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WINNER OF MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION 2010 CROWNED

SELLS, Ariz. – On Saturday, Dec. 19, young O'odham women competed in the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2010 pageant at Desert Diamond Casino's Diamond Center. Contestants were judged on their traditional talent and attire, their modern talent and attire and an impromptu question. In the end, Angelica Lopez was crowned the winner and will spend the next year serving the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Angelica Renee Lopez, the new Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2010, is currently a sophomore at Baboquivari High School. After graduating she plans on working towards her Bachelor's in American Indian Studies at Arizona State University and ultimately earning her law degree at ASU to practice Indian Law. Her first foray in the pageant world came in 2002 when she competed and won the Little Miss Santa Rosa Boarding and Day School pageant. More recently, Angelica joined the Tohono O'odham Nation Youth Council where she serves as the secretary and is the representative for the Gu-Achi District. She is 17 years old and is from the Santa Rosa Village.

First runner-up, Catherine Rose Toro, is from the village of Itak in the Chukut Kuk District. She is the daughter of Mary Rose Garcia and the late Leroy Toro; her siblings are Philbert and Sylvia. Catherine enjoys spending her spare time playing sports; she is 17 years old.

Corinna Michelle Reyna, age 18, is the second runner-up. She has lived mostly in the Phoenix area, including Chandler where she currently resides, but spent a year living in the Gu Vo District. Her future plans include attending college and spending her time drawing, writing and reading. Her mother is Cynthia Reyna and her father is Santos Reyna.

Editor's Note: See attached for photo of Angelica Lopez

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