

THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



Bio of Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez

Originally from Shonto, Arizona, Jonathan Nez is the current President of the Navajo Nation.

President Nez earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and will complete a Master's in Public Administration from Northern Arizona State University in May 2022. He began his public service as Shonto Chapter Vice President and was later elected to serve three terms as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate, representing the chapters of Shonto, Oljato, Tsaah Bi Kin, and Navajo Mountain. He also served two terms with the Navajo County Board of Supervisors for District 1.

In 2015, Nez was elected Navajo Nation Vice President before being elected as President of the Navajo Nation in 2018. He is the son of John H. Nez and Mabel H. Nez. He comes from a family of community leaders as exemplified by his late grandfather, H.T. Donald, a former Navajo Nation Council Delegate from Shonto Chapter.

President Nez is a longtime advocate of healthy living, healthy eating, and encourages the Navajo people to practice the teaching of Navajo elders, known as *T'ááhwó'ajít'éego*, or self-reliance and self-determination.

He is married to Phefelia Nez, First Lady of the Navajo Nation. They have two sons, Alexander and Christopher.