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### **University of Arizona to Honor Cocopah Tribe Chairwoman Sherry Cordova at Women's Plaza of Honor**

TUCSON, Ariz. — The University of Arizona Office of Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement will host a name dedication ceremony honoring Sherry Cordova, Chairwoman of the Cocopah Tribe, at the Women's Plaza of Honor on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Chairwoman Cordova is being recognized for more than 45 consecutive years of service to her community. She has played a critical role in advancing tribal sovereignty and strengthening opportunity for her people and Tribal Nations across Arizona.

“We are honored to recognize Chairwoman Cordova at the Women’s Plaza of Honor,” said Levi Esquerra, Special Advisor, Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement, Office of Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement at the University of Arizona. “This recognition reflects her extraordinary dedication to her people and the enduring impact of her leadership. The university is proud to celebrate her legacy and reaffirm our commitment to strong and respectful partnerships with Native Nations.”

The Women’s Plaza of Honor recognizes women whose leadership, courage and commitment have made lasting impacts in Arizona and beyond. The ceremony underscores the university’s continued commitment to supporting Native student success, advancing Indigenous scholarship and strengthening government-to-government relationships with Tribal Nations.

“Chairwoman Sherry Cordova’s recognition at the Women’s Plaza of Honor is a well-deserved tribute to more than 45 consecutive years of leadership and service to the Cocopah Tribe,” said Judy Ferreira, executive director of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association. “As one of the longest-serving elected Tribal officials in the nation, she has been instrumental in some of the most pivotal moments in modern Tribal history.”

The public is invited to attend. For additional information, please contact [tribalengagement@arizona.edu](mailto:tribalengagement@arizona.edu).

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