



**Margaret Stevens Ellis, Owner, Mirax, LLC  
Oneida, WI**

Margaret Stevens is a member of the Turtle clan of the On^yote a:ka “People of the Standing Stone”, otherwise known as the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. Margaret owns Mirax, LLC, a Native American apparel company. She creates clothing with modern style and traditional Native American designs. She is currently learning the near extinct Oneida language. She passes on these teachings through summer time immersion school with her children, nieces and nephews.

Margaret also serves as the facilitator for the National Indian Gaming Association’s Climate Change Committee.

Upon receiving a basketball scholarship, Margaret began her college career at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND. She was the captain of the Women’s Varsity Basketball team for two years. She spent a summer as an intern for the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association and served as a student advocate for the “Get out the Vote Initiative”, during the 2004 elections. Margaret also mentored young girls on campus. Whether she was taking them to eat, play in a park or just talking, she served as a positive role model for them. She received her Associate’s of Science in Tribal Management in 2004.

In 2005, Margaret moved to Lawrence, KS with her five month old daughter, to continue her education and basketball career at Haskell Indian Nations University. Margaret was a single mother, full time student and Women’s Varsity basketball player. Her daughter spent her first two years alongside Haskell sidelines. During her time at Haskell Margaret, and her daughter, became active as the secretary for the American Indian Studies club, Vice-President for Future Without Poverty, Inc. and member of the Caring club and Wetlands Preservation Organization. She also housed young women and mothers in need of support. She worked as an intern for Haskell’s Research, Evaluation and Dissemination Center. She worked as a research assistant for the American Indian/Alaskan Native Climate Change Working Group, which was paid through a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) grant. During her last semester at Haskell, she studied abroad in Zacatecas, Mexico, where she assisted in the installation of solar panels on school houses in impoverished communities and engaged in cross cultural exchange. In May of 2008 she received her Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Tribal Management.

She continued her education at the University of Kansas. During her time she served as the Global Indigenous Nations Studies Student Association Secretary for two years. She also worked as a research assistant for the Kansas Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy. She was also chosen to serve as a delegate for the International Summit on Indigenous Environmental Philosophy 2010 alongside delegates from the U.S., India, Russia, New Zealand, Australia, Swaziland, Thailand, Columbia, Kenya and Taiwan. In 2010 she received her Master’s of Liberal Arts in Global Indigenous Nations Studies with an emphasis in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas. Upon returning home to Oneida, WI

Margaret was accepted as an intern for the Oneida Environmental, Health, and Safety Division, where she incorporated language, culture and history into water outreach and education as well as assisting in water quality and macro-invertebrate monitoring.

