

2014 Outstanding Participant Award



Hester Sekayumptewa

Hopi Nation

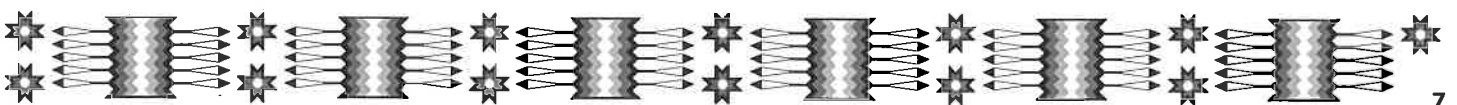
Nominated by

Native Americans for Community Action, Inc.

Flagstaff, Arizona

Key To Our Community's Independence

Ms. Sekayumptewa is a single mother of two young sons with little stability in her life, she transformed herself through hard work and determination. She has received much praise from her peers and coworkers and is a role model for her excellent work ethic. She has received many promotions and her supervisors have rated her as exemplary and she has been rewarded through continual promotions. She is known as a fast learner, hard worker and dependable inside and outside of work. Ms. Sekayumptewa is outstanding because today she has stability and she is a strong parent to her sons. She has become a productive member of her tribal community. She has a strong sense of who she really is – a humble, proud and strong Hopi Woman.



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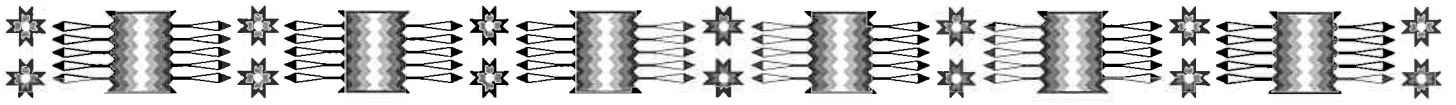
Tammy Ratteree
Cherokee Nation

Nominated by
American Indian Center of
Arkansas, Inc. – Littlerock, AR

Ms. Ratteree has shown perseverance in obtaining her ultimate goal of becoming a nurse. She was a high school dropout, suffered a tragic personal loss at a very young age then she and her husband were both laid off in 2008.

She turned to the American Indian Center of Arkansas for supportive services and direction. She enrolled in nursing school at Arkansas Tech University and graduated in May of 2012 with an Associate in Applied Science Degree and LPN certification. She became employed at the Greenhurst Nursing Center and received "Nurse of the Year Award" during her first year of employment.

Today, through her selfless personality, and drive, she continues to demonstrate to others that it is possible to accomplish your goals and dreams. Ms. Ratteree continues to serve as a leader in her community encouraging others by example.



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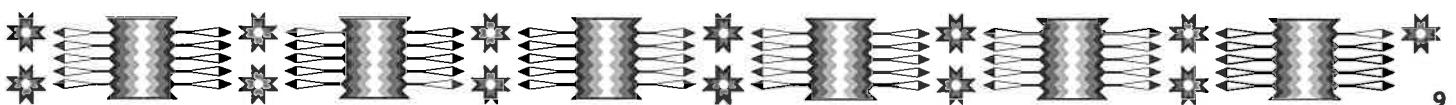


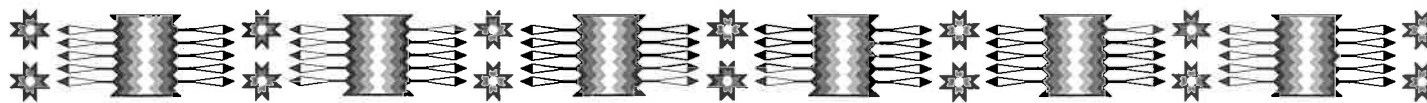
Yvonne Tandeski
Turtle Mountain Band of
Chippewa

Nominated by Spotted Eagle, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI

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Ms. Tandeski set very lofty goals for herself and was successful in achieving each of her goals. She had overwhelming obstacles to overcome including homelessness and the regaining custody of her son. She worked hard and achieved her goals. She didn't stop there; she decided to give back to her community by volunteering. Ms. Tandeski's son has learned by observing his mother and is experiencing success. He completed a summer work experience at Spotted Eagle. He is also working for the Boys and Girls Club in Milwaukee. His success is a testament to her strength as a mother, a worker and an incredible volunteer.





2014 Alice Big Pond Roach Award



Bayon Bordeaux
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

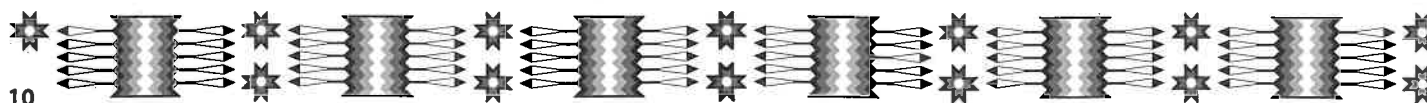
Nominated by Sicangu Nation
Employment and Training

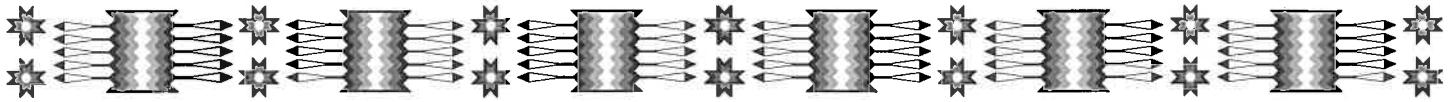
Ms. Bordeaux truly has the attributes, qualities, family values and professionalism that Ms. Big Pond Roach instilled in all of us. She is currently the coordinator for the Sicangu Oyate Tipi House which is the homeless shelter for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. She has made an impact on many lives in the Rosebud community.

Ms. Bordeaux has had such a positive influence on the residents that they are motivated to take on additional responsibilities at the shelter. By allowing residents to participate in these duties they are regaining their dignity and at the same time learning skills that will help them succeed once they are on their own.

She is very active in her community as an American Indian leader and volunteer. She supported her grandmother and mother while they battled cancer and has shared her experience to others going through similar situations. She has eighteen years experience as a childcare giver and has fostered her nieces and nephews on occasion. Each summer Ms. Bordeaux sponsors a child who dances Indian and whose parents may not have the skills or the means to have one made. She volunteers for all kinds of events and fundraiser that make a difference in the lives

Ms. Bordeaux has made a tremendous difference in her community and has touched many lives. Her skills, professionalism and caring is beyond anything her employer has observed in any employee.





2014 Howard Yackus Memorial Award

Sunshine Rave
Winnebago Tribe

Nominated by Spotted Eagle, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI

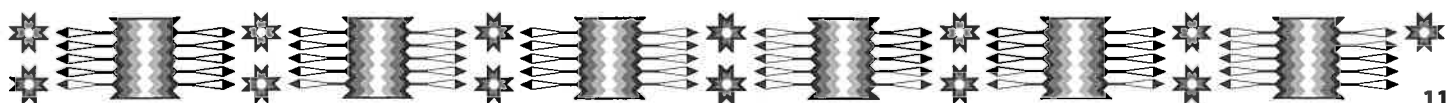


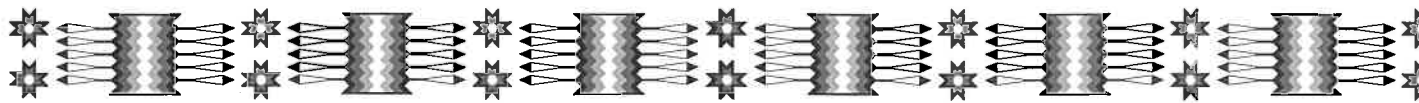
Ms. Rave is a single mother of eight and has many goals that she has set for herself. First and foremost she would like be able to provide a better life for her children. She had many personal obstacles to overcome in order to achieve this personal goal. Today, she is a positive role model for her children as well as the Winnebago community.

She started with the OJT program as a Truancy Officer and after 6 months she was offered a full-time permanent position with the Winnebago Tribal Court as a Criminal Clerk. One of her financial goals is to improve her credit score so that she may someday Buy a home for her eight children.

Her first higher education goal is to get her baccalaureate degree in teaching and the other is to eventually get her master's in education. She is motivated by providing an American Indian role model for the youth in her community. She feels it's important to their future to observe an American Indian Teacher in their schools. She is currently enrolled in the Indigenous Roots Program (Teaching Program) and always strives for success.

Today, she is a positive role model for her children and Winnebago community.





2014 Outstanding Employer Award

Nominated by Sicangu Nation Employment and Training



Mr. Gibler creates a unique opportunity for tribal members to earn higher wages and gain valuable work experience outside the boundaries of reservation life. He assisted 121 individuals who are from many different tribes which include: Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Shoshone, Arapaho, Spirit Lake Sioux, and Navajo Nation.

He demonstrates his commitment to his employees by collaborating with local hotels where they are housed at a discounted rate and receive a free breakfast. He offers many training opportunities to those he employs. All-state Fire Protection, Inc. offers certified training in sprinkler installation, framing, dry wall, and painting. Employees are also able to become members of their local unions which offer competitive wages, certification, and excellent insurance benefits.

Mr. Gibler not only goes out of his way to provide every opportunity for his employee's success, he also donates some of his own resources with unconditional expectations. He is a loyal and understanding employer who promotes self-sufficiency within tribal communities.

