

Rachel LaMantia - Back to Sustainable Living



Rachel and her mom,
founding HEEF member Dr.
Sheilah Nicholas

Rachel (age 24) is from the village of Shungopavi and belongs to the *Qalangyam* (Sun Forehead) clan. Her parents are Sheilah Nicholas and Joseph LaMantia. She graduated from the University of Arizona (UA) in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in *sustainable built environments*. Two years later, she walked the stage again to receive a Master of Architecture degree. In 2015, Rachel won the UA *Grad Slam* competition for her presentation and design that combined traditional Hopi housing with modern energy-efficient techniques.

How is being a part of Hopi special for you?

I grew up in Tucson, Arizona. It's about a six-hour drive from the Hopi reservation. So I never lived out there for a whole year, but I would spend my summers going back and forth from the reservation. I stayed with my grandmother, who lived on Shungopavi, right by that water tower, outside of the village. I would spend my summers there and with my godmother, Kathy Swimmer. She taught me a lot of the traditions as well. I would go up there and see the dances and attend ceremonies, but as far as knowing about the culture, there's still a lot that I don't fully know about. But I do hope to learn one day. It's helpful to me because I ask a lot of people "Where are you from?...How do you define yourself?", and a lot of them kind of don't really know where they're from or they just say, "Oh, I'm from somewhere in Europe. I'm not really sure." Whereas, I have a specific definition of who I am and where I come from. So it helps me identify myself as a person and having that strong culture and background.

What problems or struggles did you face during your educational journey?

I think the most challenging one was not knowing what I wanted to do. It took me like a year and a half to two years to figure out exactly what I wanted to do. That was always the most challenging part for me, in that it can get a little scary if you're just kind of going to school and you still have no idea what you're doing. But once I talked to people and figured out all the different options that I had, that was something that made me feel a lot better.

What advice would you give to other Native students about to start college?

I'd say that one thing you need to do that's very important, is to talk to people. Get to know your teachers. Get to know your classmates. It's a lot different from being at home or high school. You need to get help from other people who

experienced it before, who have the same classwork, or could be having the same troubles that you're having. Say you're having difficulties, ask for an extension or anything to get a teacher to know you. Because once they realize that you really want to try to do well, they'll go ahead and help you, instead of just not knowing who you are and you're just a name on a piece of paper who didn't turn in your assignments. I think also creating friends that are in your class helps you to collaborate with them and sort of keep each other on the right track as well. Don't just go to school, stay by yourself, and try to get things done on your own. But instead, talk to other people.

Do you have plans to come back to Hopi?

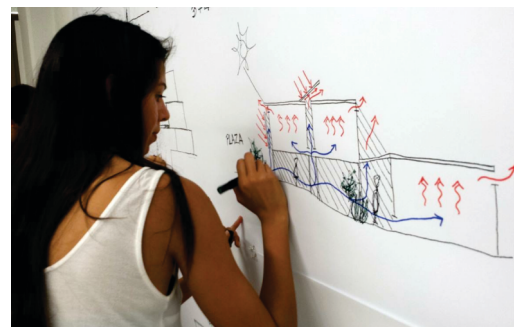
Yes. Actually for my undergraduate project, I worked on a project where I looked at the traditional housing on the Hopi reservation -the sandstone, block houses. Some (traditional houses) actually still exist, which is pretty rare for most Native American tribes. A lot of their traditional housing doesn't exist anymore, just because they were nomadic tribes that had easy and quick-to-build housing. I looked at that and I also looked at the current housing on Hopi now. A lot of it is HUD housing and also trailer housing (which is what my grandmother actually lived in too), which we all know has high electricity bills. Visits get really hot in the summer and there's nothing you could really do about it. I created a new prototype for housing where I used the traditional strategy and combined it with modern strategies to create a sustainable, but also affordable and energy-efficient housing that incorporates the culture of the people. That's something that I would very much like to get out there and get known and possibly start working with the tribe on.

"It's only unrealistic if you say it is. If you believe that it can happen, then it can happen. I think a lot of people don't embrace the good change that can happen." -RL

What would you like to say to the donor(s) who helped fund scholarships?

I would tell them about all the projects and the knowledge that I've been able to learn and the projects that I've worked on with Hopi, as well as

my master's project, which looked at the Omaha Nation in Nebraska and their traditional housing. I'd also let them know that I do appreciate all the help that they have given me as well as other Hopi students and the opportunity for them to be able to give back and help their communities.



Rachel illustrating a building using 'passive strategies' to minimize energy usage

Announcement of 2016 IMAGINE Grantees

On a yearly basis, HEEF sets aside funds for the specific purpose of IMAGINE grants. HEEF receives proposals from local non-profit organizations, schools, villages, and individuals looking to provide a service to the Hopi community. A total of \$148,565 has been given to support 33 community grants serving Hopi members of all ages. IMAGINE grants allow grassroots programs to provide immediate solutions to recognized problems. Oftentimes, the people closest to an issue are the most adept to handle it. The HEEF proudly announces the 2016 IMAGINE recipients as follows:

Hopitutuqaiki

Hopitutuqaiki is a private non-profit school that focuses on teaching everything 'Hopi' in a manner that is more conducive to Hopi learning. This summer, Hopitutuqaiki is offering classes on Hopi moccasin making and on weaving the Hopi Kanelkwasa with the koyongkuri (indigo diamond design). Hopitutuqaiki has found through research, that both of these crafts have a limited number of practicing artisans -only a few moccasin makers and only three people who weave the Kanelkwasa with koyongkuri. New practitioners are very much needed to keep certain parts of the culture alive. For more information on the Summer Schedule of classes go to www.hopischool.net or contact Bob Rhodes at rwrhodes264@gmail.com

Award amount: \$3,738.00



Project KYAPTSI

Project KYAPTSI (Respect)- Knowledge for Young Adults to Preserve Traditional Values and Self-Identity. The Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse will create a program for young men and women (ages 18-30) that will educate them on issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Project KYAPTSI will be a culturally based education and capacity building program and will serve as a platform to share local resources. For more information on the program, contact Carey Onsaie, at 928-380-2119 or carey.onsae@htwcea.org

Award amount: \$4,027.00

Adventures for Hopi (A4H)

Adventures for Hopi is an outdoor education/recreation program that focuses on Hopi & Tewa youth. A4H uses outdoor education and recreation to teach cultural preservation, community-based social change, and environmental stewardship. A variety of activities such as climbing, hiking, backpacking, canyoneering, and kayaking provide an unconventional classroom to educate youth (and parents) on health, community, conservation, and self-determination. HEEF funds will be used to support the program's core initiatives that include: Service of Adventure, Outdoor School, and Training & Mentorship. A4H implemented its 2016 Summer Outdoor School on the Hopi Reservation and surrounding areas starting late this May and continues through December 31, 2016. If you are interested in this program or volunteering, contact Marshall Masayesva, at 928-221-1923, or at adventuresforhopi@gmail.com

Award amount: \$4,800.00



Other Announcements...

Are you a Hopi college graduate interested in meeting and networking with other Hopi graduates? Are you looking for a way to encourage and support prospective and current Hopi college students? Then consider joining the first ever Hopi Alumni Association! The alumni association will enable you to connect with fellow Hopi graduates, expand your professional network, and strengthen a legacy of Hopi higher educational attainment. If you are interested in learning more about the Hopi Alumni Association please complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopialumni> or contact Angela Gonzales at aag27@cornell.edu or (607) 279-5492. Thank you!

The HEEF is currently conducting a small survey for the purposes of updating our donor database. If you have given or plan to give to the HEEF, please take a couple minutes of your day to complete this survey by going to this address www.surveymonkey.com/r/donorupdate

HEEF has rolled out a completely new website! The domain (www.hopieducationfund.org) is still the same, but the look and feel are entirely different. Head over give it a tour!

Meet HEEF's New Marketing & Special Events Manager

At the end of 2015, Michael Adams accepted a full-time position as the Hopi Jr. High School Counselor. Michael is very qualified for the position and will be a great benefit to the children there. However, his energetic spirit and skills were a big loss to this organization. In May of this year, the HEEF hired Ryan Tafoya to fill his position. Ryan brings a fresh perspective and great work ethic to HEEF. He sat down recently to share about himself and his feelings on working with HEEF.

*Nice to greet you,
As of this writing, I have been here as the Marketing & Special Events Manager for two months. My employment background is very diverse, but I have never had the opportunity to work with an organization that has an impact like the HEEF. Working at a place like this is something I have thought about for a long time. I received a degree in communications (from Fort Lewis College) because I was drawn to the different aspects of human interaction. Now I get to use the skills I learned to interact with other people who want to affect positive change on the future.*

My wife, Alyssa, and I left Durango, Colorado after living there for six years because we felt our lives were not moving forward. We contemplated teaching English abroad, in large part as a way to travel, have a different experience, and make an impact in other's lives. Alyssa is Hopi and for as long as I've known her, she's desired to come back here and use her education to give back to this community. Having been on Hopi for more than half a year, this is now my longest stay in a foreign land.

I was asked recently what appeals to me about Hopi. My

response? The culture. Hopi culture has a living history that is a rare find in our futuristic time. Yet, there is also a familiarity to the culture that appeals to the human in all of us. When I first visited the Hopi reservation, some 10 years ago, I quickly learned that the culture of the 'village' is very much alive here. The people understand that they all have their parts and sometimes you have to play multiple parts, but it's for the good of everyone.

People also like to ask what it's like for me living out here. Many things are different. I am originally from Dulce, New Mexico on the Jicarilla Apache reservation. There are definitely fewer trees and mountains here. There are more wide open spaces and plateaus here. I still get outside to hike, bike, run and camp whenever the inclination and motivation are there at the same time. When I'm found inside, I still like to read and write, but I'm often tempted by all that entertainment has to offer.

All in all, life is what you make of it. Reservations have economic and social poverty, but also great opportunity. Improved surroundings are made before they are found.



Ryan Tafoya, HEEF MSEM

The two gentlemen who held this position before me have done some good work and HEEF has a reputation for high standards. I have much to live up to and I look forward to the challenge. I also look forward to the work I will get to do with HEEF, our community, and our donors.

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Message from Executive Director, LuAnn Leonard

Dear Friends,

It's planting season on Hopi. A critical time where farmers across the reservation commit their time and energy by gently placing their seeds in the ground with hopes for a bountiful harvest in the fall. This planting season, I was reminded of my father who would yell out the names of all of his 13 grandchildren as he tended to his field. I believe that was his way of thanking them for blessing his life and encouraging them to be strong and grow like his *uuyi*-corn. Our sharing of the names of our donors in this issue is our way of "shouting out" our gratitude and thanks for their important support as we grow our *uuyi*-our students.

This spring, we were pleased to be among three Hopi projects selected to participate in a Cornell University capstone project headed by HEEF member, Dr. Angela Gonzales. The Cornell students assigned to us helped us to develop the foundation for a Hopi Alumni Association. As a result, a small volunteer team is using their work to create the first ever Alumni Association. Tentative kick-off is later this fall! Hopi alumni are encouraged to take our survey noted on page 2 of this newsletter.

In this issue, we were pleased to welcome Ryan Tafoya to our staff as the new Marketing and Special Events Manager (MSEM). Ryan brings new ideas and skills to the HEEF and we look forward to having him join our team. With his help, later this summer we will launch a new website and participate in a variety of outreach events designed to help spread the good news about our work.

We look forward to the months ahead and to tending to our field of students and our eventual "harvest". As always, thank you for your generous support.



Wishing you the best,

LuAnn Leonard
Executive Director
Hopi Education Endowment Fund





Kwakwhá/Askwali (Thank you)!

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