

Hello. My name is Tracey Marie Quillen. I'm the proud mother of two great teenage sons: Alex Briseno (19) and Christian Briseno (16). I am the daughter of CRIT tribal elder, Michalene Miller, and the granddaughter of the late, Gertrude Booth Van Fleet and the late, Lloyd Miller. My great-grandfathers were the late Reverend Randall Booth and the late Ralph Miller. My great-grandmothers were the late Myla Juan Booth and the late Kate Beecher Fisher. Through my great-grandfather Ralph, I'm a proud descendant of the great Chief Irataba lineage. I am Mohave, Chemehuevi, and Tohono O'odham.

I've lived on the reservation my whole life. I've attended CRIT HeadStart (class of '89) and graduated from Parker High School (class of 2002). Afterwards, I went to Phoenix to further my education. I obtained my associate's degree in general studies from Estrella Mountain Community College (class of 2005). I also obtained my associates of science degree and an educational certificate from Phoenix College (class of 2011).

In 2012, I began working with the CRIT Special Diabetes Project as the Certified Lead Fitness Instructor. I worked directly with the tribal community in combating the diabetes epidemic through prevention, awareness, and wellness education.

In 2018, I transferred to the CRIT Accounting Department as the Collections Specialist where I currently oversee the repayment of default accounts. I also work directly with the membership through organizing and implementing services through the Tribal Council financial assistance, CRIT funeral assistance, CRIT loan program (2019-2023), and the CRIT School Grant Program.

To provide more valued services to my Tribe, in 2021, I applied to serve on two CRIT boards: I'm currently the Chairwoman of the CRIT Education Committee. The Committee oversees Education program and services ensuring their procedures are aligned to provide the highest level of support and success for our students. I'm also Secretary of the CRIT Business Enterprise Board where I've gained insight and experience on tribal business initiatives and economic development. As of October 2024, I've been appointed to the Indian Education Advocacy Council which works directly with the state's Office of Indian Education. Through this new board position, I'm eager to learn new knowledge and skills to enhance our services here with CRIT.

**VIEWS:**

My view is a Tribal Council member is elected to work for the people. To do this they need to always be present at **all** meetings. They are elected to be a voice for the people and need to be vocal at the meetings. They need to take a stance by voting and not abstaining. They need to provide input and always ask questions. My view is that in order for me to be a powerful and proactive voice, I'll be a devoted listener to the memberships' concerns and issues. My view is to approach every matter with an open mind and consider all aspects of the situation. When problem solving, I'll conduct research, utilize knowledge, experience, skills and logic to provide insight to a solution.

**CONCERNS:**

On the top of my list of concerns, is the focus and attention needed for all our CRIT Enterprises/Departments that generate a revenue for us. Right now, they are currently being neglected which is resulting in bad business and detrimental loss of revenue. If Council can be more committed to the productivity of our Enterprises/Departments, they can generate a