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Wildcat spirit fills the Den during 2025 Chinle High School graduation



2025 Chinle High School graduates show off their diplomas.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined friends and family of Wildcat graduates as they filled the Wildcat Den during the 2025 Chinle High School (CHS) graduation in Chinle, Ariz.

“The enthusiasm and support that filled the Wildcat Den was remarkable. As I congratulate Chinle High’s class of 2025, I also commend the teachers, parents, grandparents, friends and other support systems that pushed these graduates to the finish line in receiving their diplomas today,” said Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

Speaker Curley was joined on stage by Council Delegates Shawna Ann Claw, Cherilyn Yazzie, and Germaine Simonson. Council Delegates Vince James and Eugenia Charles-Newton were also in attendance.

In the welcome address that was provided by CHS Sr. Class Treasurer Faithe Yazzie, she reiterated to her classmates that today’s celebration was the culmination of late night study sessions, resilience, strength and determination. CHS Principal Dr. Raymond Andrade similarly congratulated the students for all their hard work, encouraging them to continue to push forward.

"You have done all this work to get to this point," Principal Andrade said. "This is the beginning not the end. Go and do what you were destined to do."

Chinle Unified School District (CUSD) Superintendent Quincy Natay presented the Superintendent's award to the top ten CHS graduate scholars and discussed the impacts of artificial intelligence on this generation's learners, specifically those whose education was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHS Class of 2025 Salutatorian Natalie Stevens reflected on how for many students, coming back to school after the pandemic was socially challenging.

"In our first days back after COVID, we had to relearn how to engage and to unite," Stevens said. "But we rose above the hard times and we turned fear into fuel. This isn't just a graduation. It's a victory."

Class Valedictorian Qoah Yazzie underscored the significance of the graduates earning their diplomas saying it was milestone of hard work.

"We're ready to take on the world with our diplomas in hand," Yazzie said. "To my fellow graduates and future leaders, always carry the spirit of the Wildcats with you."

The 25th Navajo Nation Council congratulates Chinle High School's Class of 2025 including all CUSD and CHS staff and all the parents, friends, and family of the graduates.

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