

## Bio – Priscilla Whitethorne

Priscilla (Patti) Whitethorne is a member of the Navajo Nation. Patti is of the Black Streaked Wood People, born for Edgewater Clan; maternal grandfather's clan is Bitter Water, and paternal grandfather is Anglo and she is originally from Tuba City, Arizona.

Patti has nearly 10 years working with the Navajo Nation in the public/community health capacity and 29+ years working with Indian Health Services. She was a Registered Dietitian and retired her certification in August of 2023. Her experience in health care was in the clinical and administrative areas serving as a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, Director of Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program, and Supervisor and Quality Assurance Officer with Navajo Nation WIC Program. Patti was a certified fitness and exercise instructor.

Patti has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics with a minor in Chemistry, and a Master of Arts Degree in Education, Counseling Emphasis from Northern Arizona University, and a Master's of Science Degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University.

Ms. Whitethorne is currently retired and serves as the President of the Buddy Whitethorne Foundation (BWF). The BWF is committed to advancing, promoting, and encouraging young Native Artists to develop and advance their artistic skills and educational endeavors in the fine art field. Art of the People (AOP) is another informal group of artists created by her late husband, Baje Whitethorne, Sr. Patti helps to manage and coordinate AOP group activities.

I am happy to serve on the board of the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association and looking forward to contributing and promoting tourism for Native people!