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A citizen of the Cherokee Nation and of Muscogee (Creek) descent, Rose serves on several education and youth-related boards and is a founding member of VEST, an Oklahoma-based organization dedicated to connecting women to positions of power and influence. Most importantly, she is the mother of two daughters, Waleah and Tanagila-win.