



Media Alert

2020 Chief Manuelito Scholarship Virtual Awards Ceremony Honoring the Navajo Nation's Highest Achieving High School Graduates Scheduled for March 3, 2021

WHAT: The Chief Manuelito Awards Ceremony is an annual event to recognize and honor the Navajo Nation's highest-achieving high school graduates, who have earned the prestigious Chief Manuelito Scholarship. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance postponed the event due to COVID-19 concerns hoping that restrictions on large gatherings would be lifted. Due to ongoing concerns, the ONNSFA opted to provide a virtual awards ceremony to honor and celebrate their 2020 graduating classes.

Featured speakers include Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, First Lady Phefelia Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, Patricia Gonnig, Interim Superintendent of Schools, DODE, Priscilla Manuelito, Navajo Nation Board of Education Chair, Dr. Jennifer Denetdale, UNM Professor, Dr. David Wilson, Tribal Health Research Office Director, National Institute of Health, and Rose Graham, Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance Director.

WHO: A total of 114 Navajo Nation high school graduates of 2020 earned the Chief Manuelito Scholarship.

Several Chief Manuelito Scholarship recipients consented to providing photos to news outlets. The ONNSFA will provide access to the photographs upon request.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 10 am MST

WHERE: www.facebook.com/onnsfa

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