

## Graduation Week Events

**Wednesday, May 2, 2 p.m.**  
**Reception in Honor of David M. Gipp**  
 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as UTTC President  
 Jack Barden Student Life & Technology Center



**Thursday, May 3**  
 9 a.m. Reception ~ UTTC cafeteria  
 10 a.m. Program & Ribbon Cutting  
**Dedication: Family Student Apartment Complex**  
 (see story pg. 5)



**Friday, May 4, 1 p.m.**  
**2007 Commencement Ceremony**  
 Lone Star Arena  
 James Henry Community Gymnasium in case of bad weather  
**Guest Speaker: U. S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan**  
 Reception following ~ UTTC cafeteria  
 (story, program agenda pg. 12)



**All events open to the public**

**United Tribes Technical College**  
 3315 University Drive  
 Bismarck, ND 58504



More information 701-255-3285 or www.uttcc.edu

## David M. Gipp 30 Years



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Chuck Kimberle photo courtesy UND University Relations

A May 2 reception is scheduled at United Tribes Technical College to honor David M. Gipp for 30 years as the college president.

### Reception to Honor College President

BISMARCK (UTN) – A reception marking the 30th anniversary of David M. Gipp as United Tribes Technical College president is set for Wednesday, May 2 beginning at 2 p.m. in the Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center.

The event features entertainment and refreshments, and is open to the public.

Gipp is the third individual to permanently lead the college since its founding by North Dakota tribal leaders in 1969. He was associated with the college in its formative years and began serving as executive director, now president, on May 2, 1977.

His leadership is responsible for building United Tribes into one of the leading tribal colleges in the nation.

Born at Fort Yates, North Dakota, Gipp is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. His Hunkpapa Lakota name translates as Lone Star.

Following his graduation in 1969 from the University of North Dakota with a degree in political science, Gipp was a developmental planner for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. His work helped establish new elementary schools at Little Eagle and Bullhead, SD; a new Standing Rock High School at Fort Yates, ND; and a new community college that eventually became Sitting Bull College.

In 1971 Gipp served in the North Dakota Constitutional Convention, where he was the only American Indian among

# Display Theme: "Protecting The Homeland"



United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) was the only Tribal College represented at the 2007 Agricultural Science & Education Exhibition/Reception on Capitol Hill, "Protecting the Homeland" held February 28, 2007 at the Rayburn Building in Washington, DC. Exhibitors included 1862 Land Grant Colleges, USDA Programs, and other Agricultural and Educational entities.

This event was sponsored by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Through the collaborative effort with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) office in Washington DC, UTTC Land Grant Department and Arrow Graphics a very impressive display was visited by United States Congressional, their representatives, National Program Leaders for USDA and other invited guests.

Dr. Phil Baird, UTTC VP for Academic, Career & Technical Education, Jen Janecek-Hartman, UTTC Tribal Environmental Science Director and Karen M. Paetz, UTTC Land Grant Director maintained the display, handed out informational literature and items while visiting with guests.



## 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!!

## Menu

	Apr. 30 - May 4	May 7 - 11	May 14 - 18	May 21 - 25
<b>M</b>	Pork Chops & Rice	Lasagna & Garlic Toast	<b>M</b> Hot Dog, Chili & Fries	Hot Dog & Mac & Cheese
<b>T</b>	Indian Taco w/ Assorted Toppings	Pizza (Cook's Choice)	<b>T</b> Chicken Burger & Mac & Cheese	Goulash
<b>W</b>	Roast Pork & Mashed Potatoes	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	<b>W</b> Beef Stew & Frybread	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes
<b>T</b>	Hamburger & French Fries	Hamburger & French Fries	<b>T</b> Chicken Stir Fry, Rice & Egg Roll	Pizza Cooks Choice
<b>F</b>	Hard Shell Tacos & Roundabouts	Beef Nachos & Refried Beans	<b>F</b> Taco Salad w/ Assorted Toppings	Spaghetti & Garlic Toast

# The Path of Many Journeys

## *Investing in American Indian higher education offers large dividends*

ALEXANDRIA, VA – A new report from the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) demonstrates that higher education drives economic and social development for all American Indian communities. IHEP collaborated with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) and the American Indian College Fund on the report.

Historically, low numbers of American Indians have pursued higher education. Almost 28% of American Indians age 25 and over had not graduated from high school in 2004, compared with the national average of 15 percent.

However, that is beginning to change. American Indian college enrollment has more than doubled in recent years, according to the report, *The Path of Many Journeys: The Benefits of Higher Education for Native People and Communities*.

The report demonstrates the economic benefits to the graduate, tribal communities, and the entire nation. It also documents less obvious social benefits in areas such as health and civic involvement.

“Entire communities and the nation as a whole benefit from greater higher-education access — thanks to less unemployment, greater productivity, reduced reliance on public assistance, greater civic participation, less crime, and better quality of health, civic life, and social cohesion,” according to Carl C. Dalstrom, USA Funds® president and CEO. USA Funds provided funding for the study.

A person with a bachelor’s degree or higher earns almost four times as much as a person who did not graduate from high school. This is true for American Indians and the U.S. population in general, according to the report.

When asked about their physical health,

American Indian postsecondary graduates were much more likely to describe themselves as healthy than those without a high school degree (88% compared with 73%).

“Educated people tend to be active members of their society and to have greater trust in its institutions. Education promotes social cohesion,” according to Gerald Gipp, executive director of AIHEC. The study quantified civic engagement (who votes) and volunteerism.

Significant barriers to American Indian participating and succeeding in higher education remain, however, including financial, historical, and cultural barriers. More than a third of all American Indian students are 30 years or older, which puts them at risk for dropping out prior to earning a degree. Most (65%) must support themselves and often other family members, compared to a national average for all college students of 50 percent.

Traditional forms of higher education have often been unsuccessful with American Indian populations because of differences in Western and American Indian traditions, pedagogical approaches, and measures of success.

To address these barriers, the report makes several recommendations for investing in higher education for American Indians at both state- and privately-funded universities and at tribal colleges and universities (TCUs). The TCUs serve many of the American Indians now in postsecondary institutions and utilize more culturally suitable pedagogical approaches, curriculum, and measures of success.

The report says the federal government should increase funding for need-based

financial aid programs, federal student support services programs, and early intervention programs. It also makes recommendations for state and tribal governments, mainstream colleges and universities, elementary and secondary systems, and community and philanthropic organizations.

“Increasing the number of American Indian postsecondary graduates will not only assist in their personal development but also contribute to the economic and social welfare of the nation as a whole. However, it will be difficult to reach the goal unless more funds are directed to support systems that have proved effective in the past,” according to the Institute’s President Jamie P. Merisotis.

“Our organizations have worked together over nearly two decades to emphasize the importance of investing in successful educational strategies. This study reinforces the importance of this investment,” said Richard B. Williams, president and CEO of the College Fund.

The Path of Many Journeys report was inspired in part by a nationally acclaimed 2004 study by the Institute entitled *Investing in America’s Future: Why Student Aid Pays Off for Individuals and Society*, which was also partially funded by USA Funds.

The first TCU was established nearly 40 years ago on the Navajo Reservation. Chartered by tribes and located primarily on reservations, the 34 tribal colleges and universities in the United States provide access to higher education for both American Indians and non-Indians.

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**THE EARTH NEEDS YOU • JOIN THE TEAM!**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) needs people and/or groups, on a statewide basis, who are willing to commit their time and talent to conserving and protecting soil, water, and wildlife for their community and everyone in it. The NRCS Plant Materials Center in Bismarck is currently seeking individual volunteers or volunteer groups that would like to assist in the day-to-day activities of the Plant Materials Center. These activities may include office work such as filing, data entry, and assisting in the preparation of large mailings and training projects; assembling seed packets; or outdoor plant center operations which include grounds maintenance, greenhouse activities, and/or field work, such as mowing, weeding, planting and seed harvesting.

More information on the NRCS Earth Team Program and application forms can be found on the North Dakota NRCS Web Site at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers/>. Applications can also be picked up at Bismarck Plant Materials Center, 3308 University Drive. For more information contact Leslie Glass, Secretary, at 701-250-4330 Ext. 6.

# Advisory Board Member Emphasizes Professionalism

By Leah Hamman, Early Childhood Education Instructor

UTTC's Student Education Association was recently honored by a presentation on professionalism by Dr. Ramona Klein, an educational consultant and advisory board member. Dr. Klein urged students to become well-grounded and prepared in their knowledge and skills as future educators.

appearance will contribute to or detract from their effectiveness as teachers, even before they step in front of any classrooms.

Dr. Klein encouraged the pre-service teachers to accept constructive correction from their instructors and use it to improve themselves.

"Someday, you will also pass on the same



Dr. Ramona Klein making a presentation about professionalism to student education association members. UTN photo

Dr. Klein offered SEA members important observations and advice about developing their professional behavior, speech, etiquette, dress, posture, and appearance.

She reminded the pre-service teachers that, "You're always on, before you're on."

In other words...their actions, words, and

type of help to your students," she said.

Dr. Klein's professional development session is the first of several that will be provided to the pre-service teachers by advisory board members on various topics related to education.

## ServSafe® Certification Courses

Sponsored by United Tribes Technical College

The UTTC Land Grant Extension program sponsors this food safety course for experienced food service workers and managers seeking professional certification or recertification with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Examination. The class size is limited to 25. The \$125 fee includes ServSafe® Essentials 4th Edition and exam fee.

For registration information and confirmed dates, times and places contact: Pat Aune, UTTC Extension Food Safety Educator, 701-255-3285 x 1399 or paune@uttc.edu.

<b>UTTC Campus</b>	<b>New Town</b>
<b>June 4-6, 2007</b>	<b>July 17 &amp; 18, 2007</b>
<b>20 hours</b>	<b>16 hours</b>

# START!

## Walking At Work

Start! Walking At Work Day is a nationwide call-to-action for Americans to start living a healthy lifestyle. United Tribes Technical College supported employees in taking that first step in becoming more active by participating in Start! On April 25, employees met outside the Wellness Center at 2:41 p.m. for a 30-minute walk. You can gain two hours of life expectancy for every hour of regular exercise. Walking at 2:41 p.m. highlighted this fact and provided a much-needed afternoon break! More information is available at [www.americanheart.org/start](http://www.americanheart.org/start).

## ASK THE EXPERTS

# Q & A



SuAnn Schmitz  
Nutrition Coordinator

## Why Should I Walk?

Walking is one of the easiest ways to be physically active. You can do it almost anywhere and at any time. Walking is inexpensive. All you need is a pair of shoes with sturdy heel support. Walking will:

- Give you more energy
- Make you feel good
- Help you relax
- Reduce stress
- Help you sleep better
- Tone your muscles
- Help control your appetite
- Increase the number of calories your body uses.

For all these reasons, people have started walking programs. If you would like to be a part of a walking program contact Luanne Perkins at ext. 1384.

Source: U.S Department of Health and Human Services. National Institutes of Health. NIH Publication No. 04-4155 September 2004.



*Do you have a nutrition question? Email it to: [sschmitz@uttc.edu](mailto:sschmitz@uttc.edu). If your question is published in UTN, the Land Grant Department will send you a \$10 grocery gift card.*

## Dedication set for New Apartment Complex

BISMARCK (UTN) – A dedication program for the newly construction \$2.7 million family student apartment complex at United Tribes Technical College is set for Thursday, May 3 beginning at 10 a.m.

The event will highlight the college's self-reliant use of its campus-based labor force to build the project over the past eight months.

the UTTC cafeteria on the south loop of the campus just off Fort Berthold Avenue. Parking is available immediately adjacent to the complex.

The dedication program will include a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the new facility. It will be preceded by a reception beginning at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The college partnered with Raymond



The dedication program on May 3 for the new apartment complex will highlight the work by students and staff members of the UTTC Construction Technology Department. UTN photo

The new, 26,400 square foot facility provides two-bedroom apartments for 24 families and helps address the need for more housing as student enrollment grows.

The college's Construction Technology staff and students completed the building ahead of schedule with only a small amount of assistance from local contractors.

The apartment complex is located near

James Tax Credit Funds, Inc. on a tax credit financing plan that was made possible through the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency. Other support came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (with help from U. S. Senator Kent Conrad), the Otto Bremer Foundation, and UTTC.

## Native HIV-AIDS Awareness Day

By Suzanne Shields, RN, Student Health Center Director

United Tribes Technical College participated March 21 in the first National Native HIV-AIDS Awareness Day. The event was aimed at raising awareness about how the disease affects Native Americans specifically.

Having a national day of observance was the idea of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board.

The UTTC event included information and facts, a skit by members of the student senate, and honoring songs by the Cannon Ball Singers.

## BOOKSTORE NEWS

Hello from all of us at the Bookstore! Stop in and check out our new spring merchandise!

We also carry gift items such as mugs, posters, greeting cards, stationary, shower gels and lotions, watches, and various snack items. Snack items include Microwave Popcorn, Flavored Popcorn, Spicy Trail Mix, Beef Jerky, Beef Sticks, Chocolate Rocks, Saltwater Taffy, and Sunflower Seeds, both shelled and unshelled.

The Bookstore also sells money orders, phone cards for \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00, and we offer faxing at no charge to students.

Accepted payment methods include cash, check, credit or debit card, payroll deduction for eligible employees, and stipend deduction for eligible students.

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# David M. Gipp 30 years... Continued from page 1

the 98 delegates and the youngest. He called it an “once-in-a-lifetime experience” to help rewrite the state’s constitution.

Prior to joining United Tribes, he served as the first executive director of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, Denver, CO.

Working with committed Indian educators from across the country, Gipp was the point-man on a landmark piece of legislation, the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978 that provided federal support to advance the

His record of volunteerism covers all levels of government and non-profit service. He is a past president and board member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; past chair and board member of the American Indian College Fund; past chair of the Education Committee of the National Congress of American Indians; past chair and member of the University of North Dakota Indians Into Medicine Advisory Council; board member of the National Indian Education Association; board member and former chair of the North Dakota

the Dream, Let Freedom Ring” award from the King Federal Holiday Commission.

Other state of North Dakota service includes: North Dakota Workforce Development Council; North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service; and the North Dakota Quarter Design Selection Commission.

He was one of the first appointees to the Bismarck Mayor’s Committee on Human Relations.

Gipp’s mother, Margaret Teachout, and one brother, Robert Gipp, reside at Fort Yates, ND; his brother Gerald Gipp lives in Alexandria, VA.

Following the public reception a dinner will be served to invited guests in the UTTC Cafeteria. For ticket information contact Brad Hawk, UTTC Development Director, 701-255-3285 x 1387 or bhawk@uttc.edu.



David M. Gipp (with pointer) meeting with students in 1980.

nation’s emerging tribal college movement.

His entire professional life has been involved with creating systems and opportunities for tribal people. His contributions in developing tribal higher education were recognized with a Doctorate in Laws, Honoris Causa, from North Dakota State University in 1991.



David M. Gipp and former Governor Art Link.

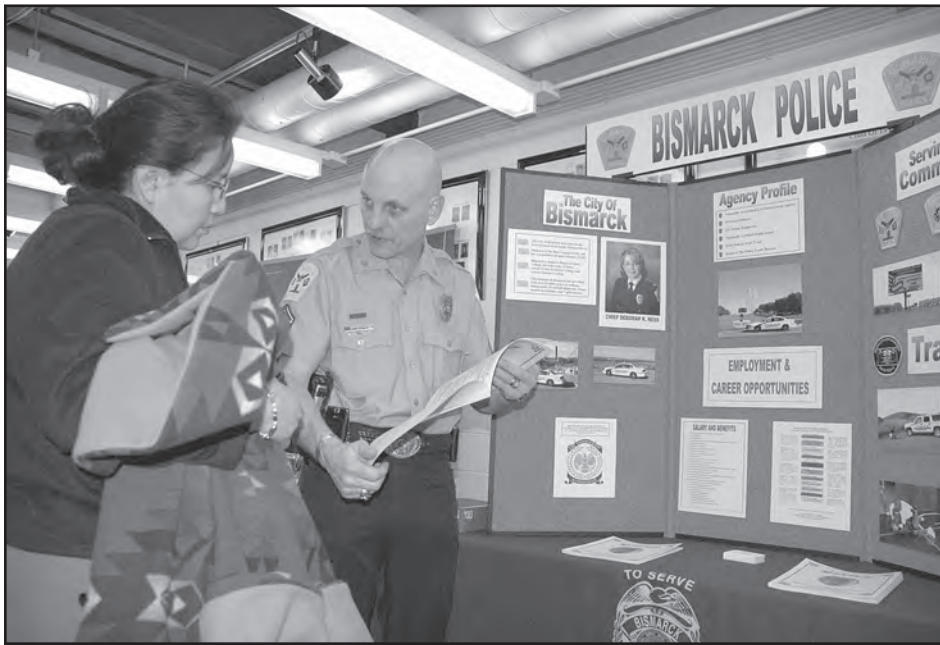
Association of Tribal Colleges; member of the North Dakota P-16 Task Force; member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Budget Advisory Council; member of the IT and Reporting Performance Measure Work Group of the California Indian Manpower Consortium; member of the Native Nations Institute Advisory Council; past member of the U. S. Department of Labor Manpower Advisory Council; past chair of the All Nations Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Advisory Board; member of the Circle of Tribal Advisers Advisory Board to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial; member of the Indian Pride Advisory Board; and member of the Harvard Honoring Nations Advisory Board.

He served as chair of the North Dakota Committee on the Martin Luther King Holiday, which earned him a “Living



UTTC Wellness Center Groundbreaking

# Career fair well attended



**SCOPING IT OUT:** Heidi Benson Everett (Three Affiliated) said she “always wanted to be involved in police work.” That’s why she talked with Sgt. Dwight Offerman about the Bismarck Police Department during the UTTC Career Fair. One hundred thirty students and 22 exhibitors took part in the event on April 4 at the Skill Center. Benson Everett said she went into the military at age 20, later raised a family, and now looks forward to graduating in December from UTTC’s Criminal Justice Program. Law enforcement agencies typically require applicants to take entry-level service exams. Several local agencies have combined their efforts to test for law enforcement, patrol and detention officer positions. The test application is available from Job Service North Dakota or at the city human resource department. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann



**Apply Early For Tribal Funding!**

- 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

**General reasons funding may be denied:**

- Missed deadline date
  - Incomplete files
  - Did not apply
- The Following documents generally required:**
- Acceptance letter from educational institute
  - Financial needs analysis (budget) – from financial aid officer
  - Semester grades / mid-term grades
  - Class schedule
  - 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.

The WIA Office • Building 61  
United Tribes Technical College  
701-255-3285 ext. 1232/1229

## 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:  
David M. Gipp Scholarship  
United Tribes Technical College  
3315 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504

Contact: Brad Hawk  
701-255-3285 x 1387, bhawk@uttcc.edu







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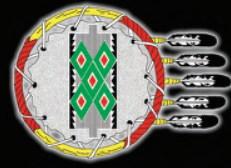


*Miss Indian Nations Pageant*

September 5-8, 2007



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Miss Indian Nations XIV  
Wichita, Kansas



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# Bill introduced for Keeble Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad and colleagues from South Dakota, Senators Johnson and Thune, have introduced legislation that would clear the way for the President to award a long-overdue Medal of Honor to Woodrow Wilson Keeble, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe who fought in World War II and the Korean War.

Dorgan and Conrad said the Pentagon has told them a statute of limitation prevents the President from awarding the medal to Keeble, unless he is specifically authorized by Congress. Their bill would make clear that the President has the authority to give final approval for Keeble's Medal of Honor, which has already received endorsement from the Secretary of the Army and is now due for consideration by the Defense Secretary. Once passed, the bill would clear the way for Keeble's nomination to the President for approval.

On Oct. 20, 1951, Keeble – acting single-handedly and while stricken with multiple wounds – crawled through heavy enemy fire and took out three four-man machine gun bunkers and two trenches of enemy troops and saved the lives of dozens of American soldiers who had been pinned down.

“There is no doubt that Woodrow Wilson Keeble displayed uncommon valor in battle, and no technicality should prevent him from receiving this award,” Dorgan said. “The effort to award him a Medal of Honor has turned into a lengthy process, and I hope this leads the Defense Department to make a decision soon.”

“If anybody deserves this highest recognition, it is Woody Keeble, bravest of the brave,” Senator Conrad said. “Woody dedicated his life to defending our nation and preserving our freedom. For that, our nation owes him a debt of gratitude and should honor him with the Medal of Honor.”

## Diabetes Talking Circle

May 5 • Wellness Center • 12:00 pm

**FREE LUNCH!**

UTTC students, faculty & staff are invited to join Diabetes Talking Circles. This group is open to anyone who has diabetes, has a friend or family member diagnosed with diabetes, or would like to improve their own personal wellness.

Contact SuAnn Schmitz, LRD at 255-3285 x1397

## Leadership Development Institute

*NEW (National Education for Women)*

May 13-17  
NDSU, Fargo, ND

**No cost**

**Scholarships available  
for travel & childcare**

**Credits available**

Intensive five-day residential program to encourage civic and political participation and to provide public leadership training to women who do not already have extensive leadership experience. For women from groups typically under-represented in the political process.

Approximately 40 college and community women will be accepted.

**ACTION ALERT - North Dakota Human Rights Coalition**  
More information and applications: <http://appserv.mnstate.edu/whitede/conference> Deb White at 218-477-2041

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**APRIL  
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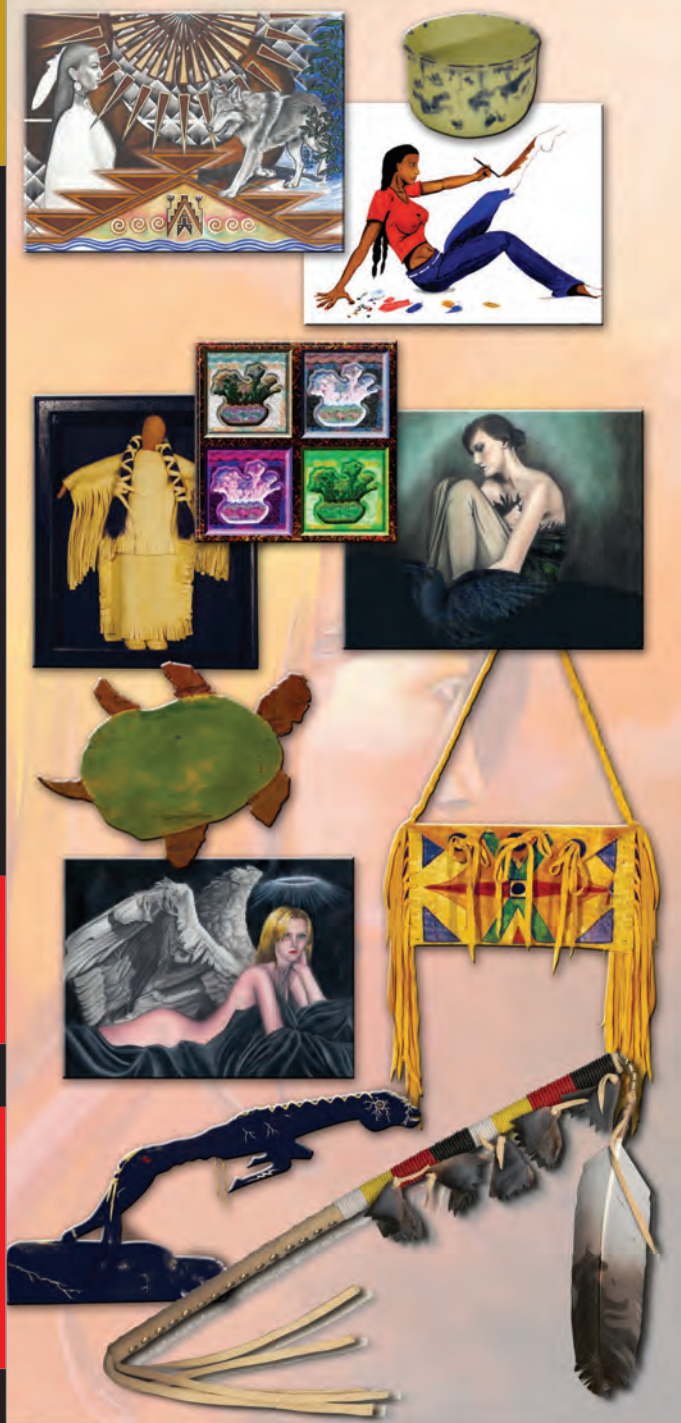
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9TH ANNUAL  
SIDEWALK ART  
THURSDAY APRIL 26  
9 AM - 3 PM  
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AIRBRUSH  
COMPUTER GRAPHICS  
ANIMATION  
PAINTING  
DRAWING  
BEADWORK  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
10 AM - 5 PM



# “From a Silk Cocoon” to air on Public TV

The Emmy Award-winning documentary “From a Silk Cocoon,” is scheduled to air on public television stations across the country in May, including Prairie Public TV in North Dakota.

“From a Silk Cocoon” is the true story of a young Japanese American couple, Shizuko and Itaru Ina, who renounced their American citizenship while held in separate prison camps during World War II.

Itaru Ina was interned for a time at Fort Lincoln, a U. S. Justice Department facility at Bismarck, ND, now the site of United Tribes Technical College.

More than 5,000 Japanese Americans renounced their citizenship and faced frightening and tragic outcomes resulting from wartime hysteria and racial profiling.

Chilling similarities in government decision-making, euphemistic language, and suspension of constitutional and human rights are echoed in today’s post 9/11 America.

Viewer guides and other resources and information are available at the website: [www.fromasilkcocoon.com](http://www.fromasilkcocoon.com). Or contact Kim Ina at 415-566-3487, or [kimina@fromasilkcocoon.com](mailto:kimina@fromasilkcocoon.com).



# Student Senate Serves Interim



**FILLING IN:** Brendan “Peanut” Ironstar, a student at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the UTTC campus, sings an honor song for the group of student leaders sworn into office March 23: President Alycia Madison, Vice President Amber Felix, Secretary Miki Lindeman, Treasurer Naomi Kasto, Historian Edwin White Eagle, and Parliamentarian Steve Raining Bird. The group served on an interim basis until balloting was held April 27 for a slate of officers for 2007-08; results in the next edition. UTN photo

# UTTC Student in Military is Studying from Kentucky

By Lisa Azure, Teacher Education Department Chair

**U**nited Tribes Technical College has an online student who is serving in his tenth year in the military.

Sgt. Judson Elk (Standing Rock) is in the 101 Airborne Division of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. He is in the 7th Battalion Forward Support Company, 159 Combat Aviation Brigade.

Judson’s parents are Curtis and Ellen Elk. His wife, Anjanette (Turtle Mountain) is a UND graduate. Judson’s sister, Dawn Elk, graduated from the UTTC Nursing Program. Judson and his wife have two daughters.

Judson decided that this would be his last year in the military and it would be a good time to go to school. His goal is to be a BIA Police Officer.

Judson is one example of how online learning can serve students well. Judson, and the other 30, or so, online students in the Teacher Education degree programs, are proving that distance, occupation or employment need not be barriers to people who wish to continue their education.

Best wishes to Judson and all those who are earning their place in the future by “working smart” with the new, information age learning technology.



*Because you have shared in their life by your friendship and love, we ask you to join us as we celebrate the Preschool Graduation Friday, the twenty-seventh of April two thousand and seven at ten o'clock in the morning in the James Henry Gymnasium (small gym). There will be a small reception following the graduation ceremony.*

# 2007 Commencement set for May 4

BISMARCK (UTN) – The 2007 commencement ceremony for graduates of United Tribes Technical College is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, May 4 at Lone Star Arena on the college campus in Bismarck.

The ceremony will honor students who have earned Bachelor of Arts and Associate of Applied Science Degrees, and Certificates of Completion in 17 different academic and vocational programs.

The college's 2007 graduates are from 19 different tribal nations from around the country. The graduation motto is: "Our ultimate measure is not where we stand in moments of comfort but where we stand in times of challenge."

North Dakota U. S. Senator Byron Dorgan is the keynote speaker. Dorgan chairs the U. S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee and has been a consistent advocate for American Indian higher education programs and a strong supporter of UTTC.

Also scheduled to speak are tribal leaders from the college's five governing tribes: Three Affiliated Tribes, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

Some graduates completed their course of study at the end of the fall 2006 term. Scholarships and other honors earned by individuals will be announced during the ceremony.

The event concludes the 2006-07 academic year, the college's 38th year serving American Indian students and their families.

A reception at the UTTC cafeteria will follow; family, friends and public are invited to attend.

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

## United Tribes Technical College

*Celebrating 38 Years in Service to American Indian Students and Their Families*

### 2007 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Friday, May 4  
1 pm Lone Star Arena*

<i>Processional</i>	Tatanka Nagi Drum Group
<i>Flag Song</i>	Tatanka Nagi Drum Group
<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	UTTC Color & Honor Guard
<i>Invocation</i>	To Be Announced
<i>Welcome &amp; Introductions</i>	David M. Gipp, UTTC President
<i>Student Addresses</i>	To Be Announced
<i>Scholarship Awards</i>	To Be Announced
<i>Keynote Address</i>	North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan
<i>Presentation of Two-year Degrees &amp; Certificates</i>	To Be Announced
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	David M. Gipp, UTTC President
<i>Benediction</i>	To Be Announced
<i>Honor Song &amp; Recessional</i>	Tatanka Nagi Drum Group

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## Window to Open for FM Radio Filings

The Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission announced April 4 the opening of a filing window for applications for noncommercial educational (NCE) FM new station and major modification construction permits.

The filing window will open on Friday, October 12, 2007, and close on Friday, October 19, 2007. The window is available for FM reserved band (channels 201 – 220) proposals. New applications must be filed electronically on Form 340.


Approximately 180 reserved band NCE FM new or major proposals for which the Commission has not provided an opportunity to file competing applications are currently pending before the Bureau. These non-cut-off applications were paper-filed prior to a filing freeze imposed by the Commission in April 2000. In order to participate in the October 2007 window, applicants must electronically amend these pending applications.

The Bureau will provide additional information about filing procedures and requirements in the next several months. Interested applicants are encouraged to monitor the Audio Division Web Page for information and developments: <http://www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/>.

**UTTC Practical  
Nursing Department**

# NURSE PINNING PROGRAM

**Friday, May 4  
9 am**



**Jack Barden  
Center  
(lower level)**

**Everyone  
Welcome!**

## Indian Land Tenure *Learn the Lingo*

**Decedent:** A deceased person, chiefly used in law.

**Devise:** The act of giving or disposing of real property.

**Devisee:** The person to whom lands are given by will.

**Intestate:** Having made no valid will; or not disposed of by a will.

Learn more: [www.indianlandtenure.org/](http://www.indianlandtenure.org/).

## COMINGS-and-GOINGS

- **KATINA DECOTEAU** has been named acting director of the UTTC Human Resource Department; 701-255-3285 x 1427/1221, [kdecoteau@uttc.edu](mailto:kdecoteau@uttc.edu). She was the department's payroll and benefits specialist.
- **LYMAN "YOGI" VIVIER JR.**, a student in Art-Art Marketing, recently completed an internship with Agency MABU of Bismarck, where he coordinated such projects as graphic design, photo enhancement and animation.

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### TECHNICAL COLLEGE

#### ACT/Compass Testing

June 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
Skills Center - Rm. 111C

All New/Transfer students must take the ACT/Compass test. Exceptions include those students who have taken ACT or ACT/Compass test within the past five years.

Students can also contact Shannon Medicine Horse at 701-255-3285 x1284 to set up an appointment to take the exam. If you cannot make the testing dates above, you may take the exam during Orientation Week August 13-17 at the times listed above.

Testing Times	
9:00 - 11:00 am	11:00 - 1:00 pm
1:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 5:00 pm

## FUNDAMENTALS OF FAIR HOUSING

It is illegal in North Dakota to discriminate in the rental, sale or financing of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status (presence of children), disability, age (40 and over), and/or status with respect to marriage and public assistance.

### FREE WORKSHOPS

For tenants, users of housing services, non-profit organizations and housing providers to learn how to end housing discrimination and what happens when discrimination occurs. Take home materials provided.

<b>May 22 Williston, ND</b> 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Airport International Inn	<b>June 21 Sioux Falls, SD</b> 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Travel Lodge
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**Free to the public but registration is required**  
 Space may be limited - Coffee and soft drinks provided



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## Persona Dolls used to explore diversity

### *Early Childhood Education Teaching*

Story and photos by Leah Hamann, Early Childhood Education Instructor

Susan Twinn (Standing Rock) and Elias Ramirez (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community) represented the UTTC Early Childhood Education vocation at the Missouri Valley Association for the Education of Young Children meeting March 13.



Elias Ramirez presenting to the MVAEYC attendees.



Susan Twinn explaining how persona dolls can be used in the early childhood educational environment.

The two presented a PowerPoint about Persona Dolls followed by an activity which allowed attendees to create their own dolls.

Persona Dolls can be used in the early childhood environment as a non-threatening but very effective tool to initiate discussions regarding diversity topics such as language, gender, socioeconomic status, and ethnicity. The dolls are accompanied by stories that explore diversity.

Using dolls encourages children to identify unique qualities, think critically, share feelings, and develop empathy for others who are different from themselves.

## UTTC to participate in science program

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College has been selected for the National Science Foundation's Model Replication Institutions program.

The selection was announced to Jen Janecek, director of UTTC Tribal Environmental Science Programs, in a March 16 letter from the Institute for Higher Education Policy, Washington, DC.

With the award UTTC joins eight other minority-serving institutions to learn about and implement strategies to increase participation, retention, and graduation for students of color in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

A highlight of the program is the 2007 IHEP Summer Academy, held July 23-27 in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

The other colleges selected are: Alabama A&M University, New York City College of Technology – CUNY, Northwest Indian College, Paine College, Sinte Gleska University, Stillman College, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and Universidad del Turabo.

## Indian Gaming Works in Minnesota

### *Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Donates Over \$18 Million*

PRIOR LAKE – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has released its annual donation report, Indian Gaming: Working for Indian People and Minnesota. The 60-page report details \$18,051,634 in charitable giving made by the Community in fiscal year 2006 to Indian tribes, education and youth programs, and charitable organizations.

“As Dakota people, we have a long tradition of sharing with others so it is impor-

tant for us to give back to the larger community,” said SMSC Chairman Stanley R. Crooks. “Before Indian gaming, our Community had dirt roads and many of us lived in poverty and struggled to survive. Times were hard. Now we are able to help others.”

Over the past several years the SMSC has donated more than \$75 million to charitable organizations and Indian Tribes, including grants to United Tribes Techni-

cal College.

A copy of the 2006 report is available at [www.shakopeedakota.org](http://www.shakopeedakota.org).

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, a federally recognized tribe, owns and operates Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Little Six Casino, Playworks, Dakotah! Sport and Fitness, The Meadows at Mystic Lake Golf Course, and other enterprises on a reservation south of the Twin Cities.

## Lambert Receives Three NDEA Awards

Dawn Lambert (Turtle Mountain), a student in UTTC's Elementary Education and Special Education Bachelor's Programs, earned the unprecedented honor of receiving three awards from the North Dakota Education Association.

At the NDEA Representative Assembly April 14 Lambert received the Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship, the NDEA

Foundation Education Scholarship, and the NDEA Minority Scholarship.

Lambert is the first student NDEA member to receive all three separate scholarships in the same year. She will use the monetary awards for tuition and books for fall semester.

Dawn Lambert (right) is president of the UTTC SNDEA chapter; she is pictured with her three awards with NDEA President Gloria Lokken.



Photo courtesy NDEA.

# AIHEC Student Conference

26th Annual Education Consortium Conference

American Indian Higher Education Consortium

March 24-28 • Rapid City, SD

United Tribes Technical College Awards

**Writing**

Personal Narrative Memoir – Micki Lindeman, 1st, “Eulogy for a Warrior”

**Art Show**

Leather Work – Shirley Anderson, 1st

Miscellaneous – Carol Johnson, 1st

Painting – Lyman Vivier, 1st

Graphics – David Black Cloud, 1st

Sculpture – Charlie Anderson, 1st

Painting – Bethany Drapeau, 2nd

Pottery – Bethany Drapeau, 2nd

Leather Work – Autumn Elm, 3rd

Dimensional Work – Lyman Vivier, 3rd

Miscellaneous – Cante Skuya Hall One Feather, 3rd

Pottery – Phillip Grider, 3rd

**UTTC STUDENT TRAVELING TEAM:** Alexa Azure, Florine Burning Breast, Ron Campbell, Steve Raining Bird, Eli Ramirez, Micki Lindeman, Naomi Kasto, Elisha Yellow Thunder, Jeremy Pettigrew, Louise Uses Knife, Amber Felix, Michon Gwin, Alycia Madison, Edwin White Eagle, Autumn Elm, Sheena Cain, Shirley Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Sylvester Thomas, and Glen Fox.

**UTTC STAFF and ADVISERS:** Suzanne Shields, Julie Cain, Janet Benson, Lowell Little Eagle, Vince Schanandore, and Mike Collins.



United Tribes contingent in Tribal College Parade of Flags.



UTTC advisers Julie Cain and Suzanne Shields at the awards banquet.



Sculpture – Charlie Anderson, 1st



Leather Work – Shirley Anderson, 1st



Personal Narrative Memoir – Micki Lindeman, 1st



Leather Work – Autumn Elm, 3rd



Outgoing AIHEC Student Congress – Naomi Kasto



Student participants at the awards banquet, from left, Michon Gwin, Alycia Madison, and Edwin White Eagle.

UTN photos Julie Cain

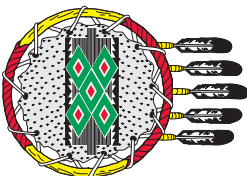
# New Eagle Sculpture Design



**PITCHED PROPOSAL:** A design for the next eagle sculpture in Bismarck was presented to the Bismarck Park District Board of Directors. "Rising Eagle" a 20 foot diameter installation in Bismarck's Pioneer Park, could be the next cooperative project between the park district and United Tribes Technical College Art-Art Marketing students, if approved by the board. Presenting the idea April 12 were, from left, student David Black Cloud, instructor Wayne Pruse, and students Martha Garreau and Bethany Drapeau. Art/Art Marketing photo Josie Redday

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