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Office of Miss Navajo Nation announces  
contestants for the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Navajo Nation Pageant



PHOTO: (left to right) Navajo Nation Second Lady Dottie Lizer, Contestant #4 Oshkaillah Lakota IronShell, Contestant #3 Niagara Aveda Chanel Rockbridge, Miss Navajo Nation Shaandiin Parrish, Contestant #2 Shandiin Hiosik Yazzie, Contestant #1 Gypsy Shannon Pete, and Navajo Nation First Lady Phefelia Nez at the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Ariz. on July 19, 2021.

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, the Office of Miss Navajo Nation announced the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Navajo Nation Pageant contestants who will compete in this year’s event. The four contestants include:

- **Gypsy Shannon Pete, Contestant #1**
  - 24 years old from Rock Point, AZ
  - Kintichii’nii, Deeshchii’nii, Bit’ahnii, Ma’ii deeshgiizhnii

- **Shandiin Hiosik Yazzie, Contestant #2**
  - 25 years old from St. Michaels, AZ
  - Ashiihi, K'éłłahí (Akimel O'odham), Tó'díich'inii, Yoeme (Pasquai Yaqui)
  
- **Niagara Aveda Chanel Rockbridge, Contestant #3**
  - 22 years old from Pinon, AZ
  - Kinyaa'aanii, Hask'aan Hadzohi, Naakai Dine'é, Tó'ahaní
  
- **Oshkaillah Lakota IronShell, Contestant #4**
  - 19 years old from St. Michael, AZ
  - Táhneezahii, Lokaad Dineh (Sicangu Sioux), Kinyaa'áanii, Lokaad Dineh (Sicangu Sioux)

The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Navajo Nation Pageant will take place from Sept. 6 through Sept. 10, with the coronation on Sept. 11, 2021. This year's pageant will be available to the public to view virtually through Facebook and YouTube streaming platforms.

"We are very thankful to these four proud and strong Diné women for taking on the challenge of competing in this year's pageant. We pray for their safety and success as they move forward and we thank their families for supporting them as well. Whoever is selected to wear the prestigious title of Miss Navajo Nation will have some big shoes to fill. Miss Navajo Nation Shaandiin Parrish has done an outstanding job and represented our Navajo people with great honor, determination, and a big heart. She's been on the frontlines throughout the pandemic and she continues to offer her knowledge and compassion for all of our people, especially our young people. We wish all of the contestants the very best as they compete," said President Nez.

On Monday, First Lady Phefelia Nez and Second Lady Dottie Lizer met the contestants at the Navajo Nation Museum and offered their support and encouragement.

"We commend the four contestants and their families for coming forth to compete for the prestigious title of Miss Navajo Nation. Each of the contestants will have the opportunity to offer their cultural knowledge, skills, and unique talents during the pageant. As an ambassador, they will represent all Navajo women and advocate for issues that impact women, children, and families. We pray for each of the contestants and their successful endeavors," said First Lady Nez.

"We congratulate the contestants and the communities they represent. They have taken on a beautiful and memorable challenge to become a leader and role model for the youth of the Navajo Nation. The teachings of their grandparents and parents have guided them to such an amazing opportunity. We will be there to support them and cheer them on along the way," said Second Lady Lizer.

Vice President Lizer also thanked the contestants for their willingness to participate in the challenging competition and sacrifice time away from their family and friends to serve an important role. The Nez-Lizer Administration congratulates the four contestants and will continue to support the Office of Miss Navajo Nation.

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