American Indian Science and Engineering Society names Four Corners AISES Professional Chapter the 2020 Professional Chapter of the Year

**Gallup, New Mexico —** At the 2020 Annual National Conference for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), the inaugural Four Corners AISES Professional Chapter has been named the 2020 AISES Professional Chapter of the Year. AISES recognized the Four Corners AISES Professional Chapter trailblazing efforts by participating in various Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives and programs around the Four Corners region. The Professional Chapter Awards Program is to encourage Professional Chapters to build upon the strengths of STEM, increase membership, develop leadership among the chapter members, and to carry out the AISES mission.

Accepting the Chapter of the Year of Award is Four Corners AISES Board Treasurer, Stanford Lake, Terry Dayish, co-founding Member, and previous Chapter President, Sam Woods.

“The time and efforts we spend into a student from the reservation is worth the long-term investment for the Nation. If we reach one student out of twenty students, that is success. We are doing something right,” said Treasurer Stanford Lake.

“Since its inception, the Chapter has worked to advance the principles of AISES,” said co-founding Member Terry Dayish.

“There’s no I in Team. We were built to do this! We all worked together to put in the effort and resources to participate in the various STEM initiatives and programs around the Four Corners region. I want to thank all of our professional members on a good well done,” said previous Chapter President Sam Woods.
The Four Corners AISES serves to cultivate a network of resources that strives for excellence and to be an invaluable resource for the Navajo communities. Within Four Corners AISES, professional members collaborate to grow and support Native STEM education and initiatives.

About Four Corners AISES
Four Corners AISES was founded in 2018 and is a regional, nonprofit organization focused on empowering and inspiring Native American students, professionals, and communities by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) initiatives and programs in the Four Corners region.

About AISES
AISES was founded in 1977 and is a national, nonprofit organization focused on substantially increasing the representation of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations, and other indigenous peoples of North America in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math studies and careers.

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