

# GRADUATION 2018

## Nation's second Phd. !!

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First, it was Dr. Maury Crandall, the son of the late Gary Crandall of Albuquerque and Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki. Dr. Crandall received his doctorate in history from the University of New Mexico two years ago.

Dr. Tahnee Baker was raised in Tempe, Arizona and attended Scales Elementary, Gilliland Middle School and graduated from Tempe High School in 2001. She went on to community college and eventually transferred to Arizona State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Justice and Social Inquiry in 2006. Tahnee immediately went on to Graduate School at ASU and graduated in 2010

with a Master's Degree in Social Work. Tahnee was employed with the Yavapai-Apache Nation Department of Social Services for 2 Years and returned to school once again.

Her dissertation is titled "Exploration of Historical Trauma Among Yavapai-Apache Nation College Graduates". Tahnee's research celebrates stories of strength, survival and the educational accomplishments of American Indian communities and looks forward to doing more.

Tahnee just received a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Social Work from ASU this spring semester.

Congratulations Dr. Baker!

*\*(read more about Dr. Baker on the Nation's website)*



Dr. Tahnee Baker receives Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Social Work-Arizona State University

## Nation member receives Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine

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Chelsei Irving, daughter of Lela and Richard Irving received a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona during commencement exercises on May 30th, 2018. The graduating class of 2018 is the inaugural class for Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine. The 4-year degree program involved intensive academic and field applica-

tions in the treatment and care of animals. Dr. Irving previously earned an Associate degree in Science from Phoenix College where she also played on the Women's Basketball team, and subsequently earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University.

Dr. Irving is the granddaughter of the late Charles Irving and Lillie Ward Irving of Phoenix, Arizona and is the second cousin to Don Decker of Camp Verde.

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Dr. Chelsei Irving received her Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine from Midwestern University in Phoenix.

## Amanda (Couyancy) Fore

My mom is Kim Couyancy and my dad is David Couyancy. My mom is not a tribal member or Native American while my dad is Apache, Zuni, and Hopi.

I went to Apollo High School in Glendale and graduated in 2012. I then went to Glendale Community College and graduated in 2016 with my Associates Degree.

I currently work for the Girl Scouts in their Social Impact Team. I facilitate programs with at-risk youth which includes minority girls and girls at an elementary school that has a high population of students coming from homeless shelters.

I also facilitate a program with teenagers that are conducting diversion programs for drugs or domestic violence in order to work on their self-esteem, their goals, peer pressure, teen dating violence, and other themes important for their development.

The last program I participate in is called Girl Scouts Beyond Bars where we take girls to visit their mom in prison and we facilitate programs for the girls and their mom. This allows the girls to get a look at how their moms live behind the bars as well as continue to build their mother-daughter bond.

I will be leaving my wonderful job with the Girl Scouts to continue my education. I have applied for the Master's program for social work where I will be concentrating in behavioral health.

I am incredibly proud to have gotten this far in my educational journey despite the bumps I've experienced along the way. I had my son early in life when I was in high school which automatically put the odds against me. Then I became pregnant again at 19 and due to many reasons. I decided to place my daughter with an adoptive family.

These were two major hurdles in my education as well as my life in general but they also both impacted my education. My son pushed me to graduate from high school with my class while my birth daughter showed me what I wanted to do in life. I changed my major from zoology to social work. I feel very proud and thankful to have received my Bachelor's degree in social work with my minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice but I am not done until I receive my Master's degree in Social Work (MSW), which is the ultimate goal.



Thanks so much!  
-Amanda Fore  
Amanda Fore and YAN family members