

# Miss NCAI Biography

## Cheryl V. Dixon Miss National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

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Greetings!

My name is Cheryl V. Dixon and I am the reigning Miss National Congress of American Indians 2003-2004. I am a 19-year-old proud member of the Pueblo of Isleta, located in New Mexico. I am the daughter of Floyd and Vickie Dixon. I have one brother, Mark Dixon. My family and I have resided on the Pueblo of Isleta Reservation for the duration of our lives. I am the first Pueblo woman to hold the prestigious title of Miss N.C.A.I.

I am a sophomore at the University of New Mexico, double majoring in Biology and English pursuing a pre-medicine degree. I plan on attending medical school, to bring my practice and the art of healing to my native communities.

I graduated from Los Lunas High School with honors in May of 2002. I attended Cornell University for a short period of time. I am currently a student at the University of New Mexico where I have been on the Dean's List and University Honor Roll. I am the Secretary of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and a member of the University Pre-Medicine Organization.

Besides my extremely strenuous academic schedule; I actively participate in my traditional culture. I enjoy performing traditional dances, playing the Alto Saxophone, reading and acquiring additional knowledge about my ancestors, culture, and other American Indian traditions.

My culture and traditions are a significant part of my life, I believe I wouldn't be half the person I am today without my strong cultural foundation. I sincerely appreciate all the motivation and inspiration my family and Pueblo have instilled in my life. The ideals by which I live and was raised to possess - Integrity, dignity, compassion and reverence for all creation, and the power to never quit striving for excellence have impacted my life greatly and I proudly live each day following these values. I hope to pass this message on to each and every person I come across during my reign. It gives me great honor and privilege to be representing all American Indian and Alaskan Native nations.

My Platform as Miss N.C.A.I. is "Sustaining Education within American Indian/Alaskan Native Communities."

I truly hope that our creator allows our paths cross, and I have the opportunity to meet each of you personally. I welcome each of you to contact me. Until then, May the Great Spirit Walk with you Always, and bless you with the Best of Luck and Health!

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