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**Miss Arizona Scholarship Program to be held October 9, 2010**

Six outstanding American Indian women will vie for the title of Miss Indian Arizona during the 49th Annual Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, October 9, 2010 at 6:30PM. This year's Program will be held at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N Arizona Ave, in Chandler. The Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program is presented by the Miss Indian Arizona Association, and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. This year's theme is "Celebrating Indian Women in a Changing World."

Participants in this year's Program will be representing six of Arizona's 22 Indian Tribes. The participants for this year's event are:

- Sweetie Cody – *Navajo Nation*
- Candace DeClay – *White Mountain Apache Tribe*
- Kristen Dosela – *Gila River Indian Community*
- Jessica Francis Ruiz – *Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*
- Kelly Rose Sehongva – *San Carlos Apache Tribe*
- Nolene Watahomigie – *Hualapai Tribe*

Paul Rusell, from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, will be returning as this year's Master of Ceremonies.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Miss Indian Arizona Association, or the Box Office at the Chandler Center of the Arts, on the night of the event. Ticket price is \$10. For additional ticket information, call the Chandler Center for the Arts at (480) 782-2680, or visit <http://www.chandlercenter.com/>.

The Miss Indian Arizona Association is a non-profit organization under the sponsorship of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. Association members work throughout the year to raise funds to present the Scholarship Program, and provide scholarships to young American Indian women, allowing them to pursue their educational goals. For more information about the Scholarship Program, volunteering with, or donations to the Miss Indian Arizona Association, please visit the organization's website at [www.missindianarizona.com](http://www.missindianarizona.com).

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