



**Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet**  
**President, Antioch University**

Chosen as president for Antioch University Seattle in July 2007, Dr. Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet became the first Native American woman to ascend to the presidency of an accredited university outside the tribal college system. Prior to her appointment in Seattle, Dr. Manuelito-Kerkvliet served as the first woman president of Diné College, the first tribally-controlled community college, located on the Navajo reservation in Tsaile, Arizona. Dr. Manuelito-Kerkvliet is the great, great granddaughter of Navajo Chief Manuelito. At Oregon State University, she founded and directed the Indian Education Office. She has worked in various student service and counseling positions at the University of Oregon, University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, University of Wyoming and Montana State University. She serves on the following advisory boards: The Seattle Community Colleges Chancellor's Advisory Council, the Institute of Translational Health Sciences for the University of Washington, and Washington Internships for Native Students at American University. Dr. Manuelito-Kerkvliet is a member of the executive board of Washington State Campus Compact and the Board of Directors of the Higher Education Resource Services. She is also a member of the ACE's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Equity, Washington Women's Foundation, and a member of the Rotary Club of Seattle. Dr. Manuelito-Kerkvliet received her B.A. in Social Work, M.S. in Counselor Education, and her Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Management, with a specialization in higher education administration.