

Summer 2012

Sheridan Rogers, Senior, Arizona State University, APS Hopi Scholar - SCIENTIST

Personal: 23 years old, from the Sun Forehead Clan from the village of Sipaulovi. Mother is Deanna Bakurza, grandmother is Geri Bakurza. When she graduates in December Sheridan will be the first in her family to obtain a college degree.

Hurdles and overcoming them:

My first hurdle was deciding to change my major and realizing my original major wasn't what I wanted. My second major hurdle was deciding to take on an extra major, because I was fascinated by the field. My advice would be to look at your options and to study what you really love, because if you have to dedicate 4+ years to school it should be something you love.

Life as a student: My day usually starts with me catching the light rail. I'm on the light rail for about 45 minutes and in that time I will study for classes. Usually I go straight from the light rail to my classes. Once I'm done with school I'll catch the light rail again and go straight to work. After work I go home and complete homework that is due for the next day.

Proudest Moment at ASU:

When grades were posted for my Fall 2010 semester, it was one of the hardest semesters I have ever had as it consisted of a 16 credits of science classes:

ASM 345 Disease and Human Evolution- B
BIO 446 Principles of Human Genetics- B
BIO 345 Organic Evolution-B
BIO 351 Developmental Biology-C
PSY 290 Research Methods B

What made it so challenging. . . BIO 351 was the hardest class I have ever taken and this was the first semester where I had nothing but science classes usually I would have some humanities or general studies class. For BIO 345 one of my test scores got confused with someone else's and the test scores were so drastic that the test grades were a difference between a D and a B (which is what I had earned). In the end I received a 2.71 semester grade point average! The bright spot was that this was also the semester where I realized that I loved Genetics thanks to my professor from BIO 446

Message to HEEF donors: **ASKWALI -THANK YOU!** Without your hard-work and dedication to helping students like myself, I would be one of those many students who are in debt with huge student loans.

In one word, describe yourself: **DETERMINED**

Things that inspired Sheridan to:

Go to college: Family because I'm a first generation college student. **Stay in college:** A variety of reasons: from family and friends, to my career goal. **Graduate: Those diplomas!**

Three things every student should know to be successful in college:

1. Pay attention in class; 2. Don't be afraid to ask questions; 3. A daily set study time

School/degree/graduation date: Arizona State University, Double Major- Biological Sciences B.S., Psychology B.A. graduating on December 20, 2012

Best Advice Received:

"You can do it". Surprising how that little phrase from the right person can motivate you when you feel like quitting.



Sheridan at 2012 HEEF Art Sale

Do Over - What would you do differently: I don't think I would have done anything different because it was all a learning experience.

Career Choice: My career choice has been changing. Currently it's Forensics, however Dr. Angela Gonzales (Hopi) has really kicked up my interest of going to a field of research.

Going on: Graduate school is a definite possibility but I need to do my research and look at my options for schools

Best Advice to College Students: Don't be afraid to change, especially when it comes to your major, you might find what you really want to do.

Small Task Makes Major Impact: Taking a class I didn't think I would like and finding out I really loved the material and the field and as a result changed what I wanted to do with my life.

HEEF Awards \$16,000 through Community Grant Program

In early March the HEEF announced it would be accepting funding proposals from community programs and projects that provide educational programming to Hopi students. With \$16,000 in available funding and following an intensive review by the HEEF team, the HEEF is pleased to announce that the following programs were selected to receive funding for the 2012 HEEF Community Grant Program:

Songoopavi Kitsoki Summer Youth Enrichment Project: Loma Tu tu kay ki: Awarded \$4,000

Shungopavi Village in collaboration with Mrs. Diane Lomahaftewa and Mr. Stanford Lomakema will provide community youth an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills in leadership, Hopi language, Hopi Culture and academic skills (Math/Reading). Participants of the program will learn to develop inner self-esteem through language acquisition and educational achievement and also through creativity of traditional/cultural art work, gathering and preparation of Hopi traditional foods and the important roles that males and females play in our cultural society. As a Hopi one must recognize that “Kyavtsi, Sumi’nanwa, Nami’nanwa, Hita’nanwa and Pasi’nanwa” are the key components in reaching the true understanding of their culture and roots. These core components will be emphasized throughout class project activities to include: classes, artwork, field explorations and community service.



Hopitutuqaiki- Hopi Language Arts Based Preschool: Awarded \$3,850

The 2012 Hopi Language Arts- Based Preschool provided experiences for 3 and 4 year- old Hopi students in Hopi language and culture. Student’s Hopi names are used and classroom activities included Hopi children’s songs and games. The class takes field trips to nearby fields, springs and gardens. While the emphasis is on Hopi language and culture, activities include various arts projects and other ways of accomplishing the Arizona State Standards for early childhood.

Hopi Leadership Program: Awarded: \$8,150

Established in 2006 as a pilot program, the Hopi Leadership Program is designed to equip emerging Hopi- Tewa leaders with culturally-based training in community development and leadership that will enable participants to effectively lead and manage local grassroots and philanthropic organizations. Having completed three program years since 2006, 37 individuals have completed the Program. The Hopi Leadership Program has become recognized as a premiere leadership program for Native Americans nationally by Native Americans in Philanthropy, a national Native American philanthropic organization dedicated to building capacity and supporting local tribal philanthropy.

As part of the funding process, and in order to be considered for funding, a program had to demonstrate that they were a structured educational program, which would provide activities in support of the educational needs, goals and programs of the Hopi Tribe. HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard stated, “We are glad to once again commit HEEF resources to fund a variety of summer programs that will benefit the Hopi people. What’s most exciting is that these programs are developed with the needs of our communities at the forefront.” She added, that through continued support, the HEEF will be able to continue to fund future educational programs.

The Seeds We Plant... An Explanation of the HEEF Gifting Levels

As an agricultural society, farming plays a vital role in the Hopi world. At one time Hopi farmers had more than 16 different varieties of corn that included varieties of blue, red, white, yellow, speckled and so on. Hopi also had several varieties of beans, squash, pumpkins and even cotton. Here at the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), we use some of those corn varieties to name our gifting levels.

The first level is named **Pöshumi** or the seeds you plant. Hopi farmers plant several seeds knowing that some will be lost to nature including birds and other animals before maturing. **Gift Level: \$1 - \$249**

The next is **Sikyaaq’ö** which means yellow corn and represents the north. **Gift Level: \$250 - \$499**

Sakwapqa’ö or blue corn, which is the third gifting level, represents the west and is used in many Hopi recipes including piki (paper-like bread) and somiviki (tamale-like pudding). **Gift Level: \$500 - \$999**

Palaqa’ö or red corn, represents the south and is often used when making a Hopi snack food called Katuki or parched corn (similar to corn nuts). **Gift Level: \$1000 - \$2499**

Gift Level Continued...

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Qötsaqa'ö, or white corn, represents the east and is used in a variety of Hopi foods including stews and puddings. **Gift Level: \$2500 - \$4999**

The next gifting level, **Kukuma** or purple corn is used to represent upward direction. **Gift Level: \$5000 - \$9999**

Lastly, there is **Tawaktsi**, or sweet corn, which represents the downward direction. **Gift Level: \$10,000+**

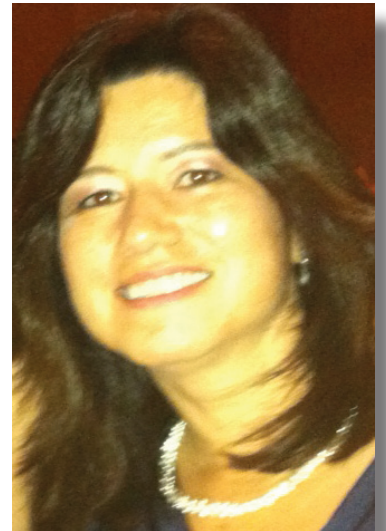
A gift to the HEEF at any gifting level adds to the HEEF's cache of seeds. Seeds that will be used to further the HEEF mission of cultivating and nurturing the future of our Hopi people through education by growing and safeguarding a perpetual source of funding.

Message from HEEF President: Eileen Egan

Dear Friends,

As the summer comes to a close, many of our students are preparing for a new school year energized by a summer full of experiences and activities. During the mid-year annual gathering of the HEEF Board, I was fortunate to meet three of our scholarship recipients: Sheridan Rodgers, Darren Tungovia and Millie Youvella. As each shared their personal story of educational dreams realized with the support of HEEF, I was reminded of the positive impact supporters and community members play in empowering Hopi students to achieve their educational goals and aspirations.

Sheridan is completing a double-major at Arizona State University with plans to pursue a graduate degree in the health sciences. Millie recently graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in elementary education. In the fall she will begin working as a teacher at Second Mesa Day School. Darren earned his B.A. in hospitality management from Northern Arizona University and is now employed by the Hopi Cultural Center as the General Manager. Although each has pursued different fields of study, they all expressed a common commitment to using their education to give back to the community. Their stories touched me because I was witnessing HEEF's vision being realized. Our vision is as follows:



The HEEF envisions a strong, local, educated community that allows Hopis to maintain their cultural roots, pursue their educational dreams and have opportunities to contribute at the Hopi Nation at home.

I recently learned of another scholarship recipient who is committed to giving back. His name is Shawn Namoki. Shawn graduated from Coconino Community College with an A.S. in computer science and is now working as a Mentor for the HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center. Through his work, Shawn is both giving back to the community and helping others to overcome their addictions so they can realize their full potential.

These are just a few of the many stories of how your support and commitment are making a difference in helping HEEF fulfill its vision. These students' stories demonstrate how a scholarship goes so much further than assisting one student. It positively impacts families, communities, the Hopi Nation and beyond.

Because of the generosity of so many people at Hopi and across the nation, HEEF was able to increase the amount of scholarship support we provided this past year. Together we were able to empower more young people like Sheridan, Millie, Darren and Shawn to pursue their educational dreams and return home to make a positive difference. For that, I am truly grateful.

Askw̄ali,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Egan". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Eileen Egan
HEEF President

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