



Contestant #1: Brittany Kalvina Hunt - 23

Western Agency – Shonto Chapter

“My platform for Miss Navajo Nation will be “community service.” It is important to me because it helps build moral character, networking skills and creates a positive and supportive community.”



Contestant #2: Ann Marie Salt – 21

Western Agency – Kayenta Chapter

“My platform as Miss Navajo Nation will be to promote harmony in all aspects of life-physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, social, etc. Also, to encourage our Navajo people to learn and practice our culture, language and traditional teachings. Lastly, to use our teachings to pursue and obtain higher education and be successful people.”



Contestant #3: Emerald S. Dahozy - 25

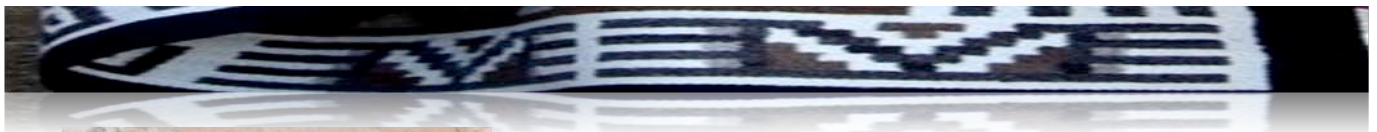
Fort Defiance Agency – Fort Defiance Chapter

“My platform for Miss Navajo Nation rests in the four Cardinal directions, which I believe encapsulates the fundamental ideas of Miss Navajo Nation. My first direction relates to health in areas of childhood obesity and cancer awareness. My second direction is focused in education. My third direction is community revitalization. My fourth direction is implementation of rejuvenating health, education and community involvement through various media to benefit the Navajo Nation.”

Contestant #4: Cheyenne Crista Garcia – 18

Fort Defiance Agency – St. Michael Chapter

“As Miss Navajo Nation I am going to promote healthy habits to prevent obesity. Obesity is among our people and is a disease that is preventable at any age. Prevention and educating starts from our home environment and encouraging our people in ways of which not to become a statistic. I will bring this knowledge to our Navajo people so that our generations will continue just as my great grandmother lived to be 98 years old. I will promote healthy habits in communities, school, homes, senior centers and across our great Navajo Nation.”



Contestant #5: Ambra Sue Nez - 24

Western Agency – Leupp Chapter

“I would like to reach out to females who deal with domestic violence and let them know that there is help out in the community. As a woman, we should all learn what love is through our elder teachings.”



Contestant #6: Brenda Lynn Begay – 23

Chinle Agency – Low Mountain Chapter

“As Miss Navajo, I would emphasize that parents are the first teachers in a child’s life and it is important to have family values, their cultural teachings and a healthy lifestyle to contribute to a brighter and positive future for their children.”





Contestant #7: Crystalyne Gayle Curley - 25

Chinle Agency – Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter

“Our great and influential leaders always stressed that the children are the foundations to make a successful future, which I do greatly believe. Our younger generation will soon be leaders and scholars of this nation, therefore; they have to gain full potential to create endless dreams and goals at a young age. At the same time they have to build confidence, self-respect, and cultural identity to strive in this changing world. Thus, my essential platform as Miss Navajo Nation will be to empower the youth. Putting importance towards the youth will give them strength to balance the two diverse worlds (traditional and modern). Other issues of this nation will also be part of my platform (elderly, Navajo language, cultural awareness, family issues, legal issues, youth issues, education, health, economics, etc.)”



Contestant #8: Lynnelle Washburn – 21

Northern Agency – Sanostee Chapter

“My platform as Miss Navajo would be bringing awareness and fight against substance abuse. We are, as a nation, all know that a huge majority of the Navajo Nation suffer from substance abuse as well as family members. My goal would be to help and educate the people about the risk and consequences of this issue. Secondly would be to always promote the wellbeing of the Navajo Nation through the Navajo cultural teachings and promoting the language so the Navajo Nation can continue to prosper.”





Contestant #9: Natasha Renee Hardy - 22

Fort Defiance Agency – St. Michaels Chapter

“As Miss Navajo Nation, my platform would be emphasizing traditional teaching along with the revitalization of our Navajo language. I have seen firsthand the lack of teaching children and young adults are receiving. Parents need to be reminded of the importance of traditional teaching.”



Contestant #10: Adrienne Lynn Hardy

Fort Defiance Agency – Tohatchi Chapter

“My platform as Miss Navajo Nation would be D.U.I. prevention and domestic violence awareness.”



Contestant #11: Almangralene Begay

Chinle Agency – Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter

“Visit our elderly in nursing homes. Listening to the stories they talk about or what happened a long time ago. Also to teach our Dine’ women the way of life in womanhood. Then to our young mind, teach our culture and language to them.”