



VAHAN SETYAN | MS, PHD, LHD

Universal Ambassador

Foreign Relations | Economic Development | Cultural Preservation

The Original Oceti Sakowin – Dahcotah Government Branch

7 Council Fires of The Sioux Nation of Indians

Treaty 1851-1868

Vahan currently serves as the *Universal Ambassador, Authorized Representative Delegate* and is a *Friend and Ally* of the Original Oceti Sakowin Treaty Government – Dahcotah Government Branch of the Sioux Nation of Indians on domestic and foreign affairs, international peace mission and relationships. He has also served as the *Authorized Agent* in the Navajo Nation Farm Board - San Juan River on economic development, as well as the *Authorized Agent* within the Navajo Nation Council on gaming and hospitality development. In 2017 he brought, for the first time in history and under the Presidential mandate, a formal chronic disease management, hospice, and related services program to the Navajo Nation, working with Navajo Department of Health, Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) and Navajo Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) under a Memorandum of Agreement, and was featured in March 2018 Navajo Times article, largest circulating newspaper in Indian Country.

Throughout more than 13 years, he has been involved in healthcare and economic development in California, Arizona, Nevada, South Dakota, Nebraska, and New Mexico, collaborating with local, tribal, and foreign governments. He has held executive and management positions including Chief Executive Officer, Director of Operations, and Chief Operating Officer, Human Resources Director, and Director of Business Development. He has addressed healthcare ideas, challenges and solutions to various officials and entities including Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Veterans Affairs, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, Indian Health Service, Intertribal Council of Arizona, Executive, Legislative and Healthcare branches of the Navajo Nation Government, and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service.

In 2006, he received a permanent honorary membership to *Psi Chi*, the International Honor Society in Psychology. In November of 2014, he received the *Elite American Executive* award by National Council of American Executives. In April 2019 and 2020, he was selected for the *Top 100 Healthcare Leaders* award by the International Forum of Advancements on Healthcare. In June 2019, out of 90 nominees, he was one of the top 5 finalists in the 2019 Outstanding Alumni Award. In 2021, he was inducted in Marquis' Who's Who of Top Executives for his dedication, achievements, and leadership in native and veterans' health care. In September 2022 he received an Award at the 3rd Annual the International Business Forum of Las Vegas. He has been a guest at national and international radio shows on numerous occasions, discussing topics such as healthcare and chronic disease management, economic development models, and their utilizations for the Native American healthcare systems.

He is an avid public speaker and best-selling author, with television appearances, radio shows, published academic and research-oriented work on varied topics including hemp, Native American affairs, ancient languages, world history, and psychology. He completed his undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Economics at California State University, Los Angeles. He furthered his studies in graduate and doctoral training in Industrial/Organization Development and Psychology, and served as a faculty member at University of Riverside Department of Management. He is a participating member of Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) and a member of InfraGard.

Speaking Engagements

Executives for Health Innovation – October 13, 2022

Topic: *“Eliminating Health Disparities in the Fight Against Cancer: Examples from the Field: Addressing Health Disparities in Native Country”*. – Speaker: Vahan Setyan

National Virtual Platform

3rd Annual International Business Form of Las Vegas – September 29, 2022

Topic: *“Global Health and Economic Development.”* – Speaker Vahan Setyan

Las Vegas, Nevada – The Orleans Convention Center

The Cannabis Report – February 2020

Topic: *“How the Sacred Herb Revitalizes Native American Communities.”* – Speaker Vahan Setyan

Host: Snowden Bishop

Phoenix, Arizona Podcast Studio

Oklahoma Hemp Summit Speaker Highlight – February 4, 2022

Topic: *“Medicinal Hemp in Healthcare.”* – Speaker – Vahan Setyan

National Virtual Platform

Select Publications

- *“Industrial Hemp in Native Country.”* – 2017
- *“The Tipping Point: Healthcare Woes, COVID-19 and the Future of Native Healthcare.”* February 2020.
- *“Chronic Disease, Hospice, and Palliative Care in Native Country: The Absent Necessity.”* 2021.

Awards

- Elite American Executive Award. November 2014.
- Top 100 Healthcare Leaders Award. 2019, 2020.
- Marquis’ Who’s Who of Top Executives. 2021.
- Doctor of Humane Letters. November 2021. Oceti Sakowin Treaty Government of the Sioux Nation of Indians.

Memberships and Board Member Positions

- Participating Member – Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO)
- Member – InfraGard
- Board Member – International Chamber of Commerce of Nevada (ICCN)
- Board Member – International Economic Cooperation and Business Forum (IECBF)