



# Kayla Wanatee

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## Education

Expected in 05/2025 **Bachelor of Arts, Studio Arts, *Institute of American Indian And Alaska Native Culture And Arts Development***, Santa Fe, NM

- President's List Fall Semester 2021
- Dean's List Spring Semester 2022-Fall Semester 2023
- American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship Recipient
- Jerry Ah-Be Hill Scholarship Recipient
- IAIA American Indian College Fund Scholarship Recipient

05/2013 **High School Diploma, *South Tama County High School***, Tama, IA

## Skills

- Studio Maintenance and etiquette
- Creative Direction
- Client rapport
- Professional Demeanor
- Materials Organization
- Project Management
- Analytical Skills

## Work History

08/2023 - 12/2023

**Studio Monitor**

***Institute Of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM***

- Enhanced studio efficiency by organizing and maintaining equipment inventory.
- Maintained a safe and clean studio environment, adhering to industry standards and regulations.
- Contributed to a positive studio atmosphere by fostering strong relationships with clients and colleagues.
- Assisted Students in retrieving materials for class projects

01/2023 - 05/2023

**Studio Assistant**

***Erica Lord, Santa Fe, NM***

- Assisted in the production of high-quality art pieces through meticulous attention to detail and steady handwork.
- Managed inventory and supplies, ensuring timely delivery for continuous project work.
- Supported creative team in meeting project deadlines by efficiently completing assigned tasks.
- Participated in brainstorming sessions with creative teams to contribute ideas and improve overall project results.

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## Museums

- December 2023 - Painting *Three Generations of Woman* in Collection at Meskwaki Tribal Museum

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## Retail

- 2024 EATSS(American Indian College Fund's Epicurean Awards to Support Scholars) - Copper Jewelry sold at event, New York, NY
- February 2024 - Jewelry sold to Museum of Contemporary Native Art, Santa Fe, NM
- July 2022 - Jewelry sold to Big Rain Gallery, Pawhuska, OK

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## Art Show Participations

- 2024 Senior Projects 1 Pop-up Exhibition - Institute of American Indian Arts Library
- 2024 Art Rush Exhibition - Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery
- 2023 "Creations: Where We Begin" exhibition - Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery
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- 2023 Smithsonian Craft Show - Institute of American Indian Art display booth
- 2023 American Indian Higher Education Consortium Art Show - 1st place Textile, Traditional Arts Category
- 2023 Institute of American Indian Arts Art Competition - 2nd place Leatherwork, Juror's Selection Textile Traditional Arts Category
- 2022 IAIA Art Competition - Balzer Contemporary Edge Gallery