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Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development (SEED) was founded in 1996 to bring together Indigenous and Western ways of knowing. SEED is a 501c3 Non-Profit Educational Organization.

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GLENN APARICIO PARRY, Chairman of the Board/Founder of SEED Graduate Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is an educator, psychologist, and entrepreneur whose passion is reforming education into a coherent, cohesive whole. SEED Graduate Institute offers a model of a synergistic, interconnected curriculum based in indigenous ways of knowing:

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President of Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development (SEED Graduate Institute), an educational organization whose mission is to bring Indigenous and other ways of knowing together in dialogue. Secatero is the son of Leon Secatero, the late Headman of the Canoncito Band of Navajo and former advisory board member of SEED. Secatero has a PhD in Language, Literacy and Socio-cultural Studies from UNM, and did his doctoral research on the empowerment of Native American Students in higher education. He comes to SEED from his former position at the American Indian Graduate Center, where he was responsible for the academic empowerment of 675 American Indian scholars through the Gates Millennium Scholars program. Among other awards, Secatero won the Sussman Award for increasing Native educators as part of the Navajo Nation Scholarship program at UNM, and was named Outstanding Youth Service provider for the Navajo Nation Workforce Development program.

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From the Navajo Nation and is originally from Farmington, N.M. and is a member of the Bitter Water and Red Streak Clans. She serves as our Project Assistant for SEED and is currently attending Central New Mexico Community College. Her studies focus is on children, youth and families. She is a loving mother of three boys. She is very honored to work here and treasures the wonderful experience. Her favorite quote is “Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.” - Tennyson.

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