Welcome Tia Gramzinski

NACP is thrilled to welcome Tia Gramzinski to our NAU team as our Research Education and GUIDeS Coordinator and Academic Success Coordinator, Sr. Recently, Tia worked as the Indigenous Engagement Specialist for the Chandler Unified School District where she oversaw the Title VI and Johnson O’Malley grants, led the Indigenous Education Program, and worked with community partnerships/programs, district leadership, faculty, and staff to provide academic and cultural supports for Indigenous students and families K-12th grade. She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University and is certified to teach K-8th grade in Arizona. Tia is Navajo, Salt clan, with her family originally from Kayenta, Arizona. She likes to drink coffee, watch and play basketball, and practice learning Navajo. She will be a great resource for our NACP students and staff as she starts this May. We are so excited to have Tia back at NAU and on our NACP team!

My Journey by Dr. Tara Chico-Jarillo

On April 7, the Research Education Core at UACC hosted Dr. Tara Chico-Jarillo in the My Journey speaker series. Tara is a member of the Tohono O’odham Nation and is the Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services for her Nation. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Development, and her Master’s and Doctorate degrees in Public Health from the University of Arizona, with a focus on Maternal and Child Health. Tara has extensive experience working with Native American families and communities throughout Arizona. This experience includes working for a tribal child protective service agency that reunites families – a job that became a defining moment in her academic and professional career. Tara took us on an inspiring journey through her graduate schooling, the dissertation process and her current research. To see a video or Tara’s My Journey story, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QITV1TuRq0k.
Spring 2022 NAU & UA Graduates

NACP congratulates the NAU and UA graduates on their accomplishments.

Skylar Bordeaux, NAU
Rosebud Sioux
Master of Public Health
Mentor: Dr. Naomi Lee

Janet Yellowhair, NAU
Navajo
Master of Public Health
Mentors: Dr. Nicky Teufel-Shone & Dr. Dirk de Heer

Chrissa Duncan, NAU
Navajo
BS- Biological Sciences
Mentor: Dr. Dirk de Heer

Emyly Fernandez, NAU
MS– Biological Sciences
Mentor: Dr. Naren Rajasekaran

Crystal Morales, NAU
MS– Biological Sciences
Mentor: Dr. Naomi Lee

Ashley Lazaro, NAU
Master of Public Health
Mentor: Dr. Nicky Teufel-Shone

Elijah James Keeswood, UA
Navajo
BS- Biomedical Engineering
Mentor: Dr. Anne E. Cress

Emile Saad, UA
Osage
BS– Physiology
Mentor: Dr. Julie Armin

Darien Fuller, UA
Prairie Band Potawatomi
MS– Epidemiology
Mentor: Dr. Robin Harris

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