Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies

Brown School

Blessing Ceremony
May 13, 2023
1:00 pm
Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall
Buder Center Blessing Ceremony

Opening Prayer

Welcome
Dr. Pamela L. Begay, Diné Nation

Dean Edmond Remarks

Blessing of Graduates

Presentation of Blankets

Student Acknowledgements

Closing

Please join us after the Ceremony for light refreshments in Hillman Hall, Room 130
We invite you to be fully present during the Blessing of Graduates. Please refrain from taking photos during this part of the ceremony.
Ode to Kathryn Buder

She had a vision
For one day to see
By planting a seed
For growing a tree.

The tree would become
A center to learn
From which Native students
Master's degrees they would earn.

This center would be known as
Our beloved Buder Center
Where Native students from afar
Would have the chance to enter.

The tree would have roots
In all directions they grow
After classes and lectures
Back home they will go.

Back to their communities
With degrees they proudly hold
Changing lives, changing families
Planting seeds for young and old.

From vision and dream
To graduation gown with collar
We assume a role of leadership
As a proud Buder scholar.

Impacting our communities
To make the right decision
Let's now give our thanks
For this amazing woman's vision.

(Kerry Dean Bird, Alumni Conference, April 2010)