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**President Nez congratulates Navajo student
recipients of the 2022 NTEC Scholarship award**



FARMINGTON, N.M. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez had the honor of delivering a congratulatory message to the recipients, and their families, of the 2022 Navajo Transitional Energy Company Scholarship, which is awarded to Navajo students majoring in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or math during an awards luncheon hosted by NTEC on Thursday.

Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC is the owner of Navajo Mine, located south of Fruitland, New Mexico on the Navajo Nation. In addition to NTEC’s scholarship program, NTEC contributes more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds each year for Navajo students to Diné College, Navajo Technical University, and Navajo chapters associated with Navajo Mine.

In his message to the students, President Nez spoke about the importance of persevering through adversity to succeed in life and in order to give back to their communities and the Navajo Nation.

“The teachings and tough love of our parents and grandparents are what carry us through challenging times in life. With what you are accomplishing through your academic experience, you are becoming even stronger and you are able to achieve a greater quality of life for yourselves and give back to your communities later on in life. As President, I had to start from the local level and work my way up. By doing that, it allowed me to listen to my elders and to learn over the years. We have many young people who are doing great things in life and you all are part of that. Congratulations to you and your families for your great accomplishments,” said President Nez.

He also encouraged the students to return to their communities to help “build our Nation” through the academic and work experience they gain. President Nez also thanked the parents, grandparents, and teachers for supporting and guiding the students to this point.

In the fifth year of the scholarship program, NTEC awarded 31 Navajo students based on academic performance and their field of study. Applicants are also required to be registered with a Navajo chapter and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in college.

President Nez joined NTEC Education Coordinator Nathan Tohtsoni, Navajo Technical University President Dr. Elmer Guy, and NTEC Community Affairs Coordinator Cortasha Upshaw in presenting the scholarship recipients with a certificate of achievement from NTEC. Former Navajo Nation Vice President Rex Lee Jim and New Mexico State Rep. Anthony Allison were also in attendance to offer their support.

The Nez-Lizer Administration thanks the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LCC for supporting Navajo students and their families through scholarship funding.

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