

Policy & Program Updates for Indigenous Stakeholders

OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

Welcome! Display your name, mute your microphone, and turn off your camera. This will be recorded. Use of AI meeting assistants is discouraged.

Moderator: Elaine Mollindo, *Professional Learning Specialist*

Presenter 1: ADE Health & Nutrition Services

Presenter 2: Solari Crisis & Human Services

April 21, 2025
10:00 AM (MST)

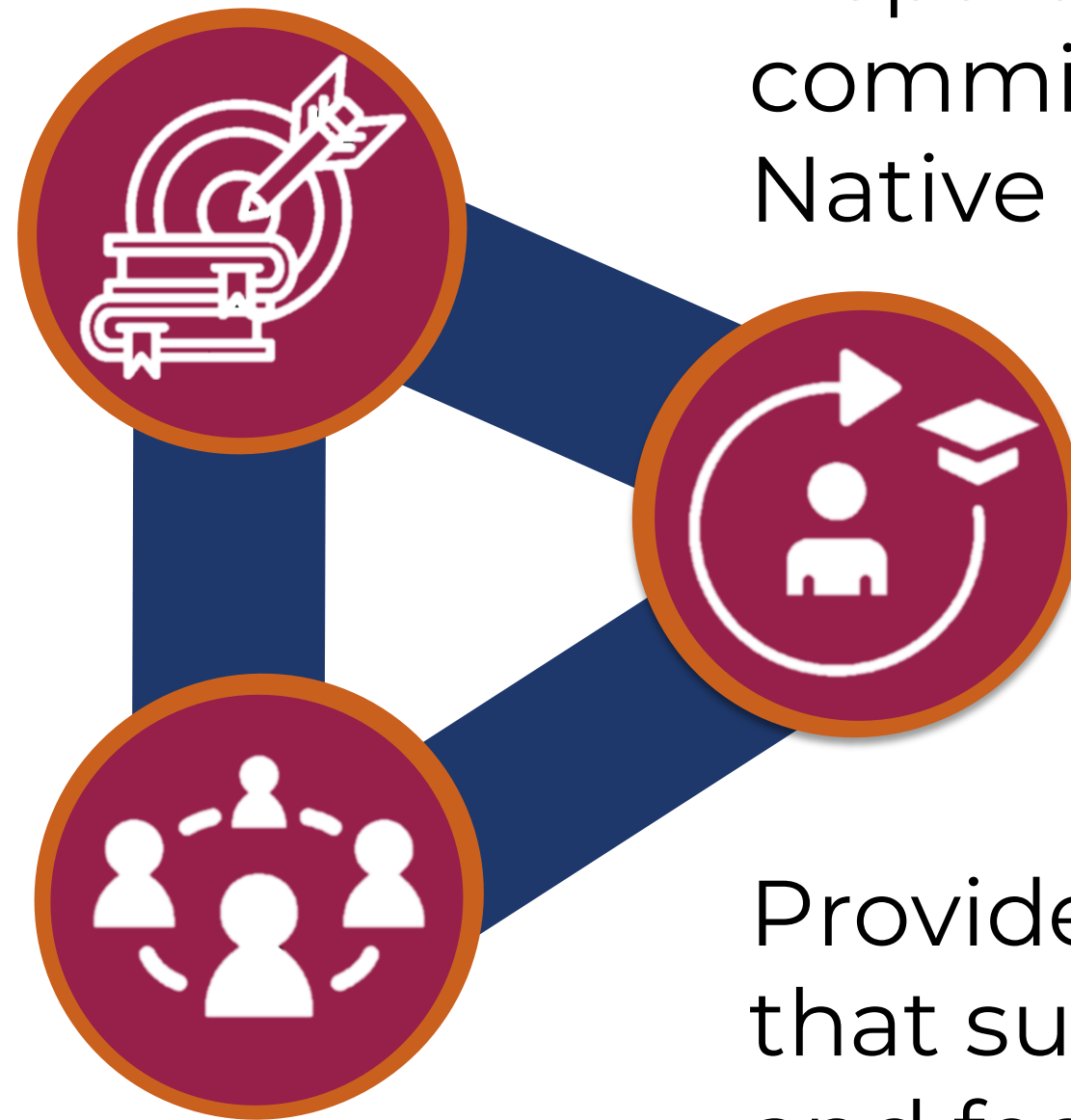
www.azed.gov/oie



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

Convene partners to:

Facilitate an understanding of the Arizona Department of Education as a service organization committed to raising academic outcomes for Native American students.



Create and maintain **relationships** between ADE and Indigenous communities to drive positive change for Native American students.

Provide direct avenues of **communication** that support continuous stakeholder input and feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION



Indigenous STEM Project

2025 Indigenous STEM Project

1. March 25, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Educator Showcase (virtual)
2. April 27, 28
Indigenous STEM Symposium
At Arizona Science Center
3. May 6, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Professionals Panel (virtual)

Free events! Visit:
www.azed.gov/oie/professional-learning-resources

Questions: indianeducation@azed.gov



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION



Thank you, Educator Showcase panelists and 80 participants!

Registration open for Symposium.
Keynote: Dr. Karletta Chief

Made possible by the following:



STEM Professionals Panel



Dr. Crystal Lee

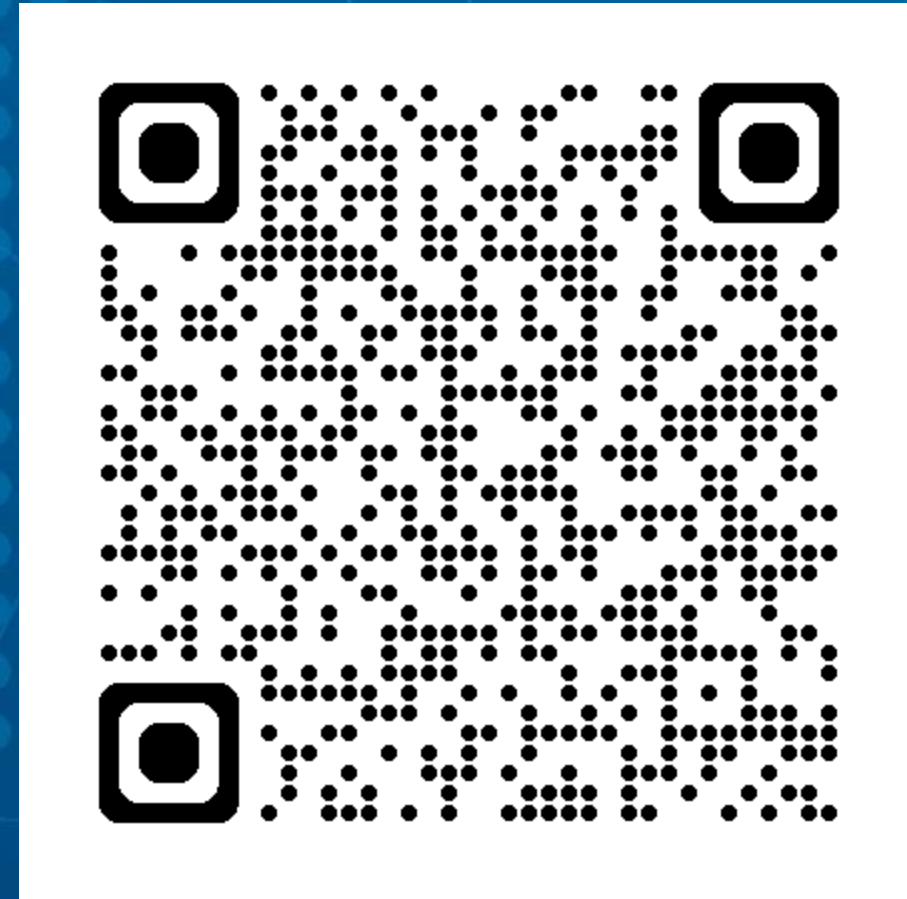
FREE Virtual event (Zoom)
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
5 – 6:30pm (MST Phoenix time)



**Zach Ben
Bidii Baby
Foods, LLC**

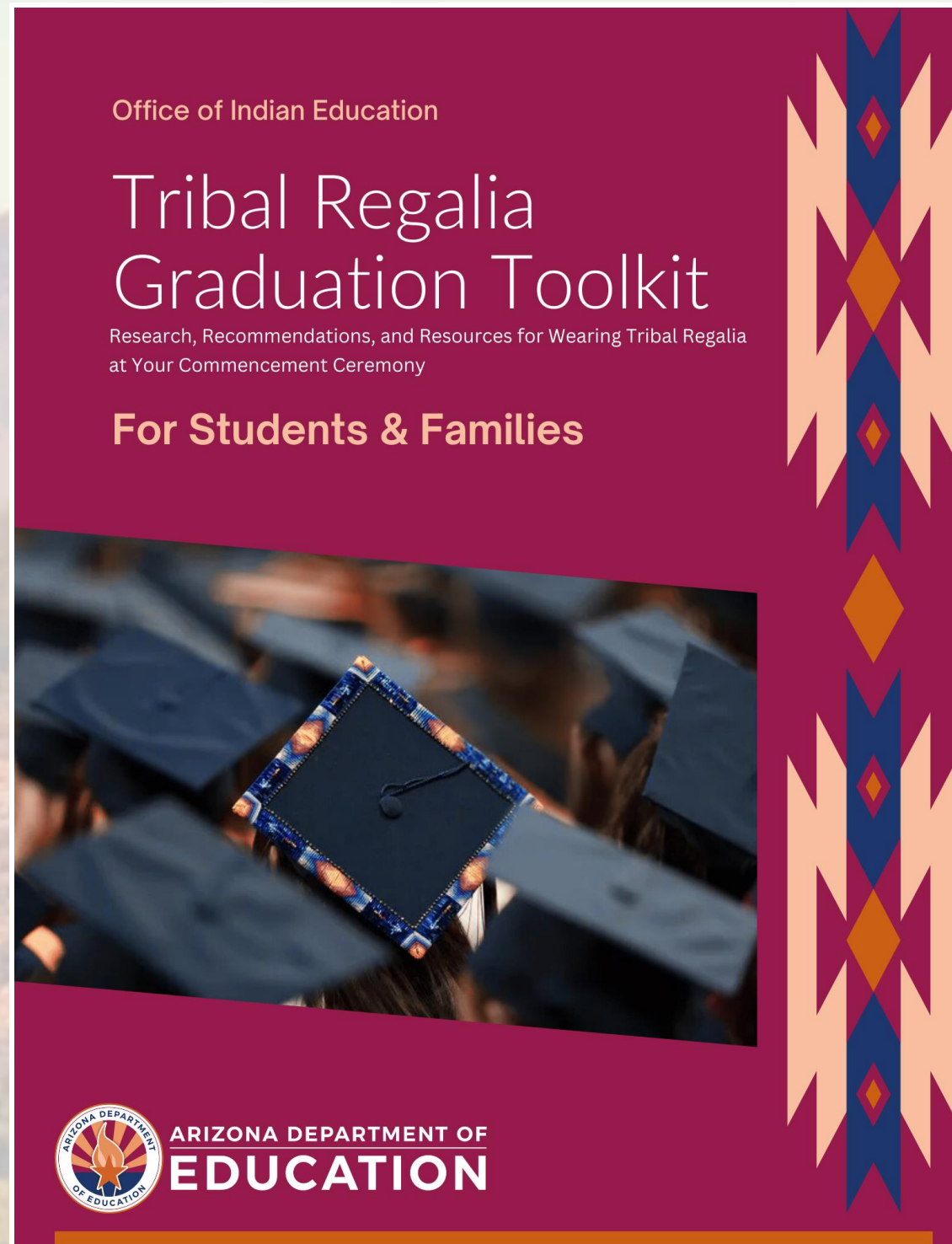


Cheryl Pailzote

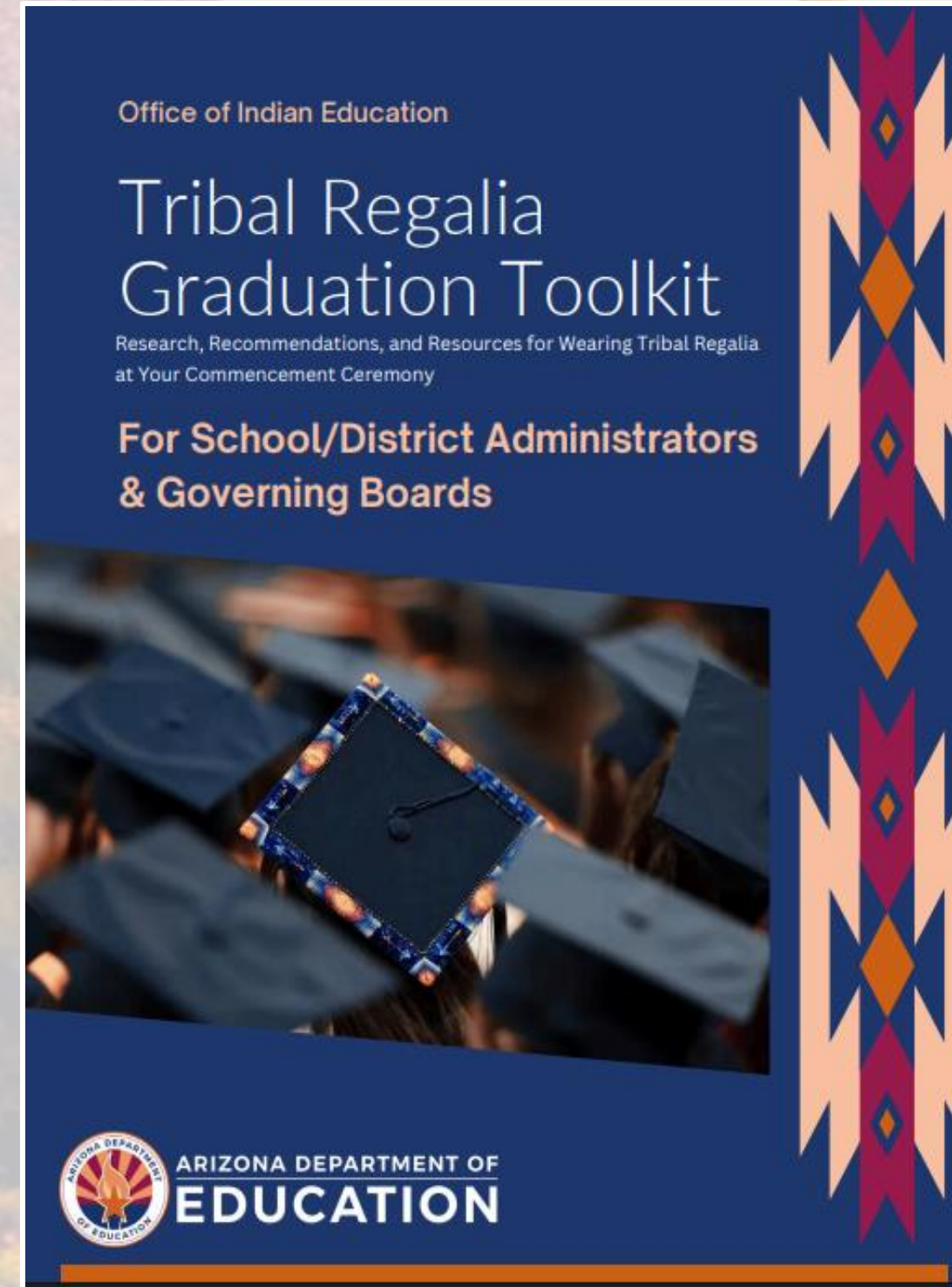


Arizona Tribal Regalia Graduation Toolkit

**April 9,
2025**

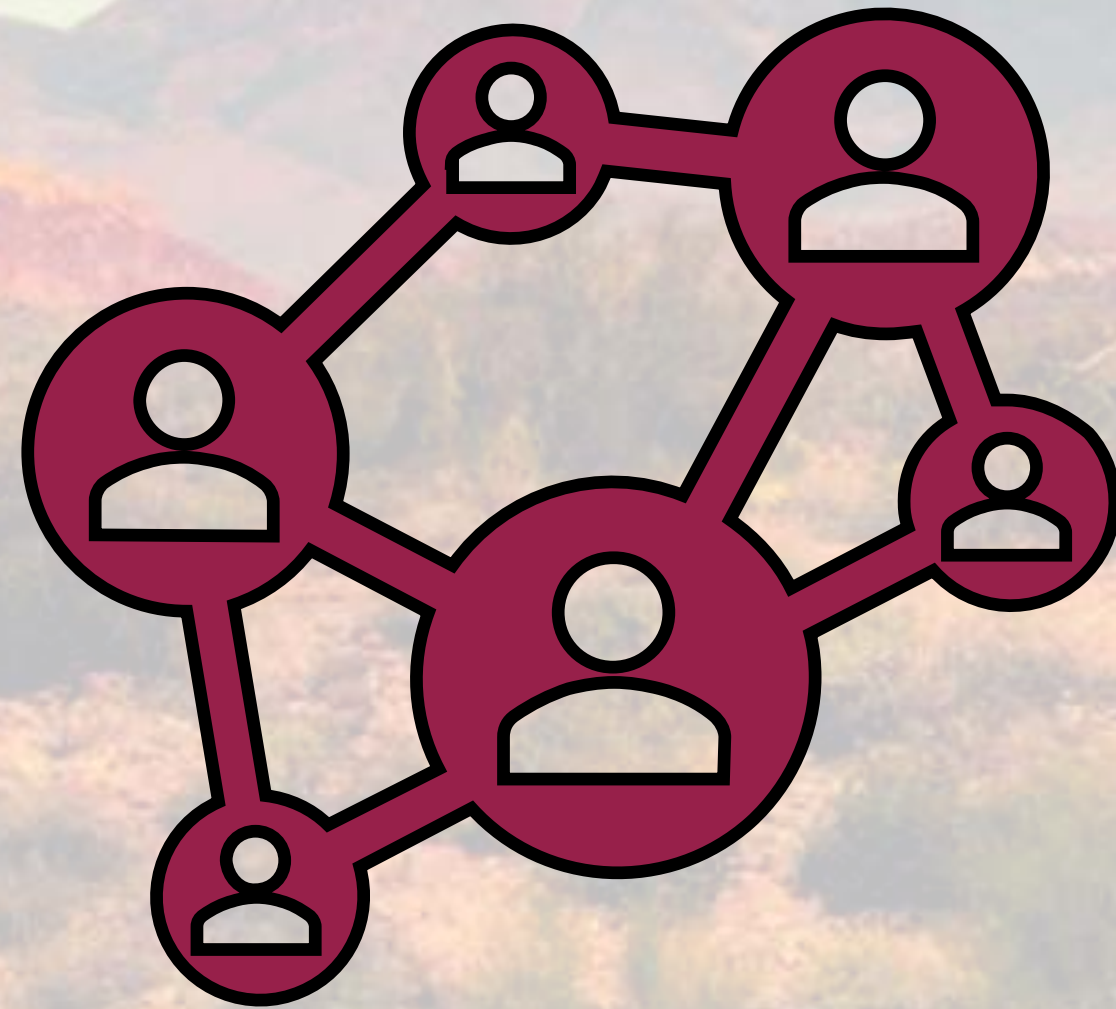


**April 17,
2025**



<https://www.azed.gov/oie/tribal-regalia-graduations>

Arizona Tribal Regalia Toolkit



Key Partners:

- Tribal Nations
- ADE Leadership
 - Superintendent of Schools Tom Horne
 - Michelle Udall
- OIE Indian Education Advisory Council (IEAC)
- Arizona School Board Association

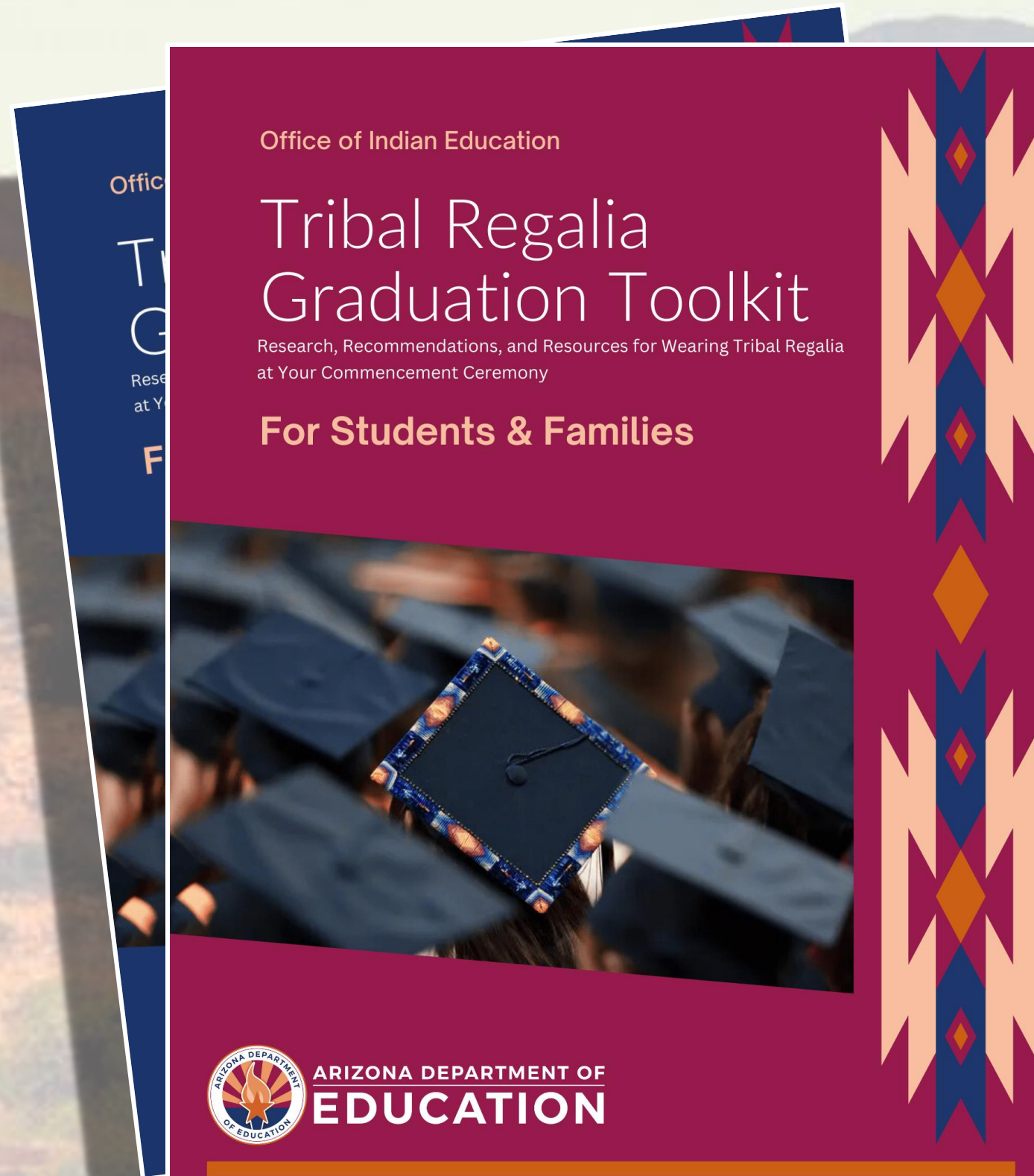
Arizona Tribal Regalia Toolkit

Audience:

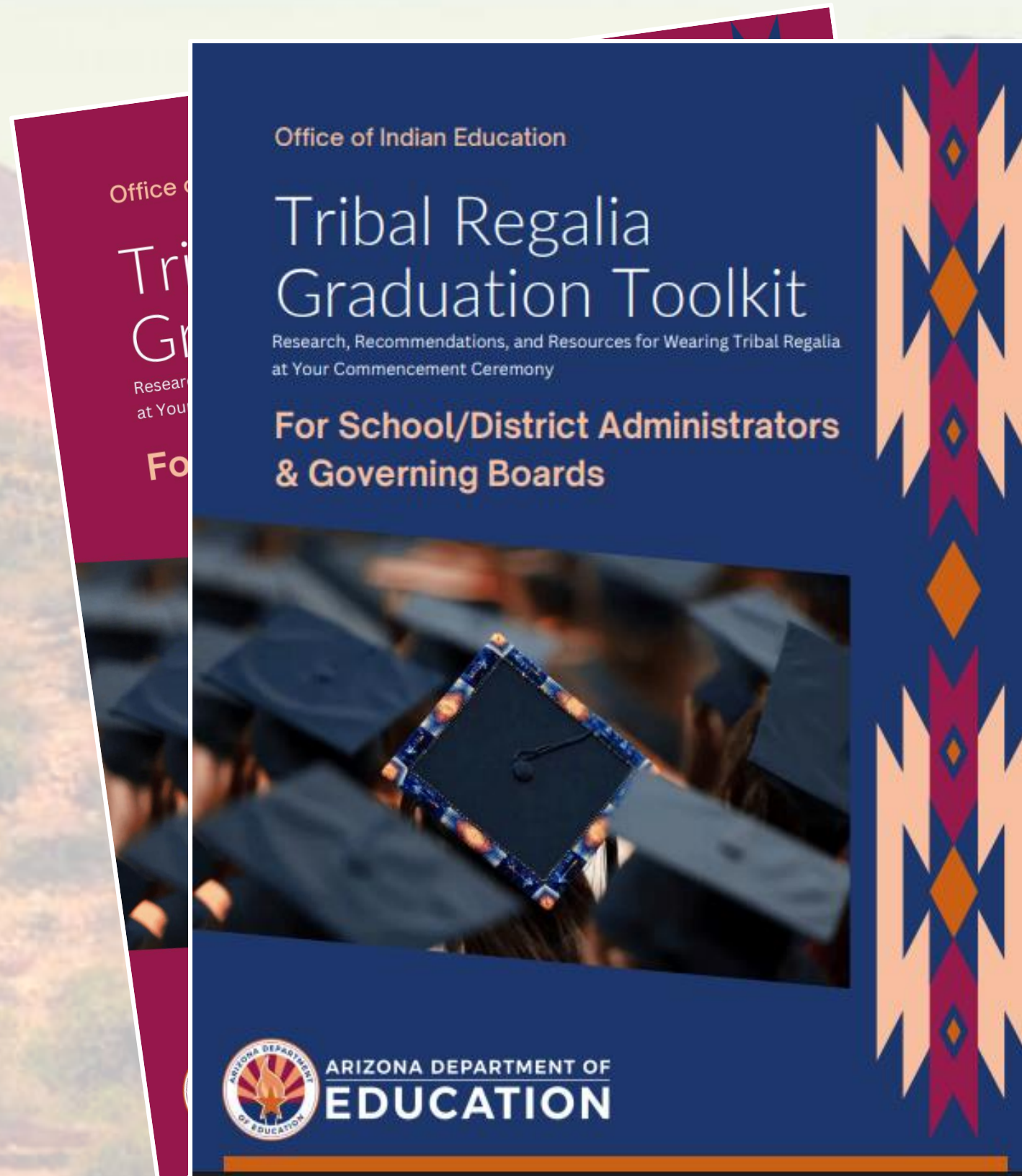
Students and Families

Highlights:

- Letter from Superintendent Tom Horne
- State and federal policy that protect the right to wear tribal regalia in graduation ceremonies
- Many examples of tribal regalia
- Decision making chart for families
- Fillable letter
- State and national resources for Indigenous students and families



Arizona Tribal Regalia Toolkit



Audience:

School Administrators, District Administrators and Governing Boards

- Public
- Charter

Highlights:

- Letter from Superintendent Tom Horne
- State and federal policy that protect the right to wear tribal regalia in graduation ceremonies
- Many examples of tribal regalia
- Fillable letter notice
- Checklists for School Boards & Schools
- Resources regarding policy and penalty for removing eagle feathers

Arizona Tribal Regalia Toolkit

Future Efforts:

- Video Introduction
- FAQ
- Increased marketing
- Printed copies w/ key partners





Get OIE news delivered to your inbox!

OIE General Listserv

- Bi-weekly
- Updates, events, scholarships, resources, and more!
- For teachers, administrators, parents, and students.



JOM Forum Listserv

- For JOM grantees
- Updates and guidance from NJOMA Region 1 representative and OIE Tribal Grants Specialist.



PL Listserv

- For educators, tribal leaders.
- Provides community resources and updates on upcoming learning opportunities.



Policy & Program Listserv

- Monthly
- For educators, tribal leaders, parents, and other partners.
- Includes updates as available from ADE programs, state legislature, & other federal/state policy information.



Health & Nutrition Services Department

Arizona Department of Education



Cara Alexander



Cara.alexander@azed.gov



<https://www.azed.gov/hns>





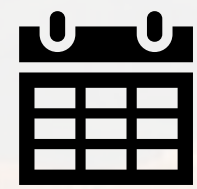
Solari Crisis & Human Services

 **Shelby Graves, Manager – Strategic Outreach**

 Shelby.Graves@solari-inc.org

 <https://crisis.solari-inc.org/>

Thank You!



See you at our next meeting!

May 19, 2025

Phone

(602) 542-2345

Email

indianeducation@azed.gov

Website

<https://www.azed.gov/oie>

Hang around!

- Build community
- Ask questions
- Network & More!