

My name is Quinlan Canty, and I am honored to have been nominated for a seat on our executive committee. I was born and raised on the Catawba reservation, where I continue to live today. I am the son of Ronald and Dawn Canty, the grandson of Heyward Canty, great-grandson of Fannie Harris and Ephraim George, and grandson of Geneva Gunton.

In my free time, I attend many powwows with my family, and I sing with a contest powwow singing group named Warpaint. I am always actively working within our community to help members engage more deeply with our culture.

I passionately believe in the betterment of our tribe and focusing on the future. Some of my key focuses include home improvement for our seniors and elders, who have sacrificed so much and deserve to live safely and comfortably. I am also committed to continue increasing housing opportunities, as many members and families need affordable housing and wish to return to the reservation.

Lastly, I want to see a resurgence in cultural involvement. I feel that we have drifted away from what it truly means to be Catawba. Growing up here and spending time with the elder generation, I learned to stand up and be proud of our culture and heritage. In the face of bitterness and greed, we need to take a step back, remember where we came from, and reflect on the adversity we have overcome. By focusing on many things within our community to better ourselves, we can then tackle the bigger picture with a clear mind.

I love my tribe and everyone in it. While I may not have a resume filled with accolades or an extensive education, what I do have is a deep heart for the Catawba people and a commitment to the prosperity of our Tribe and our culture.