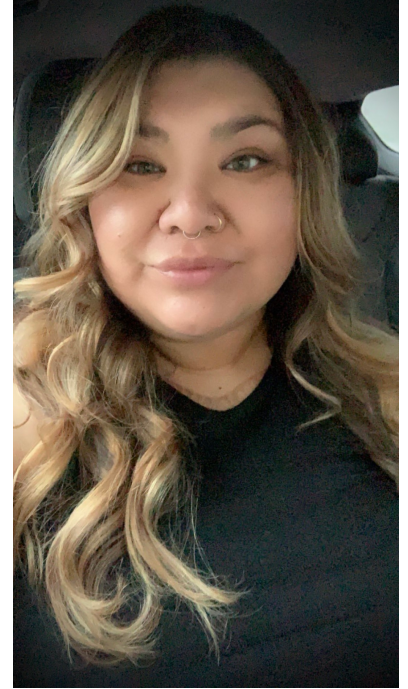


Jessica Powless Secretary



Shekoli Swakweku (greetings everyone),

My name is Jessica Powless, my ukwehuwe name is Yutlatakwas it means “She steps up”. I am a wolf clan member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, my home fireplace is Tsi tkanuhkwa tsalaké•lu Half Moon straight fireplace of Oneida Wisconsin, where I serve as the Vice President.

One of the foundations of my fireplace is to be drug and alcohol free and being second generation of my fireplace I am proud to say I have been drug and alcohol free my entire life.

Another part of our foundation is education both culturally and in western education. I am a language learner and multi-media specialist at the Oneida Language Department, and I am currently a student at the College of Menominee Nation.

I am grateful to have been born into this way of life. I was taught to stand up for our grandfather peyote and the all ways that go along with it. I am new to holding a seat in our international organization, I am learning the “in’s and out’s” of the secretary’s position, with that I would like to say thank you all for allowing me to represent our organization in a good way.

Yaw^ko (huge thank you)

