

Justin Suda Hongeva “Muy-Katsi (New Moon)”



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THINGS THAT INSPIRED YOU TO:

GO TO COLLEGE: Assist our people and communities.

STAY IN COLLEGE: My close relationships with inspirational ASU student leaders.

GRADUATE: My daughter, son, neices and nephews.

PURSUE DEGREE: Completed a Masters of Science in American Indian Studies Fall 2014.

IN ONE WORD DESCRIBE YOURSELF: Kye'lewyá (little sparrow hawk)

Justin (age 29) from the village of Lower Moencopi and member of the Piikyasngyam (Corn clan) completed his Masters in American Indigenous Studies from Arizona State University this past Winter 2014. Since his graduation, he was hired full-time to work for the Office of American Indian Initiatives and Center for Indian Education. “I love what I do right now, because I work directly with encouraging students to pursue high education,” he shared. Justin furthered shared that he often doubted his abilities as a young student introduced to an environment where it appeared everyone knew much more. However, he overcame that mental obstacle and now relates to students, while encouraging them to seek out opportunities. His office coordinates the Tribal Nations Tour, which recruits young native students in southwest communities and provides them with a first-hand campus tour.

“Education is the basis of any society. We often generalize education as merely the k-12 experience that we undergo through educational institutions. Education is very broad and includes lessons learned at home by our first educators, our parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles. The education that I obtained from my parents and grandparents is very important to me. They taught me how to carry myself in a proper manner and helped me to understand the differentiating outlook of the world by Hopi and non-Hopi.”

Justin thanks his parents, Caroline and Orville Hongeva, who reminded him of the importance of being on time, properly completing school assignments, and establishing a strong work ethic. He said, “My goal is to continue with my education to pursue a doctoral degree. I would like to

continue working in the educational field possibly in educational leadership. I would like to aid in the construction of an educational pedagogy that would foster language and culture while developing competitive students to excel on and off the reservation.

Justin emphasized that the Hopi Education Endowment Fund

“We are undergoing much change in our communities, and education could be the key for our people to maintain our identity as Hopi people.”

support created an opportunity for many great experiences. “It allows students to concentrate their focus on course work as opposed to finances. I have been very fortunate in having access to resources such as those provided by the HEEF,” he added. “Arizona State University has demonstrated that they are dedicated to fostering positive and beneficial relationships to the Tribal Nations of Arizona. I have witnessed this first hand with my work in the Office of the Special Advisor to the President on American Indian Affairs.” Justin continues to reach for new opportunities for his future in the spirit of giving back. We wish him well on his journey.

What would you say to HEEF Donors: Thank you for your generous donations, you are helping in making dreams become reality, as well as helping the Hopi people in making their communities better. Kwakwhá.

What is your personal Motto: If you come to a point in your life where you feel like giving up, you are on the right path because nothing of value comes easy.



Justin happily holds his diploma and shakes the hand of AZ Senator Carlyle Begaye. Photo courtesy of ASU.

“The New Sam” - Michael Adams



Sam stands proudly with his family.

In May 2014, former Marketing and Special Events Manager Sam Tenakhongva completed his coursework for the

Bachelors in Elementary Education program at Northern Arizona University. Ready to pursue his passion to work with kids at the elementary level, Sam moved on from HEEF to start his student teaching. He shared, “I enjoy working with the kids in various capacities. My passion grew more, as I watched my nephew explore and learn.” Sam played a pivotal role in creating HEEF’s prominent logo, first website, and many beautifully designed graphics. With 10 years devotion to HEEF, Sam amassed a wealth of knowledge and contributed to the mission in numerous ways. HEEF Executive Director, LuAnn Leonard said, “Sam is a young man of many talents that will surely be missed. The school that hires him would be lucky to have such talent.”

Now faced with the difficult task of filling the Marketing/Special Events Manager position, the HEEF began their search in November 2014. Among a very qualified and competitive pool of candidates, the search committee decided to offer the position to a young, energetic individual from the village of Tewa. Michael Adams, a product of HEEF funding

excitedly accepted the role. Mike served as a HEEF board member for the previous 3 years, where he served as the chairperson for the Resource Development Committee. A 2008 graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA, Mike moved to Flagstaff, AZ to start a Master’s in School Counseling. After graduating in 2010, he decided to pursue a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology. After 2 years, he felt like he needed more direct counseling experience. Mike gained that experience for the next 3 years at Greyhills High School serving Hopi and Navajo.

During his educational journey, Mike continued his side passion as an artist. In 2013, he launched his business “Gourd Jewels” a jewelry line inspired by design and color. Mike worked hands on to develop his website, marketing plan, e-commerce services, and graphic design knowledge. He continues to operate his home business, but will now utilize his talents to expand on Sam’s legacy. Mike shared, “Sam has some huge shoes to fill. Literally, I think he is a size 13. I’m just looking forward to telling all the amazing stories HEEF recipients have to share. It makes me happy to come full circle, from student, to board member, now staff member. This is an amazing organization with still so much potential.”



Mike Adams - “The New Sam”

Xia Quamahongnewa - University of Arizona



Xia and her mom (Dorcas) smile proudly.

Hopi Name: Piiva'inmana (Tobacco girl)

Parents: Dorcas Kayquaptewa and Blair Quamahongnewa

Clan: Kookyangwngyam (Spider Clan)

Village: Hotevilla

Personal Motto: Don't underestimate yourself!

Xia (age 18) finished her first semester at U of A this past Fall 2014. Although, she missed her two dogs “Frai” and “Sadie”, they are a part of her motivation for school. Unlike many undeclared students starting college, Xia is set on becoming a Veterinarian. “Animals come easy to me. I want to provide care to more animals on the Hopi reservation. I see the “rez” dogs suffering and I want to help provide more available services to them.” Xia will be taking pre-veterinary courses, as she prepares for a field in veterinary medicine.

Xia finds much support from her mom and family. She manages to come out to her village of Hotevilla and relax after a semester of study. Before her first semester, she took advantage of the “New Start Summer Program” that

strongly helped in her college transition from Holbrook High School. She is grateful that she had the courage to take advantage of the opportunity.

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“In many ways education is highly important to me. For one, education determines what and where you will go in life. Having an education broadens the vision of endless possibilities of obtaining what you desire. Without education, there are less directions of paths that can be taken to build a better life for yourself and your family.” We wish Xia well on her journey.



Cecelia Shortman of Hopi Grants & Scholarships and HEEF Executive Director, LuAnn Leonard proudly present Xia with her new Dell computer received as part of her Hopi Academic Achievement Award.

Celebrating Fall Commencement - Northern Arizona University



Regent LuAnn Leonard welcomes the class of 2014.

cameras flashing made the event come alive as the students prepared to hear their name called. HEEF's own Executive Director, LuAnn Leonard welcomed the graduating class of 2014 as a board member of the Arizona Board of Regents. LuAnn shared, "Graduation is always a time for family celebration and shared feelings of happiness."

Among the NAU graduates, Ten Hopi students successfully completed The Hopiikwa Tutuqanayani Project (Hopi Education), a unique grant funded through the Hopi tribe's Department of Education. The grant provided funding for students interested in teaching elementary education on the Hopi reservation. In addition, these students obtained a bilingual endorsement providing them with the skill set to teach the Hopi language in the classroom. Noreen Sakiestewa, Director of Education for the Hopi Tribe, said, "This project created some great young teachers that are fully

Celebrating graduation comes with many smiles, tears, and family hugs. During the NAU 2014 winter graduation, many Hopi students and their families huddled together in the Skydome to cheer for their graduate. Cowbells ringing, kids screaming, and

capable of teaching the Hopi language in our classrooms." A new cohort of teaches now look to creatively implement Hopi language into their curriculum.

NAU Bachelor's degree in Nursing recipient, Annalese Nasafotie managed to fulfill her childhood dream of becoming a nurse and also became the first in her immediate family to obtain a college degree. "The feeling of accomplishing a goal that I had set for myself in elementary school is more than I can put into words," she added. Annalese encouraged other students to take one day at a time and surely you will accomplish your goals.



Annalese Nasafotie (BSN) smiles with pride.

Sam Tenakhongva and his cohort members join together in a group hug after successful completion.



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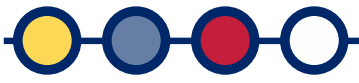
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Message from HEEF President Lois Reynosa-Qumyintewa

Dear Friends,


What an exciting year we have enjoyed during 2014! The HEEF had many accomplishments to celebrate! Highlights of the year include the implementation of an online art sale, Dedication of a Hopi Photo exhibit at the Moencopi Legacy Inn, participation in Arizona Gives Day, Giving Tuesday, Hopi student gala, along with our annual giving opportunities all of which helped us to achieve our 2014 fundraising goal! In this, our first newsletter of 2015, you will see the many generous individual and corporate donors who have supported our work with their contributions.

Special thanks go out to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and Arizona Public Service (APS) for their grant awards to support scholarship opportunities, as well as event sponsors Walker & Armstrong, Moencopi Developers Corporation, AZ Communications, Peabody Energy, and Salt River Project (SRP).

During our October 2014 Annual Board meeting we thanked our outgoing members who have rotated off the board this year, Susan Nayatewa, Teresa Masayesva and Jose Acevedo. Thank You for their contributions of time and talent provided to the HEEF. We welcome our newest Board members Lyle Balenquah, Brent Hines, Captain DeAlva Honanie, Dr. Tsanina Lomawaima, Debbie Nez-Manuel, Trevor Reed, James Surveyor, Bruce Talawayma, Dr. Winifred Wong as well as our returning members Dr. Angela Gonzales and Dr. Pam Powell.

As we enter our 15th year of operation, we continue to search for new avenues of support and to build strong networking relationships to sustain our mission to provide for our Hopi students and our Hopi community. I am truly humbled and honored to be re-elected for a second term as HEEF President and look forward to another successful term. We wish each of you the best in 2015! Askwail!




Lois Reynosa-Qumyintewa
HEEF President



Kwakwhá/Askwali (Thank You)!

On behalf of the numerous Hopi Students who received financial support in 2014 from the Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarship Program, Hopi Footprints Program, Hopi Tutuquiki - "The Hopi School", Adventures for Hopi, and the Healthy Hopi Youth Initiative for Higher Education. The HEEF gratefully thanks the following donors for their generous support:

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