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### New ISU graduate headed back to Navajo Nation in Arizona to fight COVID-19

DiAndre Francis decided to attend Indiana State University when he was in 8th grade after a campus visit through a cultural exchange program started by an ISU alumna at the Navajo Nation.

Now with a bachelor's degree in health sciences and a public health concentration, Francis is heading home to Piñon, Arizona, to join the fight against COVID-19.

"I hope to use the education I've received from ISU and benefit the community I am from," he said.

Francis will become part of the epidemiological response team at a local hospital on the reservation this summer. He will investigate coronavirus transmissions and their spread among the population. Francis, an Honors student, minored in civic leadership and gender studies.

This fall, he plans to start a master's degree program in public health with a focus on indigenous health at a university in Arizona. He hopes to dedicate his career to preventing health crises from devastating communities again.

"COVID-19 won't be the last disease to ever run its course through the Navajo Nation and it's definitely not the only one currently happening," Francis said. "My motivation is to prevent the continued hardships on the reservation any way I can."



## Upcoming Events

**MAY 25, 2020**  
**ALL DAY**

Memorial Day;  
 University closed  
 (No day or evening classes)

**MAY 26, 2020**

**ALL DAY**  
 University opens

**MAY 28, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**  
 Transfer State Start-Up

**JUNE 1, 2020**

**12:00 P.M.**  
 First-Year Start Up

**JUNE 2, 2020**

**12:00 P.M.**  
 First-Year Start Up

**JUNE 4, 2020**

**12:00 P.M.**  
 First-Year Start Up

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[The Sycamore Pantry and United Campus Ministries Food Drive](#)

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