

Navajo Area | Buu Nygren, EdD | The Navajo Nation | President



Elected the youngest Navajo Nation President in history at the age of 35, Dr. Buu Nygren has served as the Chief Commercial Officer for the Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority (NECA) since 2019.

In 2018, President Nygren was selected as the vice presidential running mate for the Shirley-Nygren ticket in the Navajo Nation General Election. From 2010 to 2018, the President was a national operations trainer and project manager at a multi-billion-dollar construction company that built schools, senior living homes, and public safety facilities from Nevada to Florida.

A graduate of Red Mesa High School, the President obtained his Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from Arizona State University in 2012. He then pursued a Master's of Business Administration from Arizona State University and completed his Doctorate of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership from the University of Southern California in 2021.

The President's prior work experience includes being a construction laborer, carpenter, dishwasher, and, at the age of 14, custodian at his local high school. As a youth, he developed a strong work ethic as a small vendor offering baked goods and hand-made jewelry in and around the communities across the northern Navajo Nation.

The President was recognized as one of the top 40 Native American Leaders Under 40 by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED). Dr. Nygren is married to former Arizona State Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, and together they have two young daughters. Both proudly reside in Red Mesa, Arizona, about 35 miles from the Four Corners National Monument and 80 miles from Monument Valley, Utah.