Dr. Joseph Marshall III Awarded 2022 Crazy Horse Memorial® Educator of the Year

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CRAZY HORSE – In 2003, Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation created a tribute to American Indian Educators. The Crazy Horse Memorial® Educator of the Year Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to Native American education. The award includes a \$1,000 grant to the recipient's school library or to programs of his or her choice that help students. The recipient and benefitting program are announced at the annual Native Americans' Day Celebrations at Crazy Horse Memorial®.

Dr. Joseph Marshall III (Sicangu Lakota) has been awarded the 2022 Crazy Horse Memorial® Educator of the Year Award and the organization that received the \$1,000 grant is Lakota Youth Development, Inc.

While presenting the award, Dr. Joshua Rudnik, Director of The Indian University of North America® at Crazy Horse Memorial®, said "it is our pleasure to award someone who is world renowned for his writing, his lifelong leadership in education, and the impact that he continues to make on Indigenous youth and communities."

Dr. Marshall is an educator and administrator who has worked at both high school and college levels. He is also a founding member of Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. He is currently a fulltime writer who has published over 20 works that include non-fiction, novels, screen plays, and collections of short stories and essays. Many of his works have received acclaim from critics.

Unfortunately, Dr. Marshall was not able to receive his award in-person on October 10th, but Marla Bull Bear, Executive Director of Lakota Youth Development, was able to share his statement with the crowd. Marshall's statement said "I am humbled and honored to receive the educator of the year award, especially from an organization like Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. For all Indigenous peoples, especially we Lakota and Dakota, the preservation of our history and culture is immeasurably critical and essential to the future of our Nations, especially our children. Any individual or organization that preserves and teaches our history and culture in any form deserves our support."

Dr. Marshall has worked with the Memorial and Lakota Youth Development in several educational roles. Over the past two years, he has presented to students, staff, and the public at The Indian Museum of North America® and The Indian University of North America® at Crazy Horse Memorial®. He serves on the Board of Directors for Lakota Youth Development and he conducts a bow and arrow workshop each year with Lakota youth.

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