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**President Nez congratulates the Diné College
Class of 2022, signs bill amending the college's charter**



PHOTO: The Class of 2022 from Diné College during the Spring Commencement in Tsaile, Ariz. on May 6, 2022.

TSAILE, Ariz. — On Friday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez had the honor of attending the Diné College Spring Commencement, to recognize and congratulate the graduating Class of 2022 at the college's campus in Tsaile, Ariz.

President Nez joined the Diné College Board of Regents and President Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, in honoring the 122 graduates who earned their degrees from the Diné College School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, School of Arts, Humanities, and English, School of Business and Social Sciences, and the School of Diné Studies and Education.

"On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we congratulate all of the graduates, their families, and mentors on your remarkable accomplishments. Just as our ancestors did long ago, you all persevered and overcame many challenges to be here today. You exemplify the strength and resilience of our

ancestors. In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, you rose to the challenge, overcame adversities, and achieved this great milestone. With your hard work, you are now able to provide a better quality of life for your families and give back to your communities. As we come together to celebrate your achievements, we must also honor and recognize all of your parents, grandparents, teachers, and everyone who supported you and helped you along the way,” said President Nez.

He also acknowledged that life will continue to present many challenges, and encouraged the graduates to continue using the teachings of their elders to strive forward and continue achieving their goals throughout life.

“It’s through the teachings and discipline of our elders that we continue to persevere and remain strong to this day. Please thank your parents, grandparents, and everyone who supports you on this journey. You exemplify the strength and resilience of our people, and you are the future of our Nation,” added President Nez.



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez signing Resolution CAP-23-22 into law prior to the Spring Commencement in Tsaile, Ariz. on May 6, 2022.

Prior to the commencement, President Nez was joined by Diné College Board of Regents and President Roessel as he signed into law Resolution CAP-23-22, which amends and modernizes the Diné College charter to prioritize the selection of board members based on professional experience and expertise as opposed to their geographic region, and to expand financial options for the college to create revenue opportunities and allow for greater access for more students across the Navajo Nation.

The Nez-Lizer Administration congratulates the Class of 2022 from Diné College and thanks the Board of Regents, President Roessel, and all of the faculty and staff for their support of all of the graduates and undergraduates.

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