

## **Diné Identity in a 21st Century World**

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Diné identity in the twenty-first century is distinctive and personal. It is a mixture of traditions, customs, values, behaviors, technologies, worldviews, languages, and lifeways. It is a holistic experience. Diné identity is analogous to Diné weaving: like weaving, Diné identity intertwines all of life's elements together. This presentation will discuss the following Diné identity markers: Diné baa hane' (Navajo history), Sa'áh Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón (harmony), Diné Bizaad (language), K'é (relations), K'éei (clanship), and Níhi Kéyah (land).

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