

## 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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## Speaker Crystalyne Curley joins Low Mountain community for ribbon cutting of NTUA Broadband Tower



Speaker Crystalyne Curley joined Low Mountain chapter officials and community members to celebrate a historic ribbon-cutting ceremony for the NTUA Broadband Tower.

LOW MOUNTAIN, Ariz. – Speaker Crystalyne Curley joined Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) officials, chapter officials and community members to celebrate a historic ribbon-cutting ceremony for the NTUA Broadband Tower located at the Low Mountain Chapter House.

The ceremony, led by NTUA Government Liaison Marty Ashley, featured remarks from Low Mountain Chapter President Ben Gonnie, Low Mountain Grazing Official Raymond Y. Begay, NTUA representatives, Jeehdeez'a Elementary School Principal Vincent Mays, Speaker Crystalyne Curley, and Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren.

Speaker Curley highlighted the broadband tower's far-reaching benefits, particularly in enhancing educational opportunities, strengthening local businesses, and ensuring families and elders have improved digital access.

"This broadband tower is more than just infrastructure—it is a bridge to opportunity," Speaker Curley said. "Reliable internet access is essential for education, healthcare, business, and communication. By working together, we are ensuring that no community is left behind in the digital age."

The broadband expansion was initiated during the 24th Navajo Nation Council, with Speaker Curley sponsoring key legislation that facilitated its approval under the 25th Navajo Nation Council. Legislative efforts were instrumental in eliminating financial roadblocks, including a \$12,000 annual infrastructure fee that would have impeded the project's completion.

The broadband tower, which provides speeds of up to 200 megabits per second with future capabilities reaching gigabit-level fiber speeds, is expected to significantly enhance digital access for students and educators in Low Mountain.

Community members also shared their excitement about the new tower's impact on businesses, healthcare, and emergency services.

Speaker Curley reaffirmed the 25th Navajo Nation Council's commitment to bringing essential infrastructure projects that support rural communities across the Navajo Nation.

The NTUA Broadband Tower project is the result of collaboration, legislative perseverance, and the unwavering commitment of the 25th Navajo Nation Council to close the digital divide.

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