

Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention

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Tiffani Begay (Diné) from Dilkon, Arizona, is an alumna of the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) where she currently holds the position as Senior Program Coordinator. She began her college career at Arizona State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Wellness in 2013. In 2017, Tiffani received her Master of Public Health degree from The University of Arizona (UA) in Health Services Administration.

During her first summer with NACP at Northern Arizona University she interned with both the Outreach Core and the North Country Radiation Exposure Screening & Education Program (RESEP) as well as the American Cancer Society (ACS). Her duties consisted of visiting Flagstaff schools to teach children about cancer prevention, assisting in the Hopi Men's Health Conference, screening, and data entry.



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The following summer, Tiffani was accepted into NACP's DISCOVER program. The DISCOVER program was in collaboration with the UA College of Medicine Focusing Research on the Border Area (FRONTERA) summer program. She spent her summer working on the Lifestyle Intervention for Ovarian Cancer Enhanced Survival (LIvES) study with Dr. Tracey Crane as her mentor. Because of the collaboration with the FRONTERA program, Tiffani along with other students traveled to the city of Nogales, visited health care facilities and public health agencies on both sides of the US-Mexico border.

Tiffani's time with NACP as an intern has been extremely rewarding for her. Not only did NACP provide excellent research opportunities but they also built a cohort of students who strive for making a difference in our Native communities. NACP played an intricate role in Tiffani's success, from being a student research intern to becoming the Senior Program Coordinator for the Training Core. After completing her undergraduate degree, she was contemplating whether to go for her master's. With the encouragement of her mentors and NACP's Program Director, Dr. Margaret Briehl, she applied and two years later, graduated with her Master of Public Health degree all while being a full-time UA staff and graduate student. In the future, Tiffani hopes to obtain her Ph.D. in Public Health and work with Native American communities.



Left : Tiffani helping a student at a resume workshop hosted by NACP

Right : Tiffani and NACP Training Program Director Dr. Margret Briehl



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