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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

NEWS

Getting ready for graduation



United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

NOW AND IN THE FUTURE: Looking in a mirror, Three-year-old Oscar Felix tried on his mother's graduation cap when his parents visited the United Tribes Bookstore April 15 to prepare for graduation. Both Anthony and Amber Felix will take part in the college's 2009 Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 8 as graduates of the college's Criminal Justice Program. Read more about graduation inside on page 3.



United Tribes Technical College

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 2009
1 p.m.
Lone Star Arena

UTTC Practical Nursing Department
NURSE PINNING PROGRAM
Friday, May 8, 2009




9 a.m.
Jack Barden Center
(lower level)

**Everyone
Welcome!**

***** **THEIR** *****

COURAGE

LIVES ON



Memorial Day ★ May 25, 2009
No Classes

Exhibit opens at Harvard's Peabody Museum



BASED ON LEDGER: The artistic design work of UTTC Tribal Arts Instructor Butch Thunderhawk, second from left, is now on display at Harvard University's Peabody Museum. Thunderhawk is co-curator of "Wiyohpiyata - Lakota Images of the Contested West." The exhibit is based on circa 1870s Lakota drawings contained in the "Half Moon Ledger." Joining Thunderhawk for a preview before the April 3 opening were, from left, Dr. Phil Baird, UTTC Vice President of Academic, Career and Technical Education; Thunderhawk; Dr. Castle McLaughlin, exhibit co-curator and Associate Curator of North American Ethnology, Peabody Museum; Dwayne Wilcox (Oglala) Contemporary Ledger Artist; and Andrew E. Masich, author and president of the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center. "Wiyohpiyata" is the first-ever major Peabody exhibit designed and co-curated by a contemporary artist and the first co-curated by a Native American. It will be on display through August 31, 2011.

Photo by Karen Ebel, New London, NH



LeRoi Laundreaux's Lunch Menu

Includes 2% or Skim Milk, Coffee or Tea and Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetables. Menu subject to change.
 Cafeteria Hours: Breakfast ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am • Lunch ~ 11:30 - 1:00 pm • Dinner ~ 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 All Students Must Show ID - NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Lunch Menu

May 4-8	May 11-15	May 18-22	May 25-29
M Hamburger Gravy & Mashed Potatoes	Goulash	M Spaghetti & Garlic Toast	Hamburger, Tomato & Rice Hotdish
W Chicken & Rice	Bean & Ham Soup & Frybread	W Philly Cheesesteak & Potatoes	Taco Salad
W Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	W Baked Chicken & Mashed Potatoes	Swedish Meatballs Over Noodles
W Hamburger & French Fries	German Sausage & Kraut	W Hamburger & French Fries	French Dip w/ Au Jus & Chips
F Indian Taco w/ Assorted Toppings	Fish Sandwich & French Fries	F Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Chicken Sandwich & Mac & Cheese

KODA THE WARRIOR™ "Caverns of Mystery Part 4 of 4"

CREATED BY MARK L. MINDT
 SPIRIT LAKE NATION

KODA learned he could not defeat such a spirit as "Negativity" with any man-made weapon.

So he took the advice learned from the Elders many years ago.

After chasing "Negativity" away, KODA found the precious item which was taken from the woman.

Finally he reached the surface.

HOKA-HEY!

He was thanked by the woman...

He practiced Good Medicine.

He knew Sage was the right Medicine.

For returning her precious Cellular Phone! AYE, NEXT!!!

Caverns of Mystery

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Jodi Gillette is graduation speaker

COMMENCEMENT IS MAY 8

BISMARCK (UTN) – Jodi Archambault Gillette, who was appointed earlier this year to a position in the Obama Administration, is scheduled as keynote speaker for the 2009 United Tribes Commencement Ceremony.



The event is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, May 8 at Lone Star Arena on the college campus in Bismarck. It concludes the 2008-09 academic year.

Gillette became a Deputy Associate Director in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in February. She is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Tribe.

Other speakers will include tribal leaders on the college governing board from Three Affiliated Tribes, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. The drum group Oakdale Singers will provide honoring songs.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the James Henry Community Building gym.

94 GRAND TOTAL GRADS 08-09



31 December

57 May

7 July

29 Honor Students

Congratulations!

UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2008-09 GRADUATES (Tentative, Advance Listing)

ART MARKETING

*Charles Evan Anderson, New Hope, MN • Brenna Jo Ashburn (Standing Rock Tribe) Harwood, ND • *David B. Black Cloud (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Tina Curley (Fort Peck Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Kami Lynn Otter Robe (Standing Rock Tribe) Bullhead, SD

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Jesse H. Baker Jr. (Fort Peck Sioux) Wolf Point, MT • Vincent E. Kills Plenty Jr. (Rosebud Tribe) Parmelee, SD • Brendon K. Marshall (Cheyenne River Tribe)

BUSINESS OFFICE TECHNOLOGY

**/*Jacqueline M. Archambault (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND - (double major BOA & BOM) • *Corrina Zaneta Buffalo (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Billie Jo Maria Clifford (Oglala Tribe) Manderson, SD • Camille J. Ducheneaux (Standing Rock Tribe) Aberdeen, SD • *Marissa S. Eagleman (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Rana F. Kills Plenty (Rosebud Tribe) St. Francis, SD • *Sonia J. Red Owl (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck, ND • *Star L. Silk (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Mikelyn Teeman (Fort McDermitt Paiute & Shoshone Tribes) McDermitt, NV

COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Moria F. Kasto (Cheyenne River Tribe) Mandan, ND • ***Clayton Paul Martell (Fort Peck Tribes) Poplar, MT • Ashley Marie Peterson (Cheyenne River Tribe) Eagle Butte, SD

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Charles L. Brewer (Oglala Tribe) Denver, CO • ***Taylor Brushbreaker (Rosebud Tribe) Rosebud, SD • ***Louise Elizabeth Eagle Shield (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • *Amber Louise Felix (Cheyenne River Tribe) Mandan, ND • *Anthony J. Felix (Three Affiliated Tribes) Mandan, ND • *Leighla Gracie-Ann Guardipee (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Marlo J. Langdeau (Lower Brule Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Tamera Rae Marshall (Oglala Tribe) Hot Springs, SD • Donnette Renee Medicine Horse (Crow Tribe) Fort Yates, ND • Christopher Lee Montclair (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • ***Savannah Jean Peterson (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Randi Ranell Walking Eagle (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin) DePere, WI

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Joseph Daniel Cain (Blackfeet Nation) Bismarck, ND • Clarence Lee Cleveland Jr. (Hopi) Second Mesa, AZ • *Jose Lopez, Bismarck, ND • Laban Levi Red Owl (Oglala Sioux Tribe) Bismarck, ND

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kememe R. Blatt (Chippewa Cree Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Cree Honghoa Vu Buffalo (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • *LaVone Harnisch, Hebron, ND • Corey Sue Nelson, Harvey, ND • Shiela M. Netterville (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Merrill D. Howling Wolf (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND • Yvonne D. Howling Wolf (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND • *Cyrilla Livingood (Turtle Mountain) Wahpeton, ND • Monica Faye Nagel (Three Affiliated Tribes) New Town, ND • Kara L. Runs After (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Shyanne L. Schmalz (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Brandon P. St. John (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate) Mandan, ND

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

India Frazier (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • ***Marlo L. Friday (Northern Arapahoe Tribe) Mandan, ND • Jayme F. Lopez (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Herbert Red Horse (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Allison R. Albers (Standing Rock Tribe) Mandan, ND • Dene Hosie (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION - Certificate

Karen K. Bettenhausen, Wishek, ND • Christina Burns, Bismarck, ND • Carol J. Gieser, Bismarck, ND • Danielle Goebel, Wishek, ND • Heidi Gress, Mandan, ND • Magdalena Hartz-Schumacher, Ellendale, ND • Vicki Hochholter, Ashley, ND • Shawn M. Kuipers, Napoleon, ND • Betty Marschner, Voltaire, ND • Shirley Steiner, Bowdle, SD • Darlene Urlich, Elgin, ND • Tina Lynn Westereng, Jamestown, ND • Odo Windoff, Germany

NUTRITION AND FOODSERVICE

*Ashley Rose Agard (Standing Rock Tribe) Fort Yates, ND • Cassandra Renae Eagle (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Sarabeth Eagle (Standing Rock Tribe) Bullhead, SD • Marilyn Sandland (Standing Rock Tribe) Fort Yates, ND

PRACTICAL NURSING

Mary E. Calabaza (Santo Domingo Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Tammie Cashen (Crow Agency) Bismarck, ND • Dorothy Crowfeather (Standing Rock Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Katheryn Ell, Bismarck, ND • Charlene Foote (Three Affiliated Tribes) Parshall, ND • Sara Garreau (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Lana Straub, Bismarck, ND • Mary Anne Ternes, Bismarck, ND • Sharon R. Toineeta (Crow Agency) Bismarck, ND

SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

*Aja R. Baker (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND • ***Sarah Marie Phillips (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Mitchell E. Davis (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND • *Glen T. Fox (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND • Martha R. Garreau (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND • Dori Kate LaFromboise (Standing Rock Tribe) Wakpala, SD • *Mindy J. Looking Back (Standing Rock Tribe) Wakpala, SD • *Annette D. Harlan (Standing Rock Tribe) Selfridge, ND • Travis Parshall (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND • *Lonelle L. Rising Sun (Fort Peck Tribe) Bismarck, ND • *Matt J. St. John (Crow Creek Tribe) Fort Thompson, SD • ***Lisa A. Stump (Chippewa Cree Tribe) Bismarck, ND

TRIBAL MANAGEMENT

*Arden Rae Boxer (Fort Peck Tribes) Bismarck, ND - (double major BOA & TRM)

TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

*Joshua B. Logg Jr. (Cheyenne River Tribe) Mobridge, SD • Fawn M. Packineau (Three Affiliated Tribes) Bismarck, ND

All receive Associate of Applied Science Degrees unless noted

* December 2008 Graduates

***Summer

** Double Majors

Honor Students



MISSION

United Tribes Technical College is dedicated to providing American Indians with postsecondary and technical education in a culturally diverse environment that will provide self-determination and economic development for all tribal nations.

VISION

- United Tribes Technical College is a premiere college, a leader in Tribal education, arts, and cultural preservation; technology; research; and the humanities.
- UTTC foresees a campus community with state-of-the-art facilities.
- UTTC aspires to be self-sustaining in line with its mission for tribal self-sufficiency and self-determination.
- Most importantly, UTTC envisions skilled, knowledgeable, culturally-grounded, healthy graduates who will achieve their educational goals; empower their communities; and preserve the environment, tribal land, water, and natural resources.

VALUES

- United Tribes Technical College Board of Directors, Administration, Staff, Faculty, and Students are guided in their actions by the following values:

U – Unity	T – Traditions
N – Native Americans	R – Respect
I – Integrity	I – Independence
T – Trust	B – Bravery
E – Education	E – Environment
D – Diversity	S – Spirituality

- United Tribes affirms these values as being representative of the tribal medicine wheel concept. This takes into consideration an individual's physical, intellectual, cultural, and emotional wellness. When these ideals are practiced, the UTTC community will flourish.

Encouraging quitters



HELP AND IDEAS: Community Health students JoBeth Brown Otter (Standing Rock), left, and Brandie Delorme, staffed the smoking cessation booth April 2 at the United Tribes Career Fair. The students administered a smoking survey, provided information and tips, and conducted scientific measurements of lung capacity, which becomes restricted by smoking.

Grads have bettered selves for future MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The students who graduate from United Tribes Technical College on May 8 rightfully deserve the recognition they receive for their academic accomplishments. In almost all cases, they have overcome barriers and hardships that are uncommon among students who attend mainstream colleges.

It is no secret that tribal students have more than their share of issues in getting an education. You have reached the goal of earning a degree means you have met the challenge of figuring out how to study and learn. This is a skill that will serve you for your entire life. You have invested in yourself. You have bettered yourself for the future.

One of our former United Tribes leaders, Andrew Grey of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, put it this way in a speech to a UTTC graduating class a few years ago.

“You are a better person for obtaining a degree,” he said. “Not better in the sense that you have a right to condemn those who have no degree, but a better person

for your knowledge and the employment opportunities that will now be opened to you.”

Grey went on to point out wisely that your college degree would not guarantee you a certain job or that all of your dreams will be fulfilled. But he said it gives you a lot better chance. By becoming educated you have prepared yourself to do better in the fight against poverty, unemployment and discrimination.

He said, “Knowledge is power and you have equipped yourself with a good dose of it by obtaining your college degree.”

I couldn't agree more!

I would only add this: You will be a positive influence on many members of your family and tribe. You have earned that honored position. I commend you for doing the hard work it takes. And I celebrate your success with congratulations and best wishes on your journey ahead.

— **Dr. David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College President**

Thank You

The United Tribes 40 Fundraising Sub-Committee thanks all the UTTC staff and students for their support of the silent auction/bake sale/raffle fundraiser at the wellness center April 3.

BAKE SALE RAISED \$100.75

Thank you bakers: Kathy Aller, Joanie Neumann, Tiffany Hodge, Helen Lindgren, Charlene Weis, Barbara Schmitt, Brad Hawk, Pat Aune, Kathy Johnson, Cafeteria, and anyone who we may have overlooked.

SILENT AUCTION RAISED \$360.00

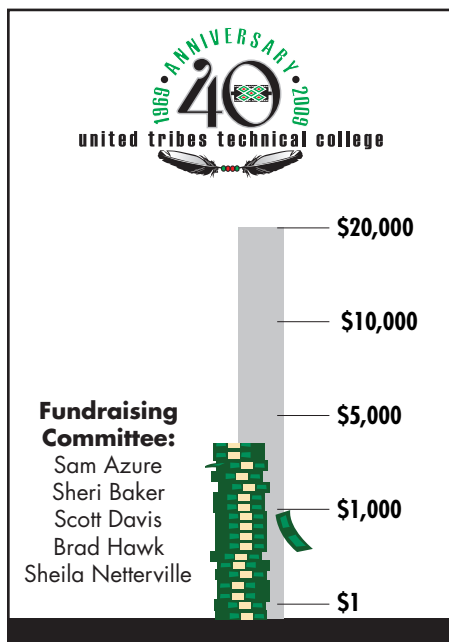
Thank you for the donations: Helen Lindgren, T.J. McLaughlin, Sheri Baker, Ann Kuyper, Ann Kraft, Betty Anhorn, Dennis and Joanie Neumann, Tom Red Bird, Administration, Mary Kidder-alumni, Harriet Schneider, Tara Claymore, Kayla McCloud, Carol Walker, Anita Charging, Julie Cain, and Scott Davis.

60/40 AUCTION RAISED \$225.00

BIG THANK YOU to Helen Lindgren who donated her 40% (\$90) winning ticket proceeds back to the committee.

An email was sent to the people who secured the final bid on the silent auction. They can be picked up with Christa at the wellness center. This will add \$107 more to the fundraising total.

— Sheri Baker, Brad Hawk, Christa Cutler and Scott Davis



MARCEL GIERSZEWSKI

Members of the United Tribes staff and faculty remembered a colleague and faculty member April 15 during a memorial in the Healing Room of the college's wellness center. Marcel L. Gierszewski passed away April 13 at a Bismarck hospital after a series of strokes. He was 62.



Marcel Gierszewski

Marcel was a 10 year United Tribes employee. He was the college's Automotive Technology instructor and director who brought experience and leadership to the program, including automotive industry certification.

"We express our deep regrets to Marcel's family," said David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College president, during the memorial program. "We will miss him. We appreciated his good work here. Investing his time and professional expertise as a member of the faculty showed his good mark of helping other people do well in life. He was one who did things for the good of all."

Marcel attended NDSCS in Wahpeton for automotive technology, worked in automotive dealerships and was a master automotive technician with many automotive awards and recognitions during his career. His work resulted in ASE Certification for United Tribes.

Attending the memorial were Marcel's



Members of Marcel's family attended the memorial at United Tribes, which included posting of the colors by the United Tribes Honor Guard.

"Whether you are Indian or non Indian, you are part of the family. And Marcel was part of the family," said Phil Baird, Gierszewski's supervisor and the college's academic vice president.

Marcel was born, raised and education in Drayton, North Dakota. He was a U. S. Navy veteran who served in the Vietnam War, where he received the Combat Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart Medal. He was among the servicemen and women recognized each year during United Tribes Veterans honoring programs.

wife, Adeline, and his son Lee, both of Bismarck, and other members of his family including his mother and sisters. Automotive Technology Program instructor Thomas McCarty presented three family members with star quilts. Faculty and staff members and students shared warm-hearted stories about Marcel.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at noon Friday, April 17, at Church of St. Mary, Bismarck, and he was buried at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan.

UTTC team in benefit Bike-A-Thon



PEDAL POWER: Robert Fox was the lead-off cyclist April 18 for the number 100 team from United Tribes in Bismarck's Great American Bike Race at a local high school. It was the first time UTTC participated in the annual event. Ten riders per team each pedaled for 25 minutes to raise funds for cerebral palsy. Team leader Billi Jo Gravseth provides a fan-made breeze for Robert. Looking on is Anthony Gravseth. The United Tribes team logged the following miles: Robert Fox, 9.17; Billi Jo Gravseth 11.11; Anthony Gravseth 8.59; Warren Giago 9.47; Tamara Marshall 8.45; Latonna White Face 9.53; Delmar Clown 10.49; Carolyn Morrison 9.68; Dakota Eagle 8.87; and Nevada Allen 8.95.

UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

ND tribal related legislation

COMPILED BY CHADWICK KRAMER, Research Analyst, ND Indian Affairs Commission

Passed as of April 14 by the North Dakota Legislature

Sponsored by ND Legislative Council at the request of the Tribal and State Relations Committee:

- HB 1060 - Two year extension of the committee on tribal and state relations
- HCR 3003 - Directs the Legislative Council to study the extent to which the funding mechanisms and administrative structures of the federal, state, and county governments enhance or detract from the ability of the social ser-

vice programs of tribal governments to meet the needs of tribal members

- SB 2053 - Provides a sales and use tax exemption for purchases by an Indian Tribe
- SB 2054 - Removed an existing \$25,000 limit on ND Department of Transportation agreements with Tribal governments

OTHER SPONSORSHIP:

- HB 1566 - Requires that the ND Commissioner of Higher Education study the interplay between the North Dakota university system and tribally controlled community colleges. Sponsors:

Rep. Kasper, R. Kelsch, L. Meier & Sen. Flakoll, Wardner

- HCR 3061 - Directing the ND Legislative Council to study educational delivery to Indian students, ways to address the unique challenges of that effort, and the feasibility and desirability of utilizing contractual options for state-supported educational delivery. Sponsors: Rep. Boucher, Boe, Delmore

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission 701.328.2406

BIOGRAPHY

Alyssa Alberts, Miss Indian Nations XVI

Tribal Name: skaawitA (*Last Child*)

Tribal Affiliation: Arikara/Dakota

Alyssa Alberts is the reigning Miss Indian Nations XVI, a title she earned September 6, 2008 during the United Tribes International Powwow in Bismarck, North Dakota. Alyssa's traditional Arikara name is "skaawitA," which translates to "Last Child." Alyssa is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes: the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara. She is of Hunkpapa Lakota and Spirit Lake Dakota descent on her father's side.

Alyssa's primary focus and emphasis during her reign as Miss Indian Nations is Native Language Preservation and Revitalization. She completed two years of Arikara Language classes and lessons at Fort Berthold Community College and commits her time to furthering her knowledge and usage of the language in her everyday life and activities. Alyssa's paternal grandmother, the late Marie Deane Wells, was a fluent Arikara language speaker who contributed to the Arikara Language Lessons Curriculum developed at the University of Indiana's American Indian Studies Research Institute, Bloomington, Indiana. Alyssa feels it is important to continue her grandmother's work to ensure the Arikara Language has a continued presence in the lives of Arikara people.

Alyssa is viewed as an emerging leader who upholds the finest values Indian Country. Her leadership in language pres-

ervation has earned her national recognition. She is scheduled to present a welcoming address during the 2nd Annual National Native Language Revitalization Summit in Washington, D.C. in early May 2009 at the National Museum of the American Indian.

A highlight of Alyssa's reign as Miss Indian Nations: she participated in the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade for President Barack Obama as part of the United Tribes Technical College "Honoring our ND Soldiers and Veterans" marching group.

The Miss Indian Nations Pageant is a scholarship program for young, American Indian women. It promotes goodwill and education through cultural sharing and demonstrating. Miss Indian Nations serves as an Ambassador for Indian nations and a representative of the United Tribes Technical College.

Alyssa is a senior at New Town High School and a dual-college credit student at Fort Berthold Community College, New Town. She graduates from high school in May 2009. She is the youngest of three daughters of Thomas and Laurie Alberts of New Town. Her paternal grandparents are the late Romauld and the late Victoria (Twiggs) Alberts of the Spirit Lake Reservation, North Dakota and the late Thomas and the late Marie (Deane) Wells, Sr. of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota.

Miss Indian Nations appeared at Fort Lewis College

BY VONNIE J. ALBERTS, Three Affiliated Tribes Press Secretary

Miss Indian Nations XVI Alyssa Alberts was one of the featured presenters and speakers at the Fort Lewis College (FLC), Durango, Colorado in March 2009.



Miss Indian Nations XVI Alyssa Alberts

The FLC American Indian Student Organization celebrated their 45th Annual Hozhoni Days (Days of Beauty) one of the oldest and biggest events in Durango each year. In the past years, the event has attracted approximately 5,000 participants and visitors from across North America to the campus.

Alberts was invited by the Pejuta Tipi Society and Wanbli Ota, two of the American Indian Student Organizations at FLC. Alberts presented during the Fort Lewis College Powwow and in the FLC Native American Center.

Alberts was also a featured guest during the Miss Hozhoni Days Pageant activities held in conjunction with the Hozhoni Days Powwow.

Miss Indian Nations' appearance was sponsored by the Fort Lewis College Wanbli Ota organization and the 4 Bears Casino & Lodge of Fort Berthold.

Second Annual

National Native Language Revitalization Summit

May 11-13, 2009

National Museum of the American Indian • Washington, DC

- Stem the tide of language loss • Special appearance by the last Lakota Code Talker Clarence Wolf Guts
- Special honoring of all Native America Code Talkers • Celebrate passage of the Native American Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008

Miss Indian Nations XVI Alyssa Alberts will deliver a full welcoming address in the Arikara Tribal Language

Tribal Leaders, Indian Educators, Elders, Native Youth, Language Advocates, and Native Language Speakers are urged to attend and participate in this historic gathering.

Sponsored By:

- Cultural Survival • National Alliance to Save Native Languages • NMAI •

More information visit: <http://www.culturalsurvival.org/node/8278> Contact: Jennifer Westin 617.441.5400 x 15

ON-CAMPUS NEWS Recognition

FIGHTING THE FLOOD

I want to say THANK YOU to the volunteers on the UTTC Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who answered the call to sandbag at the Bismarck Civic Center. The State CERT coordinator requested our assistance, and after making a few calls, our team was activated. Thanks to Bryan Christianson, Suzanne Shields, and Leah Haman for making phone calls. It was awesome to see everyone come together for this effort. Thanks also to President Gipp, Vice President Swagger, Bud Anderson, and the other supervisors for granting approval for these individuals to leave their duty stations to help the community: Joey McLeod, Barbara Schmitt, Kayla McCloud, Keith Hawk, Bruce Benson, Robert Shepherd, Kathy Johnson, Steve Fischer, Rueben Alicea, Bernard Strikes Enemy, Buster Laundreaux, Brek Maxon, Leah Haman, and Mike Upham. You guys ROCK!!!

— **Barbara Schmitt,**
Economic Development Director

My high school track coach, dorm dean, history teacher, psychology teacher, is now Oak Grove's Principal and Dean of Students, Morgan Forness. Oak Grove is along the Red River and was hit hard. Jill Keith and I both graduated from Oak Grove in 1995. Our prayers were with the high school and the entire Fargo-Moorhead community.

— **Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua,**
Strengthening Lifestyles Coordinator

My daughter, Brianna helped build dikes in Moorhead and her boyfriend who is in the Guard was assigned duty there. I kept close contact; they were not evacuated, but the evacuation line came close to their apartment. The things she experienced were both interesting and amazing to her. PBS did an interview with her. She said it was "both crazy and scary here at the same time."

— **Anita Charging, Counselor**

SNOW REMOVAL

I would like to thank all the maintenance staff for their excellent work and very early hours to remove snow from the roads and buildings so other employees were able to drive in and get to work. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

— **Vivian Gillette, Admissions Counselor**

SECURING OUR CAMPUS

I would like to recognize the college's Security officers for their hard work during the recent weather and disaster problems. Thanks also to Sheri Baker, Kathy Johnson, Betty Anhorn, the safety officers and all the R.A.'s, and Bryan Christenson, who headed up the Emergency Notification System. Everyone stayed well after quitting time and worked together to check on staff and students here and in the local flood areas. Thank you for your commitment to UTTC and the safety of all.

— **James Red Tomahawk,**
Chief of UTTC Security

DORM LEADERSHIP

I would like to compliment the work of my supervisor Eveleen Cook, director of dorm life. Since she's been director we've seen huge improvements in the dorms: new furniture, new computers, and new pool and foosball tables. These are just a few of the improvements to the dorms this year. I wish to personally thank Eveleen for her leadership!

— **Denise Chapman,**
Residence Assistant

ELECTED TO LEAD

Nathan Stratton is president-elect of the North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NDASFAA), the state's professional organization for people who work in financial aid. His election took place at the NDASFAA state conference in Dickinson. He currently serves as chair of the organization's professional development committee. He will serve a one-year term as president-

elect in 2010 and assume the presidency in 2011. The focus of the president-elect year is leadership training and organizational development prior to being president. He will then represent the state on the regional association's board and have some duties with the national organization. Nathan points out that he is not the first UTTC director to serve in this capacity. Bob Parisian was NDASFAA president in 2004 and his predecessor, Ray Dwelle, was one of the founding members in 1969.

BALANCING ACT

Nutrition and Foodservice Instructor, Jill Keith, really knows how to balance work and family. As part of UTTC's campus breast feeding promotion, Jill brings her son Alex to work with her Tuesday through Friday each week. With the family's schedule, Alex is able to stay home with dad on Mondays. On busy workdays at UTTC, Alex attends daycare with big brother Samuel (3), who also came to work with mom his first six months as a breast fed baby. Jill says she is now really good at doing things one handed, even using the computer! Jill is an excellent role model for the students, showing them that it is possible to balance work and family.

— **Annette Broyles, Nutrition & Food Service Program Director**

LIFE COACH

Karla Baxter, UTTC instructor and HIT department chair, recently earned the professional designation of Certified Life Coach by the Coach Training Alliance. The Coach Training Alliance is recognized as one of the top 10 Coaching Schools in the world according to "Who's Who in Coaching."

— **Tyler Stumpf, Instructor, Department of Business and Office Technology**



UTTC SELF-STUDY

United Tribes Technical College is currently conducting a self study evaluation. A written report of its findings will be produced for its NCA reaccreditation visit. The NCA comprehensive visit will take place in 2010-2011. If you have questions or comments regarding UTTC's self-study experience, please send them to: ncaaccreditation@uttcc.edu. To learn more about the NCA accreditation process, visit the website: <http://www.ncahlc.org>.

Acts of Sacrifice

BY SHIELA M. NETTERVILLE (Standing Rock) Early Childhood Education Graduate

Brother protecting me and our country

My stepfather, Tom Yellow Wolf, had forwarded an e-mail to me that was titled “Sack Lunches.” It was about how a guy had bought sack lunches for a group of servicemen he was flying with on an airliner. They were headed for training before deployment to Afghanistan and he saw they didn’t have money to buy lunch on the long flight. Without them knowing, the man paid for their meals.

His gesture was noticed by other passengers, who joined him in honoring the young soldiers by handing him money to be part of his act of kindness. Even the airline captain shook the man’s hand saying when he was a military pilot someone had once bought him a lunch and it was something he never forgot. The e-mail ended with the man giving the servicemen all the money, which was enough for another meal. As they left, feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers, the man said he whispered a prayer for their safe return. They were preparing to give their all for our country and he could only give them a couple of meals.

It was a touching story and when I was done reading I could barely see through my tears. Tom had prefaced the e-mail with a message of his own, recalling a similar incident when he returned from Viet-

nam. A grizzled old guy paid for his breakfast in the Minneapolis airport. He said he recognized the patch on Tom’s uniform and it was the same unit he served with in WWII. He didn’t say much, just smoked a cig, drank his coffee, and without any fanfare paid the check when he left.

I never used to be affected so much by stories of military sacrifice. When I saw one on TV or in the paper, I would feel bad for the people and think to myself, “I’m glad I’ll never have to deal with that.”

But now it’s different. My brother, Sage Koch, is a soldier.

Sage was born when I was 18 and had my own son. Andru and Sage grew up together. They fought like brothers and stood up for each other as brothers. When Sage was a teenager, he found his passion in running. He ran track and cross-country for Bismarck High School and earned acclaim as a distance runner. In his senior year he placed 7th in the state cross country meet, 5th in the 3200 meter run of the state track meet, and 6th in the 1600 meter run. I was proud of him, as was the entire family.

After graduation he became a student at United Tribes Technical College and ran cross country for the Thunderbirds in 2006. I joined him at UTTC in the spring of 2007. But there was another calling ahead that took me by surprise. Sage had mentioned the service but I didn’t take him seriously. Well, he made a decision

and joined and soon he was on a path of honor and sacrifice. On February 27, 2009 I gave him a hug and said, “Good bye Sage, take care and remember I Love You!”



Sage Koch

By the time you read this he will already be in Iraq. He is protecting our country by putting his life on the line for us – so we can enjoy our freedom. My brother has grown into a man and I am very proud of him and his accomplishments, and his willingness to sacrifice for me and others.

He followed his father, Tom Yellow Wolf’s, footsteps to serve our country and fight for it. I know his father is very proud of him and he is rewarded with knowing that he helped raise a fine man.

A couple of days before he left, Sage wrote in Facebook that he “is gonna be unselfish and soon leave loved ones behind and go into harms way!! Iraq here I come!!”

It brought tears to my eyes to read this from my own brother. I will be praying for him and his safe and healthy return home. I ask that you honor him too and that you honor his commitment to all of us by keeping him in your prayers.

United Tribes Technical College May Academic Calendar

May 8.....	2009 Commencement Ceremony
May 10.....	Mother’s Day
May 18.....	Registration/Classes Begin
May 19.....	Last Day to Register for Distance Learners
May 22.....	Last Day to Register for Summer Semester
May 25.....	Memorial Day (No Classes)
May 29.....	Last Day to Add a Class

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ONLINE STUDENT PROFILE

Marilyn Sandland

Marilyn Sandland is a student from Standing Rock in the United Tribes online education program Nutrition and Food Service. She is the first student to complete the entire degree on-line, with the exception of first aid/CPR and a fitness class which she took locally as they are not offered on-line. She started in the Fall 2005, taking two or three classes each semester, while continuing to work full time. Marilyn is an ideal on-line student. She kept in contact with her instructors and advisor throughout the process, asking questions when necessary. She has near perfect attendance in on-line courses and will be graduating with honors from UTTC with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nutrition and Foodservice on May 8. The Nutrition and Foodservice Department would like to congratulate Marilyn on her accomplishments!

— Annette Broyles,
Nutrition & Foodservice Department
Chair/Online Advisor

My name is Marilyn Sandland; I am currently an on-line student at United Tribes Technical College. I am an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Tribe; my residence is in Fort Yates, ND.

My husband and I have been in the ranching business since 1979. I have five children whom are all grown and six grandchildren. I am enrolled in the Nutrition and Food Services Program; and I will graduate this spring. I also completed the LPN program from the Standing Rock Community College/Bismarck Junior College in July 1980 in Ft. Yates. I passed the nursing boards in October 1980. I've been employed in various health programs.

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Public Meeting Notice

Public Involvement in the Preparation of the Draft 2010-2013 Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 10 a.m.** (in conjunction with the MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting) in the Training Room of the Bis-Man Transit Building, 3750 East Rosser Avenue, Bismarck, ND.

The purpose is to provide an opportunity for public involvement in the review and development of the draft 2010-2013 TIP. The TIP coordinates and schedules transportation projects (i.e., highway, street, bikeway, pedestrian, transit, safety, enhancements and other transportation related improvements) in the metropolitan area over the next four years, thereby making these projects eligible for federal assistance. The TIP includes metropolitan area transportation projects proposed by the following jurisdictions: Bismarck, Mandan, Lincoln, Morton County, Burleigh County, and the NDDOT.

The Draft TIP contains the Program of Projects or identified list of transit needs to be funded over the next four years. If there are no amendments or changes to the Program of Projects this notice will al-

so serve as the Final Program of Projects notice.

Furthermore, the public is notified that a Draft TIP will be available for citizens to review at the Bismarck Planning and Development Office, 221 North 5th Street, beginning April 17. The Draft TIP will also be available on the MPO web page at www.bismarck.org/MPO. Following the consideration of citizen's comments, the Draft TIP will be presented to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board for adoption of the final TIP expected in July 2009.

The public is invited to attend the meeting or submit written comments to the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization no later than 12 p.m., May 19, 2009, to P.O. Box 5503, Bismarck, ND, 58506. Written comments should be directed to Ben Ehreth and faxed to (701) 222-6450 or sent to the above address. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to bjehreth@nd.gov. E-mail comments should be specifically identified as public input on the Draft TIP. More information contact Ben Ehreth, Bismarck-Mandan MPO Planner 701-355-1840.

Food safety participants pass national exam

BY PAT AUNE, Acting Director, United Tribes Land Grant Programs

United Tribes pre-school aide Debbie Davis and cook/baker Charles N. Blake, III passed the National ServSafe® exam after completing the UTTC Land Grant Food Safety workshop.



Debbie Davis

The nationally recognized ServSafe® training program was developed by the National Restaurant Association. It is designed for food-service managers working around the nation in any kind of foodservice setting. Other participants in the March class were with the Community Action Program, a correction center, and Fort Berthold Community College.

The 20 hour workshop was taught in the Nutrition and Foodservice teaching

kitchen with Pat Aune as the instructor. Participants tested temperatures as food was cooked for lunch, they swabbed kitchen counters and sinks to grow bacteria, and reviewed all aspects of food safety included in *ServSafe® Essentials Fifth Edition*.



Charles N. Blake III

Debbie and Charles needed to correctly answer over 60 questions about bacteria, food borne illness, sanitation, equipment care and maintenance, employee training programs, cooking and cooling temperatures, food storage procedures, food transportation and many other safe food handling practices. Their national certification is good for five years.

Online Student Profile... *Continued from page 10*

In 2002, I started with the Standing Rock Diabetes Program. My current position is Fitness Coordinator. I am a certified Physical Fitness Specialist through the Cooper Institute of Dallas, TX.

My reason for returning to school was this: I felt I needed more knowledge about nutrition. In nursing we study diets for age and illnesses. I wanted to learn more about the science of nutrition. My current position requires me to educate people – diabetics and non-diabetics – about nutrition and exercise. Prevention is the key word with our program.

I have learned a great deal about nutrition and exercise since I started. I feel more knowledgeable in speaking to people about eating healthy and exercising. I view this as an opportunity to give back what I have learned.

I hope people will accept lifestyle chang-



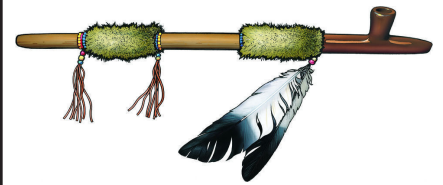
Marilyn Sandland

es and begin a new and healthy way, to better care for themselves and their children. It is very difficult to make changes and I hope to be part of that change by not giving up and reinforcing healthy eating habits among children. I can't say enough about prevention. Let's rid ourselves of diabetes and other preventable illnesses.

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More Information: Brad Hawk, 701-255-3285 x 1387, bhawk@uttc.edu

Coca Cola Scholarship Recipient

BY JERI SEVERSON, College Work Programs Coordinator

Andrew Russell

One of the winners of the 2009 AICF Coco-Cola Scholarship at United Tribes Technical College is Andrew Russell, from Lame Deer, Montana. Andrew is a first year student in the Elementary Education Program who arrived at UTTC via a basketball scholarship.

At age 29, Andrew was one of UTTC's oldest athletes. He is honored to receive the Coca-Cola scholarship. He said he thought it would go to a younger student. He said the award will benefit five people: he, his wife April Three Fingers, his son Tadin, and his daughters Alayna and Alis-

sya. For a busy school family like his, the financial help means a lot, he said.

For Andrew, the Coca Cola award validates the work he and his family have gone through to get to this point. He has had his share of ups and downs. He was on a state high school championship team. Then he was caught up in several years of alcohol abuse, and the time in jail that invariably follows on that path. But Andrew says he is proud to be in recovery now and willing to share what recovery can do.

Andrew's past is one reason he is working toward a degree in elementary education. He wants to focus on 6th to 8th grade students, because there was no male figure at school for him during those years.

He believes it is very important for boys of that age to have a strong presence in school to help guide them on the right track. He would like to be a teacher or a counselor, or even a basketball or football coach.



Andrew Russell

For now, his goals are to maintain his 3.0 average, to be supportive of his wife, also a student, and to enjoy quality time with his three young children.

CIT grad earns higher degree WITH CUM LAUDE HONORS

Please join me in celebrating the success of a May 2006 United Tribes Computer Information Technology (CIT) graduate who has earned a higher degree. Kelli Soto (Ojibwa Nation) graduated in March with a Bachelor's Degree from DeVry University, Chicago, IL. Kelli graduated with cum laude honors having earned a GPA 3.5 to 4.0. The UTTC CIT program is proud to have been able to help prepare Kelli for her continued success at a very respectable IT institution. She did all the hard work and deserves all the credit. Congratulations Kelli Soto!

— Jeff McDowell,
CIT Department Chair/Instructor



Kelli Soto at the 2006 UTTC Commencement Ceremony.

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Deadline for arts grants

TRADITIONAL ARTS APPRENTICESHIPS

The application deadline is May 15 for Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grants offered by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The project period is July 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

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Program guidelines: www.nd.gov/arts/folkarts/TAP-grant.html.

Application form: www.nd.gov/arts/folkarts/TAP-app.html.

For more information: ND Council on the Arts at 701-328-7590; tgeist@nd.gov; or visit the web site: www.nd.gov/arts.

Support for the program is provided by ND Council on the Arts, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Funding is contingent on availability of funds.

ONLINE INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Sheri Okland

Sheri Okland is a United Tribes online adjunct instructor. She teaches all the online general education courses. Sheri is very dedicated to her students and UTTC. She provides the tools for the learners to be successful with their online courses.

— **Barbara Archambault, M.Ed., Online Learner Support Service Coordinator, Center for Educational Outreach**

Sheri Okland has been teaching online for United Tribes Technical College since 2005. Prior to that she was an elementary education teacher.



She began her career teaching first grade at Standing Rock Grant School in Fort Yates before moving to UTTC Theodore Jamerson Elementary School where she taught a combination 5th/6th grade classroom.

Sheri and her family moved from Bismarck to Fargo in 2000, where she continued to teach elementary school before obtaining her Master's degree in Educational Leadership with Technology. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Education.

Sheri is an experienced instructional designer and has designed and taught numerous online courses for the past six years. She has presented at regional and national conferences, and frequently conducts presentations for educators about emerging instructional technologies. Sheri has a husband and two children.

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TRAINED AS A DIETITIAN

BISMARCK (UTN) – When Kimberly Rhoades graduates from the University of North Dakota in mid May, she will join the ranks of a very small number of American Indians with formal, university training in the field of nutrition.

“There are more and more Natives trained as nurses but very few as dietitians,” said Rhoades, a member of the Standing Rock Tribe. “I know of only two in the Dakotas.”

It’s not surprising that Kim’s path to this select field began in nursing. She earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Practical Nursing from United Tribes Technical College in 1998. She worked for a hospital in Bismarck, the Indian Health Service in Fort Yates and eventually for the Standing Rock Diabetes Program. That’s where her training and experience started to focus on dietetics. After a short time as a fitness technician, she became the program’s nutrition technician.

“I enjoyed my job and loved to learn new ways and ideas to help improve our people on eating right and staying active,” she said. “In four years at the Diabetes Program, I worked with three dietitians. This is what inspired me to go back to school to receive my Bachelors Degree in Dietetics.”

Stirred to seek more education and training, there was even more motivation for Kim in that members of her family have diabetes. And oddly present in parts of the culture is an almost fatalistic acceptance of diabetes and heart disease as a way of life. It was her hope to do something that helps.

“My father (Elliott Rhoades) often says how important it is for tribal people to get educated and come back home, and in turn, educate and help other people.”

So, it was off to UND in August 2006 with what she called her “little family,” daughter Kenzie Christy and son Justin Jay. It started out as a struggle.

“It was scary going to the big university with 12,000 students. I had lived

on Standing Rock all my life,” she said. “You’re even in the majority when you’re at United Tribes.”

Her nurses training at United Tribes paid off in two important ways. When combined with elective coursework she had taken at Bismarck State College, she transferred to UND as a senior. That was a big leap in her college career, she said.

Still, the coursework was challenging, especially chemistry. She often turned to the staff and students involved in UND’s Indian Programs, headed by Leigh Jeanotte, receiving help from counselors and tutors.

“The challenges are that you have to work hard at not being homesick. You must find a comfort zone. And you must always ask questions and learn what you don’t know.”

As a student in the health field, she joined the Indians Into Medicine Program (INMED), taking part in events and activities. It was like a family for her and she also received help with transportation.

One of the greatest difficulties was finding child care that would fill the times when it wasn’t offered by the university. In evenings, when she often needed to focus long and hard on studying, she received help from friends.

Then her family pitched in to help. In 2007, her parents in Fort Yates took in the children. The kids have stayed with their grandparents for two years and the family has continued to be very supportive. This allowed her to focus on her class work but it didn’t make it any easier being apart.

“I always tried to help them understand that it would benefit everyone in the end. I said that after I finished they would get their mother back and I would be able to earn a living that would support us all.”

As Kim neared the end of her senior year in the UND Dietetics program, the curriculum called for completing an internship. She chose the Bismarck/Burleigh Public Health office where she is supervised by Wanda Agnew, PhD, LRD.

“It is so important that Indian Coun-



Kimberly Rhoades - Tashina Wasté Win (Her Pretty Shawl Woman)

try will soon have one more trained dietitian,” said Agnew, formerly the Land Grant Programs director at United Tribes Technical College. “There are only a very select few in the culture with this training. It was something we had been planning for – to increase the number of professionals in this field.”

Lately Kim has been about the task of sending around her resume and applying for jobs. She would like to locate at Standing Rock or somewhere close (she has a house at Fort Yates). But she is open to getting started and will go where a good job is. It can be anywhere so long as she can be employed as a dietician and gain experience, she said.

“I’m so proud of her,” said Agnew. “I know she will connect and get the kind of employment she deserves and the People need.”

She will become a “Registered Dietitian” after passing the American Dietetic Association testing, which she expects to take in the later part of the summer. Likely places for her to be employed are in schools or hospitals.

“I really hope everything works out,” she said.

The UND graduation is scheduled in Grand Forks for May 16, which is a good day for the field of dietetics in Indian Country and the official day when Kim’s children get their mother back.

Primary Child Restraint Law



The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has amended the Tribal Code of Justice to contain an Infant/Child

Restraint provision as a primary law effective April 13, 2009. There is a one month grace period in which written warnings may be issued for any child passenger violations (see Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice, Title XI-Chapter 2). The grace period ends May 13, 2009.

More Information:

Standing Rock Injury Prevention Program
Le Ray D. Skinner, Coordinator
PO Box D, Fort Yates, ND 58538
701-854-3774

Standing Rock changes child seat belt law

LE RAY D. SKINNER, Standing Rock Injury Prevention Coordinator

FORT YATES – Standing Rock has revised the tribe's child passenger restraint laws. The tribal council has amended the law making it mandatory for all children who are passengers in a motor vehicle to be in an appropriate child restraint device.

The change was made to the highway provisions of the tribe's Code of Justice. It means that Standing Rock has what is known as a "Primary" seat belt law, where motorists may be stopped and cited for that violation. The law was made effective April 13, 2009. There is a 30 day grace period where written warnings may be issued.

The Tribal Council is to be commended for their work to make the reservation safer for children.

The law requires that children up to the age of 17 must be properly secured in a seatbelt or child restraint (car seat, boost-

er or seat belt).

To help select the appropriate child restraint device for a child's age and weight, the Standing Rock Injury Prevention Program offers the following guidelines:

INFANT SEAT: Babies should ride in rear-facing seats until they are at least 1 year old and weigh at least 20 pounds.

TODDLER SEAT: Children who weigh more than 20 pounds and are at least 1 year of age should ride in a forward-facing car seat with harness until they weigh 40 pounds.

BOOSTER SEAT: Children who weigh between 40 and 80 pounds and are less than 4' 9" tall should use a booster seat to position the lap and shoulder belt.

SEAT BELTS: Kids who weigh more than 80 pounds and are more than 4' 9" tall should use a seat belt.

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Scott Davis named Indian Affairs Commission director

PICKED FOR STATE POST BY GOVERNOR HOEVEN

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has named Scott J. Davis (Hunkpapa Lakota/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) as the state's new Indian Affairs Commission Director.

"Scott's focus on education, wellness and youth will serve the Tribes and the State of North Dakota well," Hoeven said in a prepared release. "We look forward to working with him to strengthen our Native American communities and to help ensure that they share in the state's economic growth."

Davis has served in a number of capacities at United Tribes Technical College: as Development Officer, Wellness Activities Coordinator, Facilitator, and Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Wellness Class. He has also served as Culture Committee Chairman and Powwow Committee Member. He has worked with the Student Senate and all campus departments, actively pursuing fundraising efforts in the private sector to advance the programs and activities at UTTC.

Davis worked for the Standing Rock Tribe on environmental quality issues and as a teacher's aide at the Pierre Indian Learning Center and Turtle Mountain Community High School. In addition, he worked as a sales consultant for Northern Documents, a West Fargo company that produces labeling and bar coding products for private and public groups, including Indian Health Services, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal, state and local government agencies.

Davis holds an Associate of Arts degree from Haskell Indian Junior College, a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Mary, and he will graduate in May 2009 with a Master's of Management from the University of Mary.

"I want to thank Governor Hoeven for his confidence in appointing me to this very important liaison position that serves the State and the Tribes of North Dakota," Davis said. "The Governor understands the importance of building government to government relationships with

the North Dakota tribes and the unique circumstances faced by tribal citizens and tribal organizations as we move into the future. I look forward to the continued progress made within the state-tribal relations in recent legislative sessions and in continuing the services that are provided by the ND Indian Affairs Commission to the people of North Dakota"

Davis also thanked the many people who have supported him in the past on projects and programs that have benefited tribal people.

"I deeply appreciate the dedication of Cheryl Kulas for paving the road for Tribal-State initiatives, such as education and the future of our youth. I want to express my sense of honor and humility to have been selected in serving state government and the North Dakota Tribes. I am

very mindful that our tribal leaders serve on the commission's policy making board and that they are the true leaders of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission."

"We also want to thank Cheryl Kulas for her years of service to the State of North Dakota and native people," Hoeven said. "We wish her the very best in her newest endeavors."

Kulas retired from the commission effective April 30. Davis begins on May 1.



Scott J. Davis

UTTC Air Fair promotes 'green' awareness



HANDS ON WORK: Kandi Mossett helped the United Tribes "Green Team" April 14 during an "Air Fair" at the college entrance gate – meaning air as in tire air pressure. Students and staff members checked for proper inflation, a quick and easy way to save money and promote green awareness. The service was FREE but some thankful drivers made a free-will donation to help purchase trees and seeds for campus spring plantings and summer gardens. Mossett is a Tribal Campus Climate Challenge Organizer for the Indigenous Environmental Network; she is based in Bismarck. For more information about empowering Indigenous Nations and communities toward sustainability visit the website www.ienearth.org.

GLOBAL WARMING

BY RYAN MORAN, Tribal Environmental Student

There are many factors that contribute to Global Warming. Global warming is defined as: An increase in the earth's atmospheric and oceanic temperature widely predicted to occur due to an increase in the greenhouse effect resulting especially from pollution.

So I will attempt to answer the question of how one could believe in global warming this winter in North Dakota, when the cold was minus 45 degrees (without wind chill) and records were set for snowfall.

One significant factor in the weather extremes is the oceans temperature. It has increased so drastically that it leads to bigger hurricanes, stronger tornadoes, and greater fluctuations in the wind patterns. Global warming creates precipitation and it also sucks moisture from soil causing drought throughout the world.

Carbon Dioxide emissions are rapidly changing the world's weather. Just as we have seen a decrease in temperature this winter, we will probably have hotter summers in the future. On the other hand,

some experts say that a single year of cold weather in one region of the globe is not an indication of a trend in global climate, which refers to a long term average over the entire planet.

Climate has changed in the past and human societies have survived. But today, 6 billion people depend on a healthy Mother Earth, especially my new born baby girl, Ryan Kae.

How we, as a species, learn to control emissions from the burning of fossil fuels is crucial. Letting global warming continue on the same pattern and waiting to address it later, on emergency basis, *will be too late* and cause destruction all over the world.

Ryan Moran's essay, "Global Warming," was written as a class assignment. General Education Instructor Sherri Toman asked the class to write about the topic: "After living through one of the coldest and snowiest winters in many years, how would you explain Global Warming?"

— Editor

All-Class reunion set for nurses

BY EVELYN ORTH, Practical Nursing Program Director

United Tribes Grads

The UTTC Nursing Program will host an all class reunion in conjunction with the college's 40th Anniversary celebration.

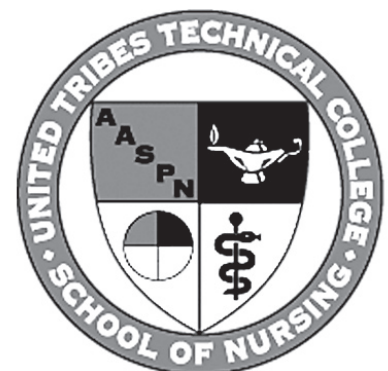
The reunion will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 during the United Tribes International Powwow.

Events will take place from 1 – 5 p.m. in the college's Nursing Department in the main Education Building near the powwow dance arbor.

In preparation for the event, nursing graduates are invited to submit the following information: name, current address and contact information, year of graduation, a summary of your nursing career, and perhaps a memorable story of your education at United Tribes.

All United Tribes nursing graduates are invited. Please help spread the word and let us know if you will attend. The nursing faculty would appreciate attendance information in advance for planning purposes.

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UNITED TRIBES THUNDERBIRDS



Men's Student-Athlete of the Year (UTTC Counseling Department Award) Ryan Moran



Tribal Arts Instructor Butch Thunderhawk presented each of the Lady Thunderbirds with a collage poster of their basketball season that he designed using United Tribes News photos and inspirational quotations.



Women's Student-Athlete of the Year (UTTC Counseling Department Award) Nevada Allen with Counselor Helen Lindgren



The banquet featured speaker was Coach Greg Amundson, Mandan High School Girls Basketball, winner of nine state Class "A" Championships.

Athletic Banquet April 16, 2009 Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center

United Tribes News photos Dennis J. Neumann



Thunderbirds attending the awards banquet, from left, Ryan Moran, Taylor Brushbreaker, Jarvier Bustos, Mitchell Davis, and Rainbow Good Bear. Other player Maurice St. Goddard.



Lady Thunderbirds attending the awards banquet, from left, Carolyn Morrison, Tami Miller, Kami Otter Robe, Sekoya Big Horn, and Nevada Allen. Other players Jenna SkunkCap and Lynda Wolf.

2009 UTTC Preschool Graduates



Back row from left, teacher Claudia Dockter, Verna Alex, Isiah Fisherman, Alyana Montclair, Mahpiya Jackson, Taeden Three Fingers, and teacher Erin Slides Off. Middle row from left, Tristan Redfield, James White Mountain, Jeremiah Medicine Horse, Camden Penny, and Aliyas Lenoir. Front row from left, Josiah Jacobs Jr., Alexandro Aguilar, Lilly Aceves, Paige Kills Plenty, Caleb Cloud, Sheridyn Runs After, and Alena Murray. Not pictured Robert Ward, Terrance Eastman, Kylie Sandoval, Akicita Marshall, and Mika Eagle.

David M. Gipp

Scholarship Fund



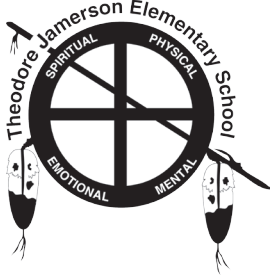
To honor his 30 years as college president, United Tribes has established the David M. Gipp Scholarship Fund as part of the "Opportunities in the Making" Student Scholarship Campaign. With the support of generous individuals and businesses in Bismarck-Mandan, this successful campaign has provided support for the education of 280 students in the past two years. Your contribution to the David M. Gipp Fund will help it grow, providing additional scholarship support. Please take this opportunity to recognize and honor David and help in his life's work.

Send your check to:
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3315 University Drive
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THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY



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AWARDS EARNED IN READING AND MATH

BY BRENDA JECHORT, TJES

Theodore Jamerson Elementary School representative's Sam Azure, Brenda Jechort and Misty Miller recently attended a Bureau of Indian Education Reading First and Math Counts workshop in Phoenix, Az.

At the conclusion of the workshop, an awards ceremony was held honoring progress in reading and math programs at the 65 schools attending the conference.

Theodore Jamerson was nominated for several awards at the ceremony. Awards were received in reading, for making the greatest progress by kindergarten students from the beginning to the middle of the year, sixth grade students were honored with making the most progress in math from the beginning to the middle of the



TJES Grade Six

year, and TJES also received recognition for implementing dual programs, reading and math, with outstanding teamwork.



TJES Kindergarten



TJES Representatives

Bead And Feed Event - Family And Child Education (FACE) Program

BY ANNETTE MUÑOZ-BEYER, FACE Adult Educator

The Fifth Annual Bead and Feed was held March 18 for TJES and FACE families. This event has become an annual event brought to our families through the cooperation of 21st Century and FACE that offers good food and a math and culturally based activity that parents and children can work on together.

Teachers from TJES also donated their time to offer a toddler and baby playroom



while older children worked with their parents in designing and making a beading project. Some of the more popular projects were key chains and bracelets.

The cafeteria provided an excellent meal to the 16 families that attended.

FACE will be celebrating Week of the Young Child April 19–25. An activity calendar will be distributed to all FACE families and families with kids in K–2.

In ELL news from TJES, testing was conducted March 17–3. All 137 students were tested. Results are expected back in early July.

Upcoming Events at TJES include Family Night on April 29, Saturday Shake-Up on April 25 and the summer school session will begin on May 26.



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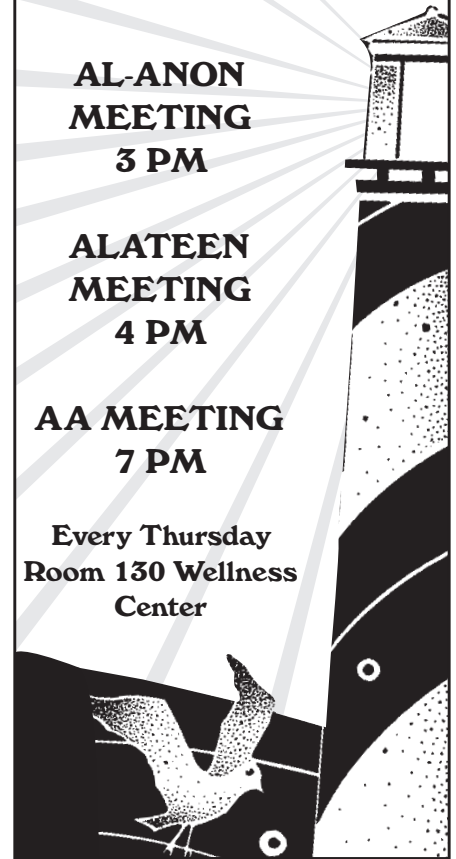
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Tribal Housing Symposium using Energy-Efficient Straw-Bale Design

June 8-9

United Tribes Technical College
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- Build energy efficient reservation housing
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Experts will discuss strategies that offer healthy indoor air quality, use of local building materials, resource efficiency, and economic development opportunities through job training and business development. Tribal government and housing officials, tribal college vocational technology faculty, and representatives of tribal and Indian-owned construction businesses are invited.

Featured Speakers:

Kelly Lerner, Architect, One World Designs
David Eisenberg, Development Center for Appropriate Technology
Laura Bartels, Straw Bale Building Consultant/Instructor, GreenWeaver Inc.

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Intertribal COUP Sustainability in Housing: SGU/UTTC/IEED/AIHEC Train the Trainers Straw Bale Building Program

This Program of courses is offered through the cooperation of the Intertribal COUP, Sinte Gleska University, the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, United Tribes Technical College, and the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, with One World Design, Development Center for Appropriate Technology and GreenWeaver Inc.

Course Registration through Sinte Gleska University

Instructor:

Laura Bartels, GreenWeaver, Inc.
Dates are proposed and being confirmed.
Please contact Bob Gough: gough.bob@gmail.com

Apply Early For Tribal Funding!

In order for students to receive the best possible chance of obtaining tribal funding, we encourage you to Apply Early!

Classroom training assistance includes: tuition & fees, books & supplies, and student subsistence. Applicants seeking participation in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program for classroom training services must complete the following:

WHY APPLY EARLY:

- Deadline dates vary for every tribal funding agency
- Awards are based on availability of funds
- Priority for selection maybe awarded on a first come first serve bases

FUNDING MAY BE DENIED FOR:

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- Acceptance letter from educational institute
- Financial needs analysis (budget) – from financial aid officer
- Semester grades / mid-term grades
- Class schedule
- Criteria submitted may vary for new and returning students
- To ensure application completeness, contact and follow up with funding agency frequently.

To be eligible for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) classroom training assistance, **ALL** students **MUST** apply with home funding agency first.

APPOINTMENTS / QUESTIONS:

The Workforce Investment Act office (WIA) is located in building # 61. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 -5 pm. Call (701) 255-3285 ext.1229 / 1232 for assistance.



AIHEC 2009 STUDENT COMPETITION

March 29 - April 1, 2009, Missoula, Montana

UNITED TRIBES STUDENTS:

Jenna Skunk Cap, Elementary Education; Maurice St. Goddard, Tribal Environmental Science; Emanuel Redbear III, Art/Art Marketing; Stacey Grant, Art/Art Marketing; Tina Curley, Art/Art Marketing; Allison Albers, Community Health; Louise Yazzie, Tribal Environmental Science; Sheena Cain, Early Childhood Education; Nate Dunn, Community Health



UNITED TRIBES COACHES:

Julie Cain, Sonja Cain, Mandy Guinn, Rebekah Olson, and Jen Janecek-Hartman; Bus Drivers: Lonnie White Mountain, Billy Many Bears

ART SHOW:

Emanuel Redbear III 1st Graphic Arts; Stacey Grant 2nd Graphic Arts; Tina Curley 1st Dimensional; Sarah Young Bear-Brown 3rd Contemporary Sculpture



MS AIHEC WINNER:

Jenna Skunk Cap

AIHEC STUDENT CONGRESS WINNER:

Nate Dunn, Midwest Area Rep.

TALENT SHOW PARTICIPANTS:

Sheena Cain, Jenna Skunk Cap

FASHION SHOW:

Sheena Cain 4th Place, Jenna Skunk Cap

SCIENCE POSTERS:

Louise Yazzie; Richard White, former TES student and UTTC Graduate 1st

SCIENCE BOWL:

Allison Albers, Louise Yazzie (Team Captain), Maurice St. Goddard



KNOWLEDGE BOWL:

Allison Albers, Tina Curley, Stacey Grant, Emanuel Redbear III

POWERPOINT:

Jenna Skunk Cap

SPEECH:

Sheena Cain



HAND GAMES:

Jenna Skunk Cap, Maurice St. Goddard, Sheena Cain, Julie Cain, Nate Dunn, Sonja Cain, Stacey Grant and Emmanuel Red Bear

This is the best group of students that I have had the pleasure of accompanying to an AIHEC competition. They played hard, represented UTTC with pride, won and lost gracefully, and carried themselves with dignity. They were fun loving and very proud to represent UTTC, themselves, their vocations, and their families. The coaches and drivers were all very positive, hard working and joined in with the students in supporting each other in competitions. I was proud to say we were UTTC students, faculty, and staff.

— Jen Janecek-Hartman

AIHEC competitors, coaches and advisors were congratulated with a reception in the Healing Room of the UTTC Wellness Center on April 8, 2009.



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United Tribes students in first parents group



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Parents have been involved from the start of Theodore Jamerson Elementary School at United Tribes. Within a year after the school began in 1973, the first parent council was formed, providing adult students with an advisory role in the education of their children at the campus grade school. The group was formed under the Title I of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Parental involvement has continued for 35 years; now TJES has a school board and several program advisory

committees. Seen here in this United Tribes News photo from November 1974 are United Tribes students who were members of the first TJES Parent Council. Seated from left: Herbert Wounded Knee, Elsie Wounded Knee, Corinne Felix, Douglas Archambault, Patricia Little Light and Sharon Morrison. Standing from left: Judy Lilley, James Lilley, Louise Felix, Vivian Hollow, Melvina St. John, Juanita Stands, Zelda Ground, McKinley Ground and Karen Montoya. Members not pictured were Hazel Archambault, Georgina Walks, Aileen Krueger, Jo and Effie Benson, Dolly Bell, and Carol Traversie.