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians*

**David Jean Tromblay**

**Arianne EmaLee True**

*Choctaw/Chickasaw*

**David Heska Wanbli Weiden**

*Sicangu Lakota*

# BACHELORS of ARTS & BACHELORS of FINE ARTS

**Ozawa Bineshi Albert**

*Yuchi/Chippewa of the Thames*  
Indigenous Liberal Studies

**Jeffrey J. Begay**

*Diné*  
Studio Arts

**Ted Darryl Bolton**

*Tsimshian*  
Cinematic Arts and Technology

**Chad Littlecoyote Browneagle**

*Spokane*  
Cinematic Arts and Technology

**Justina Nicole Bruns \*‡**

*Oglala Lakota*  
Indigenous Liberal Studies

**Amber Morningstar Byars \*\*‡**

*Oklahoma Choctaw*  
Indigenous Liberal Studies

**Vivian Mary Carroll \*\*\*‡**

*Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma*  
Creative Writing

**Avis Mary Charley \***

*Spirit Lake Dakota/Diné*  
Studio Arts

**Pearlyne Coriz**

*Santo Domingo Pueblo (Kewa)*  
Creative Writing

**Emma DeMarr \*\*‡**

*Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe*  
Studio Arts

**Haley Greenfeather English \*\*\*‡**

*Red Lake/Turtle Mountain Chippewa*  
Studio Arts

**Claver Dillon Garcia**

*Ohkay Owingeh*  
Studio Arts

**Victoria Kimberley Gonzales\*\***

*Zacalecas*  
Creative Writing

**Courteney Elyse Handy \*\***

Creative Writing

**Brian Jai Keith \*‡**

*Cheyenne/Tewa-Hopi*  
Studio Arts

**Kaa Folwell**

*Santa Clara Pueblo*  
Studio Arts

**Nicole Ann Mitchell Lefthand**

*Diné*  
Indigenous Liberal Studies

**Christopher Henry Mirabal \*‡**

*Santa Ana Pueblo*  
Studio Arts

**David Anthony Naranjo ‡**

*Santa Clara Pueblo*  
Studio Arts

**Manuel J. Ramirez \*\*‡**

*Otoe-Missouria*  
Studio Arts

# BACHELORS of ARTS & BACHELORS of FINE ARTS

**James Rutherford** \*\*\*‡

*Museum Studies*

**Aaron J. Yazzie** \*\*‡

*Diné*

Studio Arts

**Linda Lourdes Smock** \*\*\*‡

Studio Arts

**Elizabeth Kianu Stahmer** \*\*\*‡

*Wyandotte/Cherokee/Blackfeet*

Indigenous Liberal Studies

**Mary Eloise Stempien**

*Ukrainian*

Indigenous Liberal Studies

**Willow Rose Tomeo** \*\*

*Colville*

Studio Arts

**Brandon Richard Varela**

*Pascua Yaqui Tribe*

Studio Arts

**Vincent Foustino Vigil**

*Tohono O'odham*

Studio Arts

**Jennie Maebelene Sadagent Whitehorse** \*\*

*Shoshone/Bannock Tribes*

Indigenous Liberal Studies

**William Darrell Willey** \*\*‡

Cinematic Arts and Technology

**Alyssa Mara Williams**

*Laguna/Santo Domingo Pueblos*

Studio Arts

\*\*\* Highest Honors (4.0)

\*\* High Honors (3.75 - 3.99)

\* Honors (3.50 - 3.74)

‡ Alpha Chi Member

New Mexico Gamma Chapter

# ASSOCIATES of ARTS & ASSOCIATES of FINE ARTS

**Diego Makwa Bradley**

*Jemez Pueblo/Chippewa*  
Studio Arts

**Kurt E. Lomawaima \*\***

*Hopi*  
Studio Arts

**Allison Marie Francisco \*\***

*Tohono O'Odham*  
Studio Arts

**Amber Morningstar Byars \*\***

*Oklahoma Choctaw*  
Studio Arts

## CERTIFICATE

**Genevieve E. Borgeson**

Certificate in Museum Studies

**Kaa Folwell**

*Santa Clara Pueblo*  
Certificate in Business

**Justina Nicole Bruns**

*Oglala Lakota*  
Certificate in Business

**James Fredrick Marx**

Certificate in Native American Art History

**Victoria Canby**

*Diné*  
Certificate in Museum Studies

**Christopher Henry Mirabal**

*Santa Ana Pueblo*  
Certificate in Business

**Chantel Billiot Comardelle**

*Isle de Jean Charles Biloxi/Chitimacha/  
Choctaw Tribe*  
Certificate in Museum Studies

**Amy Leigh Red-Horse**

*Powhatan*  
Certificate in Business

**Patrick Galbreath**

Certificate in Native American Art History

**Angela Anne Smith**

*Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs of Oregon*  
Certificate in Museum Studies

**Charlene Denise Jacinto**

Certificate in Museum Studies

**Jennie Maebelene Sadagent Whitehorse**

*Shoshone/Bannock Tribes*  
Certificate in Business

**Shannon Kravitz**

Certificate in Museum Studies

# BOARD of TRUSTEES

**Loren Kieve**, *Cherokee Nation*  
Chair (San Francisco, CA)

**Charles W. Galbraith**, *Navajo*  
(Washington, DC)

**Brenda L. Kingery**, *Chickasaw*  
Vice Chair (San Antonio, TX)

**Princess Daazhraii Johnson**, *Neets'aii Gwich'in*  
(Fairbanks, AK)

**Deborah Goodman**, *Caddo/Cherokee*  
Secretary (Oklahoma City, OK)

**Beverly Wright Morris**, *Aleut*  
(Santa Fe, NM)

**JoAnn Balzer**  
(Santa Fe, NM)

**Lawrence Scott Roberts II**, *Oneida*  
(Vienna, VA)

**Bidtah N. Becker**, *Diné*  
(Ft. Defiance, AZ)

**Andrea Akalleq Sanders**, *Yup'ik*  
(Anchorage, AK)

**Anne Marie Downes**, *Winnebago*  
(Phoenix, AZ)

**C. Matthew Snipp**, *Oklahoma Cherokee/Choctaw*  
(Stanford, CA)

**Barbara J. Ells**  
(Denver, CO)

## EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

**Honorable Don Young**  
U.S. Representative, AK

**Honorable Ben Ray Luján**  
U.S. Representative, NM

**Dr. Robert Martin**, *Cherokee Nation*  
President

**Tiffany Adams**, *Chemehuevi/Konkow/Nisenan*  
President, Associated Student Government

## COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

**Chee Brossy** MFA '16/'12, *Diné*

**Sandy Hudson**

**Ben Calabaza**, *Santo Domingo Pueblo (Kewa)*

**Stephanie Martinez**, *Ohkay Owingeh*

**Jacqueline Chitto** '83, *Laguna/Isleta Pueblos*

**Paul Moore** '07, *Chickasaw*

**Eric Davis**

**Peter Romero**

**Jon Davis**

**Manuel Ramirez** '18, *Otoe-Missouria*

**Carmen Henan**, *Eastern Shoshone*

**Jeminie Shell**

IAIA

INSTITUTE of  
AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS

83 Avan Nu Po Road  
Santa Fe, NM 87508

[www.iaia.edu](http://www.iaia.edu)

Cover Art: **Jeff Kahm** '92, *Plains Cree*  
Traverse, 2015, Acrylic on Canvas