

San Carlos Apache College

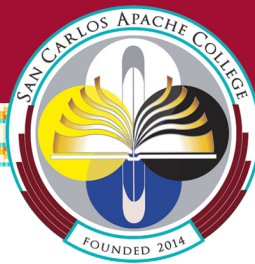
• THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE APACHE PEOPLE •



COMMENCEMENT 2023

May 20, 2023 • 10:00am

Rice School Gymnasium, San Carlos, AZ



Vision

"Upholding the power of Apache Wisdom and Knowledge"

- Nnee bi'at'e'ihii nłdzilgo ádanłzih

Mission

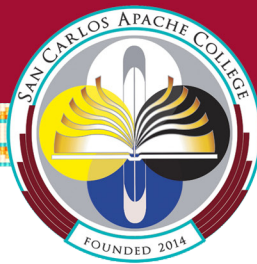
To provide the Nnee an excellent higher education experience rooted in Nnee bi'at'e

SCAC's Goals and Objectives

- *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.*

Apache Blessing

May the sun	Dawah' jii Ch'igona'a'init'sih Yaa ídine le'
bring you new energy by day	Dawan t'egona" aínani' łzii le'
May the moon	Nagołtuh- hínini' łaq.nii Tayigis le'
softly restore you by night	Dííneh'ii hínłdził-go Ananoh' dle'
May the rain	Aina' ni'godzań bika' nkeego n'aá -go
wash away your worries	Nkeen dań dołeel
May the breeze	La'íí, dahazhı ni'godzań
blow new strength into your being	Nzhoo zhineé -go biyeé -hí
May you walk gently through the world	Bi'yi' Nadaq dołeel'
and know its beauty all the days of your life	Nohyaa Dagozhool Dołeel Shik'i'iyu!



2023 SCAC Commencement Program

Processional	<i>Globe/Miami Centennial Band</i>
Master of Ceremonies	<i>Artie Steele</i>
The Posting of Colors	<i>San Carlos Apache Veterans Association</i>
Singing of National Anthem	<i>Deidre Antonio</i> <i>Accompanied by the Globe/Miami Centennial Band</i>
Student Invocation Leader	<i>Angellisa Hoffman</i> , SCAC 2023 Graduate
President's Remarks	<i>Dr. Martin Miguel Ahumada</i> , President <i>San Carlos Apache College</i>
Commencement Speaker	<i>Dr. Clifton Jamil Kenon, Jr.</i>
Student Commencement Speaker	<i>Daniella James</i> , SCAC 2023 Graduate
Conferring of Degrees	<i>Dr. Lisa M. Eutsey</i> , Founding Provost
Presentation of Special Award	<i>Dr. Lisa M. Eutsey</i> , Founding Provost
Apache Drum Song	<i>Kenny Kenton</i>
Student Benediction Leader	<i>Cline Griggs</i> , SCAC 2023 Graduate
Recessional	<i>Globe/Miami Centennial Band</i>



San Carlos Apache College President



Dr. Martin M. Ahumada

Dr. Martin 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. Martin Ahumada was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame of his alma mater: Pueblo High School in Tucson.

Student Invocation Leader



Angellisa Hoffman

Angellisa Hoffman is from the White Mountain Apache tribe and was raised in Cibecue, Arizona. She later moved to the San Carlos Apache reservation where she graduated from San Carlos Apache High School and enrolled at San Carlos Apache College (SCAC). IN 2022, Angellisa got selected for the Student Journey Internship at the University of Arizona conducting research on Climate Resilience & Environmental Justice.

She was a member of SCAC's Critical Inquiry Team competition at the 2023 AIHEC Student Conference, on "How Indigenous ways of life can lead the way to address the Global Climate Crisis" and placed among the top 3 teams nationally. Angellisa will be graduating from San Carlos Apache College in 2023 with her Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts (AALA) degree and will go on to a USDA-NRCS Soil Conservation internship for the summer. She is passionate about understanding the environment, agriculture, and the ecosystem that we live in. She aspires to help her tribal community with the many environmental challenges it faces, such as drought severity, ecological degradation, and reduction of water resources, and develop restoration solutions to address these challenges.

Angellisa Hoffman is the recipient of an American Indian College Fund (AICF) scholarship, an Education Forward scholarship, a Cobell scholarship, and a USDA 1994 Tribal Scholar internship (with the U.S. Forest Service). She will soon be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources with Northern Arizona University's renowned School of Forestry.



San Carlos Apache College Cabinet



Dr. Lisa M. Eutsey

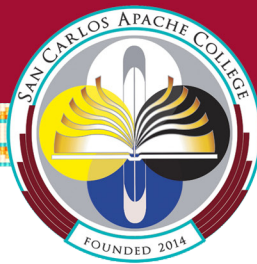
Lisa Eutsey is the founding Provost of San Carlos Apache College. She most recently served as the Dean of Faculty at Diné College, building upon a seven-year stint there as a faculty member and Chair of the English Department. Her teaching at Diné College centered on developmental and college-level courses in composition, humanities, literature, creative writing, and communication. Prior to joining Diné College, Dr. Eutsey taught courses at Northern Arizona University for its Honors Program and its Communication Department, served as a visiting lecturer at the University of South Florida, and taught courses for six years as a graduate student at Penn State University. Dr. Eutsey earned her Bachelor's degree with a dual major in English and History at Youngstown State University, and earned her Master's and Ph.D. degrees in English from Penn State University. Her experience as a faculty member and especially as a senior-level academic administrator—at rather diverse and unique institutions—sparked her interest in formally studying the field of higher education administration. This led her to pursue an M.Ed. in Community College/Higher Education at Northern Arizona University which she completed in the Fall of 2020. Dr. Eutsey's most important goals for Apache College are to oversee its pursuit of stand-alone accreditation, to build the programs which most align with the community's employment and nation-building agendas, to foster and maintain strong relationships with the three state universities in key areas, and to position the College as a nexus for community education writ-large. Dr. Eutsey also worked closely with the local high schools to build a dual credit program so that high school students can earn a significant amount of college credits before they graduate.



Vivie Hostenez

Vivie Hostenez is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Director of Business Affairs for San Carlos Apache College. In addition to her strong academic background in finance, with an earned bachelor's degree in accounting, Vivie brings to her work for our College over 30 years of high-level experience in the planning, design, and oversight of budgeting and procurement functions in the nonprofit sector. And she brings an equal level of expertise and experience in the development of internal control policies, guidelines, and procedures for budget administration and accounting.

Moreover, Vivie possesses rather significant and successful experience in the supervision and training of staff in budgeting, accounting, and financial management. Vivie is spearheading the design, development, and implementation of entirely new payroll, accounting, and budgeting policies and systems for the College. She is also creating a full slate of cost centers and financial forecasts for the College. Born and raised in the San Carlos Apache Reservation, Vivie is a fluent speaker of the Apache language.



Master of Ceremonies



Artie Steele, SCAC
Alumnus Class of 2022.

Artie Steele is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe in Arizona, a currently enrolled student at the San Carlos Apache College (SCAC), and a recent graduate of SCAC (with Honors) who served as the Student Commencement Speaker for SCAC's 2022 Commencement. Artie is pursuing his second SCAC Associate of Arts degree, in Computer Information Systems (AACIS). In 2022, he was awarded scholarships from Education Forward and Freeport McMoran, and in 2023 he earned a scholarship through San Carlos Apache College for their Google IT Support Specialist certificate training program. Artie Steele plans to earn a bachelor's degree in computer science at one of the top universities in the country, especially Stanford, Berkeley, and Caltech. He is a passionate advocate for higher education for his Apache People and urges them to boldly pursue their goals personally, professionally, academically, and holistically. Artie Steele firmly believes that we can all achieve greatness in life through self-discovery, perseverance, self-determination, and, most importantly, starting with self-belief.

Commencement Speaker



Dr. Clifton J. Kenon, Jr.

Dr. Clifton Jamil Kenon, Jr., is the founding chief of the People Workplace and Culture Division (DEI) at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). He previously served as a Health Scientist within the Bureau for Global Health. A registered nurse by training, he is active in clinical practice as a nurse and lactation consultant. Dr. Kenon's work both domestically and internationally has been focused on equity, breastfeeding, and maternal child survival. His work in lactation includes leading the first hospitals within the Indian Health Service to Baby Friendly Accreditation, implementing the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes in Indigenous communities, and strengthening the provisions of the Code via foreign assistance guidelines, in family planning.

Dr. Kenon is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Woodville Award for outstanding contributions to Maternal Child Health in the United States, the USPHS Chief Nurse Award, the Award of Excellence in Practice from the Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses, and honors from the White House as part of Michelle Obama's "let's Move Initiative." The Clifton Kenon, Jr., International Fellowship in Lactation was named after him in 2020. A noted thought leader, speaker, and author in the fields of nursing, lactation, and diversity and inclusion, Dr. Kenon has served on many international boards and has advocated worldwide for Indigenous and marginalized persons to be elevated to leadership and other positions of influence.

Dr. Kenon is a graduate of a community college in rural North Carolina and Winston-Salem State University (an HBCU). He received his Master of Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and his Doctorate of Nursing from Chatham University. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and is named a fellow in the inaugural class of fellows of the Association of Women's Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses. A proud Rural American, Dr. Kenon is an outspoken advocate for Rural America and its ability to shape and improve our society and the world.



Student Commencement Leader



Daniella James

Daniella James is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. She is Apache, Navajo, and Mexican. Daniella is graduating with an associate degree in business administration and an associate degree in business management. Her professional goals include creating economic development for San Carlos Apache Tribe and contributing to Indigenous Food Sovereignty. She has worked as a radio intern for Tohono O'odham Community College Radio for over two years where she produced shows that share upcoming scholarships, academic opportunities, Native American topics, and good energy.

Daniella will continue to exercise her knowledge gained from San Carlos Apache College as a business development intern for FORS Marsh, a national business consulting firm. Some of her extracurricular efforts are within the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science, and the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance. Daniella aims to contribute to science by creating a safe space with traditional land reparation for future students to have access to science research with traditional knowledge on ancestral plants, beautiful soil, glistening water, and clean air. She has received scholarships from the Cobell Foundation, James Beard Foundation, and the American Indian College Fund. She has been on the board for Indigenous Pride of Los Angeles and is currently on the board for Whisper N Thunder. Daniella has been accepted into the University of San Diego, the University of Massachusetts, the University of Arizona, and Boston College.

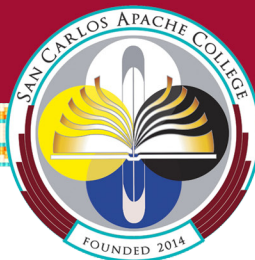
Student Benediction Leader



Cline Griggs

Cline Griggs was born in McNary, Arizona, and grew up in Whiteriver where he spent his summers in Canyon Day. He is t'í slèdñt'í dn clan ("cottonwoods joining people"), born for the t'ùgàidn clan (white water people). He has been married to Dorthea (Armstrong) Griggs for 39 years and they have four children and nine grandchildren. Since graduating from Alchesay High School in 1984, Cline has continued to gain knowledge in the Apache Way of Life.

He has worked for the White Mountain Apache Tribe in various capacities, including: eight years as a Behavioral Health Technician for the Rainbow Treatment Center; four years as a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Council, thirteen years working with the Work Adjustment Program and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program dedicated to improving the lives of tribal members with disabilities, and two years as Director of the Education Department. Cline has also served on the governing boards of: the Theodore Roosevelt School in Fort Apache, Arizona, the Fort Apache Historical Foundation, the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Community Development Corporation.



San Carlos Apache College Graduates

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Tia T. Early

Crystal Hill-Stevens

Angelisa J. Hoffman

Robert John Lewis III

David B. Jones

Julianna Sandoval

Nicole Marie Nozie

Associate of Arts in Life Sciences

JJ Jaeden Windy Cosen-Garcia

Associate of Applied Science in Business Management

Daniella James

Cassandra Villegas

Associate of Arts in Social Work

Arron Julian

Nadia T. Logan

Tricia L. Logan

Kelly Pahe-Reede

Carmela K. Thompson



San Carlos Apache College Graduates

Associate of Business in Business Administration

Daniella James

Certificate - Social Services

Avarista J. Chatlin

Christina Nosie

Juliette Marie Ramirez

Mildred K. Reede

Certificate - Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies

Marcilla Cruz

Marissa Joy Farley

Cline L. Griggs

Alexandria Hernandez

Naomi Jay Lavender

Sofia Alisa Martinez-Torres

Kelly Pahe-Reede

Agatha M. Quiyo

Mildred Reede

Miramanee Riley

Kathaleen Lopez Smith



Board of Regents

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Dr. Philip Stevens - Regent
Shirley Boni - Regent
Isaiah Belknap - Regent

President

Dr. Martin Miguel Ahumada

Cabinet

Dr. Lisa M. Eutsey – Founding Provost
Vivie Hosteeney- CFO and Director of Business Affairs

Administrative and Support Staff

Nicole Boni - Financial Aid Technician
Daphne Bolman – Security Officer
Avarista Chatlin – WIOA Caseworker
Tia Early - Executive Assistant to Provost/Vice President
David Jones –Security Officer
Rachael Kenton – Registrar
Mike Kim - Adult Ed Instructor
Nikki Lewis – Academic Advising Coordinator
Janell McIntosh – Accounting/Budget Specialist
Lemuel Meade – IT Technician
Cleopatra Palmer - Receptionist
Chris Phillips – WIOA Institute Coordinator
Nicole T. Stevens- Executive Assistant to the President & Marketing Officer
Rebecca Swift - Director of Student Services
Christy Talgo –Intake/Data Entry Clerk
Nikki Victor – Custodian/Receptionist
Lenora Woesner -Computer Training Coordinator



Full Time Faculty

Mark Clytus
Dr. Jay Hedgpeth
Kathy Kitcheyan
Jim Yostrum

Adjunct Faculty Members

<i>Zorayda Agus</i>	<i>Richard Lee</i>
<i>Dr. Georgina Badoni</i>	<i>Monica Loas</i>
<i>Randy Begay</i>	<i>Marcus Macktima</i>
<i>Rick Chavolla</i>	<i>Robert Meyer</i>
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<i>Medhat Farooque</i>	<i>Dr. Navdeep Rajput</i>
<i>Megan Giacoletto</i>	<i>Dr. Jonathan Torn</i>
<i>Dr. Jeniffer Madrid</i>	<i>Xina Uhl</i>
<i>Barney Gregg</i>	<i>Amita Uppal</i>
<i>Noemi Hubilla</i>	<i>Kenneth Chan</i>
<i>Joyce Johnson</i>	<i>Michael Kim</i>
<i>Casey Jones</i>	<i>Eric Bowman</i>
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