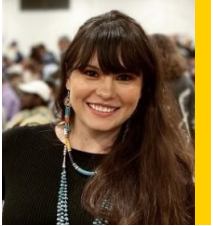


2024 Native American Achievers Award Profiles



Emilyn Bauer Burns
*The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Registered Nurse II*

Emilyn Bauer Burns was born in Crow Agency, Montana, and grew up on Northern Cheyenne and Crow land in eastern Montana. She is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and currently lives as a guest on Piscataway and Susquehannock territories.

Bauer Burns received bachelor's degrees in anthropology and biology from the University of Montana in 2015. She earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland in 2020 and obtained a Clinical Nurse Leader certification in May 2021. She began her career at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and is now a registered nurse in the Johns Hopkins Outpatient post anesthesia care unit. During new employee orientation, Bauer Burns realized that no employee resource group existed for American Indian/Alaskan Native peoples. She began working with the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Health Equity, and in November 2022, she hosted the first meeting of the Johns Hopkins Medicine/Johns Hopkins University Indigenous employees and relatives resource group. She formed this group to bring together American Indian/Alaskan Native peoples across Johns Hopkins member organizations to provide a sense of community and to create greater awareness of American Indian/Alaskan Native peoples among all relatives. Since its founding, the group has grown to include Johns Hopkins satellite locations. The resource group has hosted multiple speakers from throughout the country, increased attention to many significant issues and encouraged recognition of days and events important to American Indian/Alaskan Native peoples.

Bauer Burns works to connect American Indian/Alaskan Native peoples within and outside of the health system. She is a great leader who exemplifies Johns Hopkins Medicine's core values. Outside of work, she enjoys creating traditional beadwork, exploring new restaurants, hiking, and spending time with her husband and bulldog. ■



*Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School
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Administrative Coordinator*

Loretta Grey Cloud (A Wica Hde Pin Win) *She Brings the People Home Woman*. Kul Wicasa Lakota and Hunkpati Dakota is co-chair of the Johns Hopkins Medicine/Johns Hopkins University Indigenous Employee Resource Group and Relatives. Since taking on this role, she has helped educate staff and faculty about better ways to interact with patients and other staff, who identify as being American Indian/Alaska Native. Grey Cloud also connects American Indian/Alaska Native members and allies within and outside of the health system with one another, helping them access resources and tools to be better allies to each other.

As administrative coordinator and executive assistant at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, to Dr. Donald Warne, co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health (CIH) and provost fellow for Indigenous health policy, Grey Cloud manages many projects that includes work with several tribes from that region. Some of the topics include: diabetes curriculum adaptation, lung cancer cessation materials, as well as a clinical trial to address how substance use disorders impact Indigenous communities and a feasibility study for a new Indigenous medical school concept. Her efforts helped secure funding for a new Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health satellite site in Rapid City, South Dakota. See a video about her work and the site opening: youtu.be/RwQC87uL93A.

Grey Cloud is a great leader who humbly exemplifies all of the Johns Hopkins Medicine core values. ■

Loretta Grey Cloud