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WASHINGTON, D. C. - U.S. Senator Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, thanked Twin Lakes native and Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Intern Raven Pinto for her work as an intern in his Washington, D.C., office this summer. During her ten weeks on Capitol Hill, Pinto worked primarily on legislative issues related to Indian affairs.

“U.S. Senate interns gain invaluable experience as they learn to navigate our nation’s legislative process and the Capitol’s halls,” Udall said Aug. 12. “It’s been a pleasure to work with Raven this summer, and I hope she finds her experiences during this internship rewarding as she finishes college and embarks on a successful career.”

Pinto said she applied for the Udall Foundation internship because she wanted to develop a deeper understanding of how the federal government can best support and maintain relationships with Tribal communities.

“I came to D.C. expecting to learn and grow a skill set that will ultimately help me to serve people well - and I could not be more appreciative for receiving just that,” she said. “My experiences with Senator Udall’s office have strengthened my passion for public service and have shown me the incredible work that is being done, as well as the incredible work that is to come.”

Pinto is the daughter of Aneva Yazzie and Raymond Pinto from the Navajo Nation, and is a graduate of Rehoboth Christian High School. She is currently a senior at Colorado State University where she is studying political science and is involved in student government, the Political Science Club, and the Native Women’s Circle.

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