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# HOPI OPPORTUNITY YOUTH INITIATIVE



**"TO IMPROVE THE CULTURAL,  
CAREER, AND EDUCATIONAL  
ATTAINMENT OF ALL HOPI AND  
TEWA YOUTH"**

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# GREETINGS!

Fall has arrived and like the change of seasons the Hopi Foundation has also experienced some exciting changes. We are happy to announce that we have a new Program Manager for HOYI. We would like to welcome Nicole Honanie to the Hopi Foundation family.

We also would like to show our appreciation to Hannah Honani, former HOYI Program Manager. Your contributions to the youth and community you served while in this role are greatly appreciated. We wish you best of luck on your new position as Associate Operations Director with the Hopi Foundation. We know you will continue to do great work serving the Hopi/Tewa Communities.

With the recent changes of management the HOYI program has been in a transition phase. We feel it is important to give Ms. Honanie time to become familiar with the program and partnerships. We are happy to report that although it's been a timely process, there has been great progress and the program is moving forward each day.

With the start of the fourth quarter, we plan to build a strong team to help your youth face the challenges of tomorrow, taking things one day at a time. We have begun the planning phases of what is to come for 2022. We know COVID 19 will not fully be gone but we have begun to learn to live the changes that continue to impact our daily lives. Our plans are to help our youth address these changes and build a foundation of support for the next year.

In closing, we would like to thank you all for your continued support for the HOYI program. All contributions big or small are appreciated. We look forward to sharing more updates in our next newsletter. Usquali!

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# Introducing

Nicole Honanie

HOYI Program Manager

Hello,

My name is Nicole Honanie, my Hopi name is Pipwysie. I am Honwungwa (bear clan) originally from the village of Mishungnovi and reside in the village of Kykotsmovi.

I am excited to be returning home and joining the Hopi Foundation as the new HOYI Program Manager. My previous employment with Coconino Community College in the Financial Aid Office and the CCC Foundation Office has provided me with extensive knowledge of higher education, personal development, fundraising, and much more. The joy of helping people obtain their goals of obtaining an education or work skills is rewarding when you get to see them in the workforce doing what they love.

It has always been my goal to return home and work for my own people. There is so much potential out here among our people and we can each use some help with resources, information, and support. Our youth are our future leaders and it's up to us to help them become the leaders they are meant to be. I am so grateful to be able to have this opportunity to help them as they journey into adulthood.

I hope to bring more insight and awareness to HOYI program. There are currently many partnerships with both tribal and nontribal programs that could be improved upon, as well as possible new programs to include for the future. COVID 19 has made a huge impact within our communities and learning to start all over and build a strong foundation is needed. I plan to work with our Youth Advisory Board, community youth programs, and other agencies to learn more about what resources are needed and what is being requested by our youth.

My overall goal is to give the youth the ability to tell us how we can empower them to be strong young Hopi men and women. Not only by bringing resources from a pahana perspective but by also including our own Hopi/Tewa traditions, culture and way of life as part of this journey. I want our youth to learn how to incorporate two life styles and that it is never too late to set goals. I hope to teach them to be confident in their own abilities to gain the rewards in their journey through life. I look forward to taking this journey with the Hopi Foundation team along with the youth of our Hopi/Tewa senom and their families.

Usquali!

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# DATA UPDATE



HOYI has completed the first draft of the Language Assessment. As part of our work under the Cultural Well-Being pathway, in order to improve cultural and language attainment among our youth, we needed to understand and get a glimpse of the current status of youth's attainment to be able to meet them where they are and inform current and future programming in this area. Our first step was to understanding and educate ourselves in any prior research that was conducted in the community regarding language preservation. The Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative conducted a language assessment to determine the factors that affect Hopi / Tewa language fluency.

With the help of funding resources from the First Nation's Development Institute's Native Youth and Culture Fund, HOYI launched the survey to our youth and hosted youth and stakeholder focus groups during the survey launch and post survey launch to leverage a deeper understanding of youth and community perspective on our research as a way to involve them in every step of our research. Our focus groups in the beginning of this work involved convening elders and youth to engage in conversation in the who, what, where, when and why of our youth and their access to learn the Hopi and Tewa languages. Hearing both perspectives, from youth and community, was interesting to learn that some comments contradicted each other, but was useful to inform this work moving forward and how programs can mitigate the perception of those comments.

A hopeful future is what the youths and young adults see and feel, but the disconnect and the barriers in place need to be addressed and mended before we can take those steps. We, the young people, can want it with everything we have but if we don't address the underlying issues and work together, it will not work (paraphrased sentiment). There are many barriers in place but our youth remain hopeful and ready to learn. As we move toward the end of 2021, we hope to have the final report to our partners and stakeholders.





# COUNTDOWN TO GIVING TUESDAY!

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Giving Tuesday is a global event dedicated to non-profits and the amazing work they do. This year HOYI will focus on "Youth Giving", and honoring those who give in other ways other than monetary donations. Our youth are wonderful people who give selflessly and we want to highlight their Giving this year. Keep a lookout for emails and post on social media on ways you can contribute this year! Lets show our youth how grateful we are for their contriutions to others and our community.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are always looking for members to serve on our:

Community Advisory Board  
&  
Youth Advisory Board

We welcome anyone interested in servicing our Hopi/'Tewa Youth. If interested contact us at HOYI for more detail.



## CONGRATULATIONS



*Lexie James*

Thank you to our Youth Liaison Lexie James, for 5 years of service with HOYI! Your contributions to the Hopi/'Tewa youth do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by all.



## HOYI Board Members:

### Community Advisory Board

Dione Naha, Mackensie Navenma, Danielle Albert, Carmen Honyouti,  
Dinah Pongyesva, Cara Dukepoo

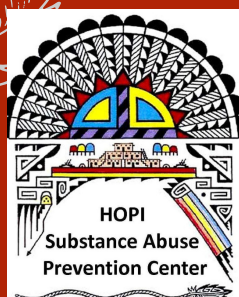
### Youth Advisory Board

CiAnna Sakeva, Boisiu Dewangyumtewa, Kerissa Ben, Timothy  
Grover, Skyler LaBahe

## HOPI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

### Hopi Foundation

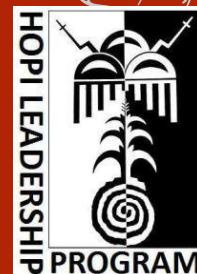
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