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Candidate for President

National Native American Law Students Association

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Dear National Native American Law Students Association Members:

Please accept this letter of interest for my candidacy for National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) President. I am a rising third-year law student (3L) with the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. I am a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and currently serve as NNALSA's Public Relations Director.

My path to law school was not traditional. As a first-generation student, I overcame challenges and barriers as I attended college, worked full-time, and completed a masters program. Community mentors have helped chart the way to ensure a fighting chance for my family. I know I could not have done it without them. They are paying it forward in Indian Country for the next generation of students and attorneys. Now, I want to help ensure our community continues to thrive.

Before law school, I worked as the Outreach Coordinator for Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema. I had the privilege to manage multifaceted programs. Through my involvement, I spearheaded, advised, and coordinated outreach programs for education, women, senior, and tribal issues. I met with advocacy groups and constituents to facilitate policy. Additionally, I oversaw the day-to-day operations and helped implement strategies in communication, management, planning, and marketing.

As NNALSA's Public Relations Director, I prioritized and streamlined our member, chapter, communications. Building on NNALSA leadership's vision, I seek to empower, support, and amplify opportunities so our Indian Law community can thrive.

NNALSA Priorities as President

- Empowering our communities
 - Strengthen engagement for fundraising, networking, and career opportunities to support our members, chapters, and alumni across Indian Country.
- Proactive leadership
 - Ensuring our members lead streamlined communications to foster and sustain strong relationships. Leadership does not end in Indian Country.
- Charting the future of Indian Country
 - Accessibility for opportunities to enhance our member's growth and development for professional goals and aspirations.

My law school experience has been possible because of mentors and leaders that have helped me along the way. I want to ensure our members have the same support, access, and opportunities that will help our Indian Law community succeed and thrive. Thank you.

In appreciation,

Brian Garcia

Itépoté nábuhti sábaka amán wamé

"We shall go on beyond to those who have (already) gone by here."

Phonology of Arizona Yaqui – Crumrine, Lynne S. 1961