

CRISTINA DANFORTH

TREASURER, ONEIDA NATION

Cristina Danforth, known as "Tina" is serving her third term as Treasurer for the Oneida Nation. She is a former Oneida Nation Chairwoman and has served in various elected capacities for over the last 20 years. She is currently the President of the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA). She has served on the NAFOA board since 2011. The NAFOA organization serves over 120 Tribal Nations. Her other community involvement includes the Native American Bank N.A. Board of Directors and the holding company, Native American Bancorporation as a shareholder representative. Tina is a member of the Flower Hill Institute which is based out of Albuquerque, NM. Flower Hill Institute serves Pueblo and other Indigenous youth by providing Science, Technology, Engineering, Math programming. Tina's professional experience includes, tribal governance, banking, small business development, community economic development, social services and educational programming. Tina is a visionary leader who is very astute of her political and tribal environment and their impacts on the communities that she serves. Her priority is the wellbeing of families and the promotion of community development for the betterment of everyone.

Tina has also served on various regional and National boards in service to Indian Country. In 2003 Tina served on the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Tourism under the Doyle administration.

She has been recognized for her service and is the recipient of the; Oneida AmVets Leadership Award, the 2009 NAFOA Lifetime Achievement award and the 2011 Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations (WEWIN) Lifetime Achievement award. She is always willing to give back to the community and to help mentor students, young entrepreneurs, tribal businesses and anyone who seeks her experience and knowledge.

When Tina is not busy serving her community, she enjoys spending time with her family and grandchildren. She has also participated in various cultural arts and markets and is the recipient of juried art awards. She has won ribbons at the Woodland Indian Art Market and the Heard Museum's Indian Fair & Market