

Narcisso Soliz
Pampa High School Class of 1999



Narcisso Soliz was born in Pampa in 1980. He attended Baker Elementary and graduated from Pampa High School in 1999. He graduated with an Associate of Science from Frank Phillips College in 2003. While at Frank Phillips, he was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (2001) and his awards include: All American Scholar Collegiate Award 2001-2002, and the National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award (2002 and 2003). He was awarded outstanding student award for: General Biology (2001), Masterpieces of World Literature (2001), American History (2003), and the Microbiology Award (2002).

Narcisso graduated Cum Laude with a Doctorate of Pharmacy from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in 2007. He received a Master's of Healthcare Administration from Oklahoma State University in 2017 and is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

Narcisso commissioned as an officer in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in 2008. He has spent his career working to improve the health and wellness of underserved Native American Communities within the Indian Health Service (IHS). He has worked as a staff and clinical pharmacist at Claremore IHS and is currently the Chief Pharmacist for the IHS Clinton Service Unit. He has served as President and Treasurer of the North-East Oklahoma Commissioned Officers Association. He also served on the PHS Smoking and Tobacco Cessation Work group to develop resources to assist officers in quitting tobacco. Narcisso served as a coordinator and evaluator at the 2016 Commissioned Officers Association Symposium for RX for Change® to train officers to deliver tobacco cessation interventions. In 2015, he was awarded IHS OKC Area Jr Pharmacist of the Year and awarded Distinguished Preceptor of the Year by Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Narcisso has served as lead on multiple national, regional, and local workgroups and committees. He is a member of the IHS National Pharmacy Council, Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center, and Northeast Technology Center Health Careers Advisory Committee.

Narcisso cites his major influencers in life as his mother, grandfather, family, educators and numerous professional mentors. Mrs. Raynetta Earp was Narcisso's 5th teacher and made a

large impact in his life. She and her husband, Wyatt, provided hope and confidence of a better life to the socio economic disadvantaged children at Baker Elementary. They gave their time and resources to help children in need. Narcisso is forever grateful for Mrs. Earp identifying, developing, and recommending him to the gifted and talented program. He attributes his success to working hard with a purpose of improving one's self to help others. Narcisso utilized patience and consistency to overcome adversity.

Narcisso has been dedicated to assist others in quitting tobacco as he lost all 4 grandparents to smoking related illness. His work in tobacco cessation improved awareness and access to tobacco cessation services. Narcisso is regarded as a subject matter expert in tobacco cessation. In addition to his NCPS Tobacco Cessation certification, Narcisso is trained and certified in Native American Tobacco Cessation Basic Intervention Skills, Basic Tobacco Intervention Skills for Medical and Allied Health Professionals, volunteer facilitator for American Lung Freedom from Smoking Program, and is a certified Tobacco Cessation Trainer. In addition, he was coordinator for an OKC Area tobacco cessation-training program in conjunction with IHS and University of Arizona, and the Portland Tobacco Cessation Provider Training.

In 2008, Narcisso took the role as manager of the Claremore Indian Hospital's Tobacco Cessation Clinic which is now considered a model for other tobacco cessation programs. He was a special guest on "Why Did You Start Smoking" on Native America Calling, which broadcasts on 52 radio stations and has over 500,000 listeners nationally. Also, Narcisso serves as a co-lead for the USPHS Tobacco Cessation Workgroup which was awarded the Association of Military Surgeons of United States Training and Education Award. He co-authored an article, "Smoking Cessation Pearls: US Public Health Perspective" with Rear Admiral Pam Schweitzer which was published in the journal, APHA Today.

Narcisso serves on national inventory control committees, and his work has shaped IHS policies. He successfully created and implemented an inventory management system that has been adopted by many across IHS. Narcisso has been invited to give inventory control presentations to IHS leadership across the country. In 2014, he was promoted to Chair of the IHS Inventory Management Committee. Narcisso's work was instrumental as he and his group was awarded the Public Health Service Outstanding Unit Citation for its sustained quality performance in developing, revising, and guiding policy and procedures for inventory management.

Although Narcisso has experienced much success, he feels that his greatest accomplishment is his supportive and loving family. He married his wife, Jacinda, in 2008 and they had daughter, Emery, in 2011. His parents are Kandy Soliz, Daniel Matinez, and Narcisso Soliz Sr. (deceased) and siblings, Mario, Vanessa, Carlos, and Jerry. He has numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. He is grateful and attributes his success to the Earps, friends, teachers, mentors, colleagues, and family. Without their support, his induction into the Pampa Hall of Fame would not be possible. Narcisso continually seeks to achieve his career goals by advocating for public health, providing leadership, and developing others.