

Kristy Marie Pavatea (See-Mana) - My Grandfather, My Inspiration



Education has always been important to my Teh Teh (Grandfather). He always encouraged me to do well in school and to pursue a higher education beyond high school. He always said that, "an education is earned, it's not just received, and once earned, that degree, your hard work, and knowledge you have gained is something that you will always have that no one can ever take away from you."

Kristy, a 26 year old mother of one, previously attended the University of New Mexico following high school where she was set on becoming a lawyer, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Native American studies. However, she returned home to be closer to family before finishing and upon her return and break from school, her outlook on her future have completely changed. Currently she attends Northland Pioneer College (NPC), a community college that offers classes at four campuses and five centers via in class and

as well as support. By providing knowledge as to what the disease is, what measures you have to take to deal with it, how costs can be. One day I hope to run a nonprofit organization that will help those who suffer from cancer by providing support and outreach to patients, their families and loved ones."

When asked about attending school while living at home and to describe that experience, Kristy said, "At the time that I decided to go back to school, NPC was the most reasonable choice for me. It was a chance for me to further my education but still be close to home. **An education is an education you can receive it anywhere it is what you choose to make of it.**" In her experience she's found both positives and challenges along the way such as, "The classroom sizes are smaller, which is good in a sense, but decreases student interaction being taught virtually through video or audio as one on one professor to student interaction is decreased. Also, the campus is still fairly small and a lot of labs and classes are not available through the Hopi campus. A student has to travel to attend these labs and classes on a weekly basis with the closest campus centers being an hour away in Holbrook and Winslow. However, I also find that by being closer to family, one does not have to worry about paying very high expenses such as rent or room and board. Financially this has been a positive as it has allowed me to pursue and further my education while still being closer to home and partaking in family and cultural events." Also through the financial support of HEEF funding Kristy said, "HEEF provides one with a sense of stability as far as finances go. Attending school is not cheap but there are resources available. I've found that every bit helps, and their funding has aided me in becoming a full time student and allowed me to further pursue my education."

Shaped by these experiences and the words of her Teh Teh, Kristy continues to move forward in pursuit of her goals, sharing, "With an education comes opportunities, the ability to pursue your dreams and a belief that anything is possible if you set your mind to it. My Teh Teh was very supportive and is the main reason I incorporate the concept that, "you can do anything you set your mind to." **Despite hardships there is always an alternate route one can take, life happens and situations change but it doesn't necessarily mean your dreams have to.** Kristy also has a message for HEEF donors and supporters. "I would just like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to further my education and see my dreams come to light each and every day. In donating you give people not just the opportunity to go to school, but the opportunity to instill change, make a difference and provide a positive light not just for us today but for our future generations as well."

Kristy is from the Village of Tewa and is a member of the Parrot/Kachina/Crow clan. Her mother is Theodora D. Pavatea.

THINGS THAT INSPIRED YOU TO GO TO COLLEGE: My teh-teh (my grandfather) and my mother
STAY IN COLLEGE: My daughter
GRADUATE: Myself

SCHOOL ATTENDING: Northland Pioneer College, Hopi Campus

DEGREE PURSUING: A.A., A.A.S., and Nursing Degree (R.N.)

IN ONE WORD DESCRIBE YOURSELF: Divergent

online forums across Navajo and Apache counties including the tribal homelands of the Navajo, Hopi, and Apache peoples.

This is much different from other student profiles the HEEF has shared in the past as many students have left home in pursuit of their education, in Kristy's case, she has been able to not only continue her education while returning home, she has also found a new passion. She shared, "Currently I am pursuing a degree in Nursing and now have dreams set on becoming a registered nurse, primarily in oncology." Asked about the impact of her career choice on her community and people Kristy said, "I believe that my degree and future goals, which include pursuing a graduate degree, will definitely impact my tribe. Many of our own people are diagnosed with cancer and this disease hits close to my own home. Being on a reservation there are limited resources for efficient health care and knowledge of available resources. In terms of cancer, it is often times a scary road traveled whether it's alone or with family. My intention is to create a sustainable environment where people can come to find answers

SAVE THE DATE! HEEF to Participate in AZ Gives Day April 9

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The Hopi Education Endowment Fund will participate in this year's Arizona Gives Day event on April 9th.



Arizona Gives Day is a one-day online giving event that seeks to harness the collective giving power of everyone to raise money for Arizona's nonprofits to make a better Arizona.

Support the Hopi Education Endowment Fund on April 9th by participating in Arizona Gives Day! You don't have to be in Arizona to participate, visit the HEEF fundraising page at: <http://azgives.razoo.com/story/Hopi-Education-Endowment-Fund> and donate on April 9th or make your pledge today.

With your help, the HEEF could be eligible for cash prizes in categories such as most donations and most dollars raised for small and rural nonprofits. Arizona Gives Day is a partnership between the Arizona Alliance of Nonprofits and the Arizona Grantmakers Forum.

APS Provides Multi-Year Commitment for Hopi Students

PHOENIX – In early December 2013, the APS Foundation (APS) announced grant recipients for its second funding distribution of 2013, which included the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) who were awarded a multi-year grant of \$153,000 for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related projects. In total, more than \$320,000 was awarded to four nonprofits located throughout the state of Arizona.



Supporting STEM and other education programs became the foundation's goal and focus in 2012. Arizona students have a low proficiency ranking in those subjects in comparison to the rest of the country. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states that of the 30 fastest-growing occupations projected through 2016, more than half would require mastery within the STEM subjects, making the Arizona ranking particularly problematic for the future of high paying jobs in the State.

"STEM is such an important investment into our community and I am pleased to report that the Foundation has granted a record amount of three million dollars in 2013, into projects that move Arizona forward in this area," said Julie Coleman, Executive Director of the APS Foundation.

As a grant recipient the HEEF will utilize the funding to support two STEM projects for Hopi students, the APS Hopi Scholars Program and the APS STEM Career Awareness Program. In an effort to support current Hopi college students, increase college graduation rates and promote service to community, the APS Hopi Scholars Program will provide 34 scholarships specific to STEM, Education and Nursing fields for two and a half academic years starting in Spring 2014. Additionally, the HEEF will work in partnership with the Hopi Jr. High School Jr. National Honor Society to implement the APS STEM Career Awareness Program. The intent of the project is to generate interest in Hopi students of careers in STEM fields and introduce them to Hopi or Native American professionals currently working in those fields.

HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard said, "The HEEF is honored to be selected once again as a recipient of an APS Grant from the APS Foundation. This grant will be used to financially support current college students as well as increasing awareness of STEM career fields for our youth. This is an important investment in our future." The following nonprofits also received grants:

- The University of Arizona Foundation for its Arizona Center for STEM Teachers ("ACST") program provides high quality professional development for active kindergarten through 12th grade classroom teachers in the STEM areas - \$109,491.
- The Arizona Charter Schools Association for its New Schools For Phoenix program, which is a leadership development program to launch charter schools – \$50,000
- The Scientek-12inc. Foundation for the Finding the Next Generation of Arizona's Innovators in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program – \$10,000

About APS Foundation

The APS Foundation is committed to making a deep impact in Arizona communities and does so through supporting statewide nonprofits that advance knowledge in the field of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. The Foundation supports a wide range of educational initiatives that target both students and teachers in order to keep the next generation of Arizona's workforce strong and competitive.

Privately endowed by Pinnacle West Capital Corp. in 1981 as an independent 501(c) (3) organization, the APS Foundation distributes an average of \$1.5 – \$2 million per year through a bi-annual grant process. Since its inception, it has invested more than \$30 million in Arizona nonprofits. For more information, please visit www.aps.com/corporategiving and click on the Foundation link.

Halli Lomayaktewa: Freshman, Northland Pioneer College

School Attending: Northland Pioneer College
Degree pursuing: AA but I want a Bachelor in Nursing

Hopi Name: Maasimana
Age: 19
Parents: Oneita Tootsie and Darwin Lomayaktewa
Clan Affiliation: Coyote Clan
Village Affiliation: Walpi

Things that inspired YOU to:

Go to college: Friends/family had inspired me to go to college.
Stay in college: the feeling of meeting new people and experiencing the different types of class along with the teachers
Graduate: Being able to give back to the community

In one word, describe yourself: OUTSPOKEN

Importance of Education:

The importance to me right now is getting a degree in Nursing. In that role I will be able to provide a better future for my family and myself. Also, it will give me the opportunity to give back to my community by providing a needed service.

Since I liked science, my grandpa advised me to go into the medical field and to never give up until I've fulfilled my goal. My mom also advised me to start on college right away because trying to get back into it later will be hard, but she also told me that I don't have to make up my mind right away and to do my general studies then decide what path to choose.

My Future Career:

I think that by becoming a nurse, I will impact my tribe by helping them stay healthy and strong. My career is important because "nurses" will cure you if you are sick, prevent illnesses' and keep the elderly/youth strong and healthy. In the future I would also like to pursue a graduate degree.



Impact of HEEF Funding:

They will provide me with funding for me to keep going to school and attain my Bachelors.

Attending college on the Hopi Reservation, Pros/Cons:

The pros are you get to see your relatives, don't have to travel every far, get to know relative you never knew :), and not feel left out. One challenge is trying to find rides to school if you don't have a car.

Message to HEEF donors:

Thank you to all the HEEF donors for letting me pursue my Career in Nursing and for all the other students as well.

Personal Motto:

"If you really want something, go for it and NEVER give up until you have it in your hands and nothing is NEVER easy."

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Message from HEEF Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As winter fades away, we begin to see the signs of Spring. . . birds chirping, desert flowers blooming and people outside enjoying the warmer weather. Soon we will begin to feel and see the excitement build as students and their families prepare for commencement and their new life journey.

As a Regent I am a huge supporter of our fine state universities and community colleges. As I went through this Spring newsletter I could not help but think how refreshing it was to see our examples of students such as Kristy and Halli are taking advantage of the post-secondary institutions in right in our backyard. My friend, Dr. Jean Swarthout, President of Northland Pioneer College will be pleased to hear how her institution plays a key role in the success of students living on the reservation and in the rural communities.

The Spring edition of our newsletter is always special as this is where we can highlight the names of our generous donors from the previous year. All of the individuals listed can take great pride in their support of students like Kristy and Halli and know that their donations are making an impact on the lives of our students and our Hopi community. In a few months we look forward to sharing more stories of success and accomplishments.

Sincerely,



LuAnn Leonard, Executive Director



HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard & Bob Schieffer, Anchor, "Face the Nation", 2013 ASU Cronkite Award recipient. Photo Courtesy of Arizona State University

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