



## **Robert Martin, Ed.D.**

Robert Martin became President of the Institute of American Indian Arts on July 1, 2007. During Martin's tenure, he has led the development of a comprehensive strategic plan and a campus facilities master plan resulting in academic program expansion, growth in student enrollment, the construction of four new buildings on campus and the launch of a successful capital campaign.

Prior to joining the IAIA community, Martin was the Associate Head for the American Indian Studies program at the University of Arizona. He also served as President of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque for eight years and president of Haskell Indian Nations University for ten years. Under his guidance, Haskell made the transition from junior college to a university offering baccalaureate programs. In addition, Martin served as the President of Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC) in Sells, Arizona. During his tenure, TOCC achieved accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission and was designated as a 1994 Land Grant Institution by the United States Congress.

In Santa Fe, Martin sits on the Board of Directors for the Lawrence Performing Arts Center and St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation. He also serves as a Trustee for the American Indian College Fund, as a member of the Executive Committee for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, and is a member of the EHR Advisory Committee for the National Science Foundation. Martin also has served as a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. He is a member of the Indian Nations at Risk Task Force, the Advisory Board to the White House Conference on Indian Education, and the Commission on Minorities in Higher Education for the American Council on Education. He is a graduate of the Department of Interior's Senior Executive Development Program, the John Heinz II School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie-Mellon University, and the Center for Creative Leadership's Development Program. Martin was awarded the Liberty Bell Award by the Douglas County (Kansas) Bar Association. The award is bestowed on Law Day USA to recognize individual contributions to human rights. He also was awarded an honorary doctorate from Baker University and in 2010 received the Tribal College President of the Year Award.

Robert Martin is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Kansas and his bachelor's and master's degrees from Appalachian State University.