

The Oceti Sakowin Circle - Stephanie Charging Eagle - OSEU #7

We are all individuals in the circle, but as individuals, we have the responsibility to carry on the teachings, to do what needs to be done, to continue to make that circle strong.

And that is what I think Oceti Sakowin is, and that as an adult who can speak the language, who has some knowledge of the teachings, it is my responsibility as an individual to share that so the circle becomes stronger, and I believe that is what that essential understanding is. We are the same as anybody else. We do have rights, as all South Dakota citizens do.

We do have the same needs, desires, and some are different because culturally we are diverse. But my prayer is that as an educator, as a member of the Oceti Sakowin, that someday we will all have the understanding of each other.

Not just that they understand us, but that we also understand our neighbors within this state of South Dakota.