

Shandiin Herrera

Policy Analyst

Oljato Chapter of Navajo Nation, Monuments Valley, UT



Her Background:

Shandiin is a proud member of the Navajo Nation, a Gates Millennium Scholar, a Udall Scholar, a Chief Manuelito Scholar, and graduated in 2019 from Duke University with a degree in Public Policy and a minor in Cultural Anthropology.

Her Project: Youth Engagement and Broadband

She utilizes her research through the Federal Communications Committee to propose a broadband expansion initiative for local schools and residents and to promote transparency between the Oljato chapter and Monument Valley residents by creating a website, social media accounts, and newsletters addressing current programs, events, legislation, and proposals.



Oljato Chapter of Navajo Nation, Monuments Valley, UT

Population: 15,540
EIG Tier: Distressed
DCI Score: 88.2



“I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with my tribal leaders to develop, implement, and evaluate policies for our community.”
- Shandiin Herrera



Classroom to Community

Shandiin is excited to combine what she learned at Duke Sanford School of Public Policy and her passion for indigenous communities.

Annabell Camacho

Community Development Liaison
Los Angeles County, CA



Her Background:

A prominent campus organizer while attending UC Santa Cruz, Annabell served as a team leader at El Centro and ChALE, student led retention programs connecting Latinx students with peer advising, resources, and jobs. A member for the Santa Cruz Coalition on Homelessness, she helped find jobs and temporary housing for locals. Her community inspires Annabell to serve marginalized populations as her life's mission.

Her Project: Healthy Housing

As part of the LA County Lead Paint Remediation program, Annabell will work on project management and community outreach to low-income neighborhoods with a high incidence of lead paint in homes to connect residents to home treatment and health services.



Representative Leadership

“As a Native of East LA who has experienced homelessness and is from a lower class immigrant family with one parent working as a store clerk and another as a cook, I understand and appreciate some of the challenges many Angelinos face, as well as the challenges [city officials] face in trying to provide opportunities for all community members.”
- Annabell Camacho



Los Angeles County, CA

Population: 10,057,160
EIG Tier: Comfortable
DCI Score: 36.0

Evan Bonsall

Special Assistant to the County Administrator
Marquette County, MI



His Background:

Evan began serving on Marquette municipal boards and committees in high school. He continued to serve as vice chair of the City of Marquette Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and as a member of the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority while attending Harvard University. In addition to conducting his Fellowship, Evan is running for Marquette City Commissioner.

His Project: Innovative Infrastructure

Evan brings innovative solutions to local transportation and housing initiatives. His responsibilities include working with local stakeholders to revitalize the Sawyer International Airport, to upgrade the regional bus system, and to secure state and federal redevelopment grants for affordable housing development.



Marquette County, MI

Population: 10,057
EIG Tier: Mid-Tier
DCI Score: 42.9



Forward Thinking

“When discussing matters of interest to Marquette County, Evan is not only well versed on the topic, but provides rational descriptions to the impacts and proposes potential solutions for discussion. He represents new and creative thinking and brings an intellect that is critical for the future.”

- Scott Erbisch,
Marquette County
Administrator

Sylveonna Holmes

City Manager Aide
Clinton, NC



Her Background:

To become more proactive and engaged with communities like the one she grew up in, Sylveonna became a Service Leadership Assistant for East Carolina University's Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement and lead community initiatives on education and youth empowerment. She received a community impact award in 2017 from North Carolina Campus Compact.

Her Project:

Sylveonna leads a series of citywide projects focused on improving Clinton's citizen-facing services such as unifying and improving phone auto-attendants, websites and social media, and physical lobby spaces to ensure best practices and put the organizations best foot forward. She examines interactions between citizens and the City with fresh perspective and develops accessible and citizen centric customer service processes.



Vision for the Future

“My hope for my community is that they have access to all the basic necessities to help them work towards the life they want to live: education, food, insurance, and whatever resources are needed for them to live healthy lifestyles so they can focus on their own unique ways to help make the world a better place.”
- Sylveonna Holmes



Clinton, NC

Population: 8,539
EIG Tier: Distressed
DCI Score: 88.5

Grant Kirkpatrick

Constituent Relations and Special Projects Fellow
Stockton, CA



His Background:

Grant came to know and love the city, and people, of Stockton while attending the University of the Pacific, canvassing for local elections, and interning for the Stockton Mayor's Office. After learning about the detrimental effects of homelessness in Stockton, Grant interned at the National Housing Conference in Washington D.C., to bring policy expertise back.

His Project: Strengthening Stockton

Grant works to support collective impact efforts for Stockton's Promise Zone and Office of Violence Prevention strategies. In addition to policy research, he convenes government and community stakeholders for special strategic planning projects with the City Manager's Office in support of the City Council's top goals.



Stockton, CA

Population: 65,150
EIG Tier: Distressed
DCI Score: 84



Dedication to Service

"I can think of no better way to get started in a career of public service than by serving the city that welcomed me with open arms. Through the many opportunities the Mayor's Office graciously afforded me, I have gained knowledge and foundational skills to successfully serve Stockton. By staying here, I can begin to repay the generosity that I have been granted."
- Grant Kirkpatrick

Rachel Rubin

Program Administrator
Southwestern Regional Day Report Center,
Boone County, WV



Her Background:

Rachel's interest in healthcare first brought her from Fresno, CA to work two summers in West Virginia, one of the hardest regions most affected by the opioid epidemic. As she grappled with the area's economic fragility and complicated history, she fell in love with her host community and now returns to WV for a third time.

Her Project: Community Reintegration

Rachel is implementing a Fresh Start program –a national model focused on providing professional agricultural trade skills to people who are in recovery from addiction and substance abuse. A county-wide collaborative effort, requiring partnership between the SRDRC, circuit courts, local policymakers, and the community, the SRDRC is committed to an effective and comprehensive program that offers these services to the people of Boone County.



Boone County, WV

Population: 22,349
EIG Tier: Distressed
DCI Score: 97.7



“With the ability to take a creative and unique approach to issues in this area, Rachel possess skills to make a big impact.”
- Michelle Akers,
Director of SRDRC



Centered in Community

With the West Virginia Center on Budget Policy, Rachel co-wrote a report outlining seven policy proposals to build shared prosperity for families in WV.