



Dylan Baca Biography:

Dylan Baca was born and raised in Arizona, where he is a citizen of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Navajo Nation. Dylan currently resides in New York City where he attends Columbia University studying Political Science and History. Dylan is a recipient of the Arizona 18 under 18 award as well as the UNITY 25 under 25 award.

At an early age, Dylan knew he always wanted to help people. With the influence of his mother, Dylan saw how policy could help improve people's lives and build towards a better future. In the spring of 2018, Dylan was appointed to the Arizona Governor's Youth Commission. Not long afterward, he was appointed the chairman of the Arizona Human Trafficking Prevention committee. Dylan and his team worked to expand social media outreach for the Governor's office on human trafficking issues. They also promoted Project STARFISH to make sure students and educators were more knowledgeable about the warning signs, prevention, and affects of human trafficking. In the spring of 2019, Dylan started the Indigenous Peoples' Initiative to create pathways forward for future generations of Indigenous people. Since the organization's founding in 2019, Dylan has worked to create policy and advise everyone from tribal leaders to lawmakers on Indigenous rights within the state of Arizona and across our nation. The Indigneous Peoples' Initiative was able to establish Indigenous Peoples' Day for the first time in history and Dylan believes that his organization could provide a platform for powerful, accurate representation of Indigenous Peoples'.

In addition to serving as chief executive for the Indigneous Peoples' Initiative, Dylan currently sits on the board for the White Mountain Democrats, Camp Grace, and is a youth advisor to the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In his spare time, Dylan enjoys playing golf and spending time with his dog Sunny.