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Education

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| 2026 | University of New Mexico - Albuquerque, New Mexico
Master of Fine Arts |
| 2025 | Institute of American Indian Arts – Santa Fe, New Mexico,
Bachelor of Fine Arts and Associate Indigenous Liberal Studies
Graduated: December 2025 (Dean's List) |
| 2019 | High School Diploma, Dulce High School, Dulce, New Mexico |

Professional Experience

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| 2026 | Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Curatorial Assistant, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Art Studio Assistant, Daisy Quezada, Santa Fe, New Mexico |
| 2025 | Journey Home Internship and Apprenticeship, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Art Studio Assistant, Erica Lord Art Studios, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Selected participant for the American Indian College Fund, a representative for the Institute of American Indian Art for the Epicurean Awards to Support Scholars (EATSS) in New York City. |
| 2023 | Retail Service Associates, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, New Mexico |
| 2021-23 | Little Beaver Rodeo Queen, a tribal ambassador representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation from Dulce, New Mexico. |
| 2022 | Land Grant Student Worker, Institute of American Indian Arts Land Grant, Santa Fe, New Mexico |
| 2021-22 | Bookstore Clerk, Institute of American Indian Arts Campus Bookstore, Santa Fe, New Mexico |
| 2019 | Participated in the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) from Dulce, New Mexico. |

- 2018-19 Youth Worker, Department of Youth, Dulce, New Mexico
- Little Beaver Rodeo Princess, a tribal ambassador representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation from Dulce, New Mexico.
- 2014-15 Little Beaver Rodeo Princess, a tribal ambassador representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation from Dulce, New Mexico

Selected Exhibitions/ Art Markets

- 2026 *Thunderbird Rising: A group exhibition*, Historic Santa Fe Foundation, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- Artist Patio Pop-Up, Dineh and Company, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Cultural Roots*, 3017 Art Gallery, Artisan ABQ, Albuquerque, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- Kukani One Year Anniversary*, Kukani Gallery, Albuquerque, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- Rooted In Relation 2025-2026 IAIA BFA Exhibition*, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- 2025 *30th Anniversary Fundraiser Event Celebrating 30 Years of Cycle Breaking*, Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Center for Native American Youth Aspen Institute, Washington, DC (Group Online Exhibition)
- IAIA's Holiday Art Market, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Paradigm in Flux*, The 2025 Fall Graduating Senior Exhibition, Institute of American Indian Arts, Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- Expressions of Education An Art Exhibition*, 3017 Art Gallery, Artisan ABQ, Albuquerque, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- 2025 IAIA Student and Recent Graduate Art Market*, IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Institute Of American Indian Arts Spring Powwow and Graduation*, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Senior Projects I Pop-Up Art Show (Group Exhibition)
- 2024 IAIA's Holiday Art Market, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

- 2022 *Peace, Love, Art: Indigenous Collective*, Online Art Exhibition and Auction (Group Exhibition)
- Bees Knees Insects*, Institute of American Indian Arts, Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico (Group Exhibition)
- Pathways Indigenous Arts Festival Market, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2021 Jicarilla Apache Tribal Building, Dulce, New Mexico (Solo Exhibition)

Awards/Grants/Fellowship

- 2020-2026 *Norman TeCube Sr. Scholarship*, Jicarilla Apache Higher Education Program, Dulce, New Mexico
- 2020 *Award Winner Chimney Rock National Monument 10th Anniversary Logo Design Contest*, San Juan National Forest, Colorado
- KCIE T-Shirt Design Contest*, Dulce, New Mexico
- Career Pathways Scholarship*, The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation, Española, New Mexico
- 2019 *The Brenda Julian Fine Arts Scholarship Award*, Jicarilla Apache Cultural Art and Heritage Center, Dulce, New Mexico

Public Panel Discussions

- 2026 *Cultural Roots*, Public Panel Discussions 3017 Art Gallery, Artisan ABQ, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2025 *Paradigm in Flux*, The 2025 Fall Graduating Senior Exhibition Panel Discussions, Institute of American Indian Arts, Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2025 *Pathway to the Stars Panel Discussion*, Journey Home Internship and Apprenticeship, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2024 Artists public presentation, Dulce Elementary School, Dulce, New Mexico

Bibliography/ Podcasts

- 2025 *Santa Fe art scene poses challenges for a new generation of artists*, Alaina Mencinger, The Santa Fe New Mexican
- 2025 *Cougar Vigil*, Jicarilla Apache Chieftain newspaper
- 2023 *From Here, With A View: A We Are The Seeds Podcasts*, Philadelphia Podcast Center

Commissions

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| 2025 | Commissioned by Jicarilla Apache Public Relations for an illustration commission for a tote bag design. |
| 2024 | Commissioned by Jicarilla Apache Cultural Affairs, illustrated a children's book.

Commissioned by Jicarilla Apache Cultural Affairs, illustrated a poster for a Climate Change Conference

Commissioned by IllumiNative for Winter Solstice digital illustration.

Commissioned by Jicarilla Apache Home-Based Visiting Program to design a logo

Commissioned by Jicarilla Apache Student Residence Center to design a logo.

Commissioned to design the logo for the Jicarilla Behavioral Health Department (JBHD) in Dulce, NM. The (JBHD) Health Parade T-Shirt, (JBHD) Detox Program, (JBHD) Detox Program, (JBHD) Crisis Team, and lastly (JBHD) Outpatient. |
| 2023 | Commissioned by Jicarilla Cultural Affairs, illustrated and printed stickers. |