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***“Tsit’da, Datchu,***

***who did you vote for  
back in ‘24?”***

# Ho'n A:wan Chawe A:dehya to Register Competitors for Benefit Run/Walk

Ho'n A:wan Chawe A:dehya will host in-person registration for an October 13 Competitive 5k & 2-mile run / walk on the following dates & sites:

9/15 & 9/22 – Major Market Lobby Area from 1-4 pm  
9/29 & 10/6 – Halona Market Place Lobby from 1-4  
10/12 – ZHS – Patason Amesoli Invite

Early Registration is \$30, and Race Day registration is \$40.

Please, if you all have any questions regarding the registration please don't hesitate to contact:

John Tsabetsaye @ 505-297-6457  
Gordon Quam @ 505-350-9120

All Proceeds will benefit foster children placed outside of our community. For more background, continue reading below.

## Ho'n A:wan Cha:we A:deyah (Our Children are Precious/Sacred)



We, the Ho'n A:wan Cha:we A:deyah Advisory Committee, seek the community's support for our upcoming event.

Our mission is to hold true to the Zuni instruction of holding our children sacred with a focus on Zuni children in foster care. Each of us has a story we bring whether it's being in foster care or working with Zuni children in the foster care system.

We unite as we remember one of Zuni's migration stories. The story tells of the instruction for parents/community to never let go of the children as they crossed a raging river with their children on their backs. For those who did not heed the instruction and let go of their children, they saw their children turn into the creatures of the water. Those who held on tight and crossed the river, saw their children return to their normal human form. A story shared hundreds of years ago was told for a reason – we must not let go and forget about our children, especially our foster children.

Children in foster care who are placed outside the community often wonder if they are remembered, and reminisce about life back home. When they are given items of cultural significance, their faces light up. They yearn to know more about their Zuni heritage. The stories are the same. They desire to be within the community or if not, to remain connected.

Our goal is to bring continued awareness about the need for foster families who are sensitive to children who have been impacted by the trauma of being removed from their homes. We are hopeful that Zuni families will be willing to open their hearts and homes to provide a loving environment, even if only for a short time, as a respite, or perhaps even permanently, for a Zuni child in foster care.

Currently, Zuni averages between 3-11 Indian Child Welfare Cases each month. Some of these children are placed outside the community in locations such as Farmington, Albuquerque or Las Cruces. Local Zuni Foster care cases average 15-16 children each month. Of the local cases, approximately nine (9), are placed with family, leaving the reminding seven (7), placed outside the community.

When the number of Indian Child Welfare Cases and Local Foster cases are combined, Zuni has on average 19-27 cases a year.

At one time, Zuni had a group foster home within the community. Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances, this culturally centered facility had to close its doors. Our vision is to reestablish a group foster home located in Zuni so our foster children remain connected and know they are loved and supported.

We are planning to host a walk/run-on October 13, 2024, to

# Help ATC Name its Shiwi Immersion School

A:shiwi Tribal College is in the process of designing and building a culturally supportive early childhood facility for complete Shiwi language immersion education.

This new school, soon to break ground on the A:shiwi College campus, will serve preschool-aged children and provide supportive services to their family members who

wish to commit to learning and maintaining the Shiwi language at home.

This new school needs a name! Please help to choose between the two options shown below. Voting Closes on **Friday October 4, 2024**. Elah'kwa in advance for your input!

kick-start our awareness campaign. In addition to heightening public awareness about the disproportionate number of Shiwi children in foster care, we are raising funds to gift our Shiwi children with a "Cultural Basket" – items with cultural significance, to let our children know they are cherished, deeply missed, and not forgotten.

Cultural Baskets will contain the following items for girls: a shawl/apron, a Native design coloring book, a scarf, drawing paper, colored pens/markers/paints, a jar of Zuni salt, Zuni tea, a Zuni design t-shirt, Zuni reading books like No'chabi, Halo and Hobiska, Sun-face earrings or a fetish, and postcards.

Boys' baskets will include all the above except the shawl, and a fishing rod and a bow and arrow.

We also intend to use these funds to purchase gifts to acknowl-

edge meaningful events for children such as birthdays and special occasions like Christmas.

Please join us as we strive to honor the important teaching of cherishing our children and to help meet our goal of raising funds to purchase the items above, and bring awareness to our Shiwi children in foster care.

Elahkwa!  
Ho'n A:wan Cha:we A:deyah Advisory Committee  
President: Christy Chapman; VP: Carrie Gashytewa;  
Secretary: Kelly Jones;  
Treasurer: Crystal Brown;  
Public Relations: John Tsabetsaye & Gordon Quam;  
Members: Kahleya Chapman, Brenda Othole-Quam, Mary Jo Zunic, and Kimberly Quam



# ELECTION 2024

The following sections provide answers to essential questions about voting, including Why vote, How to vote, For whom and for What to vote, and When and Where. Additional voting information will be published in the October issue of the Messenger, prior to the November election.

## 1. Why Vote?

When we vote, we:

- **Protect** our right to freedom of speech without fear of imprisonment, and the power to elect our leaders, to not be ruled.
- **Honor** our veterans, who fought, and in too many cases gave their lives, to keep our nation and our Pueblo free.
- **Honor** our men and women now serving in the military. They're voting for freedom in this very moment by serving in the Armed Forces. We support them by exercising the very right to vote that they're risking their lives to defend. Ela'Kwa to all of them!
- **Honor** Miguel Trujillo (Isleta/Laguna), who fought for Native American Voting Rights – and he won in 1948!
- **Benefit** our students' educational opportunities and success through elected officials who support public education.
- **Guide** our New Mexico State legislators to their advocacy for state funds for social services available in Zuni.
- **Determine** through census participation and our voter turnout how much federal funding Zuni Pueblo receives for the social services we rely on.
- **Determine**, as staked in the November election, whether the federal Department of Education should be abolished.
- **Determine** whether through reprioritization of the Department of Interior, federal protection of natural and cultural resources, should be diminished or eliminated in favor of mineral mining and fossil fuel extraction from Native lands, including around Chaco Canyon and at Bears Ears.
- **Determine**, as [Project 2025](#) proposes, whether to blur the separation of Executive and Judicial branch powers.
- **Determine** the future of Social Security payments for our elders and for those who receive disability payments.
- **Represent** ourselves individually, as families and as a Tribal Nation.

Those are a few of countless reasons to vote in the November election, and in all elections, local, state, and national. Voting takes as little time as a typical errand, but the effects of voting – and of not voting – last for four years at least, if not much longer.

**A:na'dundekkwini ho'na:wan ele'deyadunona hon isti'nena:wa! Ho'na:wan chawe' dap a:ho'i' a:ya:na, animossi'na. Dishshomaha', isti'nena:wa—ho'nawan ulo'nan dap a:ho' a:de'ya!**

## 2. How to Vote?

- **Register to Vote** by scanning the QR code at right, which leads to the State of New Mexico's online voter registration page, [NMVote.org](#). You also can register in person at regular Voter Registration events, including most Sunday afternoons at the Tribal Building and as advertised on KSHI. You will need to enter your birthday, social security number, and New Mexico Driver's license or personal ID number. These steps take just a few minutes. **Use your old physical address.**
- **Learn about the issues** by talking with family, friends and colleagues; by listening to candidates' Convention speeches, to hear directly from them what they would do if elected; and by reading about their proposed policies. [2020election.procon.org](#) provides a non-partisan breakdown of how major candidates stand on key issues. [Here](#) is Donald Trump's full Republican National Convention Speech. [Here](#) is Kamala Harris' full Democratic Convention Speech. Both can be searched on Youtube.
- **Make a Plan To Vote** To not miss your chance to vote, **make a Plan to Vote**. Will you vote early? Will you vote by mail? Will you vote in person on November 5th? See Sections 3 & 4 for details on Where and When to Vote.



• And...

**GO  
VOTE!**

### Hon I:yansatduna'we – We Will Help One Another

The Pueblo of Zuni is asking for the public's assistance in updating the New Mexico Voter Registry for our residents. Be a part of this historic moment when the Native American voter truly matters. Be a good relative. Take the first step, register or update your voter information. Its'ina'u, register today.

It takes just a few minutes to update your registration or to register for the first time. Using the QR code below, simply enter your birthday, social security number, and your New Mexico Driver's License or personal ID number. If you need assistance please call the Pueblo of Zuni at 505-782-7000, and look out for the NAEVA booth with Tribal Leads Sherry & Devanna ready to assist you. The New Mexico Voter Registry will close on October 8, 2024 for both paper and online registrations leading up to the General Election 2024. The QR Code is a direct link to the NM Secretary of State. It is a secure site you can use to self-register through your device. **Use your old physical address.**

Voting through the mail is also available. Absentee Ballots can be requested starting October 8th. Same-day registration will be available on Voting Day itself, Tuesday, November 5. Visit [NMVote.org](#) for online support and information to plan your voting, or call McKinley County Bureau of Elections at 505-722-4469. Elah'kwa.



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and Naeva**



# 3. For Whom, and for What to Vote?

## General Election 2024 • McKinley County, New Mexico

Information on all candidates, and background on all Constitutional Amendments and Bond Questions, can be found through online searches.

### PRESIDENT

**(Incumbent) Vice-President, Kamala Harris (D) vs. Donald J. Trump (R).**

President Biden declined to continue as a candidate mid-July and passed the torch to Vice-President Kamala Harris to be the nominee in November. She received enough votes from the Democratic delegates on 08/02/24 and was officially nominated during the National Democratic Conference on 08/19-22/24.

There are other candidates in the run for President; these could make shifts for the top two. One of the candidates, **Robert Kennedy, Jr.**, who suspended his campaign on 08/23/24 and endorsed Donald Trump for President. However, he did not meet the deadline on 08/27/24 to remove his name from NM ballots.

### CONGRESSIONAL

**U.S. SENATE:** Incumbent Martin Heinrich (D) is challenged by Nella Domenici (R); she is the daughter of the late Senator Pete Domenici.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE:** Zuni has two congressional seats; Representative Vasquez has the majority district in Zuni while Representative Leger-Fernandez has the upper section of the reservation.

**CD-2:** A rematch isn't in the works for Representative Gabriel "Gabe" Vasquez (D) and former Representative Yvette Herrell (R); she served NM 2021 to 2023.

**CD-3:** Incumbent Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez (D) will be challenged by former State Representative Sharon Clahchischillie (R). She is a member of the Navajo Nation and currently serves as a member of the Public Education Commission in District 5, which represents Zuni.

### NEW MEXICO STATE ELECTION

#### JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Briana H. Zamora; appointed by Gov Lujan Grisham to fill a vacancy that expires this year in December.

#### JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Jennifer L. Attrep, Shammara H. Henderson, Megan P. Duffy

### SENATE

**District 3:** Shannon Pinto – (Incumbent-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

**District 4:** George Munoz – (Incumbent-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

**District 22:** Benny Shendo, Jr. – (Incumbent-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

**District 30:** Angel Charley – (New-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

### HOUSE

**District 5:** Doreen W. Johnson – (Incumbent-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

**District 6:** Eliseo L. Alcon – (Incumbent-D). He currently serves Zuni but has an opponent, Paul L. Spencer (R), from Bluewater

**District 69:** Patricia Lundstrom – (Incumbent-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

**District 69:** Michelle P. Abeyta – (New-D) Won in the primary; no opponent

### MCKINLEY COUNTY

#### 11th Judicial District Division 3

Sarah V. Weaver  
Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

#### 11th Judicial District Division 7

Douglas W. Decker  
Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

#### District Attorney: 11th Judicial District Div. II

Bernadine Martin (D); no opponent Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

#### County Commissioner Dist. 3

Robert B. Baca (D); no opponent Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

#### County Clerk

Jacqueline K. Sloan (D); Jason T. Joe (R)

#### County Treasurer

Carol Bowman-Muskett (D); Mark B. Macik (R)

### STATE AND COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND BOND QUESTIONS

#### STATE

##### Constitutional Amendment 1

Proposing an amendment to Article 8, Section 15 of the Constitution of New Mexico to extend a property tax exemption, currently only allowed for one hundred percent disabled veterans and their widows and widowers, to veterans with less than a one hundred percent disability and their widows and widowers and basing the amount of the exemption on a veteran's federal disability rating.  
For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Constitutional Amendment 2

Proposing an amendment to Article 8, Section 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to increase a property tax exemption for honorably discharged members of the armed forces and their widows and widowers.  
For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Constitutional Amendment 3

Proposing to amend Article 6, Section 35 of the Constitution of New Mexico by allowing the dean of the University of New Mexico school of law to appoint a designee to the Judicial Nominating Commission.  
For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Constitutional Amendment 4

Proposing an amendment to Article 10, Section 1 of the Constitution of New Mexico to provide that the salaries of county officers shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners, remove references to the first legislative session and clarify that any fees collected by a county official shall be paid into the treasury of the county.  
For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Bond Question 1 – Aging and Long-Term Services Department

The 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of senior citizen facility improvement, construction and equipment acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed thirty million seven hundred fifty-eight thousand one hundred dollars (\$30,758,100) to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvement, construction and equipment acquisition projects and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law? For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Bond Question 2 – Library Acquisitions

The 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of library acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed nineteen million three hundred five thousand dollars (\$19,305,000) to make capital expenditures for academic, public school, tribal and public library resource acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law? For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Bond Question 3 – Higher Education

The 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of higher education, special schools and tribal schools' capital improvement and acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed two hundred thirty million two hundred fifty-eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$230,258,400) to make capital expenditures for certain higher education, special schools and tribal schools capital improvements and acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law? For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

##### Bond Question 4 – Public Safety

The 2024 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of public safety radio communications systems improvement bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed ten million two hundred ninety-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$10,297,100) to make capital expenditures for public safety radio communications systems stabilization and modernization and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law? For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

### COUNTY

#### Continuation Of Liquor Excise Tax Question

Shall the County Commissioners of McKinley County enact an ordinance continuing the imposition on all the retailers of McKinley County, New Mexico at the maximum amount as allowed by the state law (Six (6) Percent) a local liquor excise tax for the purpose



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of Funding education programs and the prevention and treatment, including social detoxification, of alcoholism and drug abuse within McKinley County, New Mexico, and for no other purpose?

For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

GET INVOLVED

**Registration & Updates:** online at [NMVote.org](https://nmvote.org): Request for sample ballots | Absentee Ballot | Early Vote | Same Day Registration (SDR) | In-Person Vote

**Note** that the candidates that will be on the ballot will depend on YOUR precinct, so it's important to update your information to the County Clerk's office; these include marital status, post office address change, if you were purged, etc. **Register using your old physical address.**

**Campaigns:** There are organizations and groups, campaigns, etc., that may hire (or ask for volunteers) for certain candidates. This may include door-knocking, phone banks, events, or other ways to promote votes for candidates.

**Poll Workers:** Interested community members can contact the McKinley County Bureau of Elections to work during the General Election. Training will be required prior to work; both will be paid.

**Seventeen-year-olds can register to vote if** they will be the age of 18 by election day on 11/05/24.

**Felons can vote if they've been cleared of all charges;** they need to make a physical visit to the McKinley County Bureau of Elections office in Gallup to register to vote. Those incarcerated at the Zuni Jail may vote if they are registered; travel may be arranged by the Department.

**Voting Convenience Centers (VCCs):** Voting Convenience Centers located at the [Zuni Tribal Building](#) and [Blackrock Fire Station](#) have handicap access for in-person voting.

**Outside Zuni:** You may vote in-person at any VCC in the County during early voting (10/19/24-11/02/24); or on election day 11/05/24. Beginning 10/08/24 through 10/22/24, you may vote in-person at the McKinley County Courthouse, 8am-5pm.

**Ballot Drop Box:** A ballot drop is located in front of the Zuni Tribal Building. It will be checked daily once early

voting starts on October 08, 2024. You may also deliver your absentee ballot in person during early voting hours at the Tribal Building beginning October 19, 2024.

McKinley County Clerk/Bureau of Elections Office: 505-722-4469  
Jacqueline Katherine Sloan  
<http://www.co.mckinley.nm.us/190/County-Clerk>

**Zuni 500:** Zuni has 4,891 registered voters, LET'S INCREASE OUR NUMBER by at least 500 more! Zuni is the largest pueblo in New Mexico and we should have more people on our rosters. We encourage current and especially new folks (e.g., teachers, hospital staff, etc.) in the community to assist with this effort.

No prior election has been so critical to the future of Zuni and the nation as the 2024 election.  
**Let's register, and let's vote!**

YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT!

*We lead our families daily as parents. I am a mother of two children. Voting is important to me because it is my right and choice. I vote regularly, so I am showing my kids that I believe my vote matters. When one chooses to lead and advocate, your voice has more power because you have created a record by voting. If you haven't had discussions about voting as a family, I encourage you to challenge yourselves. Talk about voting. Talk about what your values may be. Our children are ready to learn about voting!*  
— Valarie Bellson

4. Where and When to Vote?

Important Information to Remember  
Polling Locations:

<p><b>Starting October 19, 2024</b> <b>Early Voting:</b> 9 AM- 5 PM Tuesday thru Saturday</p> <p><b>A:Shiwi Tribal Offices</b> 1203 B HWY 53 Zuni, NM 87327 Conference Room</p> <p>Early Voting will end on <b>November 2, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>A:Shiwi Tribal Offices</b> 1203 B HWY 53 Zuni, NM 87327 &amp; <b>Blackrock Fire Station</b> (4) 3rd Street Zuni, NM 87327</p> <p><b>November 5, 2024</b> <b>General Election</b> <b>7 AM to 7 PM</b> For both locations</p>
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All polling locations are **Voting Convenience Centers (VCC)** in McKinley County and throughout the State of New Mexico. On designated election days, all registered voters can vote anywhere in their county.

You are encouraged to register by October 7th to ensure that your registration is in the registry at its close on October 8th. If you work outside your community or need to accommodate your voting plan on November 5, 2024, stop by any of McKinley County's polling sites.

As New Mexico is one of 23 states that offer Same Day Registration (SDR) you can bring the following forms of information to register on November 5.

<b>Recent/current utility bill</b>	<b>Tribal ID (photo &amp; physical location needed)</b>
<b>Bank Statement</b>	<b>Student ID (include a fee document)</b>
<b>Paycheck stub</b>	<b>Other document with your name &amp; address</b>

**Absentee Ballot Requests:** Mail-in requests start October 8th. Absentee Ballots will be mailed to those who previously submitted a request.

**Request Absentee ballots through** [NMVote.org](https://nmvote.org) or call the McKinley County Bureau of Elections, 505-722-4469.

A Return Box is located at the east end of A:Shiwi Tribal Offices. It is checked daily leading up to designated election days. It is a federal offense to tamper with the return box. Return your ballot to the ballot box after signing the return envelopes.

NMVote.org Links

[Register to vote online](#)

Use this link to:

- Register to vote online. These links may not work if you are overseas. [Click here](#) to find out more about overseas voting and consider using the [Federal Post Card Application](#) (FPCA).

[Find My Registration & Election Information](#)

Use this link to view:

- Your voter registration information
- Your voting location
- Your sample ballot
- Your absentee application and ballot status
- Your county clerk contact information
- Find out where there are Same-Day Registration polling locations

[Search Voting Location Data](#)

Use this link to:

- Enter a street number and zip code to find data on the voting location that is nearest to a specific address.

[Request an Absentee Ballot Online for the 2024 GENERAL ELECTION](#)

The last day to request an absentee ballot for the 2024 General Election is Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Those voters who are Overseas Military or Overseas Citizens must request an electronic absentee ballot by Saturday, November 2, 2024. See [FVAP.ORG](https://fvap.org) for more information.

**\*\*NEW\*\*** voters can now choose to be on the permanent absentee list when applying for an absentee ballot for the 2024 Primary Election. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on permanent absentee.

# More on Where and When to Vote

The following is provided care of the McKinley County Bureau of Elections

**FEDERAL:**

United States President  
United States Representative Dist. 2  
United States Representative Dist. 3

**STATE ELECTION:**

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS  
  
New Mexico State Senator Dist. 3  
New Mexico State Senator Dist. 4  
New Mexico State Senator Dist. 22  
New Mexico State Senator Dist. 30

New Mexico State Representative Dist. 5  
New Mexico State Representative Dist. 6  
New Mexico State Representative Dist. 9  
New Mexico State Representative Dist. 69

4 Bond Questions  
4 Amendment Questions

**COUNTY**

11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Division 7  
District Attorney: 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Div. II  
County Commissioner Dist. 3  
County Clerk  
County Treasurer  
County Liquor Excise Tax Question

**VOTING**  
**CONVENIENCE**  
**CENTERS**  
**OPEN 7 AM TO 7 PM**  
**ELECTION DAY**

VCC 1 Southside Fire Station  
VCC 2 Northside Fire Station  
VCC 3 Eastside Fire Station  
VCC 4 Westside Fire Station  
VCC 5 McKinley Courthouse Rotunda  
VCC 6 Rio West Mall  
VCC 7 UNM Gallup Branch Gymnasium  
VCC 8 Larry Brian Mitchell Rec. Center  
VCC 9-Zuni Tribal Building  
VCC 10-Blackrock Fire Station  
VCC 11 Red Rock Chapter House  
VCC 12 Crownpoint Election Office  
VCC 13 Thoreau Fire Station  
PCT-1 Red Lake Chapter House  
PCT-2 Navajo Estates Fire Station  
PCT-3 Old Paths Baptist Church  
PCT-4 Mexican Springs Chapter House  
PCT-5 Tohatchi Elementary School  
PCT-6 Twin Lakes Elementary School  
PCT-7 Coyote Canyon Chapter House  
PCT-8 Standing Rock Chapter House  
PCT-11 Whitehorse Chapter House  
PCT-12 Ojo Encino Chapter House  
PCT-14 Baca Chapter House  
PCT-15 Smith Lake Chapter House  
PCT-18 Ft. Wingate Fire Station  
PCT-19 Catherine A. Miller Elementary

**Same Day Registration**

*Starts October 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 in the County Rotunda **ONLY**. Starting October 19<sup>th</sup> all Early Voting sites will have Same Day Registration. Any person eligible to vote may register to Vote at the County Clerk's Office. Registration will **END November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**. On election day, all locations will have Same Day Registration*

**Absentee Voting**

McKinley County Bureau of Elections Office  
207 West Hill Ave., Gallup, NM 87301  
Begins 8:00AM Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 5:00PM.

To request an absentee ballot or check your Voter Registration status online go to:  
[nmvote.org](https://nmvote.org)  
[sos.nm.gov/absentee](https://sos.nm.gov/absentee)

McKinley County  
Bureau of Elections  
207 West Hill Ave.  
Gallup, New Mexico-87301  
**1-505-722-4469**

PCT-20 Rock Springs Chapter House  
PCT-22 Manuelito Chapter House  
PCT-23 Pinedale Chapter House  
PCT-24 Baa'haa'li Chapter House  
PCT-25 David Skeets Elementary School  
PCT-26 Ramah Fire Station  
PCT-51 Mariano Lake Chapter House  
PCT-52 Whispering Cedars Fire Station  
PCT-53 Iyanbito Chapter House  
PCT-57 Tsa ya toh Multi Complex  
PCT-60 Becenti Chapter House  
PCT-61 Nahodishgish Chapter House  
PCT-62 Pueblo Pintado Fire Station  
PCT-71 Casamero Lake Chapter House

**Voters from all precincts will have the opportunity to vote at any voting center in the county.**



**DISCLAIMER**

This is intended as a quick reference for information **ONLY** and is not intended to replace the ultimate legal authority regarding the election. It may contain inadvertent errors despite our efforts to be accurate. Please contact us immediately if you notice any errors.



**2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

**FEDERAL, STATE, and COUNTY ELECTION**  
**Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**NOW HIRING**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A POLL OFFICIAL? PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT THE POLL'S ON ELECTION DAY!  
**MUST HAVE COMPUTER SKILLS**

**1-505-722-4469**

**Early Voting**

McKinley County Rotunda  
Begins Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
Mondays through Fridays 8:00am to 5:00pm  
& Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
10:00am - 6:00pm

**ALTERNATE EARLY VOTING STARTS ON OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.**

**ENDS NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024.**

**ALTERNATE SITES:**

- **TWIN LAKES CHAPTER HOUSE**  
Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM  
October 21<sup>st</sup> -November 1<sup>st</sup>
- **MANUELITO CHAPTER HOUSE**  
Tuesday-Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM
- **CROWNPOINT ELECTION OFFICE**
- **ZUNI TRIBAL BUILDING**
- **THOREAU FIRE STATION**
- **RIO WEST MALL**  
Tuesday-Saturday 10:00AM-6:00PM



# A:shiwi Tribal College Welcomes Students for 2024-2025 Academic Year

We are happy you all are here! A:shiwi Tribal College/ Navajo Technical University has a mission to help you grow through new processes and help you emerge brand new. Anything you need to ask, we are here!

## Important Announcements

Attendance is very important. Why? It helps with better academic performance, builds study habits, creates a sense of community in the classroom, and prepares students for success.

Registration doesn't have to be a stressful experience. Register for your classes early. Pre-registration for Winter Intersession starts

October 21, 2024. Winter Intersession instruction runs from December 16, 2024 to January 3, 2025. Reach out to your advisor to schedule your appointment. Get first pick on classes; don't wait til the last minute!

A Listening Session will be sponsored by Navajo Technical University on October 2. Attend and get your voices heard. Make a difference. Incentives will be given to those in attendance.

Need help with classes? Did you know we have a tutor on board? Reach out to Kellen at (505) 782-6020. Any questions or concerns contact Student Services Laura Leekela or Dr. Reynelle Lowsayatee, at (505) 782-6020.

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## 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2024		Spring Semester 2025	
Pre-Registration Begins	Apr 29	Pre-Registration Begins	Oct 21
Faculty Return	Aug 5	HOLIDAY - New Year's Day	Jan 1
Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day	Aug 14	Faculty Return	Jan 13
New Student Orientation	Aug 15	New Student Orientation	Jan 16
On-Site Registration	Aug 16	On-Site Registration	Jan 17
Instruction Begins	Aug 19	HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Day	Jan 20
Late Registration w/fee	Aug 20-21	Instruction Begins	Jan 21
Last Day to Add/Drop Classes w/out W	Aug 23	Late Registration w/ fee	Jan 22-23
HOLIDAY - Labor Day	Sep 2	Last Day Add/ Drop Classes w/out W	Jan 24
Fall Graduation Petition due	Sep 27	HOLIDAY - President's Day	Feb 17
Mid Term Exams	Oct 7-11	Spring Graduation Petitions due	Feb 28
Fall Break	Oct 17-18	Mid Term Exams	Mar 10-14
Last Day to Withdraw With a W	Oct 28	Spring Break	Mar 17-21
HOLIDAY - Veterans Day observed	Nov 11	Last Day to Withdraw With a W	Apr 3
HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving Day/ NN Family Day	Nov 28-29	Final Exams	May 12-15
Final Exams	Dec 9-12	Final Grades due	May 16
Grades due to Registrar	Dec 13	SPRING GRADUATION	May 16
FALL GRADUATION	Dec 13	Memorial Day	May 26
HOLIDAY - Christmas	Dec 25		

### 2024 Winter Intersession

Pre-Registration	Oct 21
Instruction Begins	Dec 16
Late Registration w/fees	Dec 16
Last Day Add/Drop Classes w/out W	Dec 17
Holiday - Christmas Day	Dec 25
Midterm progress grades due	Dec 27
Last Day to Withdraw	Dec 27
Last Day of Class/Grades Due	Jan 3

### 2025 Spring Intersession

Pre-Registration	Mar 31
Instruction Begins	May 19
Late Registration w/fees	May 19
Last Day Add/Drop Classes w/out W	May 20
Midterm progress grade due	May 30
Last Day to Withdraw	May 30
Navajo Nation Memorial Day	Jun 2
Last Day of Class/Grades Due	Jun 6

### 2025 Summer Semester

Pre-Registration Begins	Mar 25
Navajo Nation Memorial Day	Jun 2
Instruction Begins	Jun 9
Late Registration w/ fee	Jun 10
Last Day Add/ Drop Classes w/out W	Jun 11
Last Day to Withdraw	Jul 2
HOLIDAY - Juneteenth	Jun 19
Midterm progress grades due	Jul 3
HOLIDAY - Independence Day	Jul 4
Last Day of Class/Grades Due	Jul 18



## The Melani McCullough Memorial Education Fund Announces \$5000 Scholarship Recipients Sanchez, Nez and Bowekaty

Deanna Sanchez is a Zuni tribal member. She graduated this past spring from Zuni High School and will be starting her freshman year in college at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado with a plan to pursue a degree in social work.

She aspires to become a school social worker in Zuni and hopes to provide a stable presence for students.

Deanna was a member of the National Honor Society in her sophomore, junior, and senior years in high school. She has already taken college courses in human services, psychology, and human growth and development to start preparing for her chosen career.

Outside of academics, in addition to activities with The National Honor Society, she was involved in student council, represented Zuni at a Social-Emotional-Learning convention, and worked as a case management assistant at A:shiwi College and Career Readiness Center.



Brooke Nez is a Navajo tribal member. She sends her introduction:

Besh' Bi'Chahi nishłı́ Tachi'nii bashishchiin Ke' Tsini dashicheii Ta' Neeszahni dashinalí (I am born for German and Dutch. My father's clans are Tangle and Red Running into the Water People).

Brooke is from Tocito, New Mexico about 15 miles outside of Shiprock, and graduated this spring from Pine Hill High School. She will be starting her freshman year at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin with a plan to pursue a degree in nursing while also running for the cross country and track teams. She hopes to return to work for the Indian Health Service after obtaining her degree.

During her high school career, Brooke prepared herself by seeking out rigorous academic coursework through independent online studies including a college level anatomy class. She participated in a program through the University of New Mexico that introduces students to healthcare careers and completed an internship with the

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Navajo Maternal and Child Health Project. Outside of academics, among many pursuits, she was involved in Student Council, serving as President her final year, and she excelled in track and field, placing in state championships.



Janessa Bowekaty is a Zuni tribal member. She is currently a graduate student in the Native American Studies master's program at the University of New Mexico. She graduated in the spring of 2023 summa cum laude with her Bachelor of Arts in Native American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

Her parents are Janis and Carleton Bowekaty. Her maternal grandparents are the late Vita Tsethlikai and the late Cyrus Mahkee, and her paternal grandparents are the late Aurelia Bowekaty and Carlos Bowekaty, all of whom have had a great impact on guiding and supporting Janessa. Her clans are Dakkya:kwe (Frog) and Yadokkya:kwe

awan cha'le (Child of Sun), and she is the eldest of four children.

Janessa resides on the Zuni reservation with her husband, Taydon Harker, while working as a student, art fellow (through the Center of Environmental Arts and Humanities at the University of New Mexico), a contracted research aid, and a tribal victim specialist advocate intern through American Indian Development Associates.

Janessa also volunteers on the Miss Indian New Mexico Inc. Board of Directors as Secretary, and as a community member on the Zuni Tribal Prevention Project community coalition. Janessa aspires to help build her community in capacities that depend on creativity, leadership, strong relationships/connections, Zuni values and ethics, and community and culturally-based approaches. With many interests including art, research, literature, history, victim advocacy and services, healing (health and wellness), education, and environmental ethics, Janessa looks forward to continuing to work with her community in various aspects, and gives a big thanks to all who support her in her goals and endeavors.

Many thanks to all our supporters! We are now raising money for our next scholarship awards. Donations can be made in the following ways:

By mail: Melani McCullough Memorial Education Fund, PO Box 1249, Zuni, NM 87327  
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To learn more about the Fund, applicants, future plans, or finances, or to offer suggestions on how to strengthen the Fund and its mission, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Melani McCullough Memorial Education Fund Board of Directors: Kevin Gauvey-Kern, Levonia Cellicion, Sharron Dishongh, Stephanie Vicenti, Nicole Sanchez, Cheryl Homer, Mary McCullough

Contact: [melanimcculloughscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:melanimcculloughscholarship@gmail.com); Kevin at 443-858-6448.

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Spring/Winter Intersession

REGISTRATION

October 21, 2024

Registration for the Spring Semester or Winter Intersession will begin October 21, 2024. For online registration please contact us at this email for a registration form or for in person registration you can contact your Site Campus for help.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Registration Procedure through Email Process

1. Choose your classes from the course schedules

2. Complete the registration form with your chosen classes

3. Sign & date registration form

4. Email the signed and dated form to [admissions@navajotech.edu](mailto:admissions@navajotech.edu)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Pre-Registration For Winter Intersession & Spring Semester Starts October 21, 2024

Winter Intersession Instruction Begins December 16th, 2024

Spring Semester Instruction Begins January 21, 2024

Please review our course schedule at our website for the classes you are interested in at:

<http://www.navajotech.edu/academics/course-schedules>

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Competitive 5K and 2-mile Fun Walk/Run

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Start Time: 5K at 8:00 am, 2 mile at 9:00 am

Check-in: 7:00 am- 7:50 am

Location: The base of Dowa Yalanne Mesa, Zuni, NM 87327

Registration \$30

Early bird registration ends October 11th

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