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Dr. Bowman's strong allegiance for equity in Native education is what drives her compassion to work collaboratively at removing barriers and improving the education experience. Her grandparents, mother, and aunts unknowingly served as change agents by supporting active thoughts, ideas, and/or dreams, which in turn, motivated her passion to serve others in the capacity of, cultivating academic and career mindsets for a sustainable future from Pre-K through Higher Education.

As our ancestors taught us so that we would teach the future; Dr. Bowman is committed to service in leadership that encompasses respecting elders and veterans. As such, employing this guidance to build self-awareness within our youth so they can be the future we want to see in the world.

She is a citizen of Stockbridge-Munsee Community with 30 plus years of tribal work experience including being the Director of Education and Career Services for the past sixteen years. In addition, Dr. Bowman is currently in the third year of a four-year term which also happens to be her second full term serving on the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Board of Directors. Elected in October 2022 to the position of NIEA Treasurer while also serving on the Wisconsin Indian Education Association as an alternate for the Central Region, the Wisconsin Tribal Education Directors Association, and Governors appointment as a Public Member of the Wisconsin Women's Council (WWC).

In March of 2020, Dr. Bowman was featured by Madison365 as one of Wisconsin's 38 Most Influential Native Americans in a five-part series. Former leadership positions she held include, the 2018 (NIEA) President and the 2015-2017 and 2019-2020 Stockbridge-Munsee Vice-President. Dr. Bowman believes that as a collective voice we can build, support, and believe in the dreams of others to encourage success for a better world.