



Ramona Kitto Stately is an enrolled member of the Santee Sioux Nation. She has coordinated and directed the Success for the Future grant for ISD279 Osseo Area School District. The purpose of this Indian Education program is to enhance the cultural identity of the Native American child and promote postsecondary options. Her greatest accomplishment is being the mother of two children, Jillian (17) and Reuben (14). She is an accomplished artist who makes Plains-style moccasins. She believes that this is not only a traditional shoe covering but also a representation of the path we choose to walk in this life. She says, "As indigenous people today, we have to walk in two worlds and be successful in both. If we use our native identity and traditional values as a foundation, we can walk forward into the future with confidence and success." She has a bachelor of arts degree in Dakota art and culture and is a master's of education candidate, with a focus on teacher leadership.