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Carrie Billy, a member of the Navajo Nation and attorney from Arizona, is the President and CEO of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). Through AIHEC, the nation's 37 tribal colleges share a common vision: *Strong Sovereign Nations Through Excellence in TRIBAL Higher Education.*

Ms. Billy has undergraduate degrees from the University of Arizona and Salish Kootenai College (a tribal college) and she earned a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center. Ms. Billy served as the inaugural Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges, and she worked in the U.S. Senate for 10 years.

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Ms. Billy's accomplishments include designing and implementing strategic initiatives, developing innovative policies and programs, and forging partnerships and coalitions, and her career reflects a commitment to public service -- to protecting and promoting the cultures, rights and well being of American Indians and improving the quality of life and educational status of all Americans.

