

GILA RIVER ROYALTY NEWSLETTER

Gila River Royalty Committee

Meet the New 2009-2010 Miss Gila River Kristen Dosela

A new Miss Gila River was crowned in the Community Council Chambers on October 21, 2009. As former Miss Gila River Daryl Lynn Jay was crowned the 2009-2010 Miss Indian Arizona, her 1st Attendant Kristen Dosela, took up the Miss Gila River title. A week before the Miss Indian Arizona program, Kristen was also voted in as the new Gila River Youth Council President. She looks forward to fulfilling both titles and plans to accomplish many things in the Community.

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Greetings from the Gila River Royalty Committee, it is our on-going task to arrange, schedule and organize the Community events and public appearances of the Gila River Royalty. Our Royalty Newsletter will be informing and highlighting our activities within Community, as well as appearances and events throughout the state.

The mission of the Gila River Royalty Committee is to preserve the culture and traditions of the Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh women through personal growth and development.

2009 Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program



The Royalty Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who attended and supported Miss Gila River Daryl Lynn Jay, including her escort District 4 Councilman Barney Enos, Jr., in the 2009 Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, which was held on Saturday, October 11, 2009 in Mesa, AZ.

It all started months ago for six young ladies, representing six tribes across Arizona to vie for the prestigious title of Miss Indian Arizona. This year's theme was ***"Native Women – Keepers of our Culture."***

Contestants from the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Navajo Nation, Salt River and Gila River Indian Community, White Mountain



Up-Coming Events

- 11/06/09 Miss San Carlos Pageant. San Carlos, AZ.
- 11/7-8/09 Red Mountain Eagle Pow-Wow. Salt River, AZ.
- 11/17/09 Native American Cultural Night. Maricopa High School, Maricopa, AZ.
- 11/21/09 Akimel O'odham-Pee Posh Youth Council Meeting. Sacaton, AZ.
- 11/20-22/09 28th Annual Orme Dam Victory Days. Fort McDowell, AZ.
- 12/05/09 Gila River Indian Community Winter Bird Count. Casa Blanca, AZ.

and San Carlos Apache Tribes competed throughout the night in an unparalleled display of culture and tradition.

By the end of the night, Daryl Lynn Jay was crowned the 2009-2010 Miss Indian Arizona. Pictured from left: Miss Indian Arizona 1st Attendant Mykhal Mendoza-White Mountain and 2nd Attendant Ansenia Shirley-Navajo Nation.



2009-2010 Miss Gila River

Kristen Dosela

Skeg Tash! Good Day!

My name is Kristen Dosela. I am 18 years old and I come from Chich'No, Co-Op Village in District 6. I am the daughter of Arvis and Lorraine Dosela. My maternal Grandparents are Roland and Carol Golding and Fred Wesley. My paternal grandparents are the late Frank and the late Sally Dosela. My great grandmother is Myrtle Pete.

I am a full time student at South Mountain Community College. I am earning an Associates Degree in Science and will graduate in May 2010. I hope to transfer to the University of Utah once I've completed at SMCC. After I've completed at U of U, I plan to then attend Pharmacy College at the University of Arizona. I aspire to become a Pharmacist and help the people in the Community.

Outside of school, I am the President of the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council. In my spare time I bead, sew, and draw. I love to spend time with my family and friends. I abstain from alcohol and drugs and have never partaken of any type of harmful substance. I want to be an example for all in the Community, and hope that by holding the title, Miss Gila River, that I will be able to promote sobriety.

I am grateful that the Lord has blessed my family and I in so many ways. I am thankful and humble to serve as the Miss Gila River 2009-2010. I look forward to representing the Gila River Indian Community with dignity and respect to all people.

Thank you!
Kristen Dosela



The Story of Two Sisters

Miss Gila River Kristen Dosela and Jr. Miss Gila River Starsha Dosela are sisters. Both girls are bright and very ambitious in all their pursuit, whether it be within the Community or in their education. Kristen plans on running for the Miss Indian Arizona title next year, while Starsha plans on competing for the Miss Gila River title.



Third Miss Gila River to hold the Miss Indian Arizona Title

With Daryl Lynn Jay as the 48th Miss Indian Arizona, she joins two previous title holders from the Gila River Indian Community, Pam Thompson (1981-1982) and Victoria Quintero (2000-2001). In addition to the Miss Indian Arizona title, Daryl also won the People's Choice Award, Community Service Award, Essay Award ("*Native Women-Keepers of Our Culture*") and Evening Wear Award.

Representing the Community

With three young ladies with Royalty titles, the Gila River Indian Community will be well represented. Pictured from left: Jr. Miss Gila River-Starsha Dosela, Miss Indian Arizona-Daryl Lynn Jay and Miss Gila River-Kristen Dosela.

Do you want to become future Gila River Royalty?

Gila River Royalty and the Royalty Committee are actively seeking contestants for the upcoming 2010 Gila River Royalty Pageant. Please contact any of the current Royalty, the Royalty Committee or the Public Information Office for more information.

To contact Miss Gila River & the Gila River Royalty Committee:

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* If you would like to request an appearance of Miss Gila River, please send a formal letter or invitation by email or letter to one of the addresses listed above. Please include the nature of your event, date, location, the duration of appearance, and any special request or performances by Miss Gila River.



