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Speaker Curley encourages newly elected Western Navajo Agency chapter officials to serve with integrity



Speaker Crystalyne Curley emphasized leadership as a responsibility to serve the Navajo Nation with integrity, resilience, and adherence to the law.

KAYENTA, Ariz.– On Thursday, Jan. 9, the Western Navajo Agency held its 2025 Chapter Inauguration Ceremony at Monument Valley High School’s Nash Gym. The event brought together leaders, officials, and community members to celebrate the newly elected leadership across the agency’s chapters.

The keynote address was delivered by 25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley, along with Thomas Cody, Executive Director of the Navajo Department of Family Services. Both highlighted the significance of leadership and service in driving progress and unity within the Navajo Nation.

Speaker Curley emphasized the cultural teachings guiding the Navajo Nation and the importance of leadership and collaboration. She acknowledged the dedication of elected officials, stressing the values of mentorship, honesty, and humility.

“Leadership is not about self-interest or gain,” Curley said. “It is a calling entrusted to us by the Holy People, our ancestors, and our communities. It’s about serving with integrity, standing strong in adversity, and remembering the teachings that define us as Navajo.”

Curley also shared how her community and mentors have shaped her journey. “I was raised with the teachings of perseverance and service. These values remind me daily of our responsibility as leaders to inspire and support others,” she said.

The Speaker urged leaders to prioritize collaboration and transparency, stressing that unity is key to creating lasting change. “The only way to strengthen our foundation is through unity,” she emphasized. “We must work together—presidents, vice presidents, council delegates, and community members—to bring meaningful change for our people.”

The color guard was provided by the Tonalea Veterans Organization, followed by the National Anthem performed by student Nala Nelson and an invocation from Council Delegate Otto Tso (To’ Nanees Dizi).

Lemual Adson, Superintendent of the Kayenta Unified School District, welcomed attendees with an inspiring address. Kayenta Chapter President Dalton Singer introduced honored guests, including former Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and former Chairperson of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors Melvin Harrison.

The oath of office was administered by JoAnn B. Jayne, Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. Newly sworn-in leaders included Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries/Treasurers, and representatives from Kayenta Township, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, and various Farm, Grazing, and School Boards.

Veronica Curley, Interim Executive Director of the Navajo Election Administration, acknowledged the community’s support in ensuring a successful election process.

Closing remarks were delivered by Kayenta Township Commissioner Joseph Bia, Jr., followed by a benediction from Pastor Jackie Holgate of Mountain Top Church in Kayenta.

“We are at a pivotal moment, facing challenges that require bold leadership and unwavering dedication,” Speaker Curley added. “Together, we can overcome obstacles, uplift our communities, and build a stronger, more resilient Navajo Nation.”

The 25th Navajo Nation Council congratulates all newly elected Western Navajo Agency chapter officials and thanks all participants, guests, and community members for contributing to the success of this event.

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