



BELLE PATTERSON (White Mountain Apache)

**FOUNDER, GO'TIS'TIN'YUU APACHE
LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION**

pronouns: she / her / hers

Belle Patterson (She/her/hers) is a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. She is the founder of the online language learning group, "Go'tis'tin'yuu". Belle created the group in January 2020 in an act to reclaim her Apache language and to share it with her child before the endangered language vanishes. She volunteers her time to work with her community on reviving the language in an effort for more Apaches to read, write, speak and create content in the language. Belle created the private group to support other language learners, encourage language content creation and to connect people with helpful resources. In her work, she has connected with Apache language speakers from neighboring Apache tribes and communities including San Carlos Apache, Cibecue community, and Lipan Apache. Her work with elders and knowledge keepers has reached Apache language learners around the country and the world. She hopes to revive western Apache so she can speak fluently in her mother and grandmother's original language.