

Zach Doka, born and raised in Fort McDowell, Arizona, a direct descendant of the late Harry Austin, and an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has a robust commitment to innovation and community engagement. His family roots run deep in the region. With a long history of relying on agriculture and cattle ranching for sustenance and livelihood, Zach recognizes the profound responsibility that accompanies the preservation and protection of his tribe's culture and heritage.

Over the past decade, Zach has been an integral part of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, serving in various capacities that highlight his dedication to his community. He has held significant positions within the Events and Tourism Department, where he played a key role in promoting cultural events and activities that foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Yavapai heritage. Additionally, Zach has served as staff to the FMYN Tribal Council, where his insights and contributions have been vital in addressing the needs and aspirations of his community.

As a proud alumnus of Arizona State University, Zach has cultivated a strong foundation in both education and leadership.

In his current role as the President of the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA), he passionately advocates for the promotion of the unique heritage of Arizona's 22 tribal nations. Through his leadership, he aims to highlight the rich cultural narratives and traditions that define these communities, fostering a greater understanding and respect for Indigenous peoples.

Looking towards the future, Zach remains committed to seeking new challenges and opportunities that enable him to make a positive impact in his community. His dedication to innovation, community service, and cultural preservation reaffirms his role as a vital contributor to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the broader Arizona community. With his deep-seated values and unwavering commitment, Zach Doka exemplifies the spirit of resilience and leadership that characterizes the Yavapai people.