



## 2017 SKC POWWOW & GRADUATE HONORING HEAD MAN DANCER, JONATHON BREWER

*Oki Nisto nitaniko Nato'ookii skoomapii.* Hello my name is Holy Water Boy. My given name is Jonathon Brewer and I'm Blood/ Blackfeet from southern Alberta and northern Montana. My life's motivation is from my family who have stood behind me through all my life's endeavours, and for my people who have endured the hardships of today's world.

I am currently attending SKC to obtain my Bachelors in Social Work. Before attending SKC I've held many jobs, most notably as an actor and dancer. I started dancing as a Men's Traditional dancer 22 years ago. I've had the opportunity to travel to many powwows across North America. Internationally, I travelled to Switzerland with a dance troupe. Dancing is not just for fun, but an identity and a self interpretation where every song is a chance to express yourself to those who are watching.

As an actor, I've performed roles for stage and screen. I worked with Mel Gibson, Bill Murray, Peter Fonda, Adam Beach, and more. I played the character Blunted, one of the lead roles, in Mel Gibson's *Apocalypto*. I've had the opportunity to dance on one of Big Kenny's (Big and Rich) music videos and for the mini series *Into the West*.