

# Potter Indian College Student of the Year

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NSU's College of Education.

Potter works to blend traditional culture into her lessons and is fully dedicated to changing the lives of special needs students.

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Breanna Potter, from Sallisaw, recently received the Indian College Student of the Year award at a ceremony on Dec. 2 at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. This was part of the 36th annual Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education.

Potter is a member of the Cherokee Nation and is a senior at Northeastern State University (NSU), majoring in Special Education—Mild/Moderate Disabilities.

Potter has maintained a 3.87 GPA while serving in several volunteer capacities and leadership positions. Some of her more prominent leadership rolls include being a recipient of and serving as president of the Cherokee Promise Scholar Program, which provides scholarships to Cherokee students; representing tribal youth as a Youth Ambassador for National Native Youth Network in Washington, D.C.; and serving as program director and youth activities coordinator for the Brushy Youth Dream Team.

Potter volunteers her time with associations that benefit Native students on the NSU campus, including AISES and Native American Student Association. She designed her own program and has secured more than \$75,000 in a grant, cash and in-kind goods for the Brushy Cherokee Action Association through Running Strong for American Indian Youth, with the goals of mentoring community youth and education Native youth about wellness in relation to diabetes.

Active in her church, she has been recognized among her peers and professors for honors and awards including the honor societies Rho Theta Sigma and Kappa Delta Phi. She was honored as the 2015 recipient of 2015 Academic Achievement Award by