

National Indian Health Board Health Policy Fellowship



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People from my community motivated me the most to apply for this fellowship as a way for me to strengthen my voice and service for Indian country.

From the fellowship I wish to understand from a field point of view what advocacy is and how imperative it is for Indian Country.

An obstacle that I've faced is fear itself. I was always scared to step out of comfort zone, but by challenging myself to step out of my comfort zone I have found a leader in myself.

My short term goal is to graduate with a BSN in nursing.

My long term goal is to one day advocate on behalf of Indian Country and fight for a better tomorrow.

My advice to the younger generation who want to help improve the health of their community is to get involved and learn as much from their community as possible. One can simply do this by volunteering at community events and engaging with their peers.