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A native of Rocky Boy, Mont., Parisian holds an M.A. in educational administration from the University of South Dakota (1977), and a B.A. in physical education (1974) and an A.A. in liberal arts (1973) from Eastern Montana College. Since 1973, he has been a member of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), an association of American Indian and Alaska Native educators, where he served on the board of directors and from 1988 to 1989, as its president.

In 1985, Parisian was named to Who's Who in the West. In 1982, he was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, and Outstanding Indian Administrator by the Montana Indian Education Association.

He is married and has two children.

Note to Editors: *A photo of Ed Parisian may be viewed via the Interior Department's web site at [www.doi.gov](http://www.doi.gov).*

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