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American Indian Graduate Center Names New Board President

Holly Cook Macarro Will Lead National Native Scholarship Organization

Albuquerque, NM – May 30, 2017 - The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) recently elected Holly Cook Macarro (Red Lake Band of Ojibwe) President of the organization's Board of Directors.

Cook Macarro is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with BBA and University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN) with an MBA. She has a successful track record of orchestrating outreach voter empowerment campaigns for federal elections, as well as advocating for various tribal issues including playing a key role in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

“First, thank you to our outgoing President Rose Graham (Navajo) for her steady leadership and service to our organization,” stated Angelique Albert, AIGC’s Executive Director. “Holly Cook Macarro will bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge as we strengthen our fundraising efforts to provide more undergraduate and graduate scholarships,” added Albert.

Cook Macarro stated, “It’s an exciting time for AIGC. We have a nearly 50-year legacy of providing higher education scholarships and services to Indian students to build upon. As we move toward this important anniversary milestone, our mission is to continue to encourage Native students to pursue higher education and to be ready with scholarships that meet their needs.”

The AIGC Board Vice President is Joel Frank and Secretary-Treasurer is Steve Stallings. Continuing Board Members at Large this year are Stacy Leeds (Cherokee), Danna Jackson (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Walter Lamar (Blackfeet, Wichita) and Dana Arviso (Diné). Newly elected to the Board of Directors is Aurene Martin (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), President of Spirit Rock Consulting Incorporated. She has extensive experience in Federal Indian Law and Policy, having served in several Tribal and Federal key government positions.

About the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC)

AIGC is a national organization, based in Albuquerque, NM, providing educational support through scholarships since 1969. AIGC is a national provider of scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native graduate and undergraduate students. AIGC Scholars is the American Indian and Alaska Native partner in the Bill and Melinda Gates Scholars Program. AIGC and AIGC Scholars have funded almost 13,000 students and awarded nearly \$200 million in scholarships since inception.

Building on a 50-year legacy, AIGC will continue to be the premier national resource in funding and empowering the next generation of Native leaders across all sectors, by meeting the unmet need of every Native American student.

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