

## Letter to the Editor: Congratulations Navajo Nation students!

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Dear Navajo Nation students,

The Department of Diné Education congratulates each of you for completing the fall 2023 semester! From Pre-K all the way to postgraduate programs, we cherish each of our students' academic successes and look for every opportunity to support them on their journey of learning.

The end of the fall semester coincides with the holiday gatherings that we all attend to cap off the end of the year. People of all ages come together to reflect on their accomplishments, the challenges they faced, and how they have grown as a person at this time of year. You deserve to take a moment and celebrate your semester of work with the people around you.

Whether you celebrate any given holiday at this time, we at the Department of Diné Education ask that you take a moment to thank the people who help you on your educational path. From your teachers to the school staff to the community leaders who help give you the opportunities you have, remember that you are not alone in your journey and that we are all willing to help in any way we can.

From providing and refining Pre-K programs to assisting schools with reauthorization and evaluating student performance to providing financial assistant to graduates, our department will hit the ground running in 2024 and continue our mission to strengthen our Diné language and culture, our way of thinking and being, and building and maintaining high academic standards for students and families.

Congratulations to all our students for their work this semester, and an immense thank you to all our Navajo Nation school staff and faculty. We would not be able to fulfill our mission of providing a quality education to our students without your support and dedication.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season!

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