Sammie Ardito Rivera — Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

2013 AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (AIFEP) FUND GRANTEE AND LEADER

Sammie describes her leadership as “simply doing what has to be done and speaking up when it needs to happen. I intend to do the necessary work to fight for our future and Mother Earth.” Sammie secured a grant for the Community Energy Engagement Program (CEED) from the Tiwahe Foundation to finance the construction of a solar panel array. The grant is the first step towards her educational goals, Sammie would like to own land and start Sin Fronteras Farm and Food, an organic farming business. Currently she is exploring graduate programs in Public Policy and Administration or Community Planning. In addition to serving on appointed boards and commissions. As a result she was appointed to the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council. Community Partners, a 7 month leadership program that supports, trains and places people of color on publically appointed boards and commissions. As a result she was appointed to the Minneapolis Food Council. Currently she is exploring graduate programs in Public Policy and Administration or Community Planning. In addition to her educational goals, Sammie would like to own land and start Sin Fronteras Farm and Food, an organic farming business. Through the Circle of Giving “she continues to build leadership and vision for a healthy Native community through advocacy and action.”

GRANTEES
The American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund (AIFEP) is a grantmaking project of the Tiwahe Foundation that invests in individuals visions, dreams and goals for their families and the community. A total of 32 grantees were made in 2013 in our three focus areas.

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY
Amadoua Chapman — White Earth Ojibwe
Nicole Hendrickson — Sokaogon Ojibwe
Santos Jara — Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux
Nicole Kellershaw — Leech Lake Ojibwe
Deborah LaFontaine — Rosebud Sioux
Samantha Little Child — Oglala Sioux
Jose Valencia — Leech Lake Ojibwe
Cindy Mooney — Ojibwe
Curtis N. White — Rosebud Sioux
Melissa Whitman — Northern Cheyenne

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
Cecile Apple — Ojibwe
Sammie Ardito Rivera — Leech Lake Ojibwe
Kathleen Brule — St. Mary’s Garrison
Robert Bale — Rosebud Sioux
William Carter — Goshen Band
Antonia Fumari Gaudin — St. Mary’s Garrison
Santos Jara — St. Mary’s Garrison
Jorge Salazar — Oglala Sioux
Charles Lechleid — Leech Lake Ojibwe
Konrad Leszcz — Rosebud Sioux
Adrian Martinez — Oglala Sioux
Karen Pasco-Deller — Rosebud Sioux
Crystal Pichich — St. Mary’s Garrison
Gina Sirois — St. Mary’s Garrison
Joseph Osah — Rosebud Sioux
Carrie Warner — White Earth Ojibwe
Tina Williams — White Earth Ojibwe

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Not pictured on front:
Andrew Adams II, Carrie Day Aspinwall, John Bobolink, LeMoine LaPointe, Anna Ross

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