



CINDY NAVA

Cindy Nava, originally born in Chihuahua, Mexico arrived to the U.S. along with her parents and 2 siblings at the age of 7. And was raised in the North Valley of Albuquerque and Southside Santa Fe.

Cindy is proud to call herself a Mexican-New Mexican and has gone far and beyond on her journey to serve the state she loves so much. As an undocumented student Cindy managed to surpass many political barriers and went on to take key positions within education & immigration policy and politics at a State and National level that had not been taken by undocumented students.

While still holding no legal status Cindy managed to obtain national and state titles, fellowships and recognitions that had never been acquired by an undocumented student. Nava has served with over a dozen political and non for profit organizations, including People for the American Way.

Cindy went on to become the first in her family to graduate from High School. She later became an SFCC and UNM Alumni, a policy analyst, an education and immigration advocate and a NM leader working to craft and ensure that the voices of underserved communities are represented in the legislative process.

Cindy is a national motivational speaker and has been called one of the "40 under 40: Latinos in American Politics" to watch by the Huffington Post. *(Continued on next page)*

After becoming the first Dreamer to intern for the National Democratic Committee headquarters in DC Cindy returned to NM to continue working through policy and civic engagement to empower NM students and marginalized communities.

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Cindy's work has been recognized at a state, national and bi-national level and continues to make pathways within policy and politics for those who have been disenfranchised and pushed away from the policy making process. Cindy's passion and dedication to education, immigration and leadership for young women led her to becoming a Huffington Post Blogger, to becoming the first daca recipient to graduate from the EMERGE NM program and to undertaking her very own TEDx Talk focused of cross generational mentorship and empowerment for young women.

In her previous roles, Cindy served as a House majority education analyst for the NM House of Representatives, as a research assistant at the UNM Center for Education Policy Research, and as a Graduate Community Outreach Fellow for ENLACE NM.

Cindy is currently the President of the Bi-national association American Mexican Association of Young Immigrants, and is also a 2017-18 National Fellow at the Latino Center For Leadership Development Academy which trains and prepares rising young Latino leaders to run for office across the nation.

Lastly, as of November 2017, Cindy's newest role has led her to become the new Executive Director of Learning Alliance New Mexico, which is an organization that is focused on creating equitable education access and policy initiatives that are rooted on community and youth voices.