

Mariah (she/they/Asdzáán) is Diné. Her clans are Tsi'naa'jini (Black Streak Wood People clan), born for Ta'neezahnii (Tangle People clan). Her maternal grandfather's clan is Naakai (Mexican People) and paternal grandfather's clan is Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House). Her roots extend throughout her homelands of Diné Bikéyah and centers in Tsé'chil'tah, New Mexico where their Matriarchs reside. Mariah is an alumni of Northern Arizona University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Geology in 2016. She is currently the Media and Design Coordinator for the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance (NAFSA). Mariah is dedicated to working alongside Indigenous communities to support local food growers, knowledge holders, seed keepers, and organizers in the collective effort to restore and reconnect to vital food systems—ensuring the continued lifeways for many generations to come. She will always advocate for the health, land, and waters of Indigenous Peoples.

As the Media and Design Coordinator for NAFSA, Mariah is eager to help strengthen and uplift the importance of community and community food systems through a visual lens curated by the people who show and share love for our seeds. Mariah is not only a community organizer, but also a medicine maker, natural earth builder, and most importantly an avid learner, teacher, and aunty. In her down time, she uses her creativity to sling mud and clay to plaster earthen homes, forage for local foods, mushrooms, and medicines, and hike with her Rez pups; Sadie, Indy, and Smokey. She currently resides at the base of her grandmother mountain, Dook'o'oolíid, in so-called Flagstaff, Arizona.