

THE SIMON ORTIZ AND LABRIOLA CENTER LECTURE  
ON INDIGENOUS LAND, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY

# *Finally, We Are Growing Our Own*

PETERSON ZAH

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Former President of the Navajo Nation, Dr. **Peterson Zah** is widely known and respected among American Indian Nations. Zah is a distinguished alumnus of Arizona State University, having received an honorary doctorate in 2005. A member of the Navajo Nation from Low Mountain, Arizona, Zah is a co-founder of the DNA People's Legal Services Program. He is the last chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council and the first elected

President of the Navajo Nation. He currently serves as a Special Advisor to the ASU President on American Indian Affairs, working to develop strategic alliances between Arizona State University and Tribes. These partnerships encourage Tribes to utilize university resources and expertise to advance their communities in areas such as community development, strategic planning, finance, law, construction, and education.

“WE ARE making a tremendous investment in the education of our young people, an investment of our resources, our hopes, our dreams. . . . We will need these young people to help us build . . . educational institutions . . . economic institutions, to run our governments, to teach our children's children. We have taken back the responsibility for setting the course for our children's education. We do this in anticipation of the day when they return to us and take upon themselves this same responsibility for their own children. That is how we will secure our future.”  
—PETERSON ZAH

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