

Jessica Stomski

Distinguished Service Award

About Jessica

- ◆ General Counsel, Prairie Island Indian Community
- ◆ Focuses on communication efforts for internal and various external audiences, advocacy, and develops media/mass communication messages.



What does this award mean to you?

It means that I have (hopefully) used the knowledge and skills I learned at the SJMC in a good way to make a positive difference. I know without a doubt that my ability to be an effective communicator on small and large scales is rooted in my time learning at the SJMC.

Who is the SJMC professor who had the most profound impact on your career?

Oh goodness, I do not recall the name of the professor, it has been so long. The classes I took were about mass communication and its impact on us as individuals and on society and culture. It opened my eyes to the messages we see every day and how they shape our individual and collective lives. That was really before social media and the digital life we know today, but the lessons still ring true.

Favorite memory from the SJMC?

Getting accepted. I never thought I would get into the J-School!

Most valuable lesson learned in the SJMC?

The power of influence lies in how you communicate.

Favorite study spot on campus?

The Fetzer Center or the Women's Basketball team locker room.