



## Letter From the Editor

Yá'át'ééh (Hello),

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

This year's edition subjected our Advisory Board with unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Advisory Board remained diligent and committed to producing this year's edition because we believe that this magazine is important to not only the University of Arizona community but all of Indian Country.

Past editions have focused on highlighting the work of Indigenous students, faculty, and programs. While this year's edition followed in that goal, it was more than that. This year's edition serves as a beacon of hope and as a testament to our resiliency as Indigenous Peoples. Everyone that contributed to this magazine has had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic in their own way. Despite these struggles, they all felt compelled to share their stories to inspire us all to continue to be resilient in these uncertain times.

As you take the time to read through this year's edition please offer prayers and well wishes for all of those in essential positions that continue to work tirelessly to keep us safe from COVID-19.

We are strong. We are resilient. We are all one people. We can and will overcome COVID-19.

On behalf of the entire SWEHSC team and *Indigenous Stewards* Advisory Board,  
Ahéhee! (Thank you!)

Cheyenne Grabiec (Diné)  
Bilagáana - Dzilt'ahnii - Bilagáana - Tsi'naajinii

