



**Kathryn M. Buder Center  
for American Indian Studies**

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**Brown School**

***Blessing Ceremony***

***May 13, 2023***

***1:00 pm***

***Clark-Fox Forum,***

***Hillman Hall***



Washington  
University in St. Louis  

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BROWN SCHOOL

## **Buder Center Blessing Ceremony**

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Welcome**

Dr. Pamela L. Begay, *Diné Nation*

#### **Dean Edmond Remarks**

#### **Blessing of Graduates**

#### **Presentation of Blankets**

#### **Student Acknowledgements**

#### **Closing**

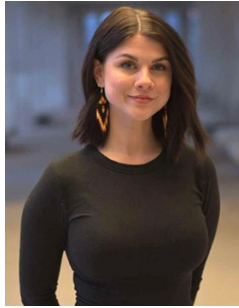
Please join us after the Ceremony for light refreshments in Hillman Hall, Room 130



# 2023 Graduating Class



**Braylan Benoist**  
*Cheyenne River Sioux  
Tribe*



**Esther Boguszewski**  
*Mi'kmaq*



**Kaleigh Edwards**  
*Caddo Nation of  
Oklahoma*



**Katrina Hungary**  
*Arapahoe Nation*



**Michelle Giannoulakis**  
*Cherokee descendant*



**Haleigh Left Hand**  
*Pawnee/Arapaho*



**Raymond Phillips**  
*Ponca/Omaha/Santee Sioux  
Tribes of Nebraska*

We invite you to be fully present during the *Blessing of Graduates*.  
Please refrain from taking photos during this part of the ceremony.



## Ode to Kathryn Buder

She had a vision  
For one day to see  
By planting a seed  
For growing a tree.

The tree would become  
A center to learn  
From which Native students  
Master's degrees they would earn.

This center would be known as  
Our beloved Buder Center  
Where Native students from afar  
Would have the chance to enter.

The tree would have roots  
In all directions they grow  
After classes and lectures  
Back home they will go.

Back to their communities  
With degrees they proudly hold  
Changing lives, changing families  
Planting seeds for young and old.

From vision and dream  
To graduation gown with collar  
We assume a role of leadership  
As a proud Buder scholar.

Impacting our communities  
To make the right decision  
Let's now give our thanks  
For this amazing woman's vision.