

Mesa Community College crowns new Miss Native MCC royalty

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MESA, Ariz. -- March 28, 2024 -- Raegen Ellis, Diné, was crowned Miss Native Mesa Community College and First Attendant Tanielle Klah, Diné, was sashed during a pageant at MCC in February. Contestants participated in qualifying sessions including introducing themselves, answering impromptu questions, giving oral presentations of their platform and showcased both traditional and modern talents.



Raegen Ellis, Diné, Miss Native MCC 2025, smiles with her award after the pageant, which highlighted cultural knowledge, leadership and talent.

Raegan Ellis is pursuing an associate of arts with a concentration in social work and plans to transfer to ASU after graduation. Her platform as Miss Native MCC encompasses self healing with a goal of promoting self-love and care within the community through events and seminars. She is also passionate about the MCC DJ program and hopes to become a professional DJ.

member of Seeds of Wisdom, and a cabinet member handling public relations for MCC's Inter-Tribal Student Organization. The Mesa resident plans to get her Masters in Psychology Research at ASU to continue supporting Native youth.

"We are incredibly pleased with the success of the Miss Native MCC Pageant," said Margaret Talia White, MCC senior student services specialist. "The outgoing royalty did an exceptional job reestablishing the foundation of Miss Native MCC. Now, with the new incoming royalty Miss Native MCC Raegen Ellis and First Attendant Tanielle Klah we are excited to benefit from their accomplishments. They are deeply committed to connecting with marginalized populations, encouraging them to attend MCC by embracing pathways of healing, strength and resilience."

The Royalty Court will host and attend events throughout their reign to promote their platforms. Groups wanting to schedule an appearance are encouraged to contact the MCC American Indian Institute at missnativemcc@mesacc.edu or call 480-461-7931.

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Tanielle Klah, Diné, First Attendant, shares her insights and passion for Native Youth during the Q&A portion of the competition.



2025 MCC Miss Native and First Attendant joined by members of the MCC Intertribal Student Organization and American Indian Institute.

supports students from 22 Arizona tribes and additional out-of-state tribes. MCC's diverse student body includes hundreds of international students. Our award-winning faculty are committed to helping students achieve their goals through high-quality education and training. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, on the traditional lands of the O'odham, Piipaash, and Yavapai Peoples, MCC is one of 10 MCCCDC colleges. Learn more at mesacc.edu.

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