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### Biography

Crystal LoudHawk-Hedgepeth, M.Ed, MSCS, holds two master degrees in Education and Clinical Science, is from Sanostee, New Mexico, and an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. She works at the American Indian College Fund (College Fund) as a Research Associate, where she helps execute the College Fund's systematic research initiatives, provides guidance on the College Fund's research agenda, and expands ORSP's (Office of Research & Sponsored Programs) framework by enhancing faculty and student success at TCUs. Before working at the College Fund, Crystal worked for the Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health (CAIANH) and Colorado Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CCTSI) in a split position for over ten years focusing on various research projects ranging from cancer research to diabetes. As a consultant with CCTSI, Crystal continues to work in research, building partnerships between community-academics investigators to reduce the health disparities in Colorado.

Crystal currently serves on the boards of the Colorado American Indian Research Council (CAIRC), Denver Indian Health and Family Services (DIHFS), University of Colorado-AMC, American Indian and Alaska Native Certificate in Public Health Advisory Board, and Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs – At-Large Commissioner.