

2020 SUCCESS STORIES

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PLANTING THE PAST IN THE FUTURE

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The newest recipient of the 2020 Farm Service Agency (FSA) Youth Loan is Shyanne Eustace, an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Cochiti. She is in her second year of college at Northland College in Ashland, Wis. near Great Lake Superior. Eustace is studying Natural Resources with an emphasis in Ecological Restoration and minoring in Sustainable Agriculture. She is an active member of Wisconsin's Green Fire, a non-profit organization established in 2017 to be the voices in conservation management and science-based practices. Eustace has also been an active member of the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) for several years.

Eustace grew up in a single parent household and began raising chickens for eggs during her freshman year of high school. She also began selling eggs to her community. The Pueblo of Cochiti is in a very rural area north of Albuquerque along the Rio Grande River and the nearest grocery store is in Albuquerque – 47 miles away.

With the help from the Southwest IAC Technical Assistance Specialist (TA), Eustace applied for a FSA Youth Loan and was approved to further her goals of practicing sustainable agriculture by growing her own produce for her family and her community. The loan will assist with clearing two acres of land that has been invaded by Siberian Elm and invasive weeds. There are also several apple and peach trees that she wants to preserve and take care of so the fruit trees can provide fresh,

healthy fruit by replenishing nutrients back into the soil and making sure they are deeply watered. Eustace also plans on building a fence around her fields, with help from her Tribe, to keep the horses out of her field. She plans on purchasing fencing material with the funds from her loan.

Eustace is a clear example of the next generation taking the lead to provide food security for her family as well as her community. Her studies have directed her toward the meaning of sustainable agriculture, and she is making a concerted effort to provide fresh, healthy foods that are readily available. As far as her goals for the future, Eustace said, "I am excited to see my project come together so that I can continue to educate others by growing traditional crops and living off the land like our ancestors did in a sustainable way – free of pesticides and harmful chemicals. I am super excited to see my goals come to life for my people."



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