

# Shawna Allison Becenti

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS & STRENGTHS:

- Effective communication, interpersonal, and public relations skills
- Collaborative leadership style; confident decision-maker
- Highly motivated, data-driven, innovative systems thinker with a strong work ethic
- Effective problem solver
- Conflict resolution and mediator skills
- Ability to effectively manage budget and personnel
- Recruitment and retention of highly qualified district personnel
- Evaluate and provide leadership for the secondary instructional program
- Experience creating strategic plans and 90-day Action Plans focused on data-driven instruction, school culture, and Tier I instruction.
- Experience working with diverse populations, federal, private, and public institutions, and small and large schools
- Experience working with students and families from grades K-12 to post-graduation

## EDUCATION:

June 1993 High School Diploma, Honor Graduate. Navajo Preparatory School, Inc., Farmington, New Mexico.

December 1997 Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education, Social Studies. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

June 2006 Master's degree in Educational Administration. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

July 2018 - Present Navajo Preparatory School, Head of School (Superintendent) of 252 students, 110 employees on an 80-acre campus. Navajo Preparatory School is a Tribal Grant School with a unique student population, 98% Native American.

August 2011 - June 2018 Kirtland Central High School, Kirtland, NM. Principal of 755 students and 56 teachers, ten support staff, and five educational assistants. Key Achievements: KCHS is ranked 17<sup>th</sup> among NM Public Schools. Received the Newsweek Bronze medal for the Best High Schools in the United States.

August 2008 - May 2011 Kirtland Central High School, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, and two of those years served as Athletic Director, Kirtland, NM.

August 2006 - May 2008 Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. Discipline Officer and Athletic Director, Farmington, NM.

Summer of 2002 & 2003 University of New Mexico, Schools to Work Grant. Produced curriculum on the Navajo Long Walk and specific units for World Geography and Navajo History Classes at Fort Wingate High School.

Summer of 2001 Teach For America, Houston, Texas. Curriculum Consultant for eighty beginning teachers. Taught classroom management, various types of assessment, teaching strategies, ESL methods, and Cooperative Learning.

August 2000 - May 2006 Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. Farmington, NM. Teacher of Navajo History/Government, US History, Navajo Culture, and Gifted & Talented Classes: Twilight Teachings (Navajo Singing) and Leadership.

August, 1998 - May, 2000 Piedra Vista High School. Farmington Municipal Schools, Farmington, NM. Taught Native American Studies, US History, and World History.

May 1998 - April 1999 Rocinante High School, Farmington Municipal Schools, Farmington, NM. Taught World Geography and Navajo Studies.

December 1997 - May 1998 Apache Elementary School, Farmington Municipal Schools, Farmington, New Mexico. Taught Navajo Bilingual/Culture classes. Also Bilingual Site Coordinator of Navajo and Spanish Bilingual testing and database maintenance.

### **Professional Development**

National Indian Schools Association Conference, Various Locations  
 National Indian Education Annual Conference and Hill Week  
 Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Various Locations  
 Building your Virtual Community, Online Webinar  
 NASSP Virtual Seminar: Leading During a Crisis  
 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Administrator Training, New York City  
 National Afterschool Association National Conference, New York City  
 Employee Investigation & Adjudication Training Certification, Las Vegas, NV  
 Performance Coach in the LAUNCH and RISE program for the Priority Schools Bureau, NMPED  
 Performance Coach in the Principal Pursuing Excellence Program to a CCSD Principal in Cohort 6.  
 Two years in the Principal Pursuing Excellence Cohort 4, NMPED  
 COHORT 13 MIDYEAR RETREAT – Paul Bambrick’s Data-Driven Analysis and Instruction, Bernalillo, NM.  
 Tour of the Nashville Academies, Nashville, TN.  
 ASCD National Conference, Atlanta, GA.  
 NM Public Education Department, NMTeach/Teachscape Training and Calibration Training Albuquerque, NM, Kirtland, NM.  
 PARCC Training on Literacy Analysis, Shiprock, NM.  
 Learned-focused Supervision Training, Shiprock, NM.  
 NM Public Education Department, Pilot Teacher Evaluation, Albuquerque, NM.  
 National Association for Secondary Principals National Conference, Various Locations  
 Active Shooter Training, Santa Fe, NM  
 Differentiated Instruction Conference, Las Vegas, NM.  
 Common Core Leadership Training, Farmington, NM.  
 Sheltered Instruction Training, Shiprock, NM.  
 Deep Curriculum Alignment Training, Shiprock, NM.  
 Interest-Based Bargaining Training, Shiprock, NM.

### **Professional Memberships & Licensure**

State of New Mexico, Public Education Department, Administrative License Pre-K-12, Level III.  
 State of New Mexico, Public Education Department, Instructional Leader, 7-12, Level III. Area of Endorsement: Social Studies.  
 National Indian Education Association Member  
 Four Corners Educational Council on Student Success, San Juan Superintendent Member  
 National Association for Independent Schools Member

### **Civic Involvement**

Farmington Chamber of Commerce Board Member  
 Four Corners Economic Development Board Member  
 Tribal Interior Budget Council Sub-education Committee Voting Member  
 Lobbied for Navajo Preparatory School during the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 Winter NM Legislative Session.  
 Navajo Prep received Capital Outlay funds to improve campus development for Navajo Prep Campus.  
 San Juan Leadership Class of 2019-2020  
 In 2020, created a Bureau of Indian Education and Department of Dine Education School Leadership PLC