



**Jason Nez
2020 GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PIONEER AWARD**

Presented with appreciation to
Jason Nez
for

- His talent in communicating traditional beliefs and histories to the public in educational and meaningful ways;
- His lifelong dedication to the protection of archeological sites throughout the greater Grand Canyon region;
- His continued outreach to educate people about Indigenous connections to the landscape and the importance of preserving the lands in order to preserve the people;
- His generosity in sharing knowledge of his culture and its history with friends, colleagues and thousands of National Park visitors each year;
- His experience in the field, surveying numerous historical sites throughout Northern Arizona;
- His unique cultural perspective, fifteen years of dedicated archeological work in the region;
- His consistent work in bringing native history to life in speeches and demonstrations; and
- His leadership in bringing a cultural voice and influence to the management of the Grand Canyon region.

Granted this 11th day of July 2020 At Grand Canyon National Park

The Grand Canyon Historical Society regrets not being able to formally present the Pioneer Award plaque to Jason at the Annual Picnic due to its cancellation. We hope he'll join us next year. A more extensive article about Jason appeared in the Spring 2020 Ol' Pioneer. His receipt of the award is also featured in the May 21, 2020 Navajo Times at <https://bit.ly/3e3CUCD> .