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Letter From the Editor

Yá' át' ééh (Hello),

Welcome to the fourth volume of the *Indigenous Stewards Magazine*!

This magazine was created with the goal of highlighting and sharing the stories of our Indigenous students and faculty who are engaged in environmental health science related fields. We also want to feature the various student organizations and programs across The University of Arizona that continuously support our Indigenous students. This edition will be shared with Indigenous youth across Indian Country so that they can see students and professionals who not only look like them but also come from similar backgrounds and have similar goals in life.

Indigenous students and professionals are not only underrepresented in higher education, 1.7% of the student population at The University of Arizona, but they are also under acknowledged for the important work in which they are engaged. This results in us being what is known as an 'invisible population' at the University. This 'invisibility' of our Indigenous students and faculty prevents their stories from being shared across a larger stage.

As Indigenous peoples, these stories serve as our data. We use these stories to guide our thinking and to reflect upon when we are making decisions for our future. This edition will help to give our Indigenous students and professionals the recognition they deserve and to share our stories with audiences from all over Indian Country. We want our Indigenous youth to hear these stories so that they will be inspired to further their education upon finishing high school. Whether it be through the higher education system, a trade school, or traditional education systems, the youth will be the ones to lead the way in Indigenous stewardship.

On behalf of the entire SWEHSC team,
'Ahéhee'! (Thank you!)

Cheyenne Grabiec (Diné)
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