



Pawnee Nation Princess Committee
Quarterly Report to the Pawnee Business Council
1st Quarter
January-March 2023

I. COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Pawnee Nation Princess Committee serves to help a selected young woman to represent not only the Pawnee Nation, but also her community and family with as much support as possible.

The Pawnee Nation Princess Committee consisted of the following women: Councilwoman, Cynthia Butler - Chairwoman; Tiffany Frieze-Nichols - Vice-Chair; Lisa Gooday - Secretary; Reva Howell - Treasurer; Beverly Harjo - Member; Vicky Leading Fox - Member, and Jamie Nelson - Member.

II. QUARTERLY GOALS AND OBJECTIVE:

a. Description on Activities Conducted

- i. The Committee met on January 18 & 26, February 15 & 21, and March 9 & 29.
- ii. The Committee voted on (3) Pawnee women to be awarded the PNPC spring scholarship recipients. Each received \$300.00. Below is the Press Release for the Scholarship recipients.
- iii. The Committee assisted the PNP with a request to do a food drive in the month of February.
- iv. The Committee voted on a logo and will be getting shirts for committee members and past PNPC Princesses.
- v. The Committee conducted interviews for the 2023-2024 Princess Applicants.
 1. All the candidates did excellent during their interviews.
- vi. The Committee made the selection of the PN Princess.
 1. The Committee will ask Miss. Karen Rice to serve as the next Princess.
- vii. The Committee set a date for the Princess Coronation and Dance April 23rd. Selection of the head staff has also been determined; the Committee is waiting on confirmations.
- viii. Princess Quinnlen participated in the following events this quarter:
 1. Food drive for the local food bank
 2. Band – Large ensemble competition
 3. Band – Solo competition



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4. Academic Team – Area
 5. Basketball – Filming
- b. New Objective for Next Quarter
- i. Pawnee Nation Princess Committee Dance & Coronation- April 23
 - ii. Princess Mentorship Program
 - iii. Review and approval of the PN Expo Director SOP
- c. Future Meeting and Establish New Relationships
- i. Pawnee Nation Expo Director attending the American Indian Expo Meetings

III. TRAVEL AND TRAINING:

- a. Travel-N/A
- b. Training-N/A

IV. Financial Reporting:

Our financial status is reflected in special reports prepared by Pawnee Nation Finance Department. Waiting for our 2023 Budget to be approved so we can submit a carryover budget medication.

V. Conclusion:

PN PRINCESS 2022-2023:

The Committee is proud of the representation and growth of our past Pawnee Nation Princess, Quinnlen Spears. She has a bright future ahead of her and we look forward to seeing all of her accomplishments. Below is an outgoing statement from Miss. Quinnlen.

Nawa, My name is Quinnlen Laine Spears, and it has been my honor to be the 2022-2023 Pawnee Nation Princess. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who has supported me this past year. Your kind words and gifts have meant so much to me. I also want to thank my family for getting me ready and always





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encouraging me. This past year has really flown by, and I will always remember this year with good memories. I have loved this opportunity to represent my tribal nation and to learn more about our culture. My reign as the Pawnee Nation Princess has taken me to many places, where I have met many new people and made lots of new friends along the way.

In return, I hope I have represented our nation well. I tried my best to represent our nation and to help our community in any way I was able to help. I want to congratulate the new incoming princess and wish her a good year representing the Pawnee Nation. Thank you all so much for the honor of representing the Pawnee Nation. I have been blessed beyond belief. Wit ta dut Che Dow!

Very respectfully and with much love,

Quinnlen Spears

Thank you, Miss Spears, for all of your hard work in representing the Pawnee Nation as Princess.

PN PRINCESS 2023-2024:

The Committee is excited to work with our new Princess, Miss. Karen Rice. Miss Rice was selected as the 2023-2024 Pawnee Nation Princess.

Karen is a senior at Sante Fe High School where she is involved in the Indian Education Program and the Multicultural Club. Below is the bio for Miss. Rice.

Karen Rice, "Ta ha stu weri-u-terit" which means "Standing Waiting To Go In" is serving as the 2023-2024 Pawnee Nation Princess. She is the daughter of Mark and Michelle Rice-Reed and sister to Sabryna Rice. Karen is the granddaughter of Ronald James Sr. and Minnie Ruth Horsechief-Rice, and the great-granddaughter of Delbert and Elizabeth F. Justice Goodchief-Horsechief. Her paternal grandparents are: Charlie and Freda Lida Ridingin-Rice and great-great grandparents are: William and Mae Ridingin, William



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Justice, and Dolly Moore. Karen proudly represents all four Bands of the Pawnee Nation.

Karen is a Senior at Santa Fe High School where she is involved in the Indian Education Program and the Multicultural Club. She will be a college freshman this fall, and her goal is to major in Business and minor in Finance. Her future plans are to obtain a degree as well as her nail license and then have her own nail salon business.

Karen enjoys participating in all tribal activities and dances such as hand games and powwows. Each summer she enjoys attending and camping at the annual Pawnee Wichita Visitation.

She also loves animals and has two cats named Bibi and Jalapeño.

Karen is looking forward to learning more about her culture and representing the Pawnee Nation especially in memory of her Uppit (Ronald Rice Sr) who she recently lost. She discussed with him that she wanted to run for Pawnee Nation Princess, and he strongly encouraged her to reach for her goals and was her biggest supporter.

It is with great honor and gratitude that Karen has accepted this responsibility and opportunity as Pawnee Nation Princess. She will do her very best to fulfill this title and legacy of the family and Nation.



The Committee will be updating the Princess page on the website and the new bio for the incoming Princess after the Coronation and Dance to be held in April.

PN PRINCESS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP:

PRESS RELEASE. Pawnee, Okla. – The Pawnee Nation Princess Committee announces their 2023 Spring semester recipients of the Pawnee Nation Princess Empowerment Scholarship. The award of \$300.00 was presented to Sara Llamas-Howell, Sky Seeing Leading Fox, and Montana Snell.



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Ms. Llamas-Howell is a proud member of the Pitahawirata Band, past Pawnee Nation Princess (2019), currently a senior at Rogers State University (Claremore, OK) and majoring in Allied Health.

Ms. Sky Seeing Leading Fox is a proud member of the Skidi band, past Pawnee Tribal/Expo Princess (2015-2016), currently a freshman at Haskell University (Lawrence, KS), and majoring in Community Health.

Ms. Montana Snell is a proud member of the Skidi band, a senior at Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK) and majoring in Biology with a minor in Microbiology.

“All three of these young ladies have represented their tribe in many capacities. When the Committee sat to review their applications and essays, it was hard to make just two selections,” says Princess Committee member and Secretary, Lisa Goodday. “We opened this scholarship up to all Pawnee women and focused on women empowerment. Each essay reflected the strength and integrity of each young lady and the Committee chose to award all three applicants. They are going to be strong Pawnee women and we look forward to see them prosper and flourish.”

Committee Chair, Councilwoman Cynthia Butler added, “What an honor to see our young Pawnee women further their education and represent the Pawnee Nation. Their goals and ambitions are inspiring and we cannot wait to see their accomplishments. They are all three future leaders in their field of study. What a great group of young women to award these scholarships to.”

The Princess Committee congratulates Ms. Llamas-Howell, Ms. Leading Fox and Ms. Snell on their scholarship award and wish all three young ladies’ good luck this spring semester.

For more information on the Princess Scholarship opportunities, or other Pawnee Business Council Committee Scholarships available, please visit the Pawnee Nation’s website at www.pawneenation.org/scholarship-opportunities/.

