



# *Sovereignty Speaks*® *Leadership Message for Graduates and Miss American Indian OSU Pageant*



## *Delegate Kim Teehee*

*Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Cherokee Nation*

Kim Teehee delivered the Leadership Message for 2024 graduates at the Honoring Ceremony. She is director of government relations for Cherokee Nation and senior vp of government relations for Cherokee Nation Businesses. In 2019, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. named Teehee as the tribe's first delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. She served President Barack Obama as the first-ever senior policy advisor for Native American Affairs in the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Teehee also served as senior advisor to the U.S. House of Representatives Native American Caucus co-chair, Rep. Dale Kildee (D-MI) for nearly 12 years. As senior advisor, she established an impressive record of accomplishments on a wide array of Native American issues. Teehee received her B.A. in Political Science from NSU and her J.D. from the University Of Iowa College Of Law.



Muscogee and Euchee citizen Lauren Branham was selected as 2024-2025 Miss American Indian OSU. Choctaw citizen Krysha Green was named First Runner-Up. The pageant showcased talent, culture, and scholarship. Judges were MaCaylin Autobo, Alison Black, and Jessica Frazier.

