

Raven DeeAnn Springwater

2009-2010

Miss American Indian Exposition

Miss Raven Springwater is 19 years old and resides in Tulsa Oklahoma. She is of the Ponca, Navajo and Keetoowah tribes.

She is a 2008 Sequoyah High School graduate where she played volleyball for four years and managed the boys' basketball and football teams. Miss Springwater has begun her higher education at the University of Oklahoma where she is pursuing a degree in Nursing specializing in Neonatal Care.

Miss Springwater is the daughter of Clifford and JoAnn Springwater and is the oldest of five siblings. She is a descendant of the Yellowberry and Whitetail families. Her paternal grandparents are the late Crawford Springwater and the late Edna Mae Mitchell and her maternal grandparents are Roy Begay and Julia Whitestar. Miss Springwater is the great-granddaughter of the late Reverend Stanford Whitestar and the late Frances King Whitestar, the great-great-granddaughter of the late Starling Whitestar, the great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Julia Yellowberry, the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Joseph King and the late Mabel Primeaux King.

Her Ponca name is Glay-da-way-honga meaning Lead Hawk and it was given to her by her great-grandfather Stanford Whitestar when she was an infant. Miss Springwater states that this name gives her a place in the Ponca Tribe which means the world to her.

Miss Springwater has traveled extensively representing her tribe as the 2008-2009 Ponca Tribal Princess.