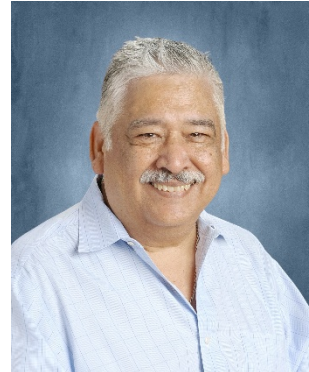


## DR. ARLIE STOPS

Dr. Arlie Stops spent the early portion of his life in Montana, living on the Crow Reservation. His father, Arlie Stops Sr., was born and raised on the Crow Reservation and was 100% Crow. Dr. Stops was raised in a family of 10 children on the reservation, where many of them still reside.



As a teen, Dr. Stops attended St. Labre Indian School in Montana where the majority of the students were Crow or Cheyenne. He was the first of his siblings to attend college, graduating from the University of Montana with a BA in English and a Minor in Native American Studies. He began his 25-year career in higher education at New Mexico State University, serving as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid. Having grown his career at many notable colleges and universities, notably California State University Los Angeles, the majority of his career was spent at the College of Southern Nevada, where he oversaw enrollment management and student services. To be closer to his children, Dr. Drops relocated back to Las Vegas in 2013, where he has been teaching high school English at Desert Pines High School.

Dr. Stops has four children that he is very proud of, two daughters having graduated from UNLV and one son from Point Loma Nazarene University. His remaining son followed the path of entrepreneurship and owns and operates a successful barber shop in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His oldest daughter serves as the Vice President of Tribal Brand Marketing & Strategic Initiatives for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in Southern California. His youngest daughter just completed her first semester at UNLV's Boyd School of Law.

Dr. Stops earned a master's degree in education from New Mexico State University in 1981. In 2004, he earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He is looking forward to leveraging his education and professional experiences with the initiatives set forth by Governor Lombardo and the Board of Directors for Nevada Indian Commission.

## MARADAN MERCER – MOYLE

A citizen of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Nation, Maradan Mercer-Moyle joined the Nevada Indian Commission on Jan. 8, 2024, as the administrative assistant. Maradan comes to the NIC from the Nevada Department of Corrections.

Currently residing in Stillwater, Nev., the Indigenous territories of the Toi Ticutta (the cattail eaters), she is a Douglas High graduate from the class of 2015. Maradan enjoys beading, attending cultural events, raising her dog Lola and spending time with family.



Maradan has a strong connection to Stewart Indian School as she is the direct descendent of Auggie Moyle, a campus maintenance employee from the early 70's until the school's closing in 1980. Maradan's grandfather Auggie lived on the Stewart campus with his family including her father, Mitch Moyle and her auntie Audrey Moyle Lathrop.

Maradan's great, great grandmother Nina Dixon was a Stewart alumna whose photograph hangs in the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum. Maradan's great uncle, Alvin Moyle, was a former, longtime chairman of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Nation.

"I am grateful to have this opportunity to make positive changes for my people," Maradan said.