



Shannon Holsey – President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Shannon Holsey was elected to a two-year term as president of the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohican Indians in October 2015, following eight years as a member of the Tribal Council. She is the youngest to ever lead the Stockbridge-Munsee, with 1,470 enrolled members and is one of 11 Native tribes in Wisconsin. Holsey grew up on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation in Bowler, Wisconsin, and has committed the Tribe to serving as good stewards of its economic, environmental and intellectual resources. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe is the largest employer in Shawano County,

Holsey also serves as vice president of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, which represents twelve-member tribes with a land base of about 1 million acres spanning 45 counties. She was appointed to the Wisconsin State Legislature's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations. Tribal leadership advisor to Marquette Council on Native American Affairs. President of nonprofit Dream Catchers Association. Midwest Region NCAI Representative, Tribal Technical Advisory Group, NCAI Alternate, Midwest Region of Sovereign Tribes, Secretary, Delivered the State of the Tribes Address to the Wisconsin State Assembly. Public speaking engagements on self-governance, sovereignty, organization management, leadership and women's advocacy.

Holsey previously served as director of hospitality at the North Star Mohican Casino, the Stockbridge-Munsee's only gaming facility and main source of revenue. Executive Director of Red Lake Nation's Boys and Girls Club, Interim Director of Education, Employment and Training and Cultural Affairs for the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe.

Holsey's personal philosophy on leadership recognizes that Native Americans are growing economies, preparing students to succeed, delivering high-quality health care, protecting the environment and solving the unique challenges facing our tribal communities. Recognizes the need of advocacy for the disparities associated with healthcare, education, and economic and environmental and diversity inequalities that the federal government is not adequately addressing for native communities

Holsey is dedicated to modernizing the trust relationship. Recognizes the need to replace antiquated laws and regulations with policies that trust and empower tribes to govern. Committed to building upon a relationship based not on paternalism and control, but on deference and support; a partnership where tribes continue to meet their own challenges and chart their own path forward.

Holsey received her bachelor's degree in business administration magna cum laude and has master's degrees in strategic leadership and communication from Seton Hall University with distinction