

Winifred Bessie Jumbo – Contestant #1



Greetings! I am a young Dine' woman from Two Grey Hills, NM. My parents are Ms. Vida Bessie Frank and the late Mr. Freddie Jumbo. I am 22 years old and have four wonderful siblings. We are born to the Wondering People Clan and born for the Tangle People Clan. Our maternal grandfather was the Mud People Clan and our paternal grandfather was of the Red Running into Water People Clan. My maternal grandmother is Ms. Bessie Napoleon originally from Blackhouse Mesa, NM and my paternal grandmother is Mrs. Grace Jumbo from Two Grey Hills, NM. My late maternal grandfather was Mr. Johnson Frank originally from Dzil Na'oodilii, NM and my late paternal grandfather was Mr. Charlie Jumbo from Toadlena, NM. I graduated from Navajo Preparatory School in 2006 and I recently completed my college education at Brown University in Providence, RI. I earned a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Ethnic Studies. I wrote my senior honor's thesis on language preservation, which was entitled "Dine' Bizaad: Exploring Social Stigmas and Generational Shifts among Dine' Scholars." It is my hope that I will inspire many young Navajo children to continue and complete their high school education. Lastly, I would like to encourage more Navajo students to enroll and attend college, but to always remember our Great Navajo Nation and Navajo language, culture and philosophy. Thank you! "Ahe'hee'!



Crystalyne Curley – Contestant #2

Ya'at'eeh. Shi eh Crystalyne "DeeDee" Curley yinishye. Tsenijiinkini (Cliff Dwelling) nishli. To'aheedliini (Two Water Flowing Together) ba'sashchiin. Kinyaa'anni (Towering House) da shicheii do dashinali. I am 24 years of age and originally from Black Mountain, Arizona and proudly represent my surrounding communities of Tselani and Cottonwood. My adoring parents are Marilyn and Ray Curley. My maternal grandparents are Helen Tsosie and the late Alexander Tso. My paternal grandparents are Ella Mae Charley and Ray Curley Sr. I am the eldest sibling of Lisa, Cheryl, Leander and Ravenna. I currently reside in Mesa, Arizona where I am an employee of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as a tutor. I recently graduated from Arizona State University with two Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Justice Studies. My scholastic goals include applying to graduate school to study Counseling Psychology. In addition, I was honored to hold the title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen through 2008 to 2009. As a strong and self-motivating Dine' woman, I want to empower and inspire the young individuals of our great nation. Ahe'hee





Tanya Lister – Contestant #3

Hello everyone! I am the Mexican Clan, born for the Towering House Clan. My maternal grandfather's clan is the Red House Clan. My paternal grandfather's clan is Under His Cover Clan. My parents are Marietta and Leonard Lister both of Shiprock, NM. I have an older brother named Brian Lister and a younger sister named Vanessa Lister. My maternal grandmother was the late Sarah Slowman of Sanostee, NM. My maternal grandfather is Elwood Slowman of TeecNosPos, AZ. My paternal grandparents are Sadie and Samuel Lister both of Indian Wells, AZ. I currently reside in Shiprock. I am 19 years old and a 2009 Shiprock High School graduate. I currently attend school in Alamosa, Colorado at Adams State College with a major in Nursing. My hobbies are cleaning, cooking, running, lifting weights, reading, spending time with my family and friends and playing volleyball. I love animals especially kittens. Because of my family, I am who I am today. Although they did not do the work for me, I give them credit for being at my side providing support, guidance, and most of all, love. Without them, school wouldn't have been as important. Their guidance and support for a good education not only affected my schoolwork by also heightened my enthusiasm to learn my Navajo heritage.



Lynnelle Washburn – Contestant #4

Ya'ahteeh' my name is Lynnelle Washburn. I am of the Tangle People Clan (Taan'neezahni) born for the Mexican Clan (Naak'ai Dine'). My maternal Grandfathers clan is Many Hogans (Hooghaan'lani) and my paternal Grandfathers clan is Salt Clan (Ashi'hii'). My parents are Henry and Roselyn Washburn. My maternal grandparents were Robert and Francise Henderson. My paternal grandparents were Joe and Lilia Lee. I am the youngest of four siblings. I have two older sisters, Arlette and Vanessa and one older brother, Brian. I am 20 years old from Shiprock, New Mexico. I graduated in 2008 from Shiprock High School and continued my education at San Juan College In Farmington, New Mexico. I am majoring in Associate of Science and in my fourth semester. After completing my associate, I want to continue at the University of Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada where I want to major in Radiology Science and come back here and utilize my education to the benefit of my people. But before my education, I want to become an Ambassador for my Navajo people as Miss Navajo Nation. In my spare time, I love scrapbooking, photography and I have a special thing for technology. I love playing with computers. I love music, it calms me and my most important hobby is running. It slows me down and gives me time to think. Lastly, I enjoy being with my family and talking with my sisters and brother. I love my family. They support and defend me in everything that I do.





Ginger Rae Nez – Contestant #5

Ya'at'eeh, Ginger Rae Nez yinishye'. Kiyaa'aanii nishli'. Naanesht'ezhi tachii'nii Ba'shi'shchiin. Todich'ii'nii ei dashicheii. Totsohnii ei dashinali'. Ko'teego asdzani' nishli'. My parents are Arthur L. Nez and Bernice Nez. My father is from Keams Canyon, Arizona and my mother is from Tselani, Arizona. I was born and raised in Chinle, Arizona. I now live in Tselani (Salina Springs), Arizona. I am 25 years old and graduated from Holbrook High School in Holbrook, Arizona. I also recently graduated from Kicking Horse Job Corp In Ronan, Montana where I obtained a diploma in Business & Clerical/Office Administration. I am very proud to be a candidate for the 2010 Miss Navajo Nation Pageant.



Aretha Jake – Contestant #6

My names is Aretha Jake. I am of the Salt People Clan (Ashihi) born for the Mescalero Apache Clan (Naashgalli Dine'e). My maternal clan is Black Streak Wood People Clan (Tsinaajinii). My paternal clan is Sleepy Rock People Clan (Tsenabahilnii). I reside in Pine Hill (Nidishchii'dashizoodi), New Mexico on the Ramah Navajo reservation (Tl'ohchini). I am the daughter of Bertha Pino and Arthur Jake, they both reside in Ramah, New Mexico. My maternal grandparents are the late Betty and Francis Harry Kee of Klagatoh, Arizona. My paternal grandparents are Florence and Tony Jake Sr. of Ramah, NM. I am 21 years old and I am the fifth of six siblings. Four beautiful sisters and an out-going brother, whom passed last year in 2008. I graduated from Pine Hill High School in May 2007. I am honored to have held the title of Miss Ramah Navajo in 2005-2006 representing my community and relatives on the Ramah Navajo Reservation. As a Navajo woman, I am proud to have picked on reading, writing and speaking Navajo (Dineh). I take these values and teachings serious. I am also an artist and have a few of my art work displayed in a local art gallery in El Morro, NM. I paint with acrylic and draw with a pastel or charcoal. As an artist, I am proud of my art work drawings and paintings.





Charlene Goodluck – Contestant #7

My name is Charlene Goodluck. I am from Shiprock, New Mexico. I represent The Northern Agency. My clans consist of the Salt Water People (To'dik'ozhi), Born for the Zuni People (Na'neesht'ezhi Tachii'nii). My maternal grandparents are the Mexican People (Naakaii Dine'e), my paternal grandparents are the Water Flows Together People (To'ahedliinii). My paternal grandparents are the late Clement J. Goodluck of Lukachukai, AZ and Harriet Goodluck of Houck, AZ whom served in World War II. My maternal grandpa was Wilson J. Begay of Red Valley, AZ who served in Saipan as a Code Talker, my grandmother is Betty J. Begay from Rock Point, AZ. My parents are C.J. and Juanita Goodluck. I have four siblings, Melissa Jimenez, Sophia Rodriguez, Alicia Goodluck and Charles Goodluck. I reside in Shiprock, NM. I am 22 years of age. I graduated from Shiprock High School in May 2005. I furthered my education by enrolling and attending Dine' College. I am now a sophomore at Dine' College. I plan to complete my education and obtain my AA Degree in Liberal Arts. My goal is to eventually graduate from UNM Law School and start my own law firm on the Navajo Nation. I practiced discipline, understanding, time management and learning how to relieve stress in a positive way. This allowed me to develop a strong sense of humility which humbled me. I have also contributed to helping promote special diabetes projects. I am an active drug and alcohol awareness spokesperson & supporter including empowering the youth through workshops.



Mikayla Dan – Contestant #8

Hello. I am of the Water Edge Clan born for Folded Arm People. My maternal Grandfather is Salt Water People and my paternal grandfathers is the Mud Clan People. My name is Mikayla Dan and I am 18 years old. I am from Oaksprings, Arizona. My parents are Harrison and Lena Dan. My maternal Grandmother is Phyllis Tsosie and my grandfather was the late Tom Tsosie from Oaksprings, Arizona. My paternal grandmother is Ella Mae Dan and my paternal grandfather is Little Dan Sr. from Sweetwater, Arizona. I am the oldest child. I graduated from Window Rock High School in 2009 and am attending the College of Eastern Utah-San Juan campus where I am working on my associates in science and majoring in pre-nursing. As a contestant for Miss Navajo Nation, I have many things I want to do for my people from the youth to elders. And it is basically to keep the Navajo culture and language alive by encouraging the youth to speak it and learn the culture.





Ambra Sue Nez – Contestant #9

Ambra Sue Nez is not only a name I have been given to as a person but represents myself as a Navajo woman. In my lifetime I have come across many obstacles and from every single one I have learned something. I believe that in this world, this day and age every person who comes into your life has a reason, to teach you a lesson. I was born on August 17, 1986 to my parents Albert and Juanita Nez. I am Mexican People Clan, born for Bitterwater, my maternal grandfather's is the Bear Clan and paternal grandfather's is Manygoats. In 1988, I graduated from Page High School in 2004 and moved to Mesa, Arizona where I attended Mesa Community College for two years. At Mesa, I got my Certified Nursing Assistant license and started my field of nursing. While I was growing up I had a huge family, from my mother's family to my father's family to my own siblings. The support and love I received from my family I have been persuaded to run for Miss Navajo Nation 2010-2011. I was not always in one home and just my parents' child but I was everyone's child, especially shicheii and shima sani's child. Growing up with my grandparents and my aunt

Jeanette, I learned about the traditional ways of the Navajo people. I started speaking the Navajo language fluently and caring for the livestock that provides the Navajo people means of living: cattle, horse and sheep. I learned the skills of shepherding, shearing and butchering sheep. To the cattle was waking up at the crack of dawn to haul water for them or chase the cattle back into the range. The horses had to be fed, watered and exercised. There are many things I want to accomplish in life: completing my education, improving within my horsemanship skills, continue to reach out to the native elderly or ill people, maybe have a family of my own someday, just to be a positive person and role model for family, friends, community and myself. I believe I will accomplish being the role model for people through the title of Miss Navajo Nation; since I have knowledge of the traditions, culture and fluent in the Navajo language.

