

Advancing the Native Workforce in Nursing



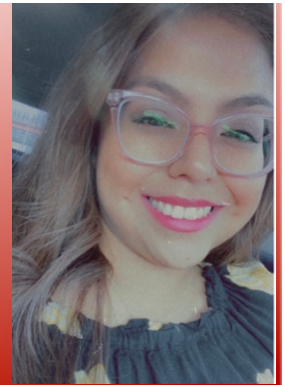
DAPHNE ALTAMIRANO

Meet Daphne Altamirano! She is BSN bound with Brookline College. She writes "I have been with Taos IHS for 8 years with intentions of remaining here to provide care to my community members, my home, Taos Pueblo".

**Empowering
our
Indigenous
Community**

ASHLEY ALLEN

Ashley studies at the University of NM College of Nursing in the BSN program. Her strength and vitality shines in her work. She is building a strong foundation in her studies to bring back to her rural community. She is an outstanding student and making great strides! Go LOBOS!



CARLOS LASILOO JR.

Carlos is a NM Native from the Pueblo of Zuni. He is a proud EMT, husband and father of three and currently attends the CNM nursing program.

"I hope to increase my skill set as healthcare provider and to serve the native community" Carlos

**Strong
Voices**



**Choose
Health**

BRANDI DAVIS

Brandi Davis aspires to be a Public Health RN for her Native Community with a focus on Diabetic Education. Mrs. Davis states, "Community and surrounding areas are dealing with the epidemic of Diabetes Mellitus. I want to provide the highest quality of care, comfort and education to these individuals".



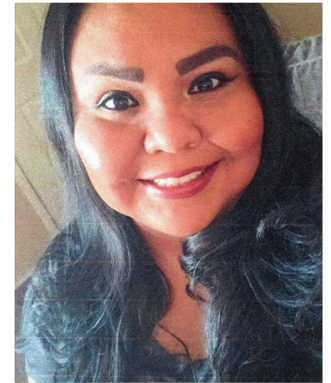


KARI ANN LOERA [THOREAU NM]

Kari grew up in Pinon, AZ. She is a level II nursing student in the ADN/BSN program at UNM's College of Nursing. Her focus is in Public Health Nursing. Upon graduating, she aims to provide exceptional nursing care helping a local Catholic School within her home community.

SHAWNADINE BECENTI, MSN, RN [GALLUP, NM]

A member of the Navajo Nation. She is not only one of our Nurse Faculty, but a scholarship recipient! She has been long-standing advocate of nursing students teaching at the UNM-Gallup Undergraduate Nursing Program. Shawnadine is fulling her FNP degree at the University of New Mexico! In addition, she servers her community as an RN at the Rehoboth Medical Center Hospital and making a difference in the indigenous community as a research nurse with John Hopkins Center for American Indian Health!



DEIDRA CASTILLO BSN, RN [PUEBLO PINADO, NM]

Deidra is an active member of the NMNAINA...full of determination and passion! Currently, she is a graduate student completing her MSN with a concentration in Public Health. Deidra writes "I aim to make a positive change in my community through epidemiology".

**Breaking
Barriers**

BELINDA BOWEKATY [ZUNI, NM]

Belinda is from the beautiful Pueblo of Zuni. She is a strong headed single mother with goals of pursuing her BSN at the UNM-Gallup. She reports she has successfully completed her first semester. Upon obtaining her nursing degree and licensure, Belinda aims to focus her training in Pediatric medicine or Dialysis nursing.



EVELYN HERNANDEZ [HOBBS, NM]

Belinda is 22 year old currently attending a NM Junior college. She aspires to devote her work into Pediatric Nursing and ultimately Pediatric Oncology. "Nursing is more than a profession, it is a calling I wish to fulfill by helping my future generation".