



*San Carlos Apache College*

The Higher Education Institution of the Apache People

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CLASS OF 2021

MAY 21, 2021 | 6:00PM  
APACHE STRONGHOLD GOLF COURSE

# Order of Ceremony



<i>PROCESSIONAL</i>	Globe Miami Centennial Band
<i>MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES</i>	Durena Thompson
<i>THE POSTING OF THE COLORS</i>	San Carlos Apache Veterans Association
<i>SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM</i>	Deidre Antonio Accompanied by the Globe Miami Centennial Band
<i>INVOCATION</i>	Durena Thompson
<i>OPENING REMARKS</i>	Alexander B. Ritchie, Attorney General San Carlos Apache Tribe
<i>WELCOME</i>	Roberta Patten, SCAC Board of Regents Vice-Chair
<i>PRESIDENT'S REMARKS</i>	Dr. Martín M. Ahumada, President of SCAC
<i>COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER</i>	Dr. Louis S. Albert, Professor of Practice Division of Educational Leadership and Innovation Arizona State University
<i>STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER</i>	Trena Antonio
<i>CONFERRING OF DEGREES</i> <i>"Turning of the tassels"</i>	Dr. Lisa Eutsey, VP of Academics/Provost
<i>CONGRATULATORY REMARKS</i>	Rebecca Swift, Director of Student Services/Librarian Annette Ayze, Director of Business Affairs/CFO
<i>PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARD</i>	Dr. Lisa Eutsey, VP of Academics/Provost
<i>APACHE DRUM SONG</i>	Kenny Kenton, Jaron Kenton, and Keydin Kenton
<i>CLOSING REMARKS</i>	Durena Thompson
<i>RECESSIONAL</i>	Globe Miami Centennial Band





## SAN CARLOS APACHE COLLEGE PRESIDENT



Dr. Martín Miguel Ahumada has been serving as the Founding President of San Carlos Apache College (SCAC) since April 11, 2017. Prior to stewarding SCAC as America's youngest tribal institution of higher learning, Dr. Ahumada served as the Provost and Interim President of Diné College in the Navajo Nation. He also served as the President of the International Center for Higher Education & Philanthropy, and as a professor of higher education leadership at the University of Arizona and Harvard University where he was the chief advisor to Native American

and international students pursuing doctorate degrees in the field.

Throughout his 35-year career in higher education, Dr. Ahumada has served as an advisor to education ministers and university presidents in different countries, and as a senior administrator with national and state level commissions of higher education as well as leading universities and community colleges. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Carleton College in Minnesota and his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Higher Education Administration from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Ahumada has earned many distinguished awards, including Harvard University's prestigious ALANA Award as the outstanding faculty member of the year, Carleton College's Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement, Eastern New Mexico University's Father of the ENMU Foundation Award, and the University of Arizona Foundation's Distinguished Citizen Award. In November 2019, Dr. Martin Ahumada was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame of his *alma mater*: Pueblo High School in Tucson.





## INVOCATION/MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



My name is Durena Thompson. I am of the Tednozhage clan. My mother is Darlene Swift Chapman and my late father is Emanuel Thompson Sr. For the last 36 years, Robert Lewis Jr., and I have been blessed with a truly special relationship. Together we have raised four children John, Nikki, Bobby, and Jody. I am also blessed to have four grandchildren as well as five traditional daughters Stephanie Shaw Belvado, Alaina Kniffin, Rachael Moench Kenton, Mandy Classay, and Aleigha Long. I currently

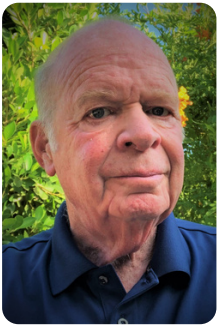
serve as a School Improvement Specialist for San Carlos Unified School District serving Rice Elementary School grades PreK-2.

I have had a long and rewarding career in working in education, spending the last 21 years with the San Carlos Unified School District. In this time, I have held positions such as Principal, Associate Principal, Dean of Students, Instructional Coach, teacher, and paraprofessional. I have had the honor of serving on the SCUSD #20 School Board for a year. I would have served a full term of four years but the desire to return to the workforce to be able to truly make a difference was stronger. I believe the experience, knowledge, training, and skill I received in working with parents & guardians, students, staff, and school administrators in these years have enabled and empowered provided me to make sure our students receive the best educational experience. I also enjoy working with and supporting local language programs providing services that pertain to teaching and sustaining Apache Language in the classroom.

Our life's journey never ends and at my age I still have goals and aspirations to become a school superintendent, and or a college president. Wish me luck! Congratulations to the graduates! I am proud of you! And thank you for having me as your mistress of ceremonies!



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Louis S. Albert, Ph.D. is a Professor of Practice in the Division of Educational Leadership and Innovation at Arizona State University. Before coming to ASU, he served as President of the Pima Community College West Campus in Tucson, Arizona from 2003 until his retirement in 2015; as Vice Chancellor for Educational Services at the San Jose Evergreen Community College District from 1998 until 2003; and from 1982-1998 as Vice President of the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) in Washington, DC.

Prior to his work at AAHE, Dr. Albert was a faculty member member and founding Chair of the Division of Allied Health at Essex Community College in Maryland. He has also held part-time faculty positions at the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, Iowa State University, and the University of Denver. Dr. Albert serves as a Director for the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education (2007-present). His past leadership experience included board chair roles for the International Partnership for Service-Learning (1996-2003), for the Tucson/Pima County Metropolitan Education Commission (2008-2014), and for the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona (2014-15). From 2004-2010, Albert served on the National Board of Campus Compact (a consortium of nearly 1,200 college and university presidents who support the civic mission of higher education), and from 2012-2019 as a Director/Vice President for the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Foundation.

Dr. Albert earned a B.S. in Biology from Loyola University Maryland, and an M.S. in Zoology and Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Maryland-College Park. In 2001, he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) from Cuttington University in the West African nation of Liberia for his service on the Board of "Cuttington-In-Exile," an organization that worked to keep Cuttington University intact throughout the civil war that occurred in Liberia in the 1990s.



## SAN CARLOS APACHE COLLEGE GRADUATES



**TRENA ANTONIO**  
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS



**NADIA LOGAN**  
CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SERVICES



## CLASS OF 2021



**MICHELLE BARTLETT**  
CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SERVICES



**CARMELA THOMPSON**  
CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SERVICES



## MISSION

To provide the *Nnee* an excellent higher education experience rooted in *Nnee bíat'e*

## VISION

“Upholding the power of Apache Wisdom and Knowledge” - *Nnee bíat'e'ihii ntdzilgo ádan'tzih*

## 2017-2021 STRATEGIC GOALS

- Rekindle Apache language, tradition and culture
- Provide services, space, resources and tools designed for community/student/individual success
- Achieve educational excellence through competitive and relevant programs and curriculum as well as innovative teaching and learning practices
- Ensure the overall viability of the college through measured growth and development embedded within the community







## APACHE BLESSING

*Dawah' jii Ch'igonááinitsih Yaa íídine lé'  
Dawan t'egoná' aínani' t'zii lé'  
Nagołt'ih-hinini' t'aa, nii Tayigis lé'  
Díínchii híntd'ził-go Ananoh' dlé'  
Ainá nígodzań biká, nkeego náá' -go  
Nkeen dah dołteel  
Láíí, dahazhí nígodzań  
Nzhoo zhineé' -go biyeé' -hí  
Biyí Nadaa dołteel  
Nohyaa Dagozhool Dołteel Shikíiyul'*



May the sun  
bring you new energy by day  
May the moon  
softly restore you by night  
May the rain  
wash away your worries  
May the breeze  
blow new strength into your being  
May you walk gently through the world  
and know its beauty  
all the days of your life



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## PRESIDENT

Dr. Martín Miguel Ahumada

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Kathleen W. Kitcheyan  
Letitia Julian

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

--Nelson Mandela

*"Real Education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?"*

--Cesar Chavez

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

--Malcolm X



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