



Darion *Sikyatala* Fredericks - Teaching Respect for the World

Darion *Sikyatala* (Yellow light shining off the mustard seed) is from Sipaulovi Village and represents the *Pipwungwa* (Tobacco) clan. His parents are Sherri Honani-Fredericks and Manuel Fredericks. A 2016 graduate of Hopi High, Darion participated in student council and ran with the boys cross country team, who won their 26th consecutive state title in 2015. He began attending Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado this fall. Darion is majoring in Political Science because he would like to teach government to high school students.



Darion (middle) with Arizona state title-winning cross-country teammates

Why are you drawn to political science?

In high school, I noticed that a lot of people don't know how government works and how much it affects us. Especially local government. I always hear people saying that they have all these ideas on what the tribal government should be doing, but they're too scared to voice their opinions. I think it would be good to teach the younger generation how to voice their opinions and give their say. The more that people understand government, the more helpful it will be. We'll need it more and more in the future as things start to change. The only way we're going to get things changed is through the government.

Do you see your education changing other peoples' lives?

That's basically why I want to go to school. When I was in high school, I kind of struggled. I had family problems, and paying attention in class was hard for me. I had some really good teachers who actually cared and put time and effort into helping me succeed. Time is precious to everybody and here we've got these people giving up their time to help just one student. By giving just one student a chance, they believe in that student, that they can make a difference. It's mind-boggling to me and it's really inspiring. Some of my teachers are my heroes. They make a choice to come out to, basically the middle of nowhere, and give their time and effort to help kids. I just don't think students appreciate it, but I really did. It helped me get through high school. It's helping me go to college and get that degree and become a teacher because I want to help students the way that teachers helped me. You could say it's motivation for me. My goal is I want to help people.

What's one thing you would change about the world?

One thing I would change about our Hopi world right now would be respect. Nowadays, people don't respect each other or even their own families. I feel that people don't respect the environment and they lack a general respect for the world around them. One of the core things about being Hopi is respect for the world and for everything. You don't see that anymore today and it's kind of sad. You see people talking bad about each other and fighting, or talking bad about other things, especially the tribal government. Nothing will ever get done if people are always discriminating against each other and not learning to respect themselves and others. We should be united. When people hear what Hopi means -*peaceful people*- I'm guessing they really think "peaceful". They see us as good people. I think people are amazed by us and our culture.

Does being Hopi set you apart or help you identify?

I don't really like using culture as a way of separating myself. Sometimes you can use it to your advantage, but I don't really believe in doing that. You're kind of labeling yourself and then people begin to label you. I believe we're all people, we're pretty much the same. We shouldn't be thinking like, "He's Hopi and we're not so we don't have as rich of a culture as them." I don't really like to act as though I'm above others. Hopi culture is supposed to benefit everybody. It's for the good of nature and Earth. It's something I like to share to the world.

Why is it important to create pathways to education?

Education is important because it not only teaches you what you need to do and how to do it, but I think having a college degree gives you a certain title of respect. If you have a college degree, especially in the professional world, people show you a little more respect because they know you took the time and effort to go to school. I think it's important and it's greatly appreciated of those that are going to school now. For the future generations, it's something that needs to be carried on. It's important for Native Americans to go to school



Darion with his high school English teacher, Mr. Beam

because the world is getting bigger and things are getting more complicated. In the past, we've relied on outside sources to come help us and do things for us. In the future, that option might not be as easy as it was back then. I really think we need more Hopis to be going to school and learning these things and coming back.

We need to become more self-sufficient. The only way we can do that is by helping each other and passing on knowledge that'll get us through whatever challenges we face.

Creating Pathways, Alumni Challenge, and Annual Meeting

On Friday, October 21st, the HEEF held our annual student & donor recognition event at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Our 13th annual Alumni Challenge culminated at the event with a winner being announced. We also held our annual public meeting on October 22nd.



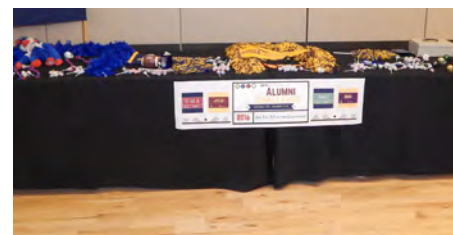
Hopi students pictured w/ U of A President Hart (3rd from right) and HOE Director Dr. Sakiestewa (far left) Hopi students pictured

Creating Pathways...

The HEEF held its third annual recognition event, which honors students currently receiving funding from Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarships, and also acknowledges our two main donors and event sponsors, Salt River Project (SRP) and Peabody Energy. SRP and Peabody presented a \$200,000 check for the 2016 scholarship awards. The theme of the event -*Creating Pathways...*- was meant to describe, not only the doors that education opens, but also the people who create opportunities for others to receive an education. The event was an elegant night with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, guest speakers, and singing and story-telling from members of the Tohono O'odham nation. There was also a silent auction which featured an array of beautiful items that were charitably donated by various Hopi artists. An unexpected highlight of the night was donors Terri Hall and Pat Ryan making a generous gift of \$5,000 for a scholarship for next fall.

2016 Alumni Challenge

The Alumni Challenge is a four-team fundraising competition among alumni from the Arizona universities (U of A, ASU, NAU) and alumni from any and every other school (in a collective group called the "Arizona Crushers"). The 13th annual HEEF Alumni Challenge began on October 7th and ended on October 21, with the winner -the Arizona Crushers- being announced at the end of the Creating Pathways event. The Crushers were ahead for most of the competition but were passed by NAU on the final day before they were able to retake the lead with some last-minute donations. HEEF board members were very instrumental in driving the competition by spreading the word and making generous donations. This year, the competition raised \$4,281!



Annual Meeting

The HEEF's 2016 annual public meeting was held at U of A on Saturday, October 22nd. HEEF board members and staff were able to meet face to face to discuss committee and staff work of the past year and their plans for 2017. Newly elected members Tessie Moate, Wanda Jean Lord, Candace Hamana, Jana Wilbricht, and Carrie Watahomigie, as well as re-elected members Romalita Laban, Janet Regner, Dr. Angela Gonzales, Dr. Pam Powell, and Dr. Kim Kahe-Corkin, were ratified as official board members. Following the annual meeting, on October 26, the Executive Committee (EC) voted on officers for 2016-2017. They are as follows: Romalita Laban - President; Trevor Reed - Vice President; DeAlva Honahnie - Treasurer; Debbie Nez Manuel - Secretary. The HEEF thanks the outgoing EC members for their leadership and guidance, as well as all outgoing board members, Dr. Jeremy Garcia, Debbie Onsaе, and Arvis Myron for their time, dedication, and service. You can read more about all of our members on our website under the 'About Us' tab.



Other Announcements...

#GivingTuesday (the Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday) is on November 29th! Giving Tuesday is a global fundraising initiative that inspires people to get in the holiday spirit of giving and goes hand in hand with the Hopi tradition of giving freely without expectations. You can make your donation directly on our website at www.hopieducationfund.org. Be sure to note "#GivingTuesday" when you make your donation.

The HEEF is still seeking responses for our donor update survey so that we may communicate more effectively with our donors. If you are a HEEF donor, please take a couple minutes of your day to complete this survey by going to this address www.surveymonkey.com/r/donorupdate

Attention Hopi college graduates! Joining the first-ever Hopi Alumni Association will enable you to connect with fellow Hopi graduates, expand your professional network, and strengthen a legacy of Hopi higher educational attainment. To learn more about the Hopi Alumni Association, please complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopialumni> or contact Angela Gonzales at angela.a.gonzales@asu.edu or (607) 279-5492. Thank you!



Additional Funding Opportunities Available for Hopi Students

In addition to grants & scholarships from the HEEF Endowed Fund, the HEEF also provides additional funding opportunities for Hopi students from special scholarships established from private sources of funding. The HEEF has a grant agreement with the Arizona Public Service Foundation to provide for a special scholarship available to college sophomores, juniors and seniors who are pursuing degrees in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, in addition to Education and Nursing students. The HEEF also has a partnership with Dr. Marvin & Mrs. Jean Call to provide scholarships for Nursing students. The **APS Hopi Scholarship Program** has awarded \$132,000 since the Spring 2014 semester for a total of 51 awards to 38 students. The *APS Hopi Scholarship Program* awarded the following students \$2,000 scholarships for the Fall 2016 semester:

Amber Poliviyuma, Arizona State University, Senior, Community Health
Genell Pooyouma, Northern Arizona University, Senior, Early Childhood/Elementary Education
Sharyse Monroe, Northeastern State University, Junior, Biology
Richard Seukteoma, Western Nevada College, Junior, Environmental Science
Patrice Shula, Northland Pioneer College, Sophomore, Computer Engineering/Computer Science
Breanna Kaye, Grand Canyon University, Junior, Nursing
Alexander Dow, Brigham Young University, Junior, Computer Science
LeRoy Shingoitewa, University of Arizona, Senior, Biology
Talon Dow, Brigham Young University, Sophomore, Physics
Maya Diaz, Northern Arizona University, Sophomore, Elementary Education

The **Jean Charley-Call Nursing Scholarship** also made awards for the 2016/2017 Academic Year. The *Jean Charley-Call Scholarship* is a special scholarship established by Mrs. Call's family as a way to honor the family matriarch, who had a career as a nurse and is from the Village of Moenkopi. The *Jean Charley-Call Scholarship* supports students pursuing a Nursing degree. Throughout the years, the *Jean Charley-Call Scholarship* has awarded more than \$15,000 for 13 awards for 9 students. The following students were awarded scholarships for the 2016/2017 academic year:

Breanna Kaye, Grand Canyon University, Junior, Nursing
Tashawna Tewawina, Chamberlain College of Nursing, Junior, Nursing
Matthew Talas, Northern Oklahoma College, Freshman, Nursing

For more information on how to establish a private named scholarship for Hopi students, please contact the HEEF at heef@hopieducationfund.org or 928-734-2275 to find ways to meet your philanthropic goals. If you would like to support Hopi students in general, please fill out the attached form to make a donation to the Endowed Fund. Your gift will join the gift of others to build a fund to help students today and those yet to come.

Message from outgoing HEEF President, Dr. Kim Kahe-Corkin



Greetings,

As we approach 2017, we continue to search for new opportunities to support our mission to provide for our Hopi students and our Hopi community. In doing so, we look forward to our newly elected board members who may bring creative new ideas, along with positive motivation and energy to create new opportunities. The newest members are Candace Hamana, Wanda Jean Lord, Tessie Gregg Moate, Carrie Watahomigie, Jana Wilbricht, and our re-elected members are Dr. Angela Gonzales, Dr. Pam Powell, Janet Regner, Romalita Laban, and myself. We would like to thank outgoing members Dr. Jeremy Garcia, Arvis Myron, and Debbie Onsaе for their contributions of talent and time to HEEF.

With the evolving needs of HEEF, a new committee was created called the Marketing & Communications Committee (MCC). The committee was created to gather more information on our donors along with strategizing to seek additional donors. Mr. Ryan Tafoya was hired to work directly with the MCC in achieving their mission for HEEF.



HEEF was successful with the IMAGINE grants for 2016. We received 4 applications, of which 3 were awarded for a total award of \$12,565. HEEF continues to work in collaboration with the Tribe in regards to the funds from the Albin Estate. HEEF looks forward to continuing or work with the respective committees to develop a plan so that the wishes of Mr. Albin are honored in helping our Hopi students.

HEEF held their student recognition event and annual meeting in Tucson on October 21 & 22, at the University of Arizona. We were excited to honor the students who were awarded through HEEF funding. On an average, 120 students are funded per semester. Your donations and support for our Hopi students and community are appreciated. To learn more about HEEF please contact our local office in Kykotsmovi at 928-734-2275.

Askwali,
Dr. Kim Kahe-Corkin
Hopi Education Endowment Fund