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President Shelly Challenges Graduates At UNM-Gallup Branch Commencement



Gallup, N.M.- Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly encouraged and challenged graduates of the University of New Mexico-Gallup last Wednesday's commencement ceremony.

“Congratulations graduates of UNM-Gallup!” President Shelly stated before continuing with his commencement speech.

“The Navajo Nation needs you. Change is hard but you can use your education to continue to build the Nation. We have much to do.” President Shelly stated in his 10-minute commencement ceremony speech.

The two-hour ceremony awarded more than 150 graduates with certificates, licensures, and degrees.

“To get the degree, that was a challenge. You took that challenge on as a high school student and now you graduated. Now as a college graduate, I challenge you to use your education to progress forward. You are creating a path for yourself. Look back once in a while and see how your trail is going.” President Shelly said.

President Shelly has attended every UNM-Gallup graduation since he held the former position of Vice President of the Navajo Nation.

In concluding statements President Shelly stated to the family of graduates.

“Parents and grandparents, thank you for supporting your children.”