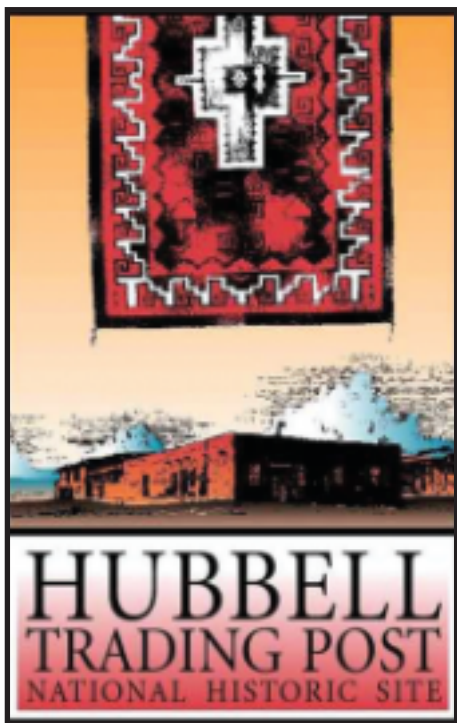


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Friends of Hubbell would like to thank all of you that supported the September auction: artists, buyers, donors, traders and volunteers. All these folks make the auctions possible. This year, due to the high level of donation sales, we experienced a sales level not seen since May of 2023 and the best September since 2021. 69% of the items entered into the auction sold. We appreciate the support of all involved parties.

Several folks have asked how to send donations for the scholarship fund. Checks should be sent to:

Friends of Hubbell
PO Box 25603
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-5603

Indicate the scholarship fund on your check. All donations will be acknowledged and an IRS tax letter will be provided.

Please contact us if you have Native American art that you would like to donate to Friends of Hubbell. The items received over the past 24 months have yielded a significant increase in the number and amount of the scholarships we are able to award. We will contact you and discuss the transfer of your donation with you. We can be contacted at: "friendsofhubbellauction@gmail.com."

On the other hand, we have experienced a decline in the number of entries by Native Americans weavers for three consecutive auctions. A gallery owner in Moab commented recently that at least 30 weavers died during COVID, reducing the number of rugs being made. At the September 26th board meeting, we voted to modify the entry process in the auction. The initial 50 numbers will be reserved for artists and donated items. Traders will be assigned sequence numbers later in the auction. We will give our supporting traders the option of entering 4 additional items in the auction. This should bring the number of entries close to 300. We hope these changes will encourage the artists to continue to pursue their artistic efforts.



Patrick Blackwell
Chairman FoH

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(Chairman's report cont.)

Our online auctions are increasing their positive impact on FoH. So far, we have funded 4 scholarships from the proceeds, while providing another way for the artists to earn needed income for their families.

We continue to strive to improve our use of the "Bid Square" software. The checkout process for buyers and artist has sped up dramatically. If you experience an issue with online bidding or any other problem, let us know so we can investigate and hopefully resolve it; and we will advise you of the outcome. Our goal is to make the auction process as seamless as possible for all involved parties.

A reminder; if you do not receive our quarterly newsletter, please check your "spam" folder. Software filters have a variety of settings and some will direct the newsletter there. If you have checked and not received the newsletter, please send us an email so we can investigate the cause and let you know what we find.

We would also like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Jackson Clark. He was the principal owner and storyteller of Toh-Atin Gallery in Durango. I was fortunate to hear many of his tales on Navajo rugs and the impact of trading posts in the SW. He passed away on August 28th.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you in Gallup in May or online.

Patrick Blackwell
Chairman FoH



MONETARY DONATIONS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS ALWAYS WELCOME

With the number of Federal Government-supported scholarship and grant programs now eliminated or severely reduced, Native American students are finding it very difficult, if not impossible, to earn or obtain funding to continue their dreams of a college degree. This past year, there were 126 scholarship applicants from the six tribes FoH support, a dramatic increase over previous years. For our part, Friends of Hubbell is working to make a small dent in the lost opportunities by increasing the number of its scholarships this past year to 26 - 16 undergraduate and 10 graduate awards. However, our organization's efforts are dependent on sales from our semi-annual auctions, and from direct monetary donations to our scholarship fund.

Supporters can directly impact Friends of Hubbell efforts two ways – by donating their Native American collections and items to our auctions and by making tax deductible monetary donations directly to our Friends of Hubbell scholarship program. Regardless of the amount, all monies earmarked for our scholarships are tax deductible to the maximum extent of the law. For donations of \$3,000 or more, a scholarship can be named in your honor or whomever you wish to acknowledge. We feel this is a great way to acknowledge your generosity while providing a scholarship to a deserving student.

It is easy to donate to the Friends of Hubbell as donors can send checks to the address below. For more information on how to donate – either monetarily or with your Native American collection items contact:

Friends of Hubbell
Scholarship Fund
PO Box 25603
Scottsdale, AZ. 85255
(602) 571-1122



Ashley Tsingine,
an aspiring veterinarian
attending University of
Arizona

EXODUS DAY

The wars with the Yavapai and Tonto's ended with their removal from the Camp Verde Reservation (Arizona) to the San Carlos Reservation (Arizona) that began on February 27, 1875 – known as Exodus Day! More than 1,400 were relocated over the course of this relocation. The Yavapai were provided no wagons and allowed no rest stops. In fact, they were beaten with whips and marched through rivers swollen by melted snow in which many drowned. Any Yavapai who lagged behind were left to die or shot. Some 375 died during this forced removal.

Yet, in 1886 many Yavapai willingly joined the US Army as scouts in campaigns against Geronimo and other Chiricahua Apaches.



Fort Verde, AZtoday

SPOTLIGHTING OUR FRIENDS OF HUBBELL 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – PART 1

Editor's Note: Over the next several newsletters we will spotlight all 26 of our 2025-2026 scholarship recipients. FoH awarded \$80,000 in scholarships to deserving Native American college and graduate students. Additionally, FoH awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home in Gallup, NM.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$5,000 Chairmen Scholarship – Donated by Frank Kohler and Patrick Blackwell

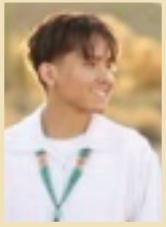
Faith Toglena, soon to be the first of her family to earn of college degree, is completing her bachelor's degree in Technology Management and Leadership Management at Utah State University-Blanding. She has also earned an associate's degree and certificate in Construction Management and Technology. Raised by her mother, with support from her uncles and grandfather, Faith has lived and witnessed first-hand the poverty and lack of adequate housing on the Navajo Reservation. "Most houses on our tribal lands are unreliable

and are unsafe structures and lack running water, electricity and heating."

Faith took part in a live-changing project during COVID-19 working "hands-on" with her grandfathers and uncles in rebuilding her great-grandfather's house, where she realized the direction she wanted to take with her life.

"I plan to return to my Navajo community to construct homes for our elders and future generations. I aspire to establish a construction company to build good homes and to provide economic opportunities by creating jobs. I hope to serve as a role model for our younger generation, helping them achieve success and contribute positively to our tribal community."

\$3,000 Scholarship – Anonymous Donor



Pursuing a civil engineering degree at Arizona State University, Logan Logg realizes the tremendous sacrifices his parents and ancestors have made so that he can be where he is today. “My people have suffered from environmental injustice

for decades. The effects of the uranium mining back in the 1940’s still impact the people today through open pits, contamination of groundwater, and high levels of radiation in the land surrounding the abandoned mines. The Navajo Nation also lacks good roads, making it tougher for people to travel for basic needs such as healthcare, groceries, clean water, education and employment.”

“As a civil engineering student specializing in transportation, I want to continue the fight my ancestors started by designing proper and safe infrastructures, for not only my tribe but for other Indigenous communities. It is my responsibility to uphold and maintain the dignity of our people and to shine a new light for future generations, fulfilling the dreams of my ancestors.”

\$3,000 Scholarship – Patrick Musick Scholarship



Cheyenna Tsosie from Rock Point, AZ, is earning her BS in Urban Planning and pursuing a Geographic Information Science certificate at Arizona State. “Where I live, driving two hours to the supermarket is

common and public transportation is non-existent. My coursework has enabled me to map transportation needs and service gaps – skills I wish to apply to enhance planning throughout the Navajo Nation and other tribal nations. “My dream is to assist in the design of systems that allow easy access to basic services, so individuals do not need to leave their communities to attain their basic needs.”

Cheyenna juggles school, family and work commitments and acknowledges that the Friends of Hubbell Scholarship will enable her to devote more time to research projects, fieldwork and internships to help her achieve her career goal as an urban planner for her tribe.

\$3,000 Andrew and Karen Somosi Scholarship

Leticia Marquez aspires to work as a graphic designer, showcasing her artistic talents in preserving the storytelling and culture of the Navajo people and expressing their connection to the land and spirit. Leticia draws her inspiration from traditional weaving, jewelry and sand painting and incorporates elements of these designs in sculpture, painting, graphic design and digital creations. Now in her senior year, she is completing her course of studies and will earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at Western New Mexico University.

“I aim to create art that reflects, promotes understanding and appreciation of Navajo culture through modern mediums. I also aspire to educate others on our culture and demonstrate what we are capable of by creating thought-provoking and impactful artwork, to raise awareness of important issues to our Navajo people.”

\$3,000 Amy Nuernberg & Owen O’Fallon Scholarship

Working to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University, Lionel Begay wants to give back to his community to provide educational opportunities to and a desire for learning to the next generations of Navajo children. “Many Native American children aspire to achieve something in their lives, and I aim to help them make their dreams a reality as an elementary school teacher.”

He aspires to become an elementary school teacher within the Chinle (AZ) Unified School District to make a meaningful impact and contribution to the betterment of his community and the Navajo Nation.

Lionel lives by a quote that inspires him to continue and to advocate for education and educators; “My grandchild, education is the ladder. Tell our people to take it.” “As a future elementary school teacher, I would love to share this quote with my students because it preserves our identity as Indigenous people and brings resiliency into our community.”

\$3,000 Robert Chambers Scholarship

Avery M. Begay, from Smithlake, NM, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the Navajo Technical University. Avery’s ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian, and upon graduation from Navajo Tech, plans to apply to veterinary programs at the University of Arizona, Colorado State or Texas A&M.

A mother and first-generation college student, Avery is committed to using her education to strengthen the health, sustainability, and resilience of her tribal community. “After earning my degree, I want to return to the Navajo Nation to provide veterinarian services, provide emergency animal care, control stray animal overpopulation, and contribute to tribal-led health initiatives. I want to combine modern veterinary science with traditional Diné values and respect for life.”

\$3,000 Dr. Jim and Marcia Sherman Scholarship

Allyn Jaye Allen vividly remembers growing up on the Navajo Nation with no running water nor electricity, and nights when there was only a flashlight in his house to see in the dark. This encouraged Allyn to participate in many STEM-related activities and projects, ultimately leading to his acceptance for three consecutive summers in the Phillips Academy Summer Program in Andover, MA.

Allyn has already earned an Associate of Science degree from Utah State University and has now transferred to Navajo Technical University with a goal of giving back to the community that raised him. “I want to help the Navajo Nation

become more industrially developed, especially in providing reliable access to electricity. My dream is to work as an electrical engineer on the reservation. I want to discover new solutions to electrical systems within the Navajo Nation and create opportunities for Navajo youth to explore STEM fields in the Navajo Nation and across the country. I also plan to establish local internships and programs to inspire and mentor the next generation of Navajo scholars.”

\$3,000 Sheri Burnham Scholarship (Funded by Friend of Hubbell)

A first-generation college student currently attending the University of New Mexico, Chanel Nez is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. “I have chosen this occupation through the inspiration of my mother, a single mother who also works in the healthcare field.”

“I would like to become a labor and delivery nurse. I want to be there for women to support them in a time of their life-changing experience. I want to ensure that they will be taken care of when seeking medical attention. I am determined to become a part of the 0.4 percent of Native nurses in this country.”

Chanel says that her pursuit of a nursing degree is not just for herself, but also will represent Navajos, Native Americans, and her family. “I take pride in my Navajo culture and upbringing, and I will persevere for my education, like my mother has done for me and my younger siblings.”

\$3,000 Scholarship Funded by the Friends of Hubbell



Jayden Harvey views her advanced education as an important personal achievement but also to honor the sacrifices of her family and to give back to her Navajo community. “It’s about creating a life where I can support my family, uplift others, and bring hope to those who feel forgotten.” Pursuing a BA in biology at Northern Arizona

University, Jayden's ultimate focus is to become an orthodontist.

It's a personal goal for her because as a child she struggled with her self-image and was insecure about her smile. "When I got my braces, it completely changed how I saw myself. After I got them off, I had such a feeling of confidence, happiness and pride and I realized this is the way I want to help others." This process was struggle and financial challenge for her parents driving two hours from Kayenta, AZ to Shiprock, NM monthly for four years!

"I want to return to the Navajo Nation and open an orthodontic practice that offers affordable, accessible treatment to those who need it most." Working with the tribal programs Jayden also envisions starting a mobile clinic to provide high-quality dental care to local schools as well as reaching out to remote areas of the reservation. She is very proud of her Navajo culture and native language. "When I look at the lack of Native American healthcare professionals, especially in specialized fields such as orthodontics, I see not just a gap – I see my calling."

TWO GUNS AND CANYON DIABLO – A COLORFUL AND SORDID HISTORY

By Tom Surface

Occupied by Native Americans as far back as the 1100s, Two Guns and nearby Canyon Diablo, 30 miles east of Flagstaff in northern Arizona, has been a location with many significant historical events for both Native Americans and white settlers moving west.

Two Guns was the site of a mass murder of Apache by their Navajo enemies in 1878. After raiding and killing Navajos in two camps some Apaches had hidden in a cave at Two Guns to avoid detection, but were discovered by the Navajos, who lit sagebrush fires at the cave's exit and shot any Apache trying to escape. The fire suffocated 42 Apaches, after which they were stripped of their valuables. The murder site is referred to as the "Apache Death Cave." Legend has it that Two Guns served as the hide out of Billy the Kid and his outlaw gang during the winter of 1879-1880.

Railroad, Outlaws, Buried Treasure and Route 66

In 1880, before Two Guns was established as a white settlement, the construction of the Santa

Fe Railroad was taking place across northern Arizona. A settlement populated by male railroad work crews was established near the construction site and was named Canyon Diablo. The settlement "quickly became a wild and lawless place as drifters, gamblers, and outlaws made their way to town." Four men employed by the nearby Hashknife Ranch robbed the train at Canyon Diablo in 1889, then fled on horseback



Apache Death Cave— Two Guns, Az
Photo Courtesy: Great American Hikes



Two Gunsin Ruins 2013, photo: Wikipedia.org



Abandoned Gas Pump Island, photo: Wikipedia.org

with \$100,000 in currency, \$2,500 new silver dollars, and \$40,000 in gold coins, as well as silver watches, jewelry, and diamonds. A posse, led by legendary Arizona Sheriff Buckey O'Neill, pursued the bandits but recovered less than \$100 when the men were captured. Years later, after release from prison, one of the thieves disclosed that the stolen goods, along with their rifles, had been buried in the canyon rim near Two Guns. The location remains popular with treasure hunters.

The first white settler at Two Guns was Ed Randolph, who built a store next to the Apache Death Cave. In 1922, Earle and Louise Cundiff purchased 320 acres of land from Randolph at this location for \$1,000, and built a store, restaurant, and gasoline pumps for travelers of the National Old Trails Highway which ran through the area.

In 1925, Harry E. Miller leased property from the Cundiffs and began extensive construction to capitalize on the growing flow of tourists driving the Old National Trails Highway. Miller erected a zoo with cages made of brick, mortar, and chicken wire; his zoo animals included mountain lions, cougars, Gila monsters, coral snakes, birds, and a lynx. A restaurant and Indian gift shop were opened, and Miller cleaned out the death cave, selling any Apache skulls found inside as souvenirs. For a fee, visitors were led on a tour that began at a Hopi house Miller had built, where rolls of colored piki bread were made

and sold. Tourists then followed a paved path down the side of the canyon to a soft drink stand at the bottom. Next was a tour of the death cave, where Miller had installed electric lights and fake ruins of cliff dwellers. Flamboyant signs were placed along the highway, and Miller named his establishment "Fort Two Guns." That same year, Cundiff and Miller had a disagreement about the details of their lease, and Miller shot the unarmed Cundiff to death. He was later acquitted of the killing. In 1926, the old highway was officially designated U.S. Route 66 and more tourist-catering businesses popped up. A more modern service station was built at Two Guns in 1963, and by the late 1960s a motel, western tavern, reptile exhibit, and new zoo were added. Later, a Shell service station was built, and a KOA campground opened. However, with the building of Interstate 40 beginning in the late 1960s, the fate of Two Guns and Canyon Diablo was sealed.

Two Guns Today

The service station burned in 1971, and with the de-commissioning of Route 66, Two Guns began to decline. The ruins of many former structures remain, including the trading post, campground, old cottages, zoo, and burned-out service station. In 1988, the original Canyon Diablo Bridge, which is still standing, was added to the National Register of Historic Places.



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Thank you for your support. We could not provide Native American scholarships without your support.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF HUBBELL

As a federally recognized non-profit organization incorporated in 1990 [Arizona reg.# 02261435], the Friends of Hubbell contributes to the management objectives of the National Park Service National Historic Site. Related goals include revitalizing Native American arts and crafts, perpetuating John Lorenzo Hubbell's legacy, providing college scholarships to Native American students, and increasing public awareness of the Park. We invite you to assist us in these efforts by becoming a member. More information can be found on our Friends of Hubbell website.

"Everything that is good; the concepts in Navajo of beauty, perfection, harmony, goodness, normality, success, well-being, blessedness, order, and ideal."

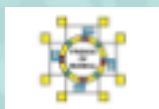
Handbook of North American Indians Vol. 10 Southwest, Gary Witherspoon, Language and Reality in Navajo World View.

Mark your calendar for the Saturday, May 2, 2026 Auction in Gallup



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For information on coming events please refer to the organization's websites



Friends of Hubbell:

<https://www.friendsofhubbell.org>



Hubbell Trading Post:

www.nps.gov/hutr/index.htm



Old Pueblo Archaeology Center:

<https://www.oldpueblo.org>



Western Trading Post:

www.westerntradingpost.com



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www.bernalilloindianfestival.com