

YOUTH IN ACTION!



DELAWARE NATION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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DELAWARE NATION 2023 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Where | Grady County Fairgrounds NW Event Center in Chickasha, OK
When | Saturday, June 17, 2023 | 11:00 AM Meeting | 11:30 AM Lunch (CST)

AGENDA:

- WELCOME
- PRAYER
- LUNCH SERVED (11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
- APPROVAL OF 7/15/2022 GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES
- MEMORIAL VIDEO
- CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS
- FINANCIAL REPORT
- JAKE BEDOKA - DNI
- KATELYN LUCAS – TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER REPORT
- DANIEL THOMAS – CPAIN REPORT
- SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:
Reynolds French, Serenitee McCasland, Luke Brennan, and Brayden Lemos
- PUBLIC COMMENTS
- ADJOURNMENT

CATERING BY Native Smoke Barbeque

- Your choice of two meats;
brisket or pulled pork
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Texas Toast
- Cobbler
- Iced Tea or Water



ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A FREE SHIRT!



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ATTENDEES THAT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY:

VIRTUAL INFORMATION: 18 & older tribal citizens may join virtually by RSVP emailing wboone@delawarenation-nsn.gov by **Friday, June 16, 2023, @ 5:00 PM (CST)**.

A GoToMeeting link will be provided to join the meeting. Virtual attendees **MUST** provide their full name, enrollment number & zip code to receive the GoToMeeting link.

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JUNE 17, 2023 | ELECTION DAY
POLLS OPEN 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
DELAWARE NATION COURT ROOM

PLEASE BRING YOUR MAILED COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO MEETING

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THE PRESIDENT



Deborah Dotson
President



DEAR TRIBAL CITIZEN,

As President and a tribal citizen, I respect our sacred cultural heritage and am committed to preserving it for our current Delaware Nation youth and generations to come.

We as citizens all have a connection and a responsibility to the land that our ancestors walked and lived on before us and a duty to pass that knowledge on to our youth who will be the future leaders of Delaware Nation. I have great confidence that our youth will cherish our heritage and do their part to honor, respect, and preserve it.

More now than ever we must protect our Sovereignty. Sovereignty gives us the authority to govern ourselves, we can determine tribal citizenship, and police powers, administer justice through our court, charter businesses, levy taxes, and the ability to protect our culture, heritage, and traditional knowledge and ways. Sovereignty predates the Delaware Nation Constitution as well as the United States Constitution and should never be taken for granted.

This year has been a year of fighting for our rights and protecting our Sovereignty. From educating academics on the Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and why it is important to Delaware Nation, listening and discussing all the atrocities practiced at boarding schools, to going to Washington DC and asserting our Treaty rights.

My Grandmother and Grandfather attended Riverside in the '30s and '40s and never spoke about it. I would like to say to every citizen that had a relative attend boarding school, honor them by being the best, you can be.

I am honored to represent Delaware Nation as President and to uphold our cultural heritage by taking the necessary steps to preserve, protect and propagate our cultural heritage and economic sustainability.

Wanishi,

Debbie Dotson



Tribal Citizen Daniel StrongWalker Thomas alongside the Lenape Leaders at Princeton University March 2023



With the Mayor of Allentown, PA Matt Tuerk to discuss ways to increase Lenape history education and engagement in their homelands



Bigfoot Storytelling Event October 21, 2022



Mission Elementary Donation March 6, 2023



Meeting with Washington, D.C. - Congressman Tom Cole
April 2023



Stockbridge-Munsee
President Shannon Holsey
& President Deborah Dotson



President Deborah Dotson with Chief Gary Batton of Choctaw
Nation of Oklahoma at the Tribal Public Health Conference,
Tuesday, April 11, 2023.



Elders Christmas Party December 15, 2022



Historic Preservation Meeting March 2023

DEPARTMENT REPORT

The **Seventh Generation Principle** is a cultural principle that decisions made today should result in a sustainable world seven generations into the future. As decision makers, it is our responsibility to remember the past generations, those who have led us to this point, and build a connection to the

present while making wise decisions that move the next generation forward. This principle includes our language, our culture, our traditions, our connection with Mother Earth and the advancement of our people. Everything we do matters and should lead to positive results for those we serve.

6 YEAR COMPARISON OF NATIONWIDE TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2016

2016 EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Program	# Assisted	Amount Expended
Higher Education	20	16,000.00
College Financial Assistance	18	29,000.00
Pell Ineligible Program	19	14,400.00
Lenape Wise	5	4,100.00
Adult Vocational	9	11,738.00
Direct Employment	4	1,130.00
Secondary School Incentive	38	8,100.00
TOTAL	113	84,468.00

2016 TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

Program	# Assisted	Amount Expended
Clothing	403	40,300.00
Food	2	180.00
Utility Bill	132	19,800.00
Heath	26	11,880.00
Burial & Feast	11	15,416.00
TOTAL	574	87,576.00



2022

2022 EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Program	# Assisted	Amount Expended
Higher Education	22	66,000.00
College Financial Assistance	31	31,000.00
Pell Ineligible Program	20	117,000.00
Lenape Wise	10	30,000.00
Adult Vocational	2	5,062.00
Direct Employment	3	820.00
Secondary School Incentive	30	11,500.00
High School/Grad Stipend	2	1,000.00
Grad. Assistance	6	1,634.81
College Prep	0	0
TOTAL	126	264,016.81

2022 TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

Program	# Assisted	Amount Expended
Clothing	301	90,300.00
Food	269	80,700.00
Utility Bill	107	32,100.00
Eyeglasses (0-59)	31	8,526.49
Dental (0-59)	47	42,713.34
Prescription (0-59)	11	5,212.94
Burial & Feast	8	46,775.39
TOTAL	774	306,328.16

FY 2023 TIMELINE

**HIRING
EVENT
9/7/2022**



SEPTEMBER 2022

**TRICK
OR
TREAT
EVENT
10/31/2022**



OCTOBER 2022

**ELDERS
TURKEY
GIVEAWAY
11/11/2022**



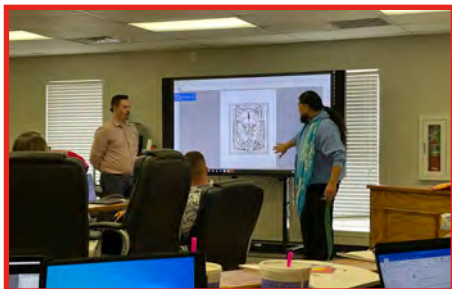
NOVEMBER 2022

**TRIBAL
FLANNEL
& FROST
CHRISTMAS
DINNER
12/5/2022**



DECEMBER 2022

**DG SMALLING
DIGITIZATION
OF
COAQUANNOCK
MAP
1/17/2023**



JANUARY 2023

**TUESDAY
EVENING
RIBBON
SKIRT
CLASSES**



FEBRUARY 2023

**LENAPE
LEADERS
PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY
REPATRIATION
3/29/2023**



MARCH 2023

**CULTURAL
PRESERVATION
SPRING
POWWOW
4/22/2023**



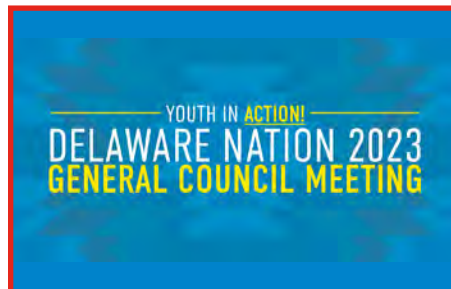
APRIL 2023

**ELDERS
LANGUAGE
PRESERVATION
CLASS
5/3/2023**



MAY 2023

**GENERAL
COUNCIL
& ELECTION
DAY
6/17/2023**



JUNE 2023

DELAWARE NATION ROYALTY

Delaware Nation selects a Tribal Princess annually as a goodwill ambassador for the tribe. The young lady selected is a Delaware Nation citizen of good standing in the community, represents our tribe at powwows and events,

wears the traditional regalia to all occasions, and becomes knowledgeable about the traditions and values of the Nation during their reign. Candidates are to be between the ages of 14 and 18.



IT IS OUR HONOR TO PRESENT
*Serenitee Jayde
 McCasland*
 2022-2023 TRIBAL PRINCESS



PRINCESS MESSAGE TO THE NATION:

Hè, kulamalsi hàch? I hope all is well. This opportunity has been an amazing experience. I am thankful and I appreciate my culture more than ever before. Being princess has helped me in my journey of self-improvement. It has increased my confidence and interpersonal skills such as public speaking and being outgoing. This is an honor I will treasure and will not forget. If I could give advice to my younger self or any youth for that matter, I would say "It's okay to be nervous, just as long as you do your best and be brave". Thank you for granting me the gift of representing our tribe as the 2022-2023 Delaware Nation Princess. Kenahkihaw khàkay, wanishi! (Take care of yourself, thank you!)

- Sunset Elementary, Anadarko, Oklahoma Anadarko High School Native American Club Dance Troupe, October 28, 2022
- University of Oklahoma, Health Services Campus, Native American Heritage Month- Anadarko High School Native American Club- November 9, 2022
- Delaware Nation Christmas Dinner- December 3, 2022
- Denver March Powwow, March 17-19, 2023, Denver, Colorado
- Delaware Nation Cultural Spring Powwow, April 22, 2023
- 58th Annual Delaware Powwow, May 26-28, 2023, Copan, OK
- Delaware Nation General Council Meeting, June 17, 2023

POWWOW & EVENT ATTENDANCE:

- Delaware Nation General Council Meeting, July 9, 2022
- Inter-Tribal Summer Camp Cultural Presentation-July 22, 2022
- Kiowa Apache BlackFoot Society 62nd Annual Ceremonial-August 6-7, 2022
- Princess Powwow luncheon 2022, Wichita Community Building- September 17, 2022
- American Indian Expo, Princess Powwow - September 17, 2022
- Comanche Nation Annual Powwow- October 1-2, 2022
- Comanche Nation princess luncheon- October 1, 2022
- Indigenous People Fall Festival/Parade (Red Earth youth powwow)- October 15, 2022
- Delaware Nation Bigfoot event-October 22, 2022
- Davis High school, Cultural Presentation, Delaware Nation Social Services- October 24, 2022

Thank you for being an amazing role model for our youth!

The Delaware Nation should be extremely proud of this young lady and the outstanding reign that she has held. Serenitee has been such an amazing role model for our youth and future Princesses. She is always willing to go above and beyond to help in any way she can at not only our own Tribal functions but at others that she attends as well. As Tribal Princess she is held to a high standard not only when attending events and powwows but in her daily life as well. Her mannerisms reflect the wonderful upbringing that she has had by her family and I know that she has made them proud. Wanishi to Serenitee and to her family as well for all of the hard work and dedication they have put into making her reign a success, it truly takes a village. I am so Thankful to have had the opportunity to see you grow in your Princess endeavors and wish you all the best in your journey ahead. Wanishi.

TRIBAL YOUTH



LUKE BRENNAN



Delaware Nation is proud to officially introduce professional soccer player Luke Brennan, a 17-year-old Lenape athlete that is proud of his Native heritage & his Country. Luke Brennan currently plays for Atlanta United 2 in Atlanta GA and was recently called up to attend the USMNT U19 National camp in July 2022 in California. Native American Pro Soccer players are little to none. Here are the following pro soccer players according to Wikipedia, Chris Wondolowski – plays as a striker for San Jose Earthquakes and the United States national team, and is a member of the Kiowa tribe, Stephen Wondolowski – Former American Soccer Defender, Madison Hammond, Navajo & San Felipe Pueblo, is the first Native American to play on the National Women’s Soccer League after signing with the OL Reign in 2020, and Harry Manson of the First Nations. Luke is the FIRST pro-Delaware Nation soccer player. He plays with his heart and soul and he loves every minute that he is on the Pitch. His dream is to be a professional Soccer player for the Premiere league and to represent his Native heritage at the highest pro level

possible. Luke is not only a phenomenal athlete he is an outstanding person. He is loyal, intelligent, outgoing, and most importantly one of the nicest young men you will ever meet. Luke’s history begins with his lineage: Grandmother Pearl Joyce Bedoka (Caddo/ Delaware), born and raised in Anadarko, Oklahoma with her siblings & parents, Louis Bedoka - Pearl Guy Bedoka. During “The Native American Relocation Act of 1956” Pearl Joyce Bedoka was relocated to Los Angeles to learn a trade and be removed from her native land and people. Pearl Joyce had to succeed in Los Angeles due to the fact she could not afford the moving expenses to return to Oklahoma. Amid her newfound life in California, she was married and years later had two children. Sadly, the marriage did not work out and Pearl Joyce had to raise two infants by herself in Los Angeles without any family to help or encourage the young mother of two. Years later, Luke’s mother, young adult Shana Smith Brennan, left Los Angeles and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. There she met her husband Jim Brennan and had two boys (Luke Brennan & Jackson Brennan). Luke was introduced to soccer at the age of 2, while his older brother Jackson was competing in a church league. Luke was attending the game as a spectator, but he kept running onto the field and was determined to play. As a result, he received special permission to play at the age of 3 for the church league. At age 6, Luke joined a Club team with special permission and played for the U8s. From there he succeeded and went on to try out for an Academy MLS team “Atlanta United Academy “. At the age of 11, Luke was 1 of 5 of the youngest players to receive an invitation to play for Atlanta United Academy Inaugural team in 2016. From that point on, Luke has played for Atlanta United Academy. He has made strides playing for Atlanta United Academy from the U12s to the U17s. He has been such a strong player at the age of 16 he was asked to join Atlanta United’s second pro team (Atlanta United 2) as an unsigned pro. In August 2021, Luke started receiving recruitment calls and letters from every major D1 college from the West Coast to the East Coast. Due to Luke’s loyalty and strong relationship with the soccer coach at USC (University of South Carolina) Luke committed to USC. In July 2022, Luke scored his first professional goal and received a call-up to USMNT (United States Men’s National Team) for the U19s. Delaware Nation is proud to honor the incredibly talented tribal citizens that make this tribe great.

BRAYDEN LEMOS



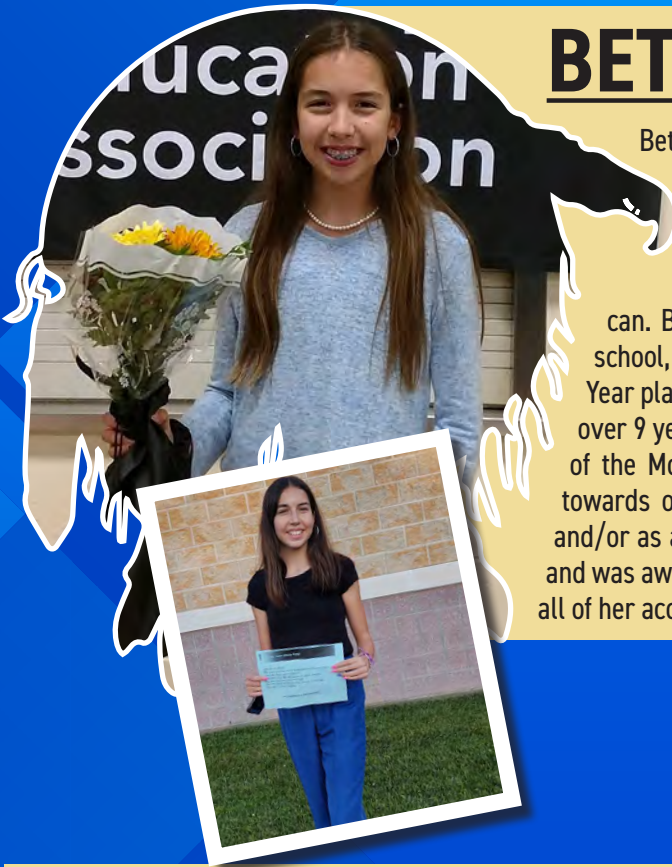
Brayden is a 19-year-old senior graduating from Anadarko High School. Brayden will play football for Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. On February 1, 2023, Brayden was honored at a scholarship signing ceremony that was held at Anadarko High School. Family, faculty, and friends joined to witness Brayden sign the scholarship to play for Southwestern.

He is eager to take his football career to the next level and was very grateful for everyone's encouragement in getting him to this point. He supports his tribe and honors his Native traditions.



BETHANY ROSE MICHELS

Bethany is a 15-year-old freshman in high school in Burlington Township. She received her Black Belt (Cho Dan) in Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan karate. She plays high school volleyball and is now on the high school softball team. Bethany attends Youth Group every Wednesday and helps out with the children at Church whenever she can. Bethany is on the High Honor Roll for straight A's throughout grade school, middle school, and high school, and was Orchestra Student of the Year playing violin for years. She is an active Girl Scout and has been one for over 9 years with the same Troop. Bethany won the prestigious Pride Student of the Month which spotlights those students who show extreme kindness towards others and who exemplify outstanding characteristics as a student and/or as a citizen of the school community. She also won Student of the Year and was awarded a special dinner and award ceremony. Her family is so proud of all of her accomplishments!



CHRISTOPHER SCOTT MICHELS

Christopher is a 13-year-old middle school student in Burlington Township. He received his Black Belt (Cho Dan) in Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan karate. He was one of the youngest to ever receive a black belt at this studio! His hard work paid off, as he earned it! Christopher is very active in sports, having played primary goalie in soccer for years, and defense in basketball on various teams for years. He tried lacrosse for a while and now is focused on baseball and playing trumpet with the band. Having earned a spot on the travel team last year for the township, he's now on a club team - The Trenton Thunder Academy team. Christopher is an avid sports card collector and has managed to build a solid foundation of being kind, fair, and extremely knowledgeable about sports cards. His collection is very impressive at such a young age! He loves to be outside, usually at the ball field with his friends playing around. He stepped away from pitching for some time and now is back to being a pitcher for his team, as a lefty pitcher, he is accurate and powerful.



WILLIAM GORDON

William is a 9-year-old budding entrepreneur, who started his first business last year called Happy Cans. He helps his local neighborhood by servicing neighbors' trash cans for trash day. He pulls the trash cans and recycling down to the street and back up after the trash has been taken. He has 19 customers (homes) and has been learning how to save his earnings and tithe to his church. He designed his logo and has been very proud and dedicated to his business. William has been so responsive and has continued his service through rain, snow, and ice!



MARK DAVID OSTRUKE

Mark David Ostruske graduated in May 2023 at Central Christian College of Kansas with a BS in Exercise Science. Mark David had the opportunity to play college golf his entire time at Central.

"Being a college athlete really helped me develop skills for my future endeavors. I am looking forward to continuing my education to get my masters. Wanishi Lenape Tribe & to my family for all the love and support!"

-Mark David Ostruske



ANGEL KIONUTE

"Weli-kishku! My name is Angel Kionute, I'm 23 years old, and I'll be graduating from Haskell Indian Nations University with my B.S. in Business Management. My tribes are Delaware (Lenni-Lenape), and Caddo (Hasinai). My future plans once I obtain my B.S. Degree is to stay locally commuted in the Lawrence, KS area and work as an Electronics Repair Specialist for TechCycle Solutions. Also, I would like to continue my education by stepping into the IT Field, obtaining certifications, and progressing myself with a variety of new skills. Wanishi to the Delaware Nation for the support they provided me on my educational journey, thank you."



LUCAS CARRILLO CAMP

Lucas is an 18-year-old Senior at Anadarko High School, he currently has a 3.6 GPA and has maintained good grades during his time at Anadarko High. Lucas has been a member of the Art Club, FISH Club, and Leadership Team. Lucas is an all-around athlete, he has participated in Track and Field, Wrestling, Powerlifting, and Football. Lucas has started all four years of his high school career as a running back, in turn, received recognition for the Panhandle 2022 All-Star in 3A Football. Lucas has been an active faithful member at First Baptist Church of Anadarko where he has led a small group on Wednesday nights. Lucas also volunteers regularly in church helping in vacation bible study, children's church, nursery, fall festivals, and local mission trips. Lucas has a strong desire for weightlifting and is very disciplined with his health and fitness. This has led him to pursue a degree in Exercise Science at South Western Oklahoma University in Weatherford, Oklahoma.



NAPOLEON CARRILLO CAMP

Napoleon is a 15-year-old Freshman at Anadarko High School. He currently has a 3.0 GPA. Napoleon currently participates in Track and Field. He started for season 2022 as Corner Back and was Receiver for Anadarko High School Football. Napoleon is also a starter playing Guard/Forward for the Anadarko High School Basketball Team. He is the starting Guard for FTK-For the Kids Traveling Basketball Team. Napoleon has been an active faithful member at First Baptist Church of Anadarko where he has led a small group on Wednesday nights. Napoleon also volunteers regularly in church helping in vacation bible study, children's church, fall festivals, and local mission trips.



MARIANA GUADALUPE FRANCES RUIZ MORENO

Mariana is a senior graduate of Sante Fe South Alpha High School!



HALEE GRACE GRAHAM

Halee is a 19-year-old Senior graduate of Westmoore High School in Oklahoma City. She has been accepted into the University of Central Oklahoma starting this Fall semester!



HECTOR CARRILLO CAMP

Hector is a 20-year-old currently attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK as a full-time student. In the Fall of 2023, Hector will be attending his senior year at SWOSU. Currently, he maintains a 2.5-grade point average and is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science with a minor in communications. Hector works in the SWOSU Wellness Center part-time and in his free time he is a devoted member of CrossFit. Recently, Hector and his partner placed 2nd in the Rise of the Tribes Competition representing the Delaware Nation. And has competed at a CrossFit Competition this past year in Louisiana and placed 2nd in The International Division. Hector loves Health and Fitness and plans to be a Physical Trainer to help others achieve a healthy lifestyle.



RA'KAYA GIVENS

Ra'Kaya is an 18-year-old Senior at Anadarko High School set to graduate on May 19, 2023. Ra'Kaya is the daughter of Gabrielle Miller, the Granddaughter of Anita Bedoka, and Great Granddaughter of William Taft Bedoka. She is a part of the National Honor Society and Indian Club.



MAKALA LANE

Mikala Lane graduated with honors from the University of Central Oklahoma on Friday, May 12, 2023. She received her Masters Degree in Public Administration!



HANSON TAYLOR

Hanson is a Senior graduate of Anadarko High School!





SHAUN HUGHES JR

Shaun is a 15-year-old freshman from Lawton, OK. He's a multi-sport athlete and a nationally ranked track and field athlete in shot put and discus. He is on his school's student council and volunteers his time on the weekends to help the special needs athletes and Special Olympics in Lawton, OK. He also works as a referee at the YMCA for the youth sports leagues. Despite his busy schedule, Shaun always finds time to work out and train and will be competing this June in his very first all-natural bodybuilding competition!

ASHLEY SAMAYOA

Ashley is a 17-year-old 1/4 Delaware, 1/4 Kiowa, and 1/2 Guatemalan. Her parents are Cynthia Zepeda and Marco Samayoa. Her Grandparents Sharon and David Rambeau(Paiute). Her Great Grandparents were Helen and Gerald Yeahquo. Ashley Great great Grandparents were Bessie and Frank Snake. Her Great, great, great, Grandparents Tennessee and Willie Thomas. She will graduate from Downey High School in California. The school's mission is to provide the highest quality education in a safe, trusting environment; to utilize the resources of the home, school, and community; and to maximize the achievement and potential of all students. There are over 4,303 students in attendance at her school. Downey High School Viking Awards are given out annually to a selected number of students that work hard, achieve goals, demonstrate exemplary behavior, and positively contribute to their classes. While these students have good grades this isn't just an award for the student with the highest grade in each class. This award recognizes overall classroom excellence. Ashley received two Viking awards; one for Career Technical Education (Career and Technical Education are competency-based, applied, integrated learning that focuses on developing literacy, math, science, technology, critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills) and another for Visual Arts. Ashley's long-term goal is to explore her skills in illustrative art and become an instructor for a secondary art school or become an Illustrator. Her Grandparents stated that they are so proud she has been recognized as an outstanding student who has worked so hard to show the meaning to be an outstanding Downey High School scholar and Viking.





DUSTIN SMITH

Dustin is a Senior graduate of Anadarko High School!



STRYDER JACOBS

Stryder has volunteered at the Regional Food Bank, which he really enjoys doing. He also participated in a program called Teens in Action where the group identified community needs and then worked together through service, creativity and fundraising to help meet that need. He has been asked to be an ambassador at his previous middle school for younger students and was happy to help as needed in that capacity. Each year, Stryder saves money for a different charity and selects which charity to give to at the end of the year. He also helps the family shop for families in need during the holidays.



TOCH-A-WAH RAVEN RAINER

Toch-A-Wah is an 18-year-old Senior graduating from Brett Hart high school in Calaveras County, California. (He is graduating as part of the track and field team as a hurdler.)



KYLIE MALICOAT

Kylie is a Senior graduate of Moore High School!

VISION / MISSION



Back row left to right: **Barbara Nixon** Treasurer, **Ann Brower** Secretary & **Reynolds French Sr.** Committee Member
Front row left to right: **Michael McLane** Vice President, **Deborah Dotson** President & **Terry Williams** Committee Member

VISION

To promote the economic, moral, cultural, and health status of all our citizens.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through united effort and determination we promote the education and well-being of our citizens and secure unto our Nation and our Nation's descendants the rights, powers and privileges provided by the laws of the Delaware Nation.



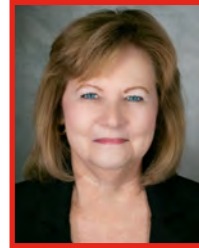
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION



Janice Maddox
Tribal Administrator



Service to the Tribe: 10 years 9 months



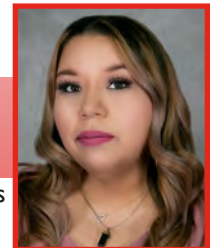
Diane Butler
Asst. Tribal Administrator

Service to the Tribe: 15 years 11 months



Sydney Samaniego
Receptionist/Admin Assistant

Service to the Tribe: 11 months



DEAR TRIBAL CITIZEN,

It is a pleasure to present the Delaware Nation Annual Report for 2023. The information within this report focuses on our tribal youth and provides brief overviews from each department on this year's achievements and highlights. The work and accomplishments outlined in this report would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of all our Delaware Nation employees!

Delaware Nation youth are important to all of us. Creating opportunities for them allows them to define their individual path in life. They make a difference through their educational goals, services to their communities, and sharing & learning about our traditions and values.

We appreciate each Tribal youth that has shared their accomplishments with the Nation. With permission, we proudly share these highlights and accomplishments with all our Tribal citizens in this annual report. Please continue to share your accomplishments, so that we can highlight you on our social media sites and newspaper in the future.

Thank you, Delaware Nation Youth, for being the heart of our Nation!

Wanishi,

Janice Maddox

Tribal Administrator



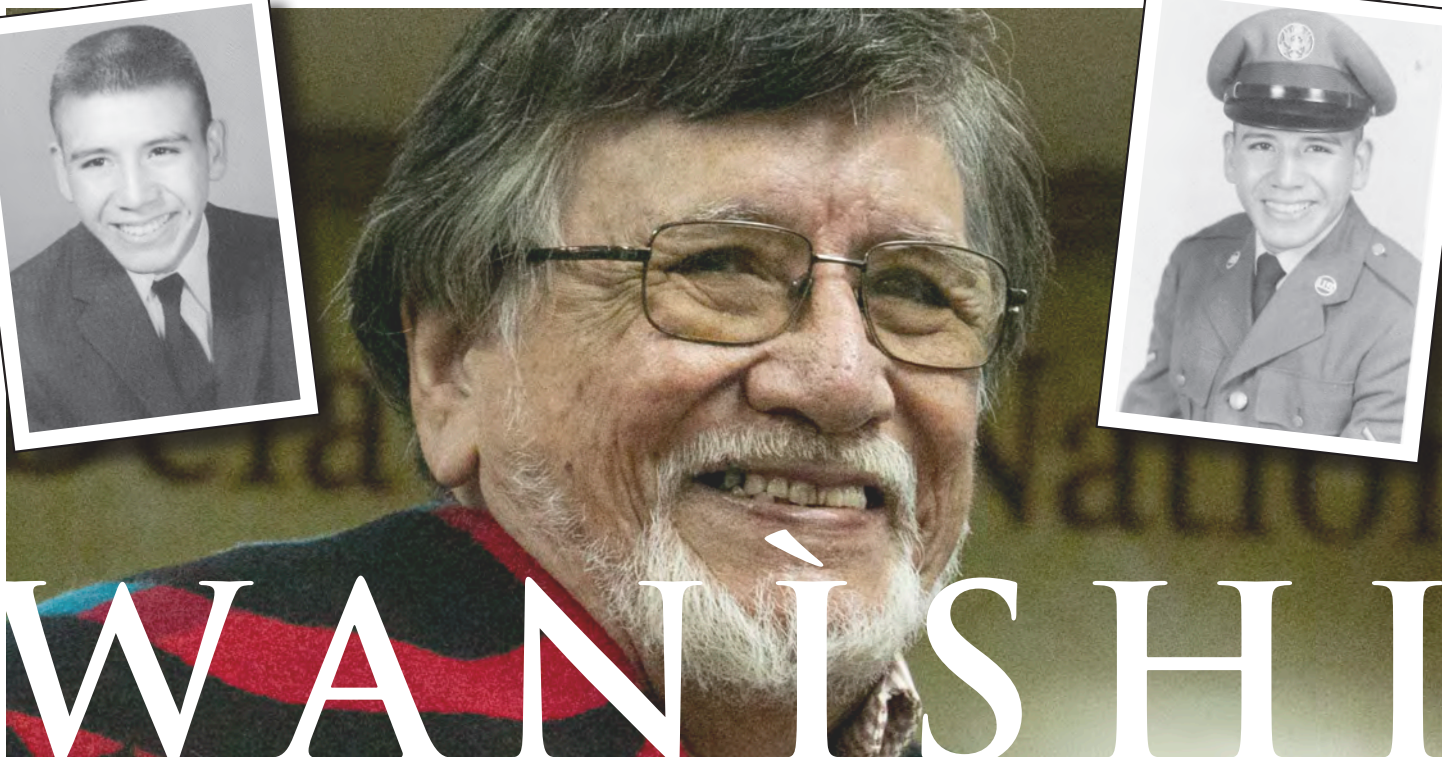


(1960-1964)

REYNOLDS FRENCH SR.



(1960-1964)



W A N I S H U



My name is Reynolds Franklin French, and I was born and raised in Anadarko, Oklahoma. My parents were Blanche and Edgar French, Sr. I have one sister, Mary, and three brothers, Charles, Edgar, and William. I also had a half-brother, Jessie Coffey, from my mother's side. My mother was Delaware, and my father was Caddo. I am retired and live in Norman, Oklahoma, with my two sons, Reynolds French Jr. and Michael French.

I graduated from Anadarko High School in May of 1960, then spent four years in the U.S. Air Force as a Radar Technician. I became a Vietnam advisor in 1964.

After the Air Force, I attended Cameron State Junior College in Lawton, Oklahoma, majoring in Electrical Engineering. I graduated from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, with a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education. I also attended Law School and was a Ph.D. Candidate in Educational Research and Program Evaluation at the University of Oklahoma.

My experience and employment have varied. I have worked as an Electronic Technician, TV Technician, Computer Technician,



and Lab Technician for several employers. I have also worked as a Veteran's Counselor for the Veterans Administration, Assistant Plant Manager for Altech Corporation, Educational Researcher at Oklahoma State University, Guidance Counselor for South OKC Jr. College, and a Social Worker for the Department of Human Services, State of Oklahoma.

Working with Native Americans, my first job in this area was for Oklahoma State University as Associate Director of Oklahoma Indian Educational Research. Next was for Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OII) in Norman, Oklahoma. I did the Fort Sill Indian School Drop-Out Survey. This led to my employment as a Guidance Counselor at Ft. Sill Indian School. I also spent 12 years with Three Feathers Associates (TFA), a Native American Social Service Organization in Norman, Oklahoma as a Director of various Native American projects. The first project was to assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in setting up the Court of Indian Offenses/ Court of Federal Regulations (CIO/CFR) system for Western Oklahoma. We then assisted the Western Tribes of Oklahoma with setting-up individual Tribal

Courts, especially in the area of Indian Child Welfare. Other projects, on a national level, were training tribes and tribal organizations on the Indian Child Welfare Act; Native American Veteran's non-use of Veteran's Benefits; Development of Tribal/ State contracts; Federal Grant writing; Development of definitions of Native American Child Abuse and Neglect and a Public Service Video on Native American Child Abuse and Neglect. We also assisted with TFA's other national Native American projects including the Indian Head Start Program and the Indian Handicap Head Start national training programs.

My brother, Edgar French, Jr., and sister, Mary French Smith held many positions within the Delaware Nation and provided me with their knowledge and experiences. I have previously been the President of the Delaware Nation in 1993 and a Committee Person on the Executive Committee from 2012-13. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Delaware Nation and I will assist the Delaware Nation in any manner possible.

THE TREASURER



Treasurer Barbara Nixon (1963 Tribal Princess) honored at the Cultural Preservation Spring Powwow on Saturday, April 22, 2023, between Dereth (Williams) Seidel (1952 & 1953 Tribal Princess) left & 2022 Princess Serenitee McCasland right



Treasurer Barbara Nixon receiving a gift from former Tribal Princess Lori Kionute during the August 17, 2022 General Council meeting

As the treasurer, it is my responsibility to review all department budgets that are presented for approval and sign off on every transaction to ensure that funds meet the fiscal guidelines in place. It has been my pleasure to work with the Delaware Nation's CPA and the Finance Department to ensure that Tribal assets are safeguarded and our financial resources are used efficiently. Our finance department does an excellent job handling the day-to-day transactions and accounting responsibilities. Kyle Dover, outsource CPA, has many years of experience and provides fiscal oversight for all of our funds. Together, they provide reports that state our financial condition which allows the Executive Committee and I to make informed financial decisions.

I will continue to work cohesively with the Finance Department, Outsourced CPA, Directors, and Administration to process financial transactions promptly. Please realize that the time required to process transactions is in place to safeguard financial accountability.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Treasurer and I wish you all well.

Wanishi,

Barbara Nixon



Fiscal Year 2022 Highlights:

General Welfare Natural Disaster Assistance Program began on October 12, 2022:

- General Welfare Natural Disaster Assistance Program began on October 12, 2022: This program is funded by tribal RAED funds to eligible applicants on a one-time per fiscal year basis per person nationwide for \$3,000.00. Guidelines and applications can be found on our Delaware Nation website. Microix software has been added to help streamline daily financial tasks and integrates with our MIP Fund Accounting software.

The report that follows contains an overview of our FY 2022 financial standing.

CPAIN: CORPORATIONS POSING AS INDIGENOUS NATIONS



Daniel StrongWalker Thomas speaking to General Council at the Special Meeting held on October 10, 2020, in Chickasha, Oklahoma

Corporations Posing as Indigenous Nations (CPAIN) is a national phenomenon where corporations will claim to be a representative of Indigenous peoples while having no ties to native communities. These corporations claim to represent the Lenape, among other Indigenous peoples.

These organizations vary in structure, sophistication, stated purpose, and funding. Yet all mask their theft of our Lenape history, spirituality, and culture within a robe of cultural preservation and unproven indigenous lineage. Some have even tried to claim the remains of our ancestors. Donors often donate money, land, and artifacts to CPAIN groups thinking they are giving back to an Indigenous Nation the land and artifacts were stolen from.

If a “pretendian” is an individual who falsely claims indigenous lineage, then CPAIN is what happens when a group of “pretendians” decide to form a corporation, usually a non-profit, and pass it off to the public as a tribe. One main reason this is done is due to financial gain. The CPAIN companies, being recognized as Indigenous Nations, can take advantage of federal funding through grants.

The list below is a few of the CPAIN groups we encounter. There are many, many more, saying they are us, using our ancestors for their stories and pictures. This is identity theft and it has to be stopped.

- Munsee, Thames River Delaware
- Delawares of Idaho
- Delaware-Munci Tribe
- New Jersey Sand Hill Band of Indians aka
- Sand Hill Band of Lenape
- Unalachtigo Band of Naticoke Lenni-Lenape Indians
- Schejachbi Waonameys, NJ Lenni Lenape Nation
- Allegheny Nation Indian Center aka Allegheny-Lenape Indian Council of Ohio
- Munsee Delaware Indian Nation
- Chickamauga Keetoowah Unami Wolf Band of Cherokee Delaware Shawnee of Ohio, West Virginia and Virginia
- Cherokee Delaware Tribe of the Northwest
- Eastern Delaware Nations
- Lana’pe Nation
- Eastern Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania
- Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania
- Thunder Mountain Lenape Nation
- United Eastern Lenape Nation
- Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware
- Naticoke Lenni-Lenape of New Jersey
- Ramapough Mountain Indians

HUMAN RESOURCES



Alex Rodriguez
Human Resources Director

Service to the Tribe: 11 years 2 months



DeeDee Whitfield
HR Generalist
Background Investigator



Service to the Tribe: 4 years 6 months

Delaware Nation understands that people are our most valuable resource. Human Resources serves the Nation in all aspects of employment and employee relations.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Advertising vacant positions
- Recruiting highly qualified applicants
- Background Investigations
- Conducting employee orientation
- Managing employee relations
- Administrating employee benefits
- Developing and deploying policies and procedures
- Maintaining personnel records
- Monitoring compliance with tribal, state and federal labor laws
- Researching and establishing wage and compensation rates
- Provide staff development opportunities

NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:

- Rainy Attocknie – Housing Intake Clerk
- Angeline Botone – Gaming Internal Auditor
- Erecia Camero – Voc Rehab Counselor
- Rhiannon Edmonds – Early Childhood Cook
- Leslie Halsey – Gaming Background Investigator
- Christy Harris – Early Childhood LPN
- Gracie Harris – Voc Rehab Transitional Services Coordinator

- Nicole Jones – Social Services Assistant
- Tiffany Martinez – Historic Preservation TCNS Coordinator
- Skylar Miller – Generalist
- Donald Paden – Voc Rehab Counselor
- Shandice Pendarvis – Early Childhood Co-Teacher
- Jada Perry – Early Childhood Co-Teacher
- Ashton Pewenofkit – Voc Rehab Admin Asst/VR Tech
- Kelli Simons – Social Services Asst/APS CPS Caseworker
- Carissa Speck – Historic Preservation Director
- Abbie Spence – AOA Asst Cook/Van Driver
- Jamie DuBois – Dirt Road Graphics Production/Operations Manager
- Dennis Dutton – Dirt Road Graphics Production Assistant

2021 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PROFILE:

- Total employees – 84
- Delaware Nation Tribal Member Employees – 17 (20%)
- Other Tribal Member Employees – 48 (57%)
- Non-Native Employees – 19 (23%)

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOB POSTINGS:

All new job postings can be viewed on our Delaware Nation Website (www.delawarenation-nsn.gov). The application form is also accessible online and can be emailed to arodriguez@delawarenation-nsn.gov or faxed to 405-247-9393.



LOOKING FOR A
CAREER
OPPORTUNITY?

Apply Today!

delawarenation-nsn.gov/human-resources

FINANCE

PURPOSE:

The Finance and Procurement Offices provide financial management and support while safeguarding the assets and ensuring financial integrity for the Delaware Nation. The primary responsibilities are to administer and provide accounting functions for the tribe's financial resources while utilizing best practices to stay in compliance with Tribal, Federal, and State regulations. It is always our goal to maintain confidentiality, transparency, and accountability.

CORE FUNCTIONS:

- Accounts Payable – To control and monitor expenditures by obtaining the lowest cost possible with satisfactory terms and quality and by not allowing expenditures to exceed budgeted amounts.
- Accounts Receivable – Ensure all collections and deposits of funds due to the Tribe are received and processed accurately.
- Audits – Prepares and completes an organization-wide annual audit with no findings.
- Budgeting – Assists in the budget development, monitoring, maintenance, and reporting of all Delaware Nation budgets.
- Fixed Assets – Provides necessary recording and tracking of fixed assets acquired.
- Grants & Contracts Financial Management – Grants & Contracts are an important element of funding and they are subject to various audit and reporting requirements for pre-award, during, and post-award.
- General Accounting – Provides reports, reconciliations, journal entries, and analysis.
- Internal Controls – Maintains and adheres to proper controls, separation of duties, policies, and procedures and follows approval processes to safeguard financial resources.
- Payroll – Accumulates employee and committee members' work hours, and calculates pay amounts and withholdings accurately and timely to the appropriate grant, contract, or tribal program. Provides governmental reporting as required.
- Procurement – Provides fair and cost-effective acquisitions of goods and services by analyzing vendors for the best price for high-quality supplies.

FISCAL GUIDANCE:

- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CRF Part 200;
- Delaware Nation approved Procurement and Financial Policies;
- Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB); and
- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).



Deb Emhoolah
Director

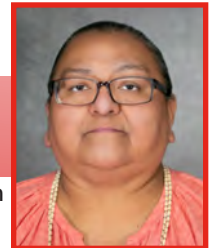


Service to the Tribe: 2 years 4 months



Eydie Silago
Staff Accountant

Service to the Tribe: 23 years 1 month



Janet Curley
Accounting Tech I

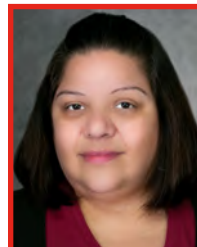
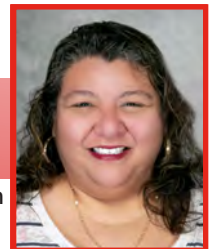


Service to the Tribe: 13 years 3 months



Nicole Valenzuela
Accounting Tech III

Service to the Tribe: 8 years 1 month



Dana Saucedo
Procurement Officer

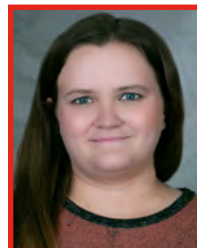
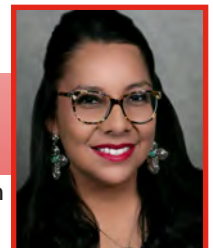


Service to the Tribe: 4 years 8 months



Haley Williams
Per Capita Specialist

Service to the Tribe: 3 years 1 month



Shelby Britain
Accounting Tech II



Service to the Tribe: 1 month

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Financial Highlights and Year Over Year Comparison September 30, 2022



Kyle Dover
Comptroller

FINANCIAL REPORTS

REVENUE SOURCES: GOVERNMENTAL FUND

	2022	% of Revenue	2021	% of Revenue	2020	% of Revenue
Federal Grant and Contract Revenue	\$12,088,750	42.0%	\$12,958,383	46.5%	\$5,660,356	42.6%
Interest and Investment Income	91,968	0.3%	88,195	0.3%	187,345	1.4%
Tax Revenue (Gaming, Sales & Motor Fuel)	953,858	3.3%	866,284	3.1%	668,755	5.0%
Licenses & Fees (Gaming & Tax Commission)	875,225	3.0%	439,684	1.6%	438,729	3.3%
Program Income (Sec. 106)	6,000	0.0%	2,125	0.0%	7,056	0.1%
Indirect Cost Recovery	891,867	3.1%	933,387	3.3%	720,646	5.4%
Allocation Plans (Revenue and Economic)	13,213,451	45.9%	12,059,471	43.3%	3,355,003	25.3%
Lease revenue	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	225,210	1.7%
Gain on sale of fixed assets	35,698	0.1%	-	0.0%	1,724,429	13.0%
Other	616,092	2.1%	533,193	1.9%	293,828	2.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	28,772,909	100.0%	27,880,722	100.0%	13,281,357	100.0%
ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH RATE	3.20%		109.92%		0.62658055	

EXPENDITURES: GOVERNMENTAL FUND

	2022	% of Exp.	2021	% of Exp.	2020	% of Exp.
Per Capita Distribution	\$7,435,753	27.5%	\$2,659,625	12.3%	\$777,151	6.2%
Economic Development	170,798	0.6%	577,765	2.7%	581,036	4.7%
Public Health	1,987,521	7.4%	470,607	2.2%	315,875	2.5%
Community Services	5,190,111	19.2%	1,337,360	6.2%	553,963	4.4%
Housing	804,761	3.0%	273,608	1.3%	1,282,753	10.3%
Gaming Commission/ Surveillance	705,054	2.6%	600,949	2.8%	582,823	4.7%
Education	543,643	2.0%	605,958	2.8%	637,150	5.1%
Natural Resources	268,727	1.0%	173,843	0.8%	168,661	1.4%
Cares funding	346,395	1.3%	4,641,047	21.5%	1,222,376	9.8%
ARPA funding	4,898,055	18.1%	6,219,681	28.8%		
Self Governance	604,218	2.2%	728,934	3.4%	2,401,907	19.3%
General Government	4,076,138	15.1%	3,324,833	15.4%	3,943,870	31.6%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,031,174	100.0%	21,614,210	100.0%	12,467,565	100.0%
ANNUAL EXPENDITURE GROWTH RATE	25.06%		73.36%		0.734582521	

Note: Lenape distributions through April 2023 are down \$1,499,109 or 40%, when compared to the same time period in 2022. There are five months remaining in the 2023 fiscal year. DNEDA distributions are up \$150,000 through April 2023.

LENAPE DISTRIBUTIONS PER REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN:			
	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
Transfers to Delaware Nation	\$6,613,451	\$8,059,471	\$2,355,003
These monies are further distributed to:			
Per Capita Distribution Account	2,182,439	2,659,625	777,151
Social Services	529,076	644,758	188,400
Tribal Government Operations	2,182,439	2,659,625	777,151
Economic Development	1,653,363	2,014,868	588,751
Donations	66,134	80,595	23,550
DNEDA distributions per Economic Revenue Allocation Plan:	\$6,100,000	\$4,000,000	1,000,000
LENAPE DISTRIBUTIONS PER REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN:			
	Through 'April 30, 2023	Through 'April 30, 2022	
Transfers to Delaware Nation	\$2,453,270	\$3,952,379	
These monies are further distributed to:			
Per Capita Distribution Account	809,579	1,304,285	
Social Services	196,262	316,190	
Tribal Government Operations	809,579	1,304,285	
Economic Development	613,317	988,095	
Donations	24,533	39,524	
DNEDA distributions per Economic Revenue Allocation Plan:	\$6,250,000	\$6,100,000	

SPECIAL ITEMS TO NOTE THIS YEAR:

'DELAWARE NATION WAS AUTHORIZED AND EXPENDED THE FOLLOWING IN CARES ACT FUNDING AND ARPA FUNDING SINCE FY 2020' RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:				
	Expended			
	Authorized	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
COVID-19 CARES Act - Community Service Block Grant	\$1,624	-	-	-
COVID-19 CARES Act - Family First	\$25,500	11,719	4,702	7,162
COVID-19 CARES Act - Administration on Aging	\$54,240	34,767	9,471	5,933
COVID-19 CARES Act - Childcare and Development Fund	\$255,534	-	140,992	130,708
COVID-19 CARES Act - Tribal Stimulus	\$4,970,014	-	3,987,426	982,588
COVID-19 CARES Act - Self Governance	\$800,327	217,013	488,929	94,385
COVID -19 CARES Act = Emergency Rental Assitance	119,906	71,295	46,670	-
COVID-19 CARES Act - Housing	\$28,737	13,466	5,968	-
Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Emergency Response	\$105,020	-	103,420	1,600
Self-Gov ARPA CCDF	\$670,077	670,077	-	-
Self-Gov ARPA Housing	\$106,269	-	-	-
Self-Gov Highway Infrastructure ARPA	\$110,983	-	-	-
Self-Gov Aid to Tribal Government ARPA	\$1,417,307	571,528	-	-
COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	\$20,882,982	3,678,225	6,173,011	-
Total Cares Act Funding	\$29,548,520	5,268,090	10,960,589	1,222,376

Delaware Nation during 2022 purchased 605 W. Georgia in Anadarko for the benefit of Dirt Road Graphics operations and DN maintenance. In addition, during the year Delaware Nation upgraded its public internet service over all the locations in our footprint to assist the tribal nation and general public with a freestanding internet option.



Jaycee Jared
Tax Commissioner

Service to the Tribe: 13 years 11 months

TAX COMMISSION

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Closed for Lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Appointments can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by phoning or emailing the following:
Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1131
Fax Number: (405) 247-1188
Email: jmickle@delawarenation-nsn.gov

TAX COMMISSION PURPOSE:

The Tax Commission provides Tribal revenue for the expansion of Tribal Government operations and services and enhances Tribal sovereignty by enabling Delaware Nation to regulate business activities on the Tribe's land. Since the last report 249 new tags have been issued and 688 renewals were processed. The total motor vehicle revenue from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, was \$ 73,008.20. Casino vendors for Casino Oklahoma totaled 10 with a total machine count of 610. Casino vendors for Gold River Casino totaled 9 with a total machine count of 432. Below is the current FY23 amount of revenue collected for each casino:

Casino OK	\$192,761.50
Gold River	\$150,381.50
Total	\$343,143.00

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TAG DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

New Registrations:

- Valid Oklahoma Driver's License
- Valid Insurance Coverage (Minimum of a full 3 months)
- Copy of CDIB Card
- Notarized Original Title
- Lien Entry Form (if making payments)
- Lien Release Form (if the previous owner had a lien)

RENEWAL:

- Valid Oklahoma Driver's License
- Valid Insurance Coverage (Minimum of a full 3 months)
- Copy of CDIB Card

FORMS OF PAYMENT EXCEPTED: (NO CASH)

- Personal Check
- Cashier's check
- Money Order
- Debit/Credit Card

TYPES OF TAGS:

- Delaware Nation Plate
- Personalized Plate
- Handicap Plate
- Motorcycle Plate
- Veteran Plate
- Farm Plate
- Commercial Plate
- Mobile Home Plate
- Travel Trailer Plate



EXCISE TAX TABLE:							
1% Excise Tax on the Factory Delivered Price for New Vehicles Registered							
MSRP Price:							
	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
More Than	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
But Less Than	\$2,499.99	\$4,999.99	\$7,499.99	\$9,999.99	\$12,499.99	\$14,999.99	or More
2023	27.00	40.00	61.00	96.00	122.00	149.00	202.00
2022	27.00	35.00	53.00	83.00	106.00	130.00	165.00
2021	27.00	31.00	46.00	72.00	92.00	112.00	143.00
2020	27.00	27.00	40.00	62.00	79.00	96.00	124.00
2019	27.00	27.00	33.00	53.00	67.00	82.00	107.00
2018	27.00	27.00	28.00	45.00	57.00	69.00	91.00
2017	27.00	27.00	27.00	37.00	47.00	57.00	77.00
2016	27.00	27.00	27.00	31.00	39.00	47.00	65.00
2015	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	31.00	37.00	55.00
2014	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	43.00
2013	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	34.00
Over 12	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00

DELAWARE NATION COURT

DELAWARE NATION TRIBAL COURT:

The Delaware Nation Tribal Court's purpose is to preserve and strengthen the sovereignty of the Nation by adjudicating matters under Delaware Nation law.

DELAWARE COURT CASES HEARD
FROM APRIL 2022 – APRIL 2023:
79 Total

TYPES OF CASES:

- Civil
- Criminal
- Custody
- Divorces
- Name Changes
- Probate
- Child Welfare
- Guardianship



Jaycee Jared
Court Clerk

COURT CLERK HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed for Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Appointments can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by phoning or emailing the following:

Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1131 | Fax Number: (405) 247-1188

Email: jmickle@delawarenation-nsn.gov

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

Delaware Nation
31064 US Highway 281
Building 100
Anadarko, OK 73005

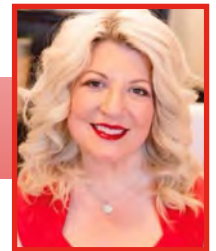
MAILING ADDRESS:

Atten: Court Clerk
Delaware Nation
P.O. Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

DISTRICT COURT:



Shannon Prescott
District Judge



Leslie Taylor
Attorney General



Klint Cowan
Tribal Attorney & Special Prosecutor

APPELLATE COURT:



Eugene Bertman
Appellate Judge



Kimberly London
Chief Justice



Lorrie Bamford
Appellate Judge

ELECTION COMMITTEE



From Left to Right: Member - Dana Saucedo, Member - Michelle Kelly-Woodard, Chairwoman - Brittani Francis, Member - Sonnie Keechi-Allen, & Secretary - Leandra Eckiwaudah

Our initiative is to increase voter participation and promote transparency in the election process. We want every eligible Tribal citizen to vote and have a voice.

VOTER INFORMATION

In order to become a voter, a person must be 18 years of age by

the Election Day and an enrolled tribal citizen of the Delaware Nation. Election Ballots are mailed out to every tribal citizen who meets these qualifications. It is important to ensure that your address is correct with the Delaware Nation Enrollment Department forty-five (45) days prior to an election date.

YOUR NATIVE VOTE COUNTS!!!

ENROLLMENT - LINKING OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE!



Kelly Line-Flow
Enrollment Director



Service to the Tribe: 15 years 3 months



Keli Ballou
Enrollment Assistant



Service to the Tribe: 7 years 9 months

Citizens are enrolled by Lineal Descendancy. Becoming a citizen of the Nation is a privilege! As a citizen, you are a member of a sovereign, federally-recognized tribal community with a long history of tribal accomplishments. In order for you to stay connected no matter where you may reside, it is important your information is updated when needed. Your address can be updated on our Change of Address Form located on our tribal website www.delawarenation-nsn.gov under Frequently Used Forms.

ENROLLMENT OFFICE DUTIES:

- Review and prepare enrollment applications for recommendation to the Citizenship Committee for approval or denial.
- Research family history to determine eligibility for enrollment.
- Enroll new citizens into our enrollment database.
- Create and issue Tribal ID Cards for eligible citizens.
- Maintain citizenship rolls and files.
- Maintain and provide address databases and statistical information as needed to Delaware Nation's governmental programs that provide services to citizens.
- Provide BIA-4432 Forms - Verification of Indian Preference for Employment
- Process Change of Address forms.
- Process Relinquishment Requests.
- Process Minor Trust Fund Distributions.
- Process Per Capita Beneficiary Forms
- Free Notary Service

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed for Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Appointments can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by phoning or emailing the following:

Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1193 Email: enrollment@delawarenation-nsn.gov

STATES WITH LARGEST POPULATION OF CITIZENS

Oklahoma: 1254	California: 154
Texas: 152	Kansas: 70

DELAWARE NATION ENROLLMENT DATABASE

Total Enrolled Citizens: 2176
Total Enrolled Elders: 264
Total Female Citizens: 1097
Total Male Citizens: 1079

CITIZENS BY AGE

0-5	6-12	13-17	18-59	60+
215	257	178	1262	264

CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Citizenship Committee is responsible for maintaining the current citizenship roll consistent with the Delaware Nation Constitution and the Citizenship Ordinance. This includes but is not limited to:

- Reviewing all completed applications presented to them by the Enrollment Director or Clerk at a duly-called meeting.
- Submitting a recommendation to the Executive Committee to either deny or approve citizenship for each applicant based on supporting documents provided by the applicant.
- Updating the Citizenship Enrollment Ordinance when needed. (This document can be reviewed on the www.delawarenation-nsn.gov website).

CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Bruce Gonzales, Chairman
- Trinity Guido, Secretary
- Billie Anderson, Member

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

MISSION:

The purpose of the Cultural Preservation Department is to protect, preserve and perpetuate the language, culture and heritage of the Lenape People by teaching, sharing and applying the values that have been handed down and taught by our elders to the present and future generations through discussions, song, crafts, regalia, dance and the arts.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

For this Fiscal year we have had the following Cultural Classes:

- October – November: Fall Drum Class
- December- Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner
- February to March: Women's Ribbon Skirt classes
- April: 2nd round for Ribbon Skirt classes
- April: 2023 Cultural Preservation Spring Powwow

In addition to our Cultural Classes, we were also able to participate in the Anadarko Downtown Business Trick or Treat event.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED:

To date, we have received the following grants:

- Oklahoma Humanities Grant
- National Endowment for the Arts Grant
- BIA Living Languages Grant
- ANA Integrational Learning grant

The Oklahoma Humanities grant and BIA Living Languages grant will provide a total of 7 Lenape Picture books with Corresponding picture book YouTube Videos, an Alphabet coloring book, a number coloring book as well as produce a Lenape Vocab Builder App in the coming future. These are important first steps in the reawakening of the Delaware Nation Lenape Language.

We will have support from The Language Conservancy (TLC) to help implement beginner language education to help train in Lenape pronunciation using archival resources. The ANA Intergenerational Learning grant is geared towards our Early Childhood Learning Center and the introduction of the Lenape Language to our enrolled children at the center.

The purpose of the National Endowment for the Arts grant is to help support personnel and to help aid in the cost of supplies, marketing, artist stipends, etc. with the hopes of continuing and preserving our Cultural knowledge as a tribe and community.

We are always seeking Elders and Tribal citizens that are interested in sharing their Cultural Knowledge. If you have anything culturally related that you would like to share such as stories, pictures of family, art, regalia, beadwork, recipes, etc. please feel free to call or come by the Cultural Preservation Department.

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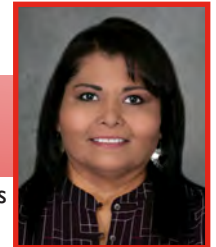
Sonnie Keechi-Allen
Cultural Preservation Director



Service to the Tribe: 6 years 1 month



Evelyn Kionute
Cultural Events Coordinator



Service to the Tribe: 5 years 9 months



Finale Fall Drum Class December 15, 2022



Tribal Flannel & Frost Christmas Party December 5, 2022



Women's Ribbon Skirt class March 14, 2023

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

MISSION:

The purpose of the Delaware Nation Historic Preservation Office is to preserve the culture, language, history, ancestral lands, sacred sites, objects of cultural patrimony and materials and objects possessing ongoing cultural significance to the Delaware Nation through education, communication and consultation with local, state and federal agencies and organizations.

PROGRAMS:

Currently, our office maintains a Section 106/Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) Program, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program, Archive Program, Museum, Public Access Library/Gift Shop, and an HPO Extension Office in Pennsylvania.

SECTION 106:

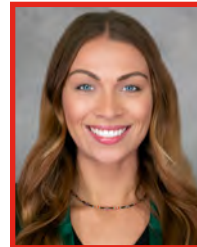
The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies consider the effects of their undertaking on historic properties and consult with Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations on those potential effects. Our office consults on projects located within our 17 states of interest that cover our ancestral lands and removal routes to Oklahoma. Through government-to-government consultations and when needed, on-site monitoring, our office can protect our ancestral lands from destruction or damage of our sacred sites, such as cemeteries, ceremonial locations, archaeological sites and the flora and fauna of historic importance to Delaware Nation. Our office consults on and reviews over 600 projects per month.

TCNS:

The TCNS system was created by the FCC to allow for a streamlined system for Tribal consultation on proposed communications tower construction. This system allows our office to respond directly to the companies or entities providing notification of a project within our areas of interest. Our office handles close to 300 cell tower project consultation requests per month. This year we hired our new TCNS Coordinator, Tiffany Martinez. Along with TCNS requests, Tiffany has sorted through hundreds of files in our storeroom to clear and maximize our space for better storage of artifacts and archives as we work to digitize and preserve our collections.

NAGPRA:

Our office consults on the repatriation of Delaware/Lenape ancestors from museums and universities across the nation. Consultations with these institutions consists of frequent

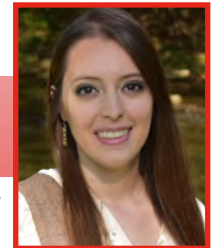


Carissa Speck
Director

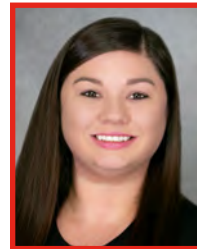


Service to the Tribe: 10 months

Katelyn Lucas
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 6 months



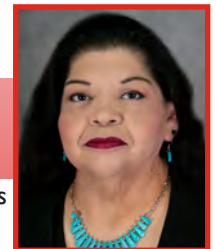
Billie Anderson
Archivist



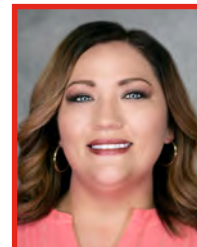
Service to the Tribe: 2 years 3 months



Gina Smith
Librarian



Service to the Tribe: 12 years 5 months



Tiffany Martinez
TCNS Coordinator



Service to the Tribe: 4 months

meetings with the institutions to gather information regarding the ancestors and the places in which they were removed from their resting places. This information helps us to find and establish a proper place of final resting so the ancestors can continue their journey home. Consultations and the repatriation process can take up to 2 years or longer to complete. This year our office is concurrently consulting with 20 different institutions and museums on NAGPRA cases. In spring of this year, we completed one repatriation with Princeton University in a joint effort with our sister tribes, Delaware Tribe of Indians and Stockbridge-Munsee Community. With the most recent changes in the NAGPRA regulations, we estimate that our NAGPRA consultations will double in the next year.



President Deborah Dotson and the NAGPRA team; Katelyn Lucas, THPO and Carissa Speck, Historic Preservation Director, at Princeton University in attendance with DN tribal citizen Daniel Strongwalker Thomas, and representatives from our sister tribes Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

HPO EXTENSION OFFICE:

Katelyn Lucas serves as Delaware Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, handling Section 106 reviews for Lenape homelands and assisting with NAGPRA and other historic preservation work. She manages Delaware Nation's extension Historic Preservation Office in Pennsylvania, which facilitates our access to the ancestral homelands and allows us to more effectively respond to historic preservation related projects and concerns in the surrounding region.

As of December 2022, Delaware Nation officially re-established our Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) status with the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior. The National Park Service (NPS) Tribal Historic Preservation Program reviews and approves applications from federally recognized tribes to establish THPOs under Section 101 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and enters into Memoranda of Agreement with approved tribes. Katelyn Lucas initiated this process on behalf of Delaware Nation's historic preservation office last year, and President Deborah Dotson signed our approved MOA confirming Delaware Nation's ability to assume THPO responsibilities. Katelyn Lucas has been named Delaware Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer who will, along with Historic Preservation Director Carissa Speck, continue the tribe's efforts to identify and protect historic and cultural resources in Lenape homelands and across our states of interest along Delaware Nation's forced removal pathway.

Delaware Nation has established an MOU with Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA) and their Institute for Indigenous Studies (IIS) to move the extension historic preservation office

to Lehigh's campus. Delaware Nation will still maintain their relationship with the Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown, PA, but the museum's weekend only operating hours were incompatible with the daily functionality of the historic preservation office. Housing the historic preservation office on Lehigh University's campus allows for normal weekday operating hours, and also increases access to resources like academic experts in different fields including the Indigenous faculty at the IIS, research facilities and/or equipment, and student internships as well as opportunities to advocate for additional resources like scholarships for Delaware Nation students, educational speaking platforms and conferences to bring more tribal citizens to Lenape homelands.

Throughout this past Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Katelyn has given multiple educational talks on Lenape history, land acknowledgments, and current events—often in collaboration with Delaware Nation tribal citizens—to institutions including Lehigh University (Bethlehem PA), Muhlenberg College (Allentown PA), Lafayette College (Easton PA), the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Philadelphia PA), and Davis High School (Oklahoma). Through these talks, she has helped make significant breakthroughs in spreading visibility and awareness of Delaware Nation and Lenape history in Lenape homelands. The aim of these educational talks is to hopefully increase future consultations and collaborations in the region which create more funded opportunities for tribal citizens to return to and have their voices represented and heard in Lenape homelands.



Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA where Delaware Nation's Extension Office for Historic Preservation will reside and our THPO, Katelyn Lucas, will be working.

ARCHIVES:

Our office collects, describes, preserves, digitizes and stores any objects, materials or photos related to Delaware Nation history or culture. Delaware Nation tribal citizen, Billie Anderson, serves as our archivist and within one year has processed 770 folders of digital archives which was a total of 36,291 files. These digital files included scanned photographs, documents, books, and letters; including digital images and

audio language recordings. Billie is currently working on cataloging our physical artifacts to prep them for digitization. One of our preservation grants, which we just completed, was awarded by the Oklahoma Historical Society and funded a project that helped us digitize, preserve and protect our unique and very important collection of archives. With this grant, we were able to save thousands of photographs and documents retelling the story of our people. We found letters written long ago telling personal stories of lived experiences. While working on this project, our archivist went on a very personal journey as she discovered photographs of her grandparents and family members. She experienced moments of joy coming across these images and would share stories each time she found something new that reminded her of a memory she has with her grandparents, or a story that she had heard from a family member.

Another grant, from the Administration for Native Americans, was awarded to have our language audio recordings digitized from cassette tapes and CD's to digital files. Billie was able to hear her great-great grandmother's voice for the first time through listening to these recordings and she is so excited to be able to share that type of experience with our tribal citizens. She is also looking forward to bringing in our elders and sharing these recordings with them, to learn from, and to start teaching our youth.

Our goal is to have our entire collection of archives and artifacts completely digitized and properly cataloged to then be made accessible to our tribal citizens, in a new museum and library facility that will help preserve and protect our history and culture as Lenape people, and as the Delaware Nation.

LIBRARY/GIFT SHOP:

The mission of the Joan Subieta Memorial Library is to meet the informational needs of the Delaware Nation and surrounding communities, to inform the tribal members and the community of resources and services available, and to serve the recreational, informational and cultural needs in this geographic area.

The library is currently located in the Tamanend Building and Gina Smith serves as our Librarian. As of now, our library holds over 6,500 books, magazines, newspapers, audio cassettes, DVD's and other library materials. Interlibrary loan materials are also available and are provided through the Oklahoma Library Network. The library provides numerous activities and services for all ages such as public access to computers with internet and a printer/copy machine for those interested in making or updating resumes, applying for jobs online, applying for FAFSA, applying for Social Security and setting up and checking email.

The library has a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction and reference materials for checkout and in-house use. Some works of fiction we have include: *There, There* by Tommy Orange; *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens; *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt; *Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham; *The Maid* by Nita Prose; *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng; all 18 of the Tony Hillerman mystery series featuring Navajo police officers Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn; and *Where the Dead Sit Talking* by Brandon Hobson. In non-fiction we have a large selection of Native American/Indigenous authors on subjects like boarding schools, cookbooks and stories such as: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann; *Yellow Bird* by Sierra Crane Murdoch; *The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen*; *American Indian Cooking*; *New Native Kitchen*; and *Frybread Past, Present & Future*. We have also received a shipment of new books from the RoadRunner Press, all written by Oklahoma authors featuring children's fiction, non-fiction, and adult fiction/non-fiction books. We invite you to come in and browse the library, stay for a while and relax. All are welcome! The Gift Shop is located in the library and has a variety of Delaware Nation items for sale such as t-shirts, lunch-bags, mugs, etc. with many more items to come! You can also purchase Delaware Nation's Pendleton blankets. Orders can be made in person, online or by phone. Gina is happy to help!

FUTURE NEW OFFICE/LIBRARY/MUSEUM:

The Historic Preservation department will be moving to a new facility in downtown Anadarko located next to the Cultural Preservation building. The new facility will be home to our tribal museum and library, open to the public to provide services to our tribal citizens and local community. The renovation of the building has been partly funded by the ARP Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG-ARP). The Historic Preservation department has also been awarded a grant from the National Park Service to fund interactive kiosks for display in the museum to serve as digital exhibitions and provide access to our digitized collections. Another grant from IMLS was awarded for the digitization of artifacts through 3-D photogrammetry imaging in partnership with the OU libraries emerging technologies team to help create digital 3-D models of our physical artifacts which we can then display with our interactive kiosks. These digitization projects ensure that our cultural and historical artifacts and archives are preserved and maintained through the future so that our stories and experiences continue to persevere and are not lost to time. As keepers of our own indigenous knowledge, it is imperative that younger generations of tribal citizens have access to our language, culture and history, just as our ancestors have done from time immemorial, so that collectively, Delaware Nation may live on.



ME-MUN-SEE HAH-KEE-HAH-KUN “OUR CHILDREN’S GARDEN”



MISSION:

The purpose of “Our Children’s Garden” is to provide quality child-care for children 6 weeks to 48 months with safe and consistent care during Childcare, in a warm, friendly atmosphere with trained child-care professionals.

STAFF TRAININGS:

Each new staff member is required at minimum Entry-Level Child-Care Training (ELCCT), CPR First Aid, Food Handlers, Civil Rights (for CACFP), Reporting and Recognizing Child Abuse, Preventing the Spread of Blood borne Pathogens, Safe Sleep (SIDS).

Our Children’s Garden, LLC is now a 5-STAR facility; therefore, all teaching personnel are required 30 training hours a year for their Professional Development Ladder (PDL) and all Directors are required 40 training hours for PDL and Oklahoma Directors Credential (ODC).

PARENT NIGHTS:

Once a month we offer a meeting for parents to come learn new and different material. We have a tentative schedule set for the remainder of the year.

- March - Severe Weather/tornadoes - Jackie McCasland guest speaker and Anadarko FD rep.
- April - Child Abuse Awareness
- May - Water Safety
- June - Sun and Heat
- August - Back to School Stranger Danger
- September - Car Seat Safety/Community Helpers
- October - Halloween Safety
- November - Native American Heritage Education/Invite Delaware Nation princess
- December - Winter travel Safety Kit

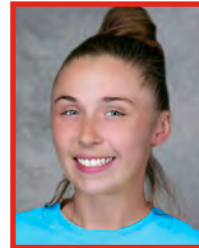


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Brenda Lisenbery
Early Childhood Research and Development Manager

Service to the Tribe: 3 years 11 months



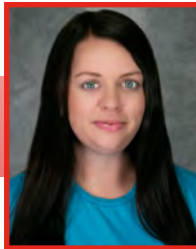
Brittney Foster
1-Year Old Master Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 2 years



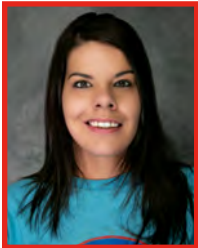
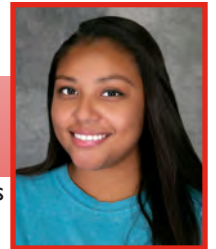
Jennifer Adams
Assistant Director/ Education Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 5 months



Clara Cisco
1-Year Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 5 months



Rhiannon Edmonds
Cook

Service to the Tribe: 10 months



Jennifer Kionute
2-Year Old Master Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 8 months



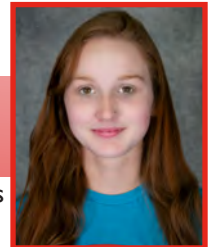
Christy Harris
LPN

Service to the Tribe: 3 months



Jada Perry
2-Year Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 6 months



Kim Estrella
Infants Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 6 months



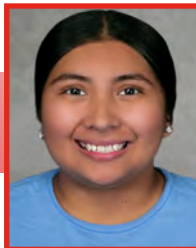
Jamee Ware
3-Year Old Master Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 2 years



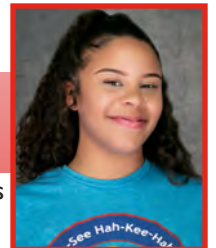
Kaylin Tartsah
Infants Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 4 months



Shandice Pendarvis
3-Year Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 6 months



Charlize BraveHeart
Infants Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 6 months



LENAPE POLICE & SECURITY DEPARTMENT

MISSION:

The Lenape Police and Security Department's mission is to uphold the sovereignty and customs of the Delaware Nation, to protect life and property, and to promote and preserve peace within our community.

GOALS:

Professional service and community safety are the primary goals of this department. To achieve these goals, each officer must pass required background checks and commit to ongoing professional training to enhance their skills.

DUTIES:

- Security checks for Delaware Nation properties;
- Court bailiff duties and supervising probationers during their sentencing;
- Member of the Delaware Nation Emergency Management Team;
- Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Point of Contact for Delaware Nation; and
- Security services for all Delaware Nation events.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Approval of Delaware Nation's Active Threat Response Plan;
- Approval of Title II: Police & Law Enforcement Services Act;



Kenneth Albertson
Lenape Police Officer



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 7 months



Kenneth and his family at the Tribal Flannel & Frost Christmas Party December 5, 2022



Trick-Or-Treat Event October 13, 2022



Bigfoot Storytelling Event October 21, 2022

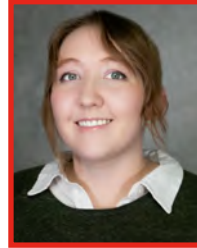
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Joshua Farley
Director



Service to the Tribe: 3 year 7 months



Corinna RedElk
Help Desk Specialist



Service to the Tribe: 11 months

The Information Technology Department oversees the installation and maintenance of all Delaware Nation's computer network systems. The department's primary function is to ensure that the infrastructure's network runs smoothly.

IT Department responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Desktop Support
- Help Desk
- Systems Engineering
- Network Engineering
- Application Management
- System Administration
- Network Administration
- Project Management

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

IT provides technical support to the organization's employees and trains non-technical workers on the business's information systems. We assess the effectiveness of technology resources already in use or new systems that are being implemented and determine the practicality of changes and modification of systems. The department also works with external partners, including consultants, agencies and vendors to arrive at the most appropriate system or integration of multiple systems.

COMPLIANCE:

The department utilizes the most current hardware, software and updates to maintain a healthy infrastructure and to prevent data breaches. High-profile data breaches remind us all that data security is a top priority for any business or organization. Our department adheres to current network compliance and security concerns.

ASSET INVENTORY:

Having visibility of what hardware and software assets we have in our network and physical infrastructure helps us gain a greater understanding of our security posture.

E-CYCLE EVENTS:

Through the guidance of Environmental Programs, E-Cycle events are held each year to recycle out-of-date office hardware such as computer desktops, laptops, monitors, printers, keyboards, mice and much more.

NTIA BROADBAND GRANT:

This year, the IT Department has been busy working on the largest grant thus far awarded to Delaware Nation. This grant had several components, laptops, telehealth services, and high-speed broadband internet. This grant has allowed us to provide laptops with Microsoft Office for all tribal citizens 18 to 59. We are also in the process of installing a guest WIFI system at all of our sites to allow a place for citizens to have access to high speed broadband internet. This also gives tribal citizens who qualify and apply for the telehealth services that do not have home internet or perhaps a slow connection a place that they may be able to utilize those services by connecting to our high-speed WIFI.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT:

The IT Department is currently working with our contractors on the new downtown library and museum. We excited that we will have an easy to access location for tribal members to visit and enjoy the ability to see and access our cultural artifacts, histories, and guest WIFI.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES:

As technology advances and the modern workplace evolves our IT Department has sought to implement technologies that allow us to fit in this ever changing landscape. With the need for a more fluid work environment, as employees may have the need to work from home or from locations outside of our physical sites, the IT department has started to implement cloud-based software. Our Finance, department can now work more efficiently from anywhere with our new Abila software, and with the addition of Microix we have that same ability for our purchasing and payroll workflows. We have also purchased new switches for our network infrastructure. This will allow us to have more control and segmenting power between our departments for added security. We will be introducing a new phone system along with these new switches that further our ability to work in this fluid environment. We will be able to receive and return calls, send a fax, or listen to voicemails even if we are not currently in office.

FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP):

The Tribal Assistance Program (TAP), formerly the 10% program, aids tribal citizens nationwide with general welfare programs once per fiscal year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30). Tribal citizens may choose one of the following benefits: food (\$300.00); clothing (\$300.00); or a utility payment (up to \$300.00). The eyeglasses assistance (up to \$400 every 2 years) is only for tribal citizens ages 0-59 years old.

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

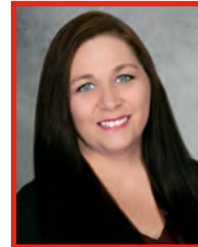
• GENERAL WELFARE SERVICES:

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)				
Oct. 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023				
Type of Assistance	FY 23 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Food	\$94,800.00	\$90,300.00	95%	301
Clothing	\$84,600.00	\$80,700.00	95%	269
Utility Payment	\$45,600.00	\$32,100.00	70%	107
Eyeglasses for 0-59 yrs. old	\$20,000.00	\$8,526.49	43%	31
Totals	\$245,000.00	\$211,626.49	86%	709

• ELDER CARE HEALTH PROGRAM

Elders (age 60+) are enrolled into Delaware Nations Elder Care Program. This program is funded with 15% of the Revenue Allocation Economic Development Plan (RAED). Assured Benefit, our third-party administrator, will mail out a card to the tribal citizens upon their 60th birthday. This is our 1st year in the program and many of the 273 elders enrolled have used this program to pay for medical, vision, dental and other eligible expenses. The funds dispersed each year remain on the individual card account and if not completely spent, will roll over with the new distribution. Our department is to assist the tribal elder when they have questions or cannot reach the third-party administrator's representative.

RAED ELDER CARE PROGRAM			
Disbursement Year	Number of Eligible Elders	Disbursement per Elder	Total Cost
2022	272	\$7,686.12	\$2,090,625.00
2023	280	\$3,366.56	\$ 942,636.80



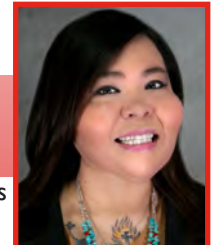
Sylvia Pitner
Director



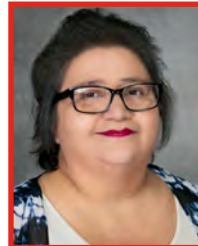
Service to the Tribe: 4 years



Angela McGhghy
Indian Child Welfare Case Manager/Childcare Coordinator



Service to the Tribe: 3 years 7 months



Brenda Villalba
Higher Education Coordinator



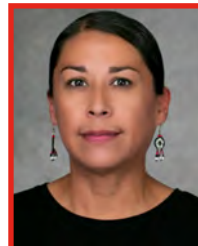
Service to the Tribe: 14 years 7 months



Nicole Jones
Social Services Assistant



Service to the Tribe: 9 months



Kelli Simmons
Social Services Assistant/
CPS-APS Case Manager



Service to the Tribe: 1 month

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR HEALTH				
Oct. 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023				
Type of Assistance	FY 23 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Dental	\$100,000.00	\$42,713.34	43%	47
Prescription	\$50,000.00	\$5,212.94	10%	11
Totals	\$150,000.00	\$47,926.28	32%	58

• HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

The Delaware Nation Health Assistance Program is a nationwide dental and prescription assistance for Tribal citizens ages 0-59 years of age. The dental program is a one-

time fiscal year assistance up to \$1,000.00 that is not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance or Indian Health Services. The prescription program is available one-time per fiscal year up to \$500.00.

• EDUCATION ASSISTANCE:

Delaware Nation Tribal Assistant Program provides funding for the following educational programs:

1. The Secondary School Incentive Program is designed to reward good grades and attendance for tribally enrolled students 5th-12th grades nationwide.
2. The Education-HS/College Program is designed to reward students who obtain their diploma for High School or College bachelor's degree or higher nationwide.
3. The Adult Vocational Program provides financial assistance, including tuition and eligible stipend, to tribal citizens for training needed to obtain or enhance job skills, or to obtain a General Education Diploma (GED) nationwide.
4. The Higher Education (Pell Eligible) Program provides tuition assistance to tribal citizens enrolled in college full-time (12 hrs.+) to obtain an undergraduate degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
5. The College Financial Assistance Program is also nationwide and provides financial assistance with various college related expenses and is available for tribal citizens enrolled full-time (12 hrs.+) and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
6. The Higher Education Pell Ineligible Program is available nationwide to tribal citizens enrolled in college full-time (12 hrs.+) who are not eligible to receive Pell Grant assistance while obtaining an undergraduate degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
7. The Lenape Wise Program provides tuition assistance to tribal citizens nationwide enrolled in college for the summer session, part-time or obtaining their post-graduate degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
8. The Graduation Stipend Program is available nationwide to High School or College Students who have graduated in the current fiscal year.
9. The College Prep Program is available nationwide for High School students in 10th to 12th grades to receive assistance with the cost of ACT/SAT test prep in person or online.
10. The Direct Employment Assistance Program provides a daily stipend for gas and lunch for newly hired tribal citizens to assist with gas and lunch costs until their first pay check is received. This program can also assist with obtaining required tools or uniforms for new employment.

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR EDUCATION				
Oct. 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023				
Type of Assistance	FY 23 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Secondary School Incentive (SSI)	\$37,500.00	\$11,500.00	31%	30
High School/College Grad Stipend	\$8,750.00	\$1,000.00	11%	2
Adult Vocational Program	\$52,500.00	\$5,062.00	10%	2
Higher Education (Pell Eligible)	\$192,000.00	\$66,000.00	34%	22
College Financial Assist.	\$112,000.00	\$31,000.00	28%	31
Higher Ed. Pell Ineligible	\$288,000.00	\$117,000.00	41%	20
Lenape Wise	\$111,000.00	\$30,000.00	27%	10
Graduation Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$1,634.81	33%	6
College Prep	\$2,000.00	\$0	0	0
Direct Employment Assist.	\$9,500.00	\$820.00	9%	3
Totals	\$818,250.00	\$264,016.81	32%	126

FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES

• BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Delaware Nation provides burial/pre-paid burial assistance nationwide up to \$10,000.00 for tribal citizens at a funeral home of their choice. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home chosen. This assistance is for burial expenses and/or marker or monument. A family dinner allocation of \$500.00 is also available to the next of kin. Applications must be submitted within 90 days from the date of the funeral service.

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR BURIAL				
Oct. 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023				
Type of Assistance	FY 23 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Burial and Feast	\$210,000.00	\$46,775.39	22%	8

• DELAWARE NATION ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) & CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Delaware Nation provides direct APS and CPS services to tribal citizens residing on trust land. APS and CPS also work with Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) and the BIA to provide services such as supervised accounts, guardianships and investigations to tribal citizens across the state of Oklahoma.

APS/CPS CURRENT CASES AND INVESTIGATIONS	
Tribal Adult Guardianship	2
Monitored Tribal Adult Guardianship Cases	4
Adult Protective Services Investigations	0
Child Protective Services Investigations	0

• DELAWARE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE (ICW)

ICW monitors kinship placements, tribal placements, state and out of state cases.

ICW CURRENTLY MONITORING	
Out of home placements	5
Assisted in safe reunification	2
Kinship cares	2
Provided prevention services	1

SOCIAL SERVICES FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS:

• DELAWARE NATION LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The Delaware Nation LIHEAP Program is a grant-funded program. It provides assistance with home heating or cooling bills and/or energy assistance up to 2 times a year in the heating and cooling seasons. Priority will be given to the elderly (60+), disabled, families with young children (age 5 and younger) and homes with high energy burdens (10% or more). Applicants must be low-income families residing in Delaware Nation's service area of Caddo, Comanche, Grady, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain, Pottawatomie, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)				
Oct. 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023				
Type of Assistance	FY 23 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Heating or Cooling	\$4,000.00	\$2,475.00	62%	15

• DELAWARE NATION LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

The Delaware Nation LIHWAP Program assists with household water and wastewater services up to 2 times a year. Priority will be given to the elderly (60+), disabled, families with young children (age 5 and younger) and homes with high water burdens (10% or more). Applicants must be low-income families residing in Delaware Nation's service area of Caddo, Comanche, Grady, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain, Pottawatomie, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties.

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)				
Oct. 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023				
Type of Assistance	FY 23 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Water/Waste Water	\$8,226.89	\$1,386.45	17%	11

• COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT

Delaware Nation is awarded this grant to provide assistance to our elders and youth. The total award for this year is \$1,221.00. For the elders, Delaware Nation provided 37 turkeys at the Annual Elder Turkey Giveaway in November 2022. The remaining funds will be used to fund a youth activity during the American Indian Exposition.

Childcare & DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) PROGRAM

Delaware Nation’s Childcare and Development Fund Program is responsible for Childcare assistance to any “Indian child” ages 0-13, enrolled in or eligible for enrollment with any Federally recognized tribe living in the current designated service area of Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche,

Cotton, Grady, Kiowa and Oklahoma counties. This program provides quality spending for Childcare providers, community outreach and covers the administration costs in operating this program. Delaware Nation currently provides Childcare payment assistance to 34 families. Delaware Nation CCDF offer offered a special Essential Workers Childcare payment assistance to 51 families in the Delaware Nation service area affected by COVID-19.

Delaware Nation uses CCDF funding to co-sponsor a Native Summer Learning Camp with Caddo Nation, Comanche Nation, Kiowa Tribe, and Apache Tribe. This camp is a 7-week program in which children gain cultural knowledge from a fully native staff in literature, stem, culture, healthy lifestyles, and art.

Childcare AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)			
Funding Year	Awarded	Expended/Obligated	Project Period (Start-End Date)
FY 2020 CCDF	\$1,197,583.36	\$1,070,661.66	10/01/2019 – 09/30/2024
FY 2021 CCDF CRRSA	\$730,074.00	\$585,554.06	10/01/2020 – 09/30/2024
FY 2021 CCDF	\$1,156,233.00	\$877,086.72	10/01/2020 – 09/30/2024
FY 2021 CCDF-ARP	\$1,903,211.00	\$1,022,695.72	10/01/2020 – 09/30/2024
FY 2022 CCDF	\$1,236,252.00	\$223,650.39	10/01/2021 - 09/30/2025
Totals	\$5,601,806.57	\$3,779,648.55	

• SELF-GOVERNANCE ARP PROGRAMS

Currently, Social Services has two temporary Self-Governance ARP Programs available. The Elder Home Fuel Assistance is a nationwide elder program for home fuel costs up to \$500.00 while funding is available. This can be for propane, gas, or electricity. Payments are processed until the \$500.00 limit is reached. Elders must be 60 years of age or older to apply. The Emergency Household Water and Wastewater Needs Program is nationwide assistance for water/sewer services in need of restoration, new services, or past due balance at risk for disconnection. This is a one-time assistance of up to \$500.00 which can include reconnect fees and late charges.

SELF GOVERNANCE ARP PROGRAMS		
Program Type	Expended	# Assisted
Elder Home Fuel	\$51,263.65	109
Water/Waste Water	\$19,439.76	67



Bigfoot Storytelling Event 10/21/2023



Elders Turkey Giveaway 11/11/2022

GRANTS COORDINATOR



Ivy Smith
Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 3 years 10 months

As the Grants Coordinator for the Delaware Nation, I plan, coordinate and monitor the implementation of a variety of grants to ensure compliance with programmatic and fiscal requirements, research and identify grant sources and provide technical assistance in the writing and review of grant proposals. I have the pleasure to work closely with Tribal Administration, Finance, Department Directors, our Grant Writer, Joel Haspel, and on occasion the Tribal citizens.

Each Director understands the needs of their department and oversees the day-to-day management of department grant awards. Many of the grants have a multi-year date of service. Budgets are created that reflect the dates of service allowed. On a department director's request, I provide the technical support needed to ensure programmatic and fiscal requirements are met.

Upon accepting this position, I assisted with one of the biggest grants Delaware Nation has ever received. The NTIA Broadband Grant for \$7,219,711.00. While many of the expenditures on this grant have been fulfilled, there are work activities that are still in progress.

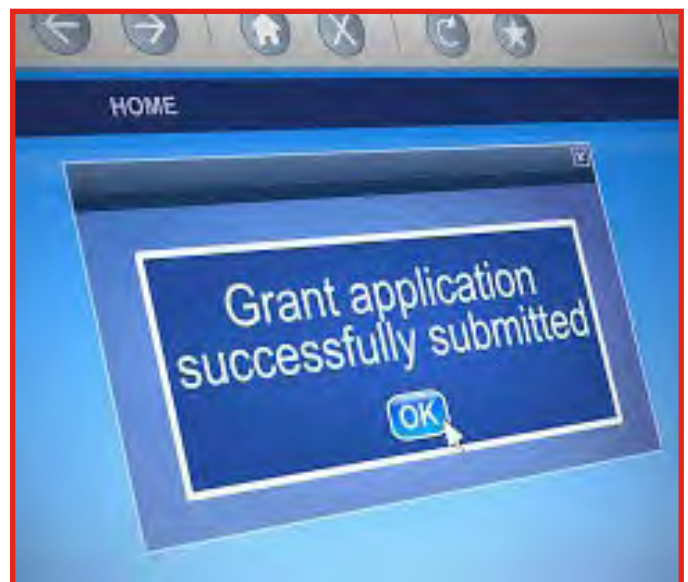
On the next page is a table that shows the breakdown of grants received by granting agencies.



Joel Haspel
Contracted Grant Writer

CONTRACTED GRANT WRITER:

Joel Haspel, Vice President of Cogent Analysis Group, LLC, is our grant writer. Delaware Nation has contracted with Cogent Analysis Group, LLC, since April 12, 2021. Mr. Haspel works with Department Directors and the Grant Coordinator to research and identify grant opportunities for needed funding. Once a proposal is completed, the Executive Committee reviews the information before approving its submission with a motion or/and a resolution at a duly called meeting. Delaware Nation has been awarded one of the largest grants to date with the NTIA Broadband Grant for \$7,219,711.00 due to his expertise. We appreciate all Mr. Haspel has done and will continue to do for Delaware Nation.



DELAWARE NATION GRANTS & SELF-GOVERNANCE AGREEMENTS

Granting Agency	Agency Acronym	# Grant Awards	Total of Grant Awards
American Rescue Plan	ARP		
ARP- Childcare Dev. Fund Discretionary	ARP-CCDF	1	1,193,871.00
ARP-Indian Community Block Grant	ARP-ICDG	1	990,000.00
ARP-Indian Housing Block Grant	ARP-IHBG	1	64,447.00
ARP-National Endowment for the Arts	ARP-NEA	1	150,000.00
ARP- Older Americans Act Title VI C	ARP-OAA	1	20,740.00
ARP-Older Americans Act Title VI A/B	ARP-OAA	1	44,820.00
ARP-OK Heritage Preservation Grant	ARP-OHPG	1	20,000.00
ARP-Stabilization Grant (Childcare)	ARP-S	1	1,903,211.00
ARP-TRPH-Public Workforce with Aging for Tribes	ARP-TRPH	1	80,000.00
Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums	ATALM		
Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums	ATALM	1	20,000.00
Bureau of Indian Affairs	BIA		
BIA-Initiating Sustainable DN Lenape Lang.	BIA	1	274,002.00
Childcare Development Fund	CCDF		
Childcare Development Fund	CCDF	3	3,452,080.00
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations	CRRSA		
CRRSA-Childcare Development Funds	CRRSA-CCDF	1	730,704.00
CRRSA-Older Americans Act	CRRSA-OAA	1	18,950.00
Department of Commerce	DOC		
NTIA Broadband Expansion	DOC	1	7,219,710.96
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	DOC	1	165,000.00
Department of Education	DOE		
Department of Education- Voc. Rehab	DOE	1	1,173,735.00
Department Of Health and Human Services	DHHS		
DHHS-ANA Restoration & Digitization Grant	DHHS-ANA	1	82,609.00
DHHS-Community Service Block Grant	DHHS-CSBG	3	2,725.00
DHHS-Community Health Representative	DHHS-CHR	1	168,236.00
DHHS-Lenape Intergenerational Learning Grant	DHHS-Lenape	1	274,002.00
DHHS-Promoting Safe and Stable Families	DHHS-PSSF	1	27,472.00
DHHS-Special Diabetes Prevention & Treatment	DHHS-SDPT	1	31,250.00
DHHS-MIPPA Title VI	DHHS-MIPPA	1	5,010.00
DHHS-Low Income Home Energy Assistance	LIHEAP	2	7,600.00
DHHS-Low Income Household Water Assistance	LIHWAP	1	10,000.00
Indian Housing Block Grant	IHBG		
Indian Housing Block Grants	IHBG	1	258,702.00
Indian Housing Block Grant CARES	IHBG Cares	1	12,551.00
Institute of Museum & Library Services	IMLS		
Institute of Museum & Library Services	IMLS	2	165,027.00
National Park Service	NPS		
NPS Tribal Heritage Grant	NPS	1	50,000.00
National Endowment for the Humanities	NEH		
Oklahoma Humanities Challenge Grant	NEH	1	20,000.00
Older Americans Act	OAA		
OAA Nutrition Services	OANT	3	13,010.00
OAA Title VI, Part A	OAA-Part A	2	174,740.00
OAA Title VI, Caregivers	OAA-Part C	3	80,260.00
OAA-Special Programs for the Aging Title VI-A/B	OAA-Part A/B	1	89,520.00
Self-Governance Funding Agreements	SG		
Multi-year Self-Governance Agreement	SG	1	821,270.00
BIA Transportation and Planning Grant	SG-TTP	1	2,266,140.00
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	USEPA		
USEPA-Performance Partnership Grant	USEPA-PPG	1	745,590.00
USEPA-Air Grant	USEPA-Air	1	179,129.00
United States Department of Agriculture	USDA		
USDA-NRCS Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production	USDA-NRCS-UAIP	1	299,087.00
TOTALS		51	23,305,200.96

GAMING COMMISSION

The Office of the Delaware Nation Gaming Commission is responsible for the integrity, security, fairness of operation, and administration of regulations for all of the Delaware Nation's gaming facilities. This is done by reviewing and approving all policies and procedures created by Lenape Entertainment, LLC, and enforcing all approved regulations and policies and procedures.

The Office of the Delaware Nation Gaming Commission is 100% funded by licensing fees.



1. Gaming Commissioner/Executive Director: Justin Pendarvis

- As the Gaming Commissioner, I am responsible for the approval of all: licenses; permits; policies and procedures; job descriptions; and internal audits.
- I'm responsible for ensuring the approved regulations are followed by all casino management and staff with the inclusion of issuing sanctions or taking license action for violations.
- I am also responsible for regulating the safety of employees, guests, and assets through facility inspections, utilization of surveillance, review of security incident reports, conducting site walkthroughs, and banning patrons from the facility.
- As the Executive Director, I am responsible for the day-to-day management of the Office of the Commission including financial planning, billing, record retention, personnel, and logistics. I'm also a liaison between government agencies and the operation and for LE's Compliance Department and issues concerning the Office of the Commission.
- I attended the 2022 NTGCR (National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators) Fall Conference in



Justin Pendarvis
Executive Director

Service to the Tribe: 7 years 5 months



Angeline Botone
Internal Auditor

Service to the Tribe: 2 months



Paula Pewo
Vendor Licensing Specialist

Service to the Tribe: 11 years 8 months



Leslie Halsey
Background Investigator

Service to the Tribe: 2 months



Regina McCarty
Background Investigator

Service to the Tribe: 4 years 3 months



Shannon Wetselline
Compliance Officer (GRC)

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 11 months



Alix Hubbard
Compliance Officer (COK)

Service to the Tribe: 8 years 8 months



DEPARTMENT REPORT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- I recently completed the Indian Gaming Association's (IGA) Level I Commissioner Certification Course virtual webinar.
- I recently attended the 2023 OTGRA (Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulatory Association) Spring Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. Administrative Assistant/LASO: Chelsea Farley

- Mrs. Farley aids with the day-to-day operation of the Office of the Commission including keeping track of schedules, filing, processing payments and deposits, and assisting the Commissioner and other staff as necessary.
- Mrs. Farley is the LASO (Local Agency Security Officer). She is the primary liaison between the tribe and the National Indian Gaming Commission and is responsible for coordinating tribal compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations concerning CJI and CHRI. (Criminal Justice Information and Criminal History Record Information)

3. Internal Auditor: Angeline Botone

- Ms. Botone is responsible for following NIGC audit checklists to ensure the casinos are compliant with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA)
- She recently attended the 2023 OTGRA (Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulatory Association) Spring Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Currently, Ms. Botone is conducting her regular scheduled audits for the fiscal year.

4. Compliance Officers: Alixandrea Hubbard and Shannon Wetselline

- Ms. Hubbard and Ms. Wetselline typically split the responsibilities of compliance between the two casinos. They are responsible for testing electronic game software for compliance, breaking seals in sensitive areas of a slot machine, overseeing the installation and replacement of games as well as reviewing policies and procedures for compliance issues, conducting facility inspections and noting any violations and relaying information to the operation for correction.
- Ms. Hubbard attended the 2022 NTGCR (National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators) Fall Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Ms. Hubbard recently completed the Indian Gaming

Association's (IGA) Level I Commissioner Course virtual webinar.

- Ms. Wetselline attended the 2022 NTGCR (National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators) Regulatory Academy in Chandler, Arizona

For the fiscal year, the following has taken place on the casino floors:

1. More than 1,300 seals were broken for repair, replacement of parts, etc.
2. 252 games were replaced, converted, and/or removed
3. More than 1,420 pieces of software were tested.

4. Background Investigators (Employee Licensing): Regina McCarty and Leslie Halsey

- Ms. McCarty and Mrs. Halsey are the first lines of defense against those that would put the integrity of the casinos at risk from the inside. They conduct comprehensive background investigations on every employee to ensure that those people working for the Delaware Nation are not a risk to the gaming enterprises or the general public.



- Ms. McCarty and Mrs. Halsey both have continued to attend virtual webinar training presented by the NIGC pertaining to criminal justice information (CJI) and criminal history record information (CHRI).
- Mrs. Halsey recently attended the 2023 OTGRA (Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulatory Association) Spring Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

5. Vendor Licensing Agent: Paula Pewo

- Ms. Pewo is responsible for conducting background investigations on all gaming vendors and non-gaming vendors as required by the NIGC and/or the Delaware Nation/State of Oklahoma Compact.
- For the fiscal year Ms. Pewo has processed approximately 303 files which are primarily renewals and new applications.

HOUSING

MISSION:

Housing Department's mission is to assist low income Native American families with affordable housing and other housing needs.

PROGRAMS:

LOW RENT PROGRAM AND LEASE TO PURCHASE PROGRAM:
This program assists low-income Native American families with safe, decent and affordable housing with Delaware Nation citizens receiving preference. Eligible applicants are pulled from our waiting list when a unit becomes available. It is imperative for Delaware Nation citizens to apply and be added to the waiting list, if determined eligible. Household size listed on the application is an important factor used to determine if an available unit meets the applicant's household requirement.

TRIBAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Delaware Nation Housing Department assists enrolled Delaware Nation citizens nationwide with Tribal Rental Assistance Program. Low-income eligible families are assisted with first time move in costs. These funds can be used to pay security deposits, first month's rent and utility deposits as long as funds are available. These funds cannot be used to pay existing utility bills or rent. All approved applicants must meet the 80% United States National Median Income Guidelines and must have a minimum annual income of \$15,600.00. Eligibility requirements and the application are on our Delaware Nation website.

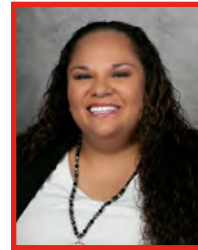
TRIBAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance
23	\$21,582.25

ELDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM:

This program assists Delaware Nation Elders and Delaware Nation citizens who are disabled or handicap residing in the state of Oklahoma. Eligibility requirements include:

- Low-income according the 80% United States National Median Income Guidelines;
- Proof of home ownership by submitting a warranty deed with a completed application; and
- Repair meets the Emergency Repair Program Policy.



Jacquelyn Smith
Director

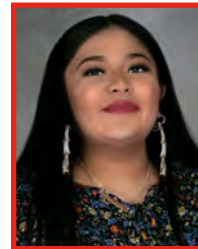
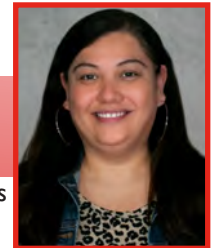


Service to the Tribe: 10 years 1 month



Summer Dutton
Housing Specialist

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 9 months



Rainy Attocknie
Intake Clerk

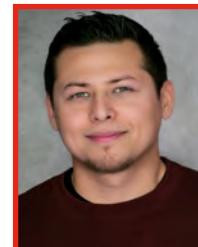


Service to the Tribe: 4 months



Roger Birch
Foreman

Service to the Tribe: 19 years 11 months



Jace Gonzales
Laborer



Service to the Tribe: 8 years 2 months

Payments will be made to the vendor only. No payments or reimbursements will be paid to applicant.

ELDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance
3	\$3,222.58

SELF-GOVERNANCE ARPA HEATING AND AIR UNIT REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE:

This program is a one-time submission to provide nationwide tribal housing improvement for Heating/Air Unit Repair

or Replacement up to \$5,000.00 while funding is available. Eligibility requirements are:

- Applicant must be a Delaware Nation citizen who is 18 years old or older;
- Applicant must provide proof of home ownership;
- Chosen vendor will need to be added to our vendor list by providing a W-9 form;
- Quotes for new units or repair exceeding \$5,000.00 will require the tribal citizen to pay the overage prior to Delaware Nation's payment. The vendor will need to send an invoice that shows the overage is paid by the tribal citizen before Delaware Nation will pay the \$5,000.00 due.
- Reimbursements to the tribal citizen may be approved with appropriate documentation (an invoice showing paid-in-full).

SG HEATING/AIR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2023
103	\$447,517.65

SELF-GOVERNANCE ARPA HEATING AND AIR UNIT REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE:

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- Reimbursements to the tribal citizen may be approved with appropriate documentation (an invoice showing paid-in-full).

DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE:

This program provides one-time assistance towards the down payment and/or closing costs for eligible applicants seeking to become homeowners. Assistance is provided through a grant up to the amount of \$6,000.00 while funding is available. This program is funded by the Indian Housing Block Grant. Eligibility requirements include but are not limited to: :

- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older
- Must not own present residence at time of mortgage application;
- Applicant must be enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe. Delaware Nation citizens receive preference;
- Applicant Household must meet the 80% U.S. Median Income Guidelines;
- Must be approved for home ownership loan through an approved certified financial institution;
- Prospective homes must meet all required HUD housing quality standards; and
- The applicant household must not own any other existing homes

DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COST PROGRAM	
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2023
2	\$12,000

COVID ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS JUNE 2022-PRESENT (PROGRAMS COMPLETED):

IHBG-CARES HOUSING & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2023
16	\$19,195.42

IHBG-ARPA HOUSING & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2023
42	\$42,371

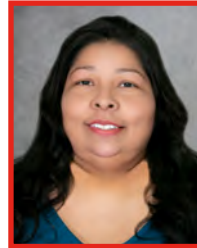
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2023
10	\$25,195.11

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING



Wyndi Rumley
Director

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 5 months



Abbie Spence
Assistant

Service to the Tribe: 9 months



PROGRAM & PURPOSE:

The purpose of Delaware Nation's AOA program is to promote the well-being of older individuals (age 55 and older) by providing services and programs where they are treated with consideration, respect, and dignity. Quality and nutritious meals are served Monday through Friday to participants who come to the AOA building during the week from 11:30-1:00 pm. Sixty (60) home-delivered meals are provided Monday thru Friday, as well, to those who are unable to attend in person. There have been several activities provided during this year to allow elders to interact with each other in a fun atmosphere. I appreciate all the Delaware Nation staff who have assisted with these activities to make sure that participants have a wonderful time.

2022-2023 ACTIVITIES:

- Breast Cancer Awareness and Health Fair (CHR Event in AOA)
- Halloween Party and Costume Contest for Elders
- Rock your Mocs (CHR event in AOA)
- Diabetes Health Fair (CHR Event in AOA)
- Turkey Giveaway (Tribal Event in AOA)
- Thanksgiving Celebration for Elders
- Christmas Celebration Meal W/ Santa for Elders
- MIPPA Fall Festival and Health Walk
- Valentine's event for Elders
- Dirty Bingo

FY 2023 SERVICES PROVIDED TO DATE	
Home Delivered Meals	9,770
Congregated Meals Served at AOA Building	1,093

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FOR PATIENTS & PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA) EVENT:

This year's community outreach occurred on October 14, 2022. Fall Festival and Health Walk, information was shared on benefits available through Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy, Medicare Savings Program and Medicare prevention benefits and screening. We gave out Delaware Nation Pumpkin Spice sweatshirts, coffee cups and many other prizes.

OFFICE HOURS FOR STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Staff Lunch: 12:00-1:00)

Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1116 & ext.

Email: wcaraker@delawarenation-nsn.gov

ELDER CHRISTMAS PARTY



Delaware Nation employees volunteers to make this Christmas special. Top row from left to right: Tiffany Martinez, TC&A Coordinator, Wyndi Rumley, AOA Director, Billie Anderson, Archives, Haley Williams, Per Capital Specialist, Seretta Gonzales, and CHR Generalist. Bottom row from left to right: Nicole Jones, Social Service Assistant, and Ambrea Marshall, CHR Director.

ELDER CHRISTMAS PARTY



HALLOWEEN ELDER PARTY: FEATURING A WITCHES BREW OF BAT SOUP AND SKULL CHILI



VALENTINE'S ELDER PARTY



COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE



Ambrea Marshall
Director



Service to the Tribe: 10 years



Seretta Gonzales
Assistant



Service to the Tribe: 1 year

CHR PROGRAM & PURPOSE:

Delaware Nation CHR paraprofessionals serve as an advocate for participants and provide basic health care, non-emergency transportation to medical appointments, periodic home health checks and health and disease prevention educational events for American Indians who are a member of a federally recognized tribe and reside within our tribal jurisdiction. There are no income guidelines required to participate in this service. Recording of assistance is entered into a secured system called Patient Care Components (PCC). This provides needed documentation on the effectiveness of our program and grant funds awarded.

2022-2023 ACTIVITIES:

- Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair
- Annual Dog/Cat Rabies Clinics
- Annual Bigfoot Health Walk
- Virtual Native Youth Preventing Diabetes (NYPD) Education Classes.
- Roc Your Moc Health Walk and Diabetes Awareness Health Fair.
- MIPPA, AOA Health Walk
- Oklahoma Intertribal Diabetes Coalition (OIDC) Golf Tournament
- OKC Thunder Native American Student Health Day.
- Community Flu Shot Drive-Through Clinic with Gold River Casino, Caddo County Health Department and Indian Health Service
- CHR/SDPI and Cultural Preservation (CP) Cultural Health Week.
- 97 Transports to Scheduled Dr. Appointments
- 268 RX Pick and Delivery.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

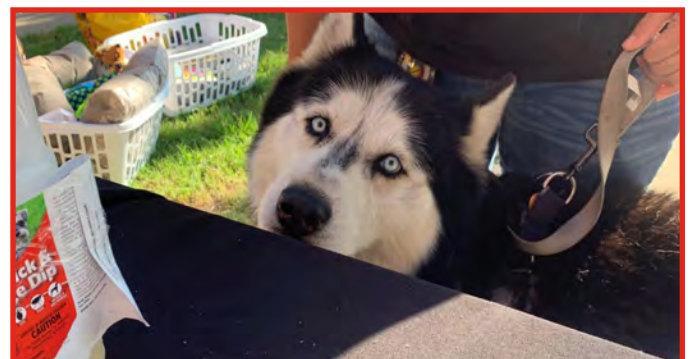
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Appointments can be made from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by phoning or emailing the following:
Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1118
Email: chr@delawarenation-nsn.gov



Delaware Nation Golf Team 1st Place Winners 2022 left to right, Bruce Birch (Housing), Alec Marshall (EPA), Jerald Walker (Facilities), David Komalty (EPA)



Bigfoot Health Walk. Left to right Seretta Gonzales (CHR), Ambrea Marshall (CHR/SDPI), Abbie Spence (AOA), Wyndi Rumley (AOA)



Rabies Clinic volunteer, Bandit.



CHR/CP Cultural Health Week. Left to right. Abbie Spence (AOA), Wyndi Rumley (AOA), Ambrea Marshall (CHR/SDPI), Sonnie Allen (CP), Evelyn Kionute (CP)



OKC Thunder Native American Student Health Day. Left to right Jaclyn McCasland (EPA), Ambrea Marshall (CHR/SDPI), Trey Tillis Eckiwaudah (Tribal Member), Leandra Eckiwaudah (Tribal Member), David Komalty (EPA), Sylvia Pitner (Social Services)

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

PROGRAM:

Delaware Nation is currently in our 4th year of our 5-year grant for providing Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services. Our department serves 8 counties: Blaine, Caddo, Cleveland, Grady, Kiowa, Logan, McClain, and Oklahoma.

MISSION:

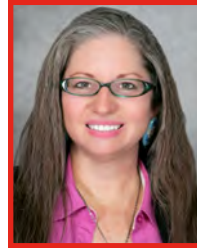
Our mission is to develop specialized services for American Indians with documented disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment. This is accomplished by developing an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) and providing guidance for each participant to reach each step of their plan.

SERVICES INCLUDE ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Counseling & Guidance
- Evaluations
- Education/Training
- Employment Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Clothing Assistance

PROGRAM DATA FOR OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022:

- Cases receiving services under an Individualized Employment Plan (IPE) that were shared with other tribal Vocation Rehabilitation programs: 20%
- Cases receiving services under an IPE shared with the state Vocational Rehabilitation program: 95%
- Average wages at case closure for all cases closed successfully: \$495/wk
- Individuals who actively participated in an Individual Plan for Employment: 20
- Individuals enrolled in a training program (some are still actively pursuing their goal): 9
- Individuals who achieved an education goal: 2
- Individuals who achieved a “successfully employed” outcome (in their goal job for at least 90 days, and not experiencing barriers to employment due to their disability): 5



Rachel Allen
Director

Service to the Tribe: 12 years 6 months



Shay Castillo
Administrative Assistant/VR Technician (OKC office)

Service to the Tribe: 4 years 5 months



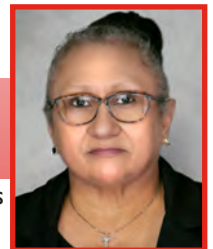
Ashton Pewenokit
Administrative Assistant/VR Technician (Anadarko office)

Service to the Tribe: 7 months



Shellean Garcia
Counselor

Service to the Tribe: 16 years 9 months



Erecia Camero
Counselor

Service to the Tribe: 6 months



Donnie Paden
Counselor

Service to the Tribe: 6 months



Scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit delawarenation-nsn.gov and find the Vocation Rehabilitation page in the Departments section.

FACILITIES

Facilities is committed to providing quality maintenance and operational support for Delaware Nation. The staff has a service approach to maintenance providing timely response consistent with staffing and workload.

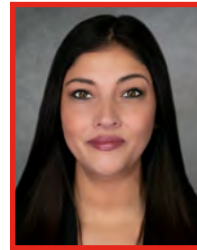
RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide weekly maintenance service for 9 buildings.
- Ensure the sanitation, health and safety standards are met for all buildings (i.e., sanitizing offices when needed; parking lot signs and painting; checking flooring issues, etc.).
- Maintain security and fire alarm systems in all buildings (i.e., fire extinguishers, fire suppression systems, smoke alarms, emergency exit signs, door locks, etc.).
- Maintain and oversee the outside property of all buildings (i.e., removing debris, mowing, planting & maintaining flower beds, hanging Christmas lights, etc.).
- Maintain Tribal vehicles (i.e., washing, detailing, oil & fluid changes, winterizing, and oversee scheduled maintenance appointments).
- Bidding & Overseeing large repairs (i.e., building renovations, heating and air equipment; roof repairs; plumbing problems; electrical issues, etc.).
- Assist with Tribal events by packing and moving equipment to event location and back to the Tribal Complex.
- Collaborate with other departments to assist when needed.
- Provide building pictures, building floor plans and maintenance cost per building for Self-Governance 105(l) Program application.

ELDER MOWING PROGRAM:

The Delaware Nation Facilities Department helps maintain the yards of fifteen (15) Delaware Nation elders. To qualify for this service, you must be an enrolled member of the Delaware Nation, 60 years of age or older and within a 40-mile radius of the Delaware Nation Complex. Services begin in May and run into August.

Facilities hires Summer Helpers each year, ages 16 to 21 years of age, who assist with this project. This gives our youth a chance to add work experience to their resumes, the ability to serve Elders and lets them earn money over their Summer break.



Kandess Botone
Co-Director

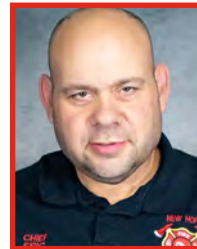
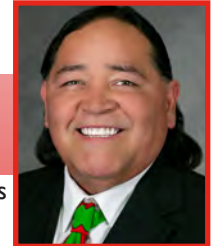


Service to the Tribe: 2 years 5 months



Jamie Beaver
Co-Director

Service to the Tribe: 6 years 8 months



Eric Lopez
Facilities Tech

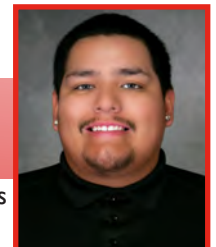


Service to the Tribe: 12 years 7 months



Jerald Walker
Facilities Tech

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 7 months



Delos Chavez
Facilities Tech

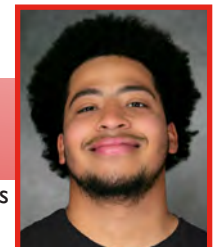


Service to the Tribe: 1 year 4 months



Damon Teart
Facilities Tech

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 4 months



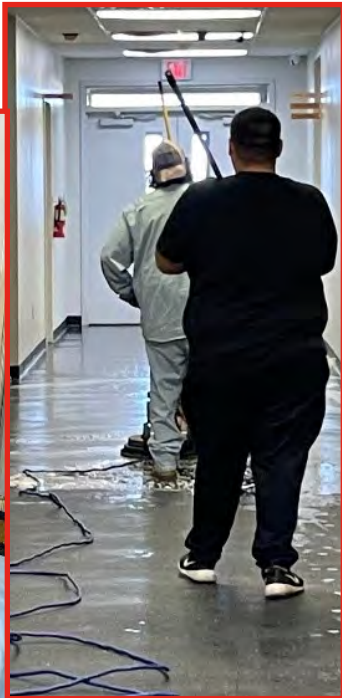
Jarus Smith
Facilities Tech



Service to the Tribe: 1 year



**VEHICLE
MAINTENANCE**



**STRIPPING & WAXING
THE FLOORS**



WATER LEAKS



TRAILER REPAIR



CONCRETE WORK



BACKHOE TRAINING



FENCE REPAIR

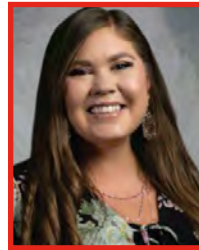
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

MISSION:

Our mission is to protect the human health of our citizens as well as the environmental health of our jurisdictions, including promoting ecological diversity, fostering good relationships between people and the environment in which we live, and promoting best practices for conservation for our future generations.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP) HIGHLIGHTS:

- Collaborated with Community and Schools (CIS) to continue the Elimination of Single Use Plastic Program with the Anadarko High School. Aluminum Bottles were donated and a presentation on the effects of single-use plastic use was provided to the students.
- Collaborated with the City of Anadarko for the Great Anadarko Clean Up, April 17-22, 2023.
- Served as Region 6 (Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana) Representative for the Tribal Science Council
- Served as Region 6 (Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana) of the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC)
- Served as Secretary of the Tribal Environmental Coalition of Oklahoma
- Served as Secretary for the Caddo County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- A member of the Caddo County Extension Council
- A member of the Emergency Management Tribal Partners in Southwest Oklahoma
- Awarded funding for Performance Partnership Grant (includes General Assistance Program and Clean Water Act 106) and Clean Air Act 103.
- Recently awarded the USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production grant to finish work and expand the Lenape Gardens at the Local Food, Local Places area. This will include funding to install a greenhouse to promote food sovereignty and house our cultural plants. Funding will also be used to start an apiary and orchard, expand in-ground gardens, build the raised garden beds for ease of mobility, hold nutrition and gardening classes, and teach cultural knowledge with traditional plants from the greenhouse.
- Solid waste program collects recycling throughout the year and is taken to a processing facility in Lawton. GAP funding helps facilitate this collection. Delaware Nation Environmental Programs are currently seeking additional



Jaclyn McCasland
Director

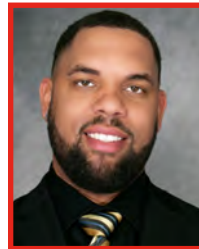
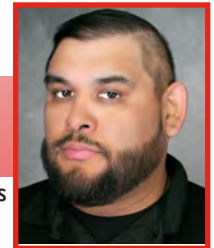


Service to the Tribe: 3 years 7 months



David Komalty
Air Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 5 years 10 months



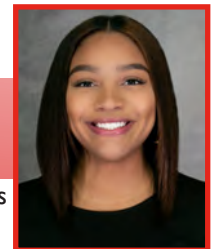
Alec Marshall
Water Quality Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 7 years 3 months



Skylar Miller
Generalist

Service to the Tribe: 6 months



funding for a large storage area, fork lift, and baler to grow the solid waste program further through the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program through EPA.

DELAWARE NATION WATER PROGRAM (DNWP):

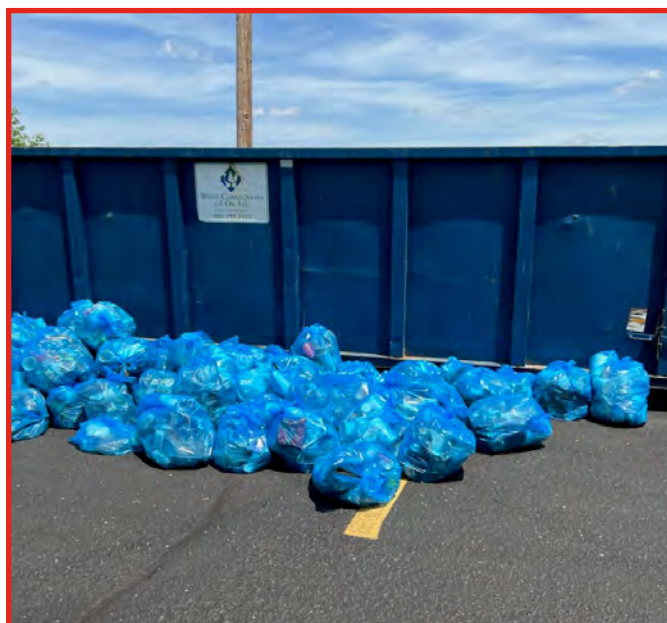
- Oversees 13 water sites located along Sugar Creek, Cobb Creek, Spring Creek and Stinking Creek
- Performs Macro Invertebrate (bugs big enough to see with the naked eye and lacking a backbone) Collection bi-annually;
- Collects and tests for E. Coli bacteria during the warmer months at all locations;
- Tests the Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen nutrient levels at 10 of our sites year-round and outsources the samples to be tested in a lab;
- Delaware Nation was one of 12 tribes in the United States to be selected to join the ATTAINS pilot program and is currently an ATTAINS mentor for newly joined tribes.

DELAWARE NATION AIR PROGRAM (DNAP):

- Level 4 Emissions inventory is completed. The document will be available for viewing for tribal citizens by October 2023.
- Clean Air Act 103 Grant allows for outreach materials and development of a monitoring plan to fit the Nation's needs.
- The Air program will begin surveys in June of 2023 to assess Tribal Citizens' concerns regarding their air quality.
- The Air program maintains the Air Quality Index Sign located at the entrance of the Tribal Complex. This is to keep our citizens and community informed of the current Air Quality in our area.

OTHER TRIBAL ACTIVITIES:

- Provided a roll-off and tire collection for tribal citizens, April 17-21, 2023.
- Helped with clean-up during Delaware Nation Facilities Elder Clean-up Days during April 17-19, 2023
- Provided a Shred Event for tribal citizens and surrounding community, April 20, 2023
- Provided Electronic Waste Collection Event for citizens and the surrounding community from April 17-22, 2023. The amount of e-waste collected was incredible, so much that it had to be collected on a flatbed semi-truck trailer. Of that 1,953 pounds of TV were collected to be recycled as well as laptops, monitors, and towers.
- Helped with the 1-mile clean up on Highway 281 near the tribal complex on April 19, 2023. 75 bags of litter were collected by Delaware Nation staff.



NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER COUNCIL, IN-PERSON MEETING, NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY, OCTOBER 2022



Front row (L to R): Nancy Schuldt, Eric Morrison, and Jaclyn McCasland; Back Row (L to R): Brian Patterson, Kathleen Brosemer, Karen Gude, Shaun Livermore, Elaine Wilson, and Ann Wyatt

DEPARTMENT REPORT



PUBLIC RELATIONS



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Wesley Boone
Public Relations Officer



Service to the Tribe: 4 years 3 months

Under the direction of the Tribal Administrator, the Public Relations Officer independently performs management-type duties associated with specific projects as assigned. The Public Relations Officer must be able to use all forms of media and communication to build, maintain and manage the reputation of the Delaware Nation ranging from public bodies or services to businesses and voluntary organizations, establish and maintain goodwill and understanding between the organization and its public, both in print and online.

Delaware Nation Public Relations facilitates all communication between the Nation and area news sources, tribal citizens, and any interested parties. The department's responsibilities include:

- Developing PR strategies and campaigns
- Preparing press releases and promotional material
- Assisting Directors in building positive relationships with stakeholders, media, and the public

As the Delaware Nation PR Officer, I will strive to maintain effective communication with the great citizens of Delaware Nation, using the best tools made available. I must report the facts and provide more ways to receive them. .

UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA TO REACH CITIZENS

Social media is a computer-based technology that facilitates the sharing of ideas, thoughts, and information through the building of virtual networks and communities. Facebook and Instagram are two very popular platforms so we utilize these tools effectively to reach a larger audience. As of 4/26/2023, Delaware Nation's Facebook Page has 4.3K followers!

MAINTAINING WEBSITES & TOOLS

Delaware Nation Public Relations maintains three websites:

- delawarenation-nsn.gov
- dirtroadgraphicsok.com
- dneclc.com

Each website requires constant maintenance, security, and current informational updates to maintain a smooth and functioning experience for online users. As of April 2019, Delaware Nation's website is fully operated by the public relations department, saving thousands on contract services to build and maintain the Nation's website and posts. Also, having full control over the website allows for significantly faster news posts and information.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Delaware Nation's website has gone through many changes this year! The homepage has a new search bar, updated upcoming events calendar, more news plugins to fill the homepage with articles, made previous news articles easier to find when you navigate the "News" section, a "Service Programs" section was added and buttons created to make finding programs easier, added a "Frequently Used Forms" widget, added a "General Welfare Programs" widget, added a "Now Accepting Applications!" widget, privacy policy added, added a "Departments" section, changed the website layout background to white for legibility, and have maintained daily updates and bug fixes to keep the sites healthy. We are working on ways to create interactive submissions for new applications, as well as, ways to incorporate language tools that are being created through brand-new language preservation efforts. Our Children's Garden will soon feature a virtual tour that will allow guests to see the entire facility when they visit dneclc.com. Dirt Road Graphics was completely revamped for better functionality and less downtime with old theme layout bugs. The purchasing process is easier than ever and a pick-up option has been added in the checkout section! A privacy policy was created to give the buyers the ease of knowing that their data isn't being breached.

MASS TEXT SERVICE

Delaware Nation Public Relations maintains contact with employees and tribal citizens with an SMS text messaging service called Textedly. This application sends mobile phone users important information regarding closures and current events quickly and efficiently. To opt-in, text the keyword LENAPE to phone number 77222. It's that simple to stay informed and connected! Delaware Nation sends an average of 4 messages per month and you can opt-out by simply replying STOP. Message and data rates may apply. This service is also utilized with "Our Children's Garden" Me-Mun-See Hah-Kee Hah-Kun early childhood learning center.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Delaware Nation Media is the official YouTube channel of Delaware Nation Public Relations. Here, you will find videos that preserve the Lenape Culture through film so that future generations can learn and carry on traditions. Visit our channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfx6-FCSXkBsXQyh1h_iqEA and be sure to like our videos and subscribe! Also, be sure to turn on the "bell" icon to receive channel notifications when new content is uploaded. Delaware Nation Media will also be utilized with the Early Childhood Learning Center to foster communication with parents.

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Delaware Nation Public Relations uses Adobe Creative Cloud 2023 tools to create and communicate visual campaigns of photos and advertisements to represent the Nation in the most professional ways possible.

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