

San Carlos Apache College

• THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE APACHE PEOPLE •



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COMMENCEMENT 2022

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Apache Gold Pavilion, San Carlos, AZ

• A DISTINCTIVE EDUCATION IN APACHE LANDS •



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Apache Blessing

<i>May the sun</i>	Dawah' jii Ch'igona'a'init'sih Yaa íidine le'
<i>bring you new energy by day</i>	Dawan t'egona' a'naní' lzii le'
<i>May the moon</i>	Nagołtih-hínini' łaa nii Tayigis le'
<i>softly restore you by night</i>	Díinch'ii hínłdził-go Ananoh' dle'
<i>May the rain</i>	Aina' ni'godzań bika' nkeego n'aá'-go
<i>wash away your worries</i>	Nkeen dah doleel
<i>May the breeze</i>	La'íi, dahazhı ni'godzań
<i>blow new strength into your being</i>	Nzhoo zhineé'-go biyeé'-hí
<i>May you walk gently through the world</i>	Biyi' Nadaa doleel'
<i>and know its beauty all the days of your life</i>	Nohyaa Dagozhool Doleel Shik'iiyu





2022 SCAC Commencement Program

Processional	Globe/Miami Centennial Band
Master & Mistress of Ceremonies	Ken & Doreen Duncan
Posting of Colors	San Carlos Apache Veterans Association
Singing of the National Anthem	Deidre Antonio <i>Accompanied by the Globe/Miami Centennial Band</i>
Invocation	Kathy Kitcheyan
Opening Remarks	Terry Rambler, Chairman <i>San Carlos Apache Tribe</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Roberta Patten, Chair <i>SCAC Board of Regents</i>
President's Remarks	Dr. Martín M. Ahumada, President <i>San Carlos Apache College</i>
Commencement Speaker	Vernelda Grant, Director / Tribal Archaeologist <i>SCAT Historic Preservation & Archaeology Department</i>
Student Commencement Speaker	Artie Steele
Conferring of Degrees & Certificates	Dr. Lisa Eutsey, Provost / VP of Academics <i>San Carlos Apache College</i>
Presentation of Special Award	Dr. Lisa Eutsey, Provost / VP of Academics <i>San Carlos Apache College</i>
Apache Drum Song	Kenny Kenton
Congratulatory Remarks	Ken & Doreen Duncan
Benediction	Durena Thompson, Vice-Chair <i>SCAC Board of Regents</i>
Retiring of Colors	San Carlos Apache Veterans Association
Recessional	Globe / Miami Centennial Band



SCAC Vision

Nnee bi'at'e'ihii nldzilgo ádanłzih.

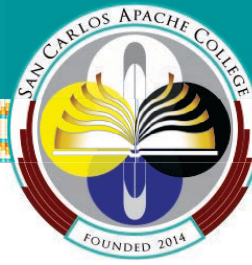
“Upholding the power of Apache Wisdom and Knowledge”

Mission

To provide the Nnee an excellent higher education experience
rooted in Nnee bi'at'e

Goals

- Rekindle the language, traditions, and culture of the Apache people.
- Ensure the institution has the policies, processes, and resources required to maximize the success of every student.
- Achieve educational excellence through competitive and relevant academic programs as well as innovative teaching methods appropriate for different learning styles.
- Enable the institution to chart-its-own-course and successfully carry out its unique mission by acquiring independent accreditation, financial self-sufficiency, and managerial autonomy.



Dr. Martín M. Ahumada

San Carlos Apache College President

Dr. Martín Miguel Ahumada has been serving as the Founding President of San Carlos Apache College since April 11, 2017. Prior to stewarding 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 Harvard University where he was the chief advisor to Native American and international students pursuing doctorate degrees in the field. Throughout his 38-year career in higher education, Dr. Ahumada has served as an advisor to education ministers and university presidents in different countries, 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. Martín Ahumada was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame of his alma mater: Pueblo High School in Tucson.



Kathy Kitcheyan

Invocation Leader

Professor Kathy Wesley-Kitcheyan is leading San Carlos Apache College's historic role and work of preserving and revitalizing the Apache Language, history, and culture. The new courses she is developing center on intensive reading and writing in Apache, on Apache history for the time period of 1800 to 1934 (when the Indian Reorganization Act was enacted), on the history of the San Carlos Apache tribal government from 1934 to the present, and on the contemporary issues of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Professor Wesley-Kitcheyan brings to SCA a rich educational background plus a wealth of professional experience and expertise in the arenas of education, health, government, nonprofit management, and social services. She earned her higher education degrees from Northern Arizona University, including a Bachelor's of Science, a Masters' degree in Educational Leadership. She was the first Chairwoman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Vice President of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, the Southwest Representative of the National Congress of American Indians, the President of the Sen Gaa Isdzane Association, and a member of the National Indian Health Board. She served as a highly regarded teacher and Principal of San Carlos High School, and Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.



Ken Duncan

Master of Ceremonies

Ken Duncan, an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, is an accomplished performer, cultural teacher, flute player, artist and traditional storyteller. He is a graduate of the Institute of the American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Duncan is the founder/director of a renowned family dance company, the Yellow Bird Indian Dancers. Ken was named Cultural Keeper of Arizona by Arizona's Governor's Office in 2004 and was recognized with the Arizona Native American Business of the Year Award in 2015. In the last 20 years, Ken was invited to perform in the opening festivities at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, published in Chicken Soup for the Fisherman's Soul book series, a consultant for the Heard Museum, Arizona Historical Museum, Animal Planet, the Discovery Channel as well as the Travel Channel. Mr. Duncan consulted and acted in productions with the Utah Metropolitan Ballet Company. Mr. Duncan is a Goodwill Ambassador for the U. S. State Dept. and the Dept. of Defense, having visited American embassies, American military bases in over 60 countries. Currently, Ken is a cultural consultant at the Desert Botanical Garden's Plants & Peoples Trail, board member for the Superstition Mountain Museum and lifetime board member for the World Indigenous Council in Milan, Italy. Next month, he will be working on a project with the History Channel, co-producing performances with the Phoenix Boys Choir and developing an Apache cultural village in Apache Junction sponsored by the National Humanities Council. But . . . Mr. Duncan says he is most proud he is a husband of 42 years to his high school sweetheart, father of 7 sons, 1 daughter and grandfather to 8 beautiful grandchildren.



Vernelda Grant

Commencement Speaker

Vernelda J. Grant is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. She received her undergraduate degree in 1996, in Cultural Anthropology with a minor in English and in 1999, a Master's degree in Applied Anthropology with an emphasis in Southwestern Archaeology from Northern Arizona University. In March 2000, Vernelda returned to her Tribe creating a new position and a new tribal Department. It has been a lifelong goal to work for her people as the Director and Tribal Archaeologist of the Historic Preservation & Archaeology Department. In 1996, Vernelda interned with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History Repatriation Office in Washington, DC. Vernelda has served three terms on the Arizona Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission, was appointed to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (DC Office) Native American Advisory Group, is an ambassador with the Americans for Indian Opportunity, and has served as Chair of the National Congress of American Indians Commission on Repatriation and Burial Sites Protection. Ms. Grant is active in grassroots, tribal, state, federal government-to-government work and consultation, and has testified in the general assembly of nation-states at the United Nations in New York City. Her extensive working knowledge and experience in cultural resource management including her formal training in anthropology and archaeology helps Vernelda to advocate for the protection and preservation of culture, language and history as well as sacred and holy places and landscapes important to the existence and spiritual livelihood of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, all Native American Tribes and Indigenous Peoples. Vernelda lives in Peridot, Arizona close to her family who have served as her role models and instilled in her the importance of education, leadership and strength through prayer.



San Carlos Apache College Graduates 2022



Michelle Bartlett

*Associate of Arts
in Social Work*



Marcilla Cruz

*Associate of Arts
in Social Work*



Dhanielle Declay

*Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts*



Arica Dosela

*Associate of Arts
in Social Work*



Saundra Flores

*Associate of Business in
Business Administration*



Jennifer Grisenti

*Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts*



San Carlos Apache College Graduates 2022



Jordan Haney

*Certificate in Substance Abuse
and Addiction Studies*



Victoria Joe

*Certificate in
Social Services*



Clarrisia Johnson

*Associate of Business in
Business Administration*



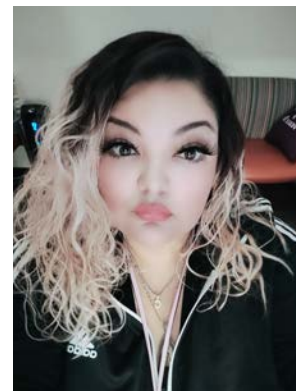
Arron Julian

*Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts*



Julie Kiehne-Lamkin

*Associate of Applied Science
in Business Management*



Sofia Martinez

*Associate of Arts
in Social Work*



San Carlos Apache College Graduates 2022



Bertha McFadden

*Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts*



Steven Pahe Jr.

*Certificate in Substance Abuse
and Addiction Studies*



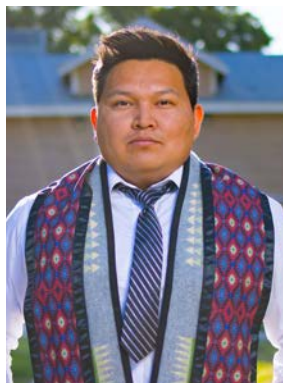
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*Associate of Business in
Business Administration*



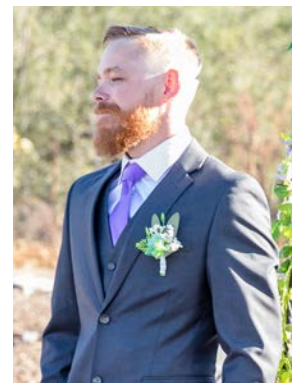
Agatha Quiyo

*Certificate in Substance Abuse
and Addiction Studies*



Artie Steele

*Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts*



Julian Twitty

*Associate of Business in
Business Administration*

Not Pictured: ***Dedria Mitchell***, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



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SCAC Full Time Faculty

Mark Clytus
Kathy Kitcheyan

Adjunct Faculty Members

Zorayda Agus	Letitia Julian
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