



A WARM WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING FACES ON CAMPUS!



**Jonas Kurronen,
Education Manager**

Jonas grew up on Colorado's Front Range and combines his background in Archaeology and Education to produce innovative, multicultural, place-based experiential education programs and projects in archaeology, anthropology, history, and Indigenous studies for learners of all ages.

"I feel it is especially important for American Indians to be involved in the history of Indigenous peoples and to help educate the public."

—*Alicia Benally*

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**Jon Ghahate,
Educator**

Jon is from the Pueblos of Laguna and Zuni, and a member of the Turkey and Badger Clans. As an Educator at Crow Canyon, Jon works with students to develop accurate, credible, and respectful narratives of Southwest cultures.



**Alicia Benally,
Educator**

Alicia is of the Coyote Moiety, from the Cahuilla Tribe in California. She has a passion for bridging tribal perspectives with archaeology to foster collaboration and provide a more inclusive history.



**Tyson Hughes,
Educator**

Tyson has been involved with Crow Canyon since he attended programs here as a child. As an educator, he enjoys sharing his knowledge of this region with students. He is an avid flintknapper and specializes in prehistoric lithic technologies.



**Rebecca Renteria,
American Indian Initiatives
Outreach Coordinator**

Rebecca (she/her) is a Ph.D. student in Arid Lands Resource Sciences at the University of Arizona with a focus on archaeology, K-12 culturally relevant curriculum development, school gardens, and community health.



**R. J. (Reuven) Sinensky,
Laboratory Manager**

Reuven's research explores the sophisticated foodways and rich culinary histories of farmers Indigenous to what is now the southwestern United States. He is committed to amplifying Indigenous voices in North American archaeology.



**Dave Satterwhite,
Field Manager**

Dave worked for Crow Canyon from 2003-2005 on the Albert Porter Pueblo project and has over 25 years of archaeological experience in the private and Cultural Resource Management sectors throughout the region.

CROW CANYON'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE & CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 11-15, 2023



The 40th Anniversary Conference and Celebration kicked off on Thursday, October 12th with several small-group field trips to area sites. Here, a group visits the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise, a 7,700 acre productive, modern irrigated agricultural project.

Photo courtesy of Rebecca Hammond.



An interactive plant walk and wild food tasting introduced us to many valuable plant species that reside right on the Crow Canyon campus. Several such plants are growing in one of the Pueblo Farming Project plots and Reyna Banteah (Zuni Pueblo) explains their uses for food, medicine, and materials.

Photo courtesy of Andrea Nelson.



Rocking chairs on the Lodge porch quickly became a favorite spot for connecting with friends and sharing memories.

Photo courtesy of Laura Brown.



Four High School Field School alumni formed a special bond 30 years ago during their experience on Crow Canyon's campus. They reunited with one another and re-connected with staff, counselors, and mentors such as Ricky Lightfoot (former Board Chair) during the Conference.

Photo courtesy of Andrea Nelson.



The conference was an opportunity for many longtime friends to re-connect such as Emerald Tanner, fifth-generation owner of Tanner's Indian Arts, and Donna Martin, Crow Canyon supporter and program participant.

Photo courtesy of Andrea Nelson.



Crow Canyon professional associate Donna Glowacki led a field trip to Yellow Jacket Pueblo, an Ancestral Puebloan archaeological site in the general Mesa Verde region.

Photo courtesy of Kate Thompson.



Another conference highlight was a special dance performance by Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk (Ute Mountain Ute) and the Next Generation dancers. Here, several people join in a friendship dance.

Photo courtesy of Laura Brown.



A highlight during the conference was the opportunity to view an annular or “ring of fire” eclipse, easily visible from Crow Canyon’s campus. Everyone gathered on the deck in front of the Lodge to experience the unique event using special viewing glasses.

Photo courtesy of Adam Kackstetter.



Crow Canyon Educator Jon Ghahate (Laguna Pueblo and Zuni) gave a captivating talk about the 1680 Pueblo Revolt. During his presentation he created a yucca cord and explained the importance that such cords played in the Revolt.

Photo courtesy of Andrea Nelson.

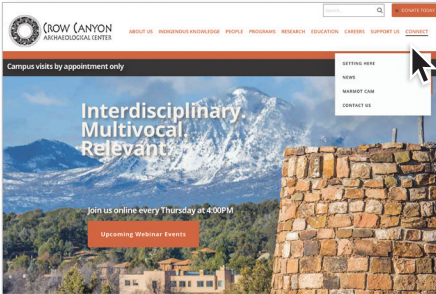


Poet Laureate Joy Harjo (Muscogee) united us through poetry and song during an opening reception. She inspired us to continue listening, respecting, and honoring one another. Pictured left to right: Owen Sapulpa, Rebecca Hammond, Joy Harjo.

Photo courtesy of Liz Perry and Rebecca Hammond.



Our Vision: To expand the sphere in which we operate, both geographically and intellectually, and show how the knowledge gained through archaeology can help build a healthier society.



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