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United Tribes economic impact is \$31.8 million



Photo: Dennis J. Neumann

In January, Practical Nursing students were among the first to take classes in the college's newly constructed science and technology building.

Tribal College brings millions of dollars into local economy

BISMARCK (UTN) – Having a tribal college in the community means millions of dollars for the economy of Bismarck-Mandan, according to an new economic study.

The total direct impact was \$31.8 million last year, according to the study “The Economic Impact of United Tribes Technical College on the Economy of the Bismarck/Mandan, ND Area,” published by the college in January.

“This is a substantial amount of economic activity coming from one organization,” said David M. Gipp, United Tribes president. “It underscores the significance of our role in the community and emphasizes our value as an input in the Bismarck-Mandan economy.”

The economic impact generated by United Tribes during FY 2010 came primarily from external sources in the form of feder-

al grants and student financial aid. All are considered new dollars coming into the local and state economy.

With a 2009-10 enrollment of 1,762 students, United Tribes is the third largest of the nation's three dozen tribal colleges and universities, the study said. The college began offering vocational training programs for American Indian students and their

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UNITED TRIBES SPRING BREAK MARCH 7-11, 2011

Congressman Berg meets with ND tribal leaders



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MAKING CONNECTIONS: Spirit Lake Tribal Chair Myra Pearson exchanges information with North Dakota Congressman Rick Berg January 29 in Bismarck. Pearson and other North Dakota tribal leaders expressed their concerns and needs to the new congressman during a meeting at United Tribes Technical College. When Pearson commented about the rising waters of Devils Lake, Berg said it was vital to get water off the lake. "It has to be a cooperative effort of a lot of people," he said. One of Berg's assignments in Congress is on the House Ways and Means Committee.



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Principal KODA had accepted the academic challenge. Although it wasn't the North Dakota State Assessment.



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Hey, a winner doesn't celebrate until AFTER the tests are scored. Right?

Kaine... Benny the RezDog doesn't do victory laps. That's a victory "drag". Got Worms?

SCRITCH! SCRITCH!

Sunday Success Story

By Nathan S. Stratton, UTTC Associate VP Enrollment Mgmt & Student Finance, NDASFAA President

Another College Goal Sunday has passed and I never cease to be amazed and gratified by the turnout of families and volunteers who fill out FAFSAs early in the year.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It's the form used to determine eligibility for student financial aid, including Pell grants and work-study programs. The paperwork can be complicated and time-consuming. So, on College Goal Sunday - usually a week or two after Super Bowl Sunday - volunteers give freely of their time and expertise to help students and families fill out and submit the forms.

Here we were, on Sunday, February 13, in the midst of another snowy winter, and hundreds of families and dozens of volunteers turned out across North Dakota to perform the very important work of helping young people plan ahead for their higher education.

North Dakota volunteers gathered at 11 sites. Before the afternoon was over, between 400 and 500 families were assisted. All five tribal colleges in North Dakota hosted events, as well as five colleges in the ND University System and a high school.

It was pretty exciting.

I am always amazed by the service that dedicated volunteers put in. These are financial aid professionals, TRIO staffers, and school counselors. They come from the private and public sectors to make this effort a success year after year. They have braved



Volunteer Michelle Fox of United Tribes advises Brandi Davidson and her mother Lisa, Mandan, in the college's Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center. Fifty-one families were assisted with their FAFSA applications at UTTC on College Goal Sunday.

blizzards and bone-chilling cold to meet students and their families and help answer basic questions that we know can be daunting.

After College Goal Sunday is over, there's more that goes on every day in the work of financial aid professionals. The success of their outreach and service largely determines who gains access to higher education.

In places like North Dakota, where we have one of the highest high school graduation rates in the country, it may seem like the job is routine. But there is still plenty of college access work to do.

There are huge disparities in high school and college graduation rates for minority students and students in lower economic brackets. While we can't solve those problems alone, student financial aid professional must know they exist and that more work is needed.

College Goal Sunday 2011 is over but you can be sure there will be an examination of our programs to strengthen our outreach efforts and consider how we can embrace the challenge of college access and success for all students.

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Bremer Bank, Grand Forks North Dakota College Access Network, Wells Fargo

Participating North Dakota Colleges:

Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt
United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck
Dickinson State University
Skills & Technology Training Center, Fargo
Candeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten
Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates

Grafton High School
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks
Minot State University
Fort Berthold Community College, New Town
Williston State College

More information about student financial aid at United Tribes, contact Allison Davis 701-255-3285 x 1700, adavis@uttc.edu

STUDENT FOCUS:

By Nathan Stratton, Associate VP Enrollment Mgmt. & Student Finance

Kara Four Bear Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Student Kara Four Bear is from South Dakota and the mother of two children. She is currently completing an AAS degree at United Tribes Technical College and, at the same time, earning a BS in Elementary Education through a collaborative program with Sinte Gleska University, a tribally controlled university in South Dakota.

Kara describes her educational journey as a non-traditional student like this:

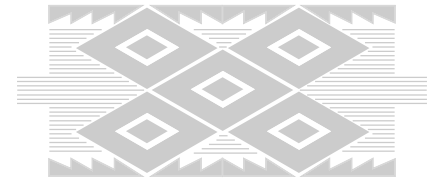
"I have thrived in the culturally relevant and supportive environment that United Tribes Technical College provides. I have been afforded the opportunity to not only become a knowledgeable and capable professional, but have been provided with other educational opportunities to further enhance my leadership and organizational skills."



Kara is currently researching Master's and Doctorate programs to continue her education. As soon as she finishes, she hopes to return home to teach elementary school and find other ways to contribute.

In her words, she seeks "to make a positive difference for Native Americans through education."

United Tribes



Technical College

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.

United Tribes Governing Board

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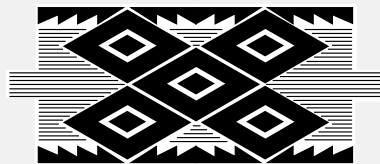
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United Tribes Technical College SPRING TERM 2011 ENROLLMENT



724 Total Undergraduate Student Enrollment
52% increase from Spring 2010 enrollment of 476

UTTC's undergraduate degree-seeking students increased to 566, and new programs added an additional 158 students participating in undergraduate continuing education and professional development coursework. These numbers are reflective of the college's recent trend of aggressive growth and increased outreach to the Bismarck-Mandan community.

– Nathan S. Stratton, UTTC Associate VP Enrollment Mgmt & Student Finance

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

United Tribes Technical College recognizes its responsibility for making reasonable accommodations to ensure there is no discrimination on the basis of a disability as established under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable support services, accommodations, and appropriate referrals are coordinated through the office of Disability Support Services.

The UTTC office of Disability Support Services is a resource for all UTTC Students with a documented disability from a licensed professional and is committed towards supporting the student in accessing all UTTC Academic Programs. The DSS office collaborates in assessing students' needs and provides appropriate reasonable accommodations in a timely manner.

UTTC Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment and visit with the Disability Support Services Coordinator in promoting self advocacy towards Academic Success within the United Tribes Technical College community.



DSS COORDINATOR:

Tammy Kelsch

Jack Barden Center • Room 215

701-255-3285 x 1465

Fax: 701-224-7230

First GED Awarded to FACE Student

By Annette Muñoz-Beyer, FACE Adult Educator

Trevin Iron Road was the first recipient from the TJES FACE program to earn his North Dakota GED High School Diploma.

The FACE program is a family literacy program located on the United Tribes campus. Family members enroll with children, ages prenatal to seven.

Trevin was enrolled with his niece Anahla Knife, under the Home Base program. Trevin and Anahla were served by parent educator Bernadette Dauenhauer.

The Home Base program is served by two parent educators who offer home visits for parents of prenatal through three-year-olds.

The Center Base portion of the program is located at Building 36 on campus and offers a preschool for children ages 3 – 5 and an Adult Education program for adults wanting to work towards their GED, work on job skills training, or to receive support as they pursue their college degrees.



Trevin Iron Road

For more information about these services, please contact me, Annette Muñoz-Beyer, Adult Educator, FACE, 701-255-3285 x 1541.

A promotional graphic for the Youth Forward Contest. At the top left is a thumbs-up icon with the word "Like" next to it. Below this is the "Youth FORWARD" logo, where "Youth" is in a cursive font and "FORWARD" is in a bold, sans-serif font with a play button icon. To the right, the word "CONTEST" is written in large, bold, white letters on a dark background. Below this, a checkmark icon is followed by the text "Tell us how North Dakota can help you grow and succeed & YOU CAN WIN PRIZES!". At the bottom, it says "visit us on Facebook for more info" above a Facebook "f" logo and the text "/ND Youth Forward". The website address "www.ndyouthforward.com" is at the bottom left, and social media icons for YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter are at the bottom right. The background of the graphic is a collage of photos showing people in various settings.

CAMPUS WELLNESS PROGRAM

"Just Move It"

Nutrition & Fitness Program
Healing Room

Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center

Each Tuesday through April 26, students, staff and faculty are encouraged to participate in "Just Move It," the Nutrition and Fitness Program.

Nutrition and Wellness topics, exercise activities and a check-in for measurements and weight changes are included in 30 minute sessions with additional time for walking or exercising.

Walking Club Through April 26

*Walking in the gym during cold weather; Treadmills count towards miles walked.

20 laps in large gym = 1 mile

*Must sign in to keep track of miles
Group Walks (weather permitting)
Meet in front of Wellness Center:
12 to 12:30 p.m. and 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball League Through April 27

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The United Tribes Domestic Violence program partners with the Abused Adult Resource Center. Their hours are 8-4, M - F. 701-222-8370. After hours 1-866-341-7009.

STAY SAFE, STAY ALIVE.
UTTC respects your privacy and confidentiality.

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Julie Beston Sage,
Domestic Violence Advocate
United Tribes Technical College

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SHARING OUR STORIES

United Tribes Technical College Self-Study

Criterion Five: Engagement & Service

As called for by its mission,
the organization identifies its
constituencies and serves them
in ways both value.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 2011

- TBA Great Plains Indian Gaming Conference, Prairie Knights Casino, Information: 701-255-9275, gpiga@gpiga.com, www.gpiga.com
- 3/8 – 3/9 NIGA Winter Legislative Summit, Washington, D.C., www.indiangaming.org
- 3/14 – 3/17 RES 2011, Las Vegas, NV, www.ncaied.org
- 3/15 – 3/17 BIA/Tribal Interior Budget Council (TBIC) formerly (TBAC), GPTCA Representatives: President Rodney Bordeaux and Chairman Michael Jandreau

April 2011

- 4/3 – 4/6 NIGA Annual Conference & Trade Show, Phoenix, AZ, www.indiangaming.org
- 4/8 – 4/12 Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, www.ncahlc.org
- 4/16 – 4/18 2011 AIHEC Student Conference, Bismarck, ND, www.sittingbull.edu



United Tribes Technical College *Academic Calendar*

- Feb. 28 – March 4 *Mid-Term Exams*
- March 7 – 11 *Spring Break*
- March 18 *Last Day to Drop a UTTC Class*
- March 23 *College Career Fair*

SOUND CONTRACTOR PROPOSALS SOUGHT

United Tribes International Powwow

The United Tribes Powwow Committee seeks written proposals from sound contractors for the 2011 United Tribes International Powwow. A sound contractor will be selected to perform work-for-hire during and throughout the 42nd Annual United Tribes International Powwow at Lone Star Arena on the campus of United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, North Dakota, from September 8-11, 2011.

The sound contractor will: Operate the college's powwow sound system for best audio results for the audience and equipment safety; Provide for and supervise microphone handlers during the entire event; Make state-of-the-art, digital audio recordings of the powwow in its entirety on the contractor's equipment; and Supply the college with the digitized recordings at or before the end of the powwow event. United Tribes will provide lodging, powwow entry passes, sound contractor credit in powwow publications and recordings, and the agreed-upon fee for the services rendered. All recordings will be the sole property of United Tribes.

Proposals should include: Name and Contact information (including e-mail); Tribal affiliation; Description of contractor's sound and recording equipment; Fee requirement for (1) sound system operation and (2) audio recording; Listing of previous powwow sound contracting work; and Names and contact information for three references.

Submit proposals to: United Tribes Powwow Committee, % Office of Public Information, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504. E-mail proposals will be accepted: opi@uttc.edu.



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Supplemental Instruction Offered

By Glen Philbrick, United Tribes Retention Coordinator

United Tribes is now offering Supplemental Instruction in selected courses. SI involves a series of weekly review sessions for students enrolled in courses that are often considered difficult. SI is suitable for any student with the desire to improve their grade and understanding of the course material.

Student To Student Process

Here's how it works. Instructors have the names of students who excel in a course and who are good at sharing what they know with others. These are the SI leaders. They have received training and they will make themselves available to attend a class and know what material to cover.

SI is not tutoring despite being called tutoring. SI assists students in developing strategies for learning in all courses.

SI sessions involve a good deal of group activity because students tend to learn more through peer interaction. Study groups make a huge difference in learning and in retaining information.

Ask your instructor which courses are involved with SI, or contact me for more information: Glen Philbrick, gphilbrick@uttc.edu, 255-3285 x 1342.

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National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect

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Emergency Notification System

By Bill Wuolu, United Tribes Safety Director

The general safety and welfare of students, staff, faculty and visitors is the top priority at United Tribes. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that UTTC has updated our Emergency Notification System (ENS). During an actual emergency UTTC will be able to contact students, employees, and parents.

The updated ENS is designed to send emergency messages to enrolled campus members (students, staff, faculty & parents with children enrolled in TJES) via cellular (text) messages, telephone and/or e-mail, along with the current campus computer pop-ups & phone calls, when circumstances dictate.

In the event of an actual emergency you will receive a message that briefly explains what has happened; at that time go to <http://www.uttc.edu> for updates & more information of what to do.

To ensure that this system is operating properly, and that the message is getting out, we test on a monthly basis: the last Friday of every month. For whatever mode(s) of communication that you register for, you will receive these test messages, all other messages will be emergency notifications:

REGISTRATION

1. Enrollment available to all students, staff and faculty of UTTC, and parents of TJES students, free of charge
2. In order to receive ENS messages, members of UTTC community must enroll and provide contact information indicating by what means they would like to be notified in case of an emergency.
 - Personal information will be exempt
 - ONLY land line phone numbers, cellular phones and e-mail will be subject to disclosure for emergency contact

• Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) any student information for the purpose of emergency notification system shall be disclosed only for this reason.

3. A message will be sent out via the college's phone/text message/e-mail.
4. New employees will be provided with the option to enroll upon day of hire.
5. A specific date will be given to each enrolled member to update their information at the beginning of each new semester. At the end of each semester we will be deleting the current list of enrolled members and you will be asked to re-enroll at the beginning of the next semester.
6. All members will have the choice to opt out in a timely manner. To do so please contact me by email bwuolu@uttc.edu
7. All student/staff/faculty are highly encouraged to participate in the **Emergency Notification System**.

You will be able to register by following this link: <http://www.uttc.edu/ens/> or by entering the address into your web browser. You can also find a quick link to the page on <http://www.uttc.edu> in the link section, located in the bottom left of the main page, under Emergency Notification System. Once there, choose the media by which you receive your messages; you may choose more than one, but will need to register for each individually.

Feel free to contact me with any questions: Bill Wuolu, United Tribes Safety Director, 701-255-3285 x 1600; DID: 701-530-0655; Cell: 701-425-2371; e-mail bwuolu@uttc.edu.

Resolutions

United Tribes of North Dakota

Passed January 29, 2011

UTND Resolution No. 11-01-01: Expresses support for full funding for Indian programs in 112th Congress and opposition to cuts in programs benefitting American Indians and Tribes.

UTND Resolution No. 11-01-02: Authorizes a grant application to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development Rural Innovation Fund for reservation housing.

UTTC Resolution No. 11-01-03: Expresses continued and renewed support for locating an Indian Law Enforcement Training Center at United Tribes Technical College; to amend the law enforcement training MOU and request additional funding.

More information:

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Training curriculum references and materials provided by Native Wellness Institute

Tribal-related Legislation

2011 North Dakota Legislature

HB 1003 Higher Ed funding, contains appropriation to Tribal Colleges for non-beneficiary students, heard in House Approps Committee

HB 1005 Indian Affairs Commission appropriation: heard in Approps Committee

HB 1049 Tribal and State Relations Committee; DPI study to provide for reports to the legislature. 2/08 reported out of committee with do pass as amended

HB 1128 Creating state career and tech ed. commission, heard in House Ed. Comm., amended, voted out do not pass 15-0

HB 1198 New allocation to counties of a portion of the state's share of oil and gas gross production tax revenues from production within the Fort Berthold Reservation; to provide for retroactive application; 2/08 reported back, do not pass

HB 1208, 1263 & 1257 UND logo bills heard in House Ed. Comm.

HB 1268 Allocation between counties and the state general fund of oil and gas gross production tax revenues from production within the Fort Berthold Reservation; 2/08 reported back do pass.

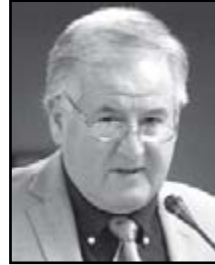
HB 1363 funding for non-beneficiary students at tribal colleges; heard in House Ed Comm., reported out due pass 15-0, re-referred to Appropriations

HCR 3004 To direct the legislature to study Indian education issues, including a fair and equitable allocation of all state and federal educational funding; Sponsor(s): 02/08 reported back do not pass

SB 2204 No funding for Northern Plains Heritage area; heard in Sen. Ag. Comm.

SB 2051 Relating to enhanced penalties for conviction of discrimination in public places, aggravated assault, and harassment involving a hate crime; 2/01 second reading in Senate, failed to pass, yeas 10 nays 37

SB 2052 Relating to an enhanced penalty for conviction of criminal mischief involving a hate crime; 2/02 Second reading in Senate, failed to pass, yeas 2 nays 44



DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

LEADING VOICES: North Dakota's Tribal College presidents have continued their tradition of attending the legislature to provide information during hearings on HB 1363, funding non-beneficiary students at tribal colleges. Before the House Education Committee on January 24, from top left, were Dr. Laurel Vermillion, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates; Dr. Jim Davis, Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt; Dr. Cynthia Lindquist, Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten; and Dr. David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck.

SB 2053 Relating to extension and duties of the committee on tribal and state relations; 1/25 Second reading, passed, yeas 47 nays 0; 1/26 House received from Senate

SB 2130 Appropriation for a director of Indian education in DPI; heard in Sen. Ed. Comm; amended, reported out due pass 7-0; appropriation reduced; re-referred to Appropriation Committee

SB 2208 Relating to the income tax exemption applying to qualifying reservation residents; 2/03 second reading, passed, yeas 45 nays 0; 2/04 House received from Senate

SB 2234 Enacts state statute that requires Federal govt. to make no designation of Federal lands in North Dakota, heard in Sen. Natural Resources Comm.

SB 2339 Appropriation for native language preservation, heard in Sen. Approp. Comm.

SB 2348 Amends tax agreement with Three Affiliated Tribes regarding oil taxes allowing 80-20 split, heard in Sen. Natural Resources Comm.

SB 2353 Tribal-state political subdivision cooperation; heard in Sen. Govt. Veterans Affairs Comm.

SB 2359 Requires at least one polling place on reservation for mail ballot elections, heard in Sen. Judiciary Comm.

SCR 4012 Resolution directing a legislative study of feasibility and desirability of placing the entire Fort Berthold Reservation in a single public health unit; referred to Sen. Human Svcs. Comm.

SCR 4021 Resolution directing a legislative study of feasibility and desirability of developing a strategic partnership between the State Tourism Division and corresponding tribal tourism departments or tourism alliances to promote ND tourism.

For the latest status on bills visit the North Dakota Legislature's website and find this link: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/62-2011/leginfo/bills-res-jour/index.html>

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Call for Manuscripts

American Journal of Education

Special Issue: "Leadership in American Indian & Alaska Native Education: Opportunities and Challenges"

Inviting the submission of manuscripts that provide an overview of current issues and trends impacting school leadership (K-12) as it relates to the education of American Indian and Alaska Native students. Manuscripts should address one of three themes: (1) a critical and in-depth discussion and analysis of the impact of the self-determination movement of the 1960s on the field of Indian education over the past 40 years, (2) conceptual and theoretical manuscripts that address current educational policies and practices, as well as pose recommendations for future research in the field of Indian education, and (3) empirical research involving American Indian and Alaska Native students in public schools, as well as those attending schools operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education and tribes.

A particular interest in manuscripts that incorporate both western and Indigenous ways of knowing as related to the study and practice of educational leadership.

Prospective authors asked to submit a 1,000-word overview for consideration by the guest editors and the editorial review board. Manuscripts should be received no later than April 15, 2011 and can be submitted electronically to: <http://www.editorial-manager.com/aje/default.asp>

More Information: Susan C. Faircloth, Pennsylvania State University, 814-863-3775, scf2@psu.edu

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- Application forms available at www.freedomforumdiversity.org.
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AJI graduates compete for six-week paid internships as reporters, copy editors, photographers and multimedia journalists in daily newsrooms and with The Associated Press. The internships begin about July 1.

APPLY NOW:

Deadline is March 1, 2011

Funded by the Freedom Forum; promoting employment diversity in America's newsrooms

Al Neuharth Media Center, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069

More Info:

Janine Harris jharris@freedomforum.org, 605/677-5424

WE Rise: Women Empowered

2nd Legislative
Women's Lobby Day
Monday, March 14, 2011

Women from across the state will converge at the epicenter of our state's legislative activity, the State Capitol in Bismarck, for behind the scenes insight, meetings with lawmakers, and training about how to lobby and lobbying.

- Fewer than 15% of state lawmakers are women
- Laws are made every day that affect our lives and the lives of our families
- Time for women to unite and have their voices heard

FOCAL ISSUES:

Freedom from Violence
Economic Security
Reproductive Health
Education

Learn about the process and remove the intimidation factor, participate, carry your enthusiasm home to other women in your lives, and seize the opportunity to say "represent me."

A Transforming Experience

Contacts:

Renee Stromme,

ND Women's Network, 701-226-1116

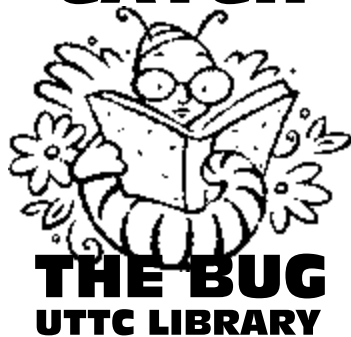
Amy Jacobson, Planned Parenthood,

701-526-4858

Detailed information: www.standupnd.org



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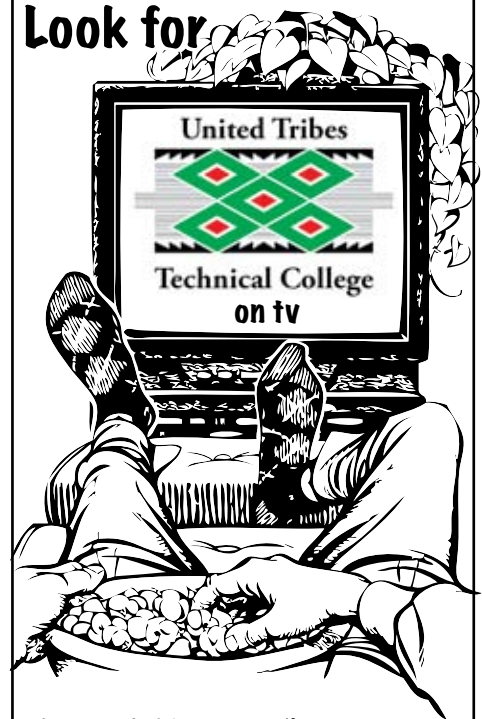
West Main Floor
Education Building

Hours: Monday - Friday
8 am - 5 pm

Books, Journals, Magazines,
Newspapers, Online Database,
Reference, Fax, Internet Access,
Photocopies, Interlibrary Loan

www.infolynx.org

Look for



Mon @ 6:30 p.m. & Thurs @ 5 p.m.
Dakota Media Access 12
Bis/Man Cable TV Channel 12

MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

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.



Cool drinks, breakfasts,
lunches (with daily specials)

Soups, sandwiches,
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or delivery

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Jack Barden Center, Lower Level
United Tribes Technical College

Help for an unhealthy public

*March is National
Nutrition Month®*



By Jill Keith, Registered Dietitian, Nutrition and Foodservice Instructor

New Dietary Guidelines Released

Too many Americans are overweight and obese. In the U.S., 34 percent of adults are obese and 32 percent are overweight. Obesity rates in children have tripled since the 1970s. Up to 18 percent of kids between 12 and 19 are considered obese. Obese children and adolescents are more likely to become obese adults.

Obesity contributes to many health problems, including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, heart disease, stroke, gallbladder disease, sleep apnea and respiratory problems, osteoarthritis, and some types of cancer.

With the majority of the country's adults identified as either overweight or obese, and the numbers of children struggling with overweight and obesity rising, the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans provide timely recommendations to address an unhealthy public.

Healthy nutrition and physical activity are essential components for managing weight. Poor diet and physical inactivity are also linked to major causes of illness and death.

The new Dietary Guidelines, released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are the first to address an unhealthy public. The sobering statistics related to the health and weight of adults and children in our nation make the guidelines especially urgent for consumers as well as health professionals.

The 2010 Dietary Guidelines recommend a shift in our eating habits. Key recommendations are:

1. Balancing Calories To Manage Weight Prevent/Reduce Obesity Through Improved Eating & Physical Activity

- Control total calorie intake
- Increase physical activity

2. Foods & Nutrients to Increase

- Whole grains (wheat bread, brown rice, whole wheat noodles/tortillas, oatmeal)
- Vegetables (aim for a variety of colors to enrich your nutrient intake)
- Fruits (choose fresh or frozen and select 100% fruit juice instead of other beverages)
- Low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt and cheese OR fortified soy beverages
- Vegetable oils such as canola, corn, olive, peanut, and soybean
- Seafood

3. Foods & Food Components to Reduce

- Added sugars (pop, candy, sweets)
- Solid fats, including trans fats (butter, margarine, lard, convenience foods, desserts)
- Refined grains (white bread, sugary cereals, rolls, buns)
- Sodium (table salt, snack foods, canned foods, convenience products)

4. Building Healthy Eating Patterns

- Focus on nutrient dense foods (whole grains, fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, lean meats)
- Remember that beverages count (avoid high calorie/high sugar drinks like pop, energy drinks, sports drinks, coffee/cappuccino drinks, and alcohol)
- Follow food safety principles

5. Helping Americans Make Healthy Choices

- Ensure that everyone has access to nutritious foods and physical activity
- Facilitate individual behavior change
- Set the stage for lifelong healthy eating, physical activity, and weight management behaviors (try to create a healthy environment at your workplace, in your home, and with your family)

While the prospect of changing the health and eating habits of a nation can be overwhelming, remember that the first change begins with YOU! Make healthy changes for yourself and be a role model to your children so that we can improve the health of our nation.

UTTC students and staff have many resources available to help make healthy lifestyle choices. The Nutrition & Foodservice vocation, as well as Land Grant Extension, have nutrition experts to assist with healthy diet choices and meal planning. The Strengthening Lifestyles program has activities and events that promote wellness as well as a Wellness Center to promote physical activity. Use the resources that are available to you as a benefit of being a part of the UTTC community!

Sources: American Dietetic Association. www.eatright.org; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). www.cdc.gov; Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010. www.dietaryguidelines.gov

New Cafeteria Kick-Off

The newly remodeled United Tribes cafeteria celebrates

National Nutrition Month

in March with a consumer and client
information fair in the cafeteria!

March 21–25, 2011

Each day from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Information Booth with Food & Nutrition Experts

New Cafeteria Menu

New Catering Menu

Cafeteria Facts

Health and Wellness Information

Appearances by the UTTC Fruit and Veggies Characters

Say 'Hello' to new Cafeteria Manager Curt Wellington

Take a Survey about the Cafeteria

Enter the Naming Contest for the new Cafeteria

Please Join In and Check Out the Newly Remodeled Cafeteria!



Coming soon...

Cafeteria Grand Opening

Thursday, April 7 • Noon - 1 pm

For more information, please contact members of the United Tribes Cafeteria Committee:
Curt Wellington, Pat Aune, Kathy Johnson, Renee Connell, Jill Keith or Dennis Lowman.

Tribal Cooks Workshop

Sponsored by
United Tribes Technical College

If you plan the menus, maintain the inventory, prepare and serve food to young children in childcare settings, the elderly at senior centers, residents of treatment centers or justice centers this is a skill building workshop for you. The workshop will be held in the Nutrition and Foodservice Department on the UTTC campus. Register early only 20 people will be able to participate.

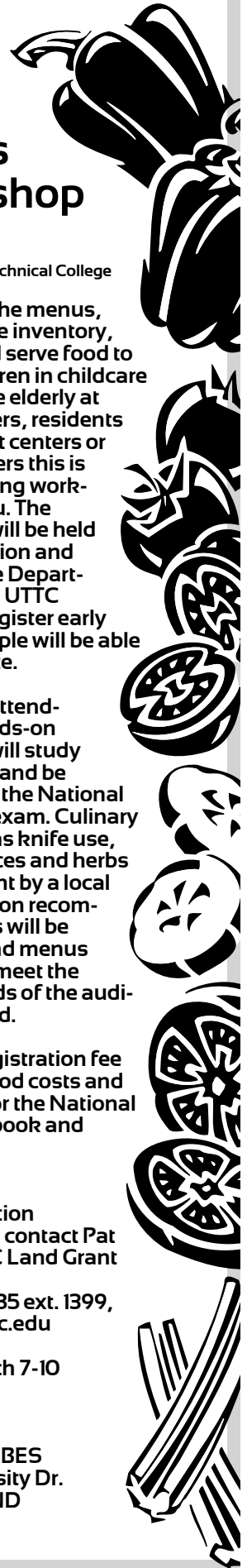
The cooks attending this hands-on workshop will study food safety and be able to take the National ServSafe® exam. Culinary skills such as knife use, plating, spices and herbs will be taught by a local chef. Nutrition recommendations will be reviewed and menus planned to meet the special needs of the audiences served.

The \$150 registration fee will cover food costs and expenses for the National ServSafe® book and exam fee.

For registration information contact Pat Aune, UTTC Land Grant Director,
701-255-3285 ext. 1399,
paune@uttc.edu

DATE : March 7-10
TIME : 1 pm
Fee: \$150

UNITED TRIBES
3315 University Dr.
Bismarck, ND



Hall elected leader of Great Plains tribal chairs

RAPID CITY – Tex G. Hall, Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation is the new chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. Hall was unanimously elected for a two year term February 2 during the group's quarterly meeting in Rapid City.

"Although we are all sovereign nations we have common interests and similar issues and need to work together," Hall said in a statement. "We are the largest land-based area of all the tribal regions."

Together, the tribes in the region control seven million acres in trust lands and serve an estimated population of 200,000 tribal citizens, he said.

"With the new congress, we already have new congressmen drafting bills to eliminate the Bureau of Indian Affairs and cut the Indian Health Service budget by \$650 million. We have no money for roads and there are budget cuts in water appropriations and housing. Therefore, it is good that we unite to work with our congressional delegations."

Hall said tribes in the region share in common these challenges: the worst health

disparities in the nation; highest youth suicide rate in Indian country; the lowest high school graduation rate of all groups in the nation; the need for housing; and the need for more police officers.

"It's a tough environment in Washington right now, but I look forward to working together to move our nations forward," he said.

The Great Plains Tribal Chairman Association includes the leaders of 16 tribes in the two Dakotas and Nebraska. The group meets quarterly.

Also elected in February were: John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chair, GPTCA Vice-Chairman; Amen Sheridan, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Chair, GPTCA Secretary; and Anthony Reider, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Chair, GPTCA Treasurer.



Tex G. Hall

WE CAN HELP

you find your way

**AL-ANON
MEETING
3 PM**

**ALATEEN
MEETING
4 PM**

**AA MEETING
7 PM**

**Every Thursday
Room 130
Wellness Center**

Thank You United Tribes!

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board extends a huge 'THANK YOU' to the United Tribes staff for allowing us to hold our meeting at your college. I commend you for showing us kindness and hospitality and for being helpful with everything we needed for our meeting, including the morning refreshments and coffee! We look forward to collaborating with you in the future.

– Brenda S. Molash, Administrative Officer
Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board,
Rapid City, SD, brenda.molash@gptchb.org

ARTS GRANTS DEADLINES

• Artist-in-Residence • Teacher Incentive • Community Arts Access • Presenter Support

Submit online by April 1, 2011 for programs taking place between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 (draft review deadline is March 15).

Traditional Arts Apprenticeship applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2011 for project periods of July 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.

Early submission strongly encouraged for all programs.

North Dakota Council on the Arts
701-328-7590, www.nd.gov/arts



THE LEWIS GOODHOUSE

WELLNESS CENTER



The Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center houses UTTC's Community Wellness Services. UTTC has made a major commitment to the health and wellness of our students, staff and visitors within the campus community. United Tribes Technical College promotes a safe environment to experience diverse cultures, sample the mainstream, and focus on building the student's future in a good way on their path of "Life Long Learning".

The Wellness Center provides a multi-disciplinary approach enhanced by professionally trained staff. The departments included are: Center for Academic & Personal Counseling, Chemical Health, Disability Support Services, Domestic Violence Advocate, Resident Life - Single Student Housing, Strengthening Lifestyles, and Student Health.



Mission Statement: Our Wellness Center believes in a holistic approach, blending cultural practices with the best in physical, emotional, mental and spiritual care. The Wellness Center provides students and staff with state of the art exercise equipment along with counseling services and healthy living guidance to include support of spiritual growth utilizing traditional methods.



CENTER FOR ACADEMIC & PERSONAL COUNSELING

(Formerly The Center for Student Success)

LEWIS GOODHOUSE
WELLNESS CENTER
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Offering Noon Hour Coverage
Appointments Encouraged...
Walk-Ins Welcomed!

In case of an after-hour emergency:
Contact UTTC Security Department
(701) 255-3285 ext. 1200, 1300
An on-call staff member will be con-
tacted

MISSION STATEMENT:

The CA&PC is committed to the UTTC student by providing professional and cultural development services to enhance life-long learning, personal growth and educational success.

VISION STATEMENT:

A holistic, healthy student is the center of our vision. This includes social, mental, physical and spiritual growth in support the UTTC student in an increasingly changing environment of learning.

VALUES:

We will provide standards of ethical conduct to protect the well-being of our students. We value the quality of student life and are committed to honor and respect all Native Americans and their cultures. We express our values through listening, confidentiality, trust, honesty, competence, integrity, courtesy, and serving our students with care and professionalism at all times.

SERVICES:

The Center for Academic & Personal Counseling offers a variety of services. Such services are held in the strictest of confidentiality. The services include, but are not limited to:

- Supportive Academic & Personal counseling (Individual, family, group)
- Assisting in the transition to UTTC Community life
- Supportive Counseling Consultation services
- Referral services
- Mediation services
- Intervention services
- Campus Wellness & Educational activities



Animal Disease Response Training

By Barbara Schmitt, United Tribes Economic Development Training Coordinator

Responders play a critical role in containing and recovering from an animal disease outbreak. That's why United Tribes Technical College partnered with Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a "Train-the-Trainer" course at United Tribes on January 18-19.

Animal Disease Response Training is important training in rural areas and throughout Indian Country because it addresses the need to minimize the effects of potentially dangerous and economically crippling outbreaks.

The training involves assessing the emergency, assisting in response efforts, coordinating resources, and assuring that all components of the response are carried out quickly and accurately to prevent further contamination.

Sixteen participants from various tribes in North Dakota attended the two-day training, learning about the importance of preparing for a potential outbreak in these areas:




Part of the Animal Disease Response training involved suiting-up in state-of-the art gear.

- **Bio-security and Quarantine**
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Euthanasia and Disposal**

Those at United Tribes who were trained are: Barbara Schmitt, Arden Boxer, Debbie Painte, Dr. Staci Iken, and Dr. Jen Janeczek-Hartman. These staff members will contin-


ue the training effort by providing an eight hour Animal Disease Response Training on North Dakota reservations in the near future.

For more information or to schedule a training, please contact Barbara Schmitt, 701-255-3285 x 1436, or bschmitt@uttc.edu.



United Tribes Technical College Criminal Justice Program presents...

TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM



March 7-11	Leadership Institute for First Line Supervisors	Dates & details subject to change More information: Brent LaRocque 701-255-3285 x 1490 blarocque@uttc.edu
March 28 – April 1, 2011	Leaders of Character Training Program	
April 25-29, 2011	Kinesics Interview and Interrogation, Phase I and II	
To Be Determined (TBD)	Corrections Officer In-service Training Program	
March 15-17, 2011	Drug Law Enforcement Training Program – FLETC RPI	
TBD	Taser Certification Training Program	
TBD	Police Officer In-service Training Program	

Economic Impact... Continued from page 1



David M. Gipp

The college now offers over 20 vocational programs that are campus-based and delivered online. Over the past five years enrollment has averaged 1,253 students annually. About 10 to 15 percent are non-Indian students.

UTTC spending entered the economy through wages and salaries paid to 308 full time employees, non-salary expenditures for goods and services, student and visitor spending, and capital construction outlays. United Tribes is the 23rd largest local employer, the study said.

During the study period, three construction projects were underway on the campus: a science and technology building, cafeteria expansion, and a multi-use bike path/walking trail. At a cost of \$2.5 million, the three contracts amounted to 24 percent of the total construction activity on schools and educational facilities in Bismarck.

“Those who have witnessed the development of our new campus should be the

families in 1969. Under Gipp’s leadership for the past 34 years, the former military post has been transformed for post-secondary residential education and training.

first to recognize that we are committed to expanding and upgrading our facilities to match our steady enrollment growth,” said Gipp. “We plan to continue making significant capital expenditures well into the future.”

Despite having fewer students than either Bismarck State College or the University of Mary (both located at Bismarck), United Tribes has a comparably greater economic impact on the community, on a per-student basis. The study attributed that to three factors: student housing (more than one-fourth of UTTC students live on campus); a K-8 elementary school and three child care

facilities on campus for the children of students; and economic activity from visitors who attend tribal conferences, meetings and the United Tribes International Powwow.

According to the study, the economic impact of the powwow and associated meetings and events on Bismarck-Mandan was \$4.6 million. The four-day cultural event is one of the largest events of its kind in the region and is held on the weekend following Labor Day each year. It is preceded by three days of meet-

ings involving tribal government leaders and workers from the region and government leaders from around the country.

“We are pleased to be recognized as a cultural resource and a model for post-second-

UTTC TOTAL UNDUPLICATED ENROLLMENT (1983-2010)

Academic Year	Enrollment
1983-1984	301
1984-1985	350
1985-1986	303
1986-1987	290
1987-1988	277
1988-1989	238
1994-1995	310
1995-1996	328
1996-1997	397
1997-1998	343
1998-1999	401
1999-2000	416
2000-2001	490
2001-2002	409
2002-2003	644
2003-2004	862
2004-2005	885
2005-2006	1188
2006-2007	1115
2007-2008	1129
2008-2009	1069
2009-2010	1762

ary residential training and education. Over the past 42 years, United Tribes has been a pathway for many thousands of American Indian students and their families to become productive citizens,” said Gipp. “But it’s also important to understand how we contribute to the community economically.”

The study was based on the College Impact Model developed by Caffrey and Issacs, which is used in much of the research on college and university economic impacts throughout the country. The author and principal investigator is economist Tom Katus, TKA Associates, Rapid City, SD, who also prepared economic studies for United Tribes in 2003 and 2005.

“Recognizing our economic impact is a step toward understanding the importance of United Tribes to a healthy and economically vibrant Bismarck-Mandan,” said Gipp.

The study is available on the United Tribes website: www.uttc.edu.

IMPACT OF POW WOW ON BISMARCK/MANDAN

Pow Wow Days (4)
2,500 rooms x 90% UTTC Occupancy 2,250 x \$223 per day = \$501,750 x 4 days = \$2,007,000
2,250 rooms x \$112.50 per day (2.25 additional occupants @ \$50 food only/day) x 4 days = \$1,012,500
Pre Pow Wow UTTC Tribal Leaders Summit & Other Related Activities
2,250 rooms x \$223 per day (lodging & food) x 3 days = \$1,505,250
2,250 rooms x \$25 per day (0.5 additional occupants @ \$50 food only) x 3 days = \$168,750
TOTAL POW WOW WEEK IMPACT
\$4,693,500

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 April 18-20, 2011. If you have questions or comments regarding UTTC’s self-study experience, please send them to: ncaaccreditation@uttc.edu. To learn more about the NCA accreditation process, visit the website: <http://www.ncahlc.org>



TIDBITS

Cross-country Skiing



Getting ready to cross-country ski.

The trip was exciting the grades that went were 4th thru 8th. The students first went into the lobby, to be instructed how to put on the ski boots. After the lesson, the students got their boots and skis. The students then took pictures of their friends in the doorway. Then the students went out the door and put on the boots and got their balance. Some students took at least a couple minutes; some were done in a minute. The path was smooth so the students took off easily. In the path some students tripped others were cautious.

– Marques, Grade 8

Planetarium



Patricia Leno, and assistant for the day John Heinrich, show students features of the planetarium.

The Bismarck Portable Planetarium came to Theodore Jamerson Elementary. It showed students how to find certain stars and constellations. There was also one on the solar system and Greek gods and goddesses, and other mythical creatures.

We also heard Native American stories about how the stars came to be. There was a really fast time lapse of the rotation of the Earth. It was to show how the stars move over a certain period of time.

– Zachary, Grade 8

UNITED TRIBES Parenting Classes

Mondays at 6 pm

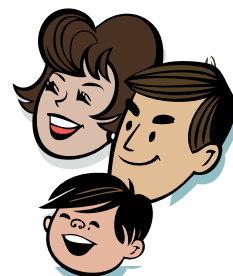


Parent Support Group

Noon Luncheon Meetings Every Tuesday

Call to pre-register for lunch 255-3285 x 1323

Wellness Center Wellness Classroom



More information: Lisa Stump, 255-3285 x1323

2010-11 NATURE PROGRAM SUNDAY ACADEMY SCHEDULE

TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mar. 6.... "Laws of Electricity"

SITTING BULL COLLEGE

Mar. 6.... "Hydrogen Bonding & Surface Tension of Water"

CANKDESKA CIKANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mar. 6.... "How Acidic They Are"

FORT BERTHOLD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mar. 6.... "Fun with Physics & Computers"

UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mar. 6.... "Food Safety: The Importance & Analysis of Aflatoxin in Corn"

TAX SEASON IS HERE!

Income tax forms can be confusing. Once again the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) is offering free individual tax assistance. These folks have been trained to assist in the preparation of individual tax forms. They do not provide tax advice.

Visit these locations at the designated times:

Mandan Public Library
1081 1st St. NW, Mandan, ND
Call 667-3255

Monday, Thursday & Saturday
9:30am – 12:30pm
Thursday evenings
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Bismarck Public Library
515 5th St, Bismarck, ND
Call 355-1480

Tuesday
1:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday & Saturday
9:30am – 12:30pm

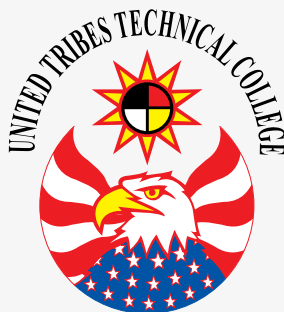
Thursday
1:00pm – 5:00pm

Bismarck Senior Center
315 N 20th St, Bismarck, ND
Call 258-9276

Monday & Friday
9:00am – 12 Noon

Wednesday
12:30pm – 4:00pm

This free assistance began in February.



STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Schedule
March 3, 17, 31 • April 14, 28


Noon - 1 pm
Student Union • JBC, Lower Level

Open to all • Lunch Provided

UTTC STAFF NEWS

I would like to thank Dr. Gipp, administration, faculty, staff and students for the beautiful flowers, prayers, kind words, and cards I received following the death of my mother Anna Dennis. No matter our age, it's always tough to lose a parent. The flowers at the service and wake were a wonderful reminder of my UTTC family. Thank you!

– Marge Palinuk



United Tribes Technical College & Career Development presents...

OUTSIDE THE (lunch) BOX

Career Lunch-&-Learns

NEW MENU! NEW TOPICS! NEW SPEAKERS! STILL FREE!

TIME: 12:00 - 12:50 PM
Lower Level Conference Room • Jack Barden Center
LUNCH PROVIDED • CEU'S EARNED • OPEN TO STAFF & STUDENTS

Wednesday, March 2
Training Topic: **Journey to Higher Education**
Presenter: Russell Swagger, United Tribes Technical College

Wednesday, March 16
Training Topic: **NETWORKING: Do I Really Have to Do That?**
Presenter: Chuck Klein, City of Bismarck Human Resources

Wednesday, March 30
Training Topic: **ETHICS: A WSI Whistleblower Speaks Out**
Presenter: Jim Long, University of Mary

Wednesday, April 6
Training Topic: **Is Facebook Your Frienemy?**
Presenter: Marnie Piehl, Odney Advertising

Wednesday, April 13
Training Topic: **Using Traditional Ways for a Balanced Life & Career**
Presenter: Butch Thunderhawk, United Tribes Technical College

MORE INFORMATION: Rhonda Breuer, 701-255-3285 x 1240, rbreuer@uttc.edu

United Tribes Career and College Fair

The United Tribes Technical College Career and College Fair will be held from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at the Science & Technology Building on south campus. The Career Development Department is sponsoring the event, and the fair will have booths from businesses and colleges, including some of various tribal agencies locally and in the neighboring states.

This is an opportunity for students who are looking for employment to interview with businesses, or to visit with various higher educational institutions that offer degree programs that are not currently offered at United Tribes Technical College.

The Career Development Department looks forward to seeing you there!

TANNER A. ALBERS

WiCahpi Izita (Shooting Star)

Services were held February 7 at the Tiowakan Spiritual Center, Shakopee Mde-wakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake, MN, for Tanner A. Albers, 33, Prior Lake, who passed into the Spirit World on Wednesday, February 2 at St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee, MN.



Tanner was the son of Donna and the late Richard (Rick) Albers. He was born in Bismarck, ND, attended grade school at Little Wound School, Kyle, SD, Tiospa Zina, Old Agency, SD, and graduated high school from Takini, Howes, SD.

His life was filled with many accomplishments and glorious moments. He loved basketball and played collegiately for the United Tribes Thunderbirds, earning the retirement of his #34 jersey and a place in the Thunderbird Hall of Fame late last year. He played in division one at Delaware State University and at the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND.

Tanner was a talented traditional singer and drummer, playing with a group he started, Young Nation, and later with Eagle Mountain Singers and the world champion drum group Midnight Express. He also was a grass dancer for many years.

He is survived by his two children Manuel and Tanner Jr.; companion Desiree Barrientez; mother Donna Albers-Walking Elk (Mitch); Hunka father Jerry Dearly; Hunka brother Richard TallBear; sisters Holly Albers and Kelly Albers (Ricardo); brother Travis Albers (Allison); special nephew Justin Heminger; half brothers Jason McKee and Aaron Albers; grandmothers Bonnie Miller and Alice DeCoteau; and many special aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tanner was preceded in death by his father Richard; grandfathers August Albers, Edward Buck Miller, and Paul DeCoteau.

Arrangements were handled by McNearney Funeral Home.

United Tribes Technical College

CAREER AND COLLEGE



FAIR

March 23, 2011

1 pm - 5 pm

Science & Technology Building
New South Campus
United Tribes Technical College

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



MORE INFORMATION:
CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Mary Ann Kootenay
701-255-3285 x1333
mkootenay@uttc.edu

United Tribes Technical College • 3315 University Drive • Bismarck, ND



THUNDERBIRDS



Jayli Fimbres



Ronald Rousseau



James Bagwell



Hanna Hellekson



Olivia Spotted Horse



Shanaye Packineau



Alyssa Star



February 2 Games at BSC

Security officers find missing child

Three members of the United Tribes Security department responded quickly and successfully to the report of a missing child on campus during our recent cold weather.

Security Officers Joseph Archambault, Janet White Shield and Brendon Marshall performed their duties effectively on the wintry evening of January 14. During a Thunderbirds basketball game, a seven-year-old youngster from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School was reported missing.

Officer Archambault went door-to-door on campus searching for the lost child. Officer Marshall patrolled the campus, keeping a look out. Officer White Shield kept communication lines open in the office and updated all parties with necessary information. The search lasted a little over an hour and the missing child was located outdoors and returned safe and sound.

Congratulations and 'thank you' to these officers for successfully handling a serious situation with professionalism and care.

– James Red Tomahawk, Security Supervisor

“Thank God for the UTTC community coming together to find my little grandson Darius. I can't thank you all enough! May God Bless you all.”

– Julie Cain

“This was very good and excellent work. I was at the game and heard the announcement. Special thanks for the good work of the officers and all others who assisted in this very important and lifesaving effort. Keep up the good work.”

– David M. Gipp, United Tribes President



AIHEC conference set for Bismarck Annual Spring Gathering April 16-19

BISMARCK (UTN) – The American Indian Higher Education Consortium 2011 Student Conference is scheduled for April 16-19 in Bismarck, ND. The theme is: “Strengthening Our Culture through Agri-Culture.”



2011 AIHEC conference logo designed by Harriet Black Hoop, Sitting Bull College

The annual event is attended by about 1,200 students, faculty and administrators involved in American Indian higher education. The main attraction for students is a series of friendly competitions that test mastery in the range of learning at the nation's 37 tribal colleges and universities. The gathering offers workshops featuring American Indian educational professionals, meetings of tribal college leaders, and a basketball tournament with exciting encounters between tribal college teams.

The conference is headquartered at the Bismarck Civic Center where the majority of the student competitions will take place. Some events and activities will be held at United Tribes.

Conference details, including tentative schedule, lodging and vendor information, are posted at <http://aihec.sittingbull.edu/>.

For more information, please contact Koreen Ressler, Sitting Bull College, 701-854-8001, koreenr@sbc.edu, or visit the website: www.sittingbull.edu.

AIHEC COMPETITIONS

Art Show, Business Competitions, Critical Inquiry, Film Festival, Hand Games, Knowledge Bowl, Mr. & Ms. AIHEC, Science Poster & Oral Competition, Science Bowl, Speech, Traditional Plants, Web Page Competition, Writing

AIHEC ACTIVITIES

1st Annual Art Fair: Opportunity for students to highlight more of their work and talent than during the Art Exhibition and Competition. Students are encouraged to show, network and market their work to a larger public audience. All AIHEC students are invited to participate.

AIHEC Powwow: Saturday, April 16. Bismarck Civic Center Exhibit Hall B. Registration 6 p.m. Grand Entry 7 p.m.

Volleyball Tournament: Co-ed (3 men/3 women/1 alternate), United Tribes Technical College Gymnasium

Pool Tournament: Student and staff divisions; Rules, regulations and registration available on-site at United Tribes Technical College

Wii Sports Tournament: Civic Center; On-site registration

Student Dance: Tuesday, April 19, 8 p.m., Civic Center

Cyber Café: Civic Center

AIHEC STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Currently enrolled at least half-time with a minimum of six credit hours per quarter or per semester
- Minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA for students previously enrolled; Those not previously enrolled (e.g., new, transfers), must be in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress
- Cannot be a full-time college employee
- Must have written certification of current college credits and academic standing

AIHEC 2011 Sponsors

American Indian Higher Education Consortium, US Department of Agriculture, American Indian College Fund, and the North Dakota Association of Tribal Colleges through its six member organizations: Candeska Cikana Community College, Fort Berthold Community College, Sisseton Wahpeton Community College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain Community College and United Tribes Technical College.



UTTC Wellness Center is starting a new group for on campus UTTC veterans "Freedom Defenders" both students and staff are welcome to attend. The meetings will be monthly on the second Wednesday of every month (except May 2011) from 5:30-6:30 in the Wellness Center conference room. During these gatherings veterans will learn about benefits, community and national resources available. Become educated on topics directly effecting veterans. Coffee, snacks and door prizes will be given out.

For additional information please contact Michael Iken at 255-3285 ext 1277 or miken@uttc.edu.

TIME:
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

MEETING DATES:

- March 9, 2011
- April 13, 2011
- May 4, 2011



LaPlante named Secretary of Tribal Relations

PIERRE – Leroy "J.R." LaPlante, of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, is South Dakota's new Secretary of Tribal Relations. He was appointed February 11 by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard.


LaPlante is a practicing attorney in Vermillion and serves as the Chief Judge and Court Administrator of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Ft. Thompson. He was the former administrative officer for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and has an extensive background working for Native American human service organizations.

Secretary of Tribal Relations is a new de-

partment in South Dakota government, created with an executive reorganization order by Dugaard. Previously, the Office of Tribal Government Relations was a unit of the former Department of Tourism and State Development.


LaPlante was born at Eagle Butte; his Lakota name is Tasunke Waste (His Horse is Beautiful). He is a member of the first cohort of Native Nation Rebuilders selected by the Bush Foundation in 2010 and served as an Equal Justice Works, AmeriCorps Legal Fellow with South Dakota Access to Justice in 2009.

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	\$118,156

*Example of educational benefits for a student attending college for four years on a six-year enlistment. ** All educational benefits are subject to change.



Professional development headlined by musician, actor Litefoot

BISMARCK (UTN) – The bar is set too low for Native people, according to a popular and successful entertainer.

“The only people who are keeping us down, are ourselves,” said Litefoot, during an appearance at United Tribes Technical College. “Don’t accept a low standard for yourself. Don’t accept being just Tribal Chairman. Why not be President? It’s our land after all.”

The stage name Litefoot is instantly recognized throughout Indian Country. It belongs to Gary Paul Davis, 42, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Native American rap artist, motivational speaker, actor and entrepreneur.

He was the featured presenter on the closing day of United Tribes Professional Development Days, January 25-27, in the college’s new science and technology building. About 500 students and staff members attended. The theme was “Entering a New Decade of Progress.”

The story Litefoot shared is one of vision, persistence and trust in the Creator. His entertainment career began in the early 1990s with rap music, then considered an unlikely genre for Native Americans.

“Back then they said ‘Indians don’t rap.’ Everything I’ve attempted to do, someone was quick to tell me it couldn’t be done,” he said. “My response has been, don’t attempt to define me by your limited scope of possibilities.”



Litefoot is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Litefoot is credited with being the first Native American to perform rap music. He began recording 18 years ago and now has more than an handful of Native American Music Awards to his credit. This year, his recording company, Red Vinyl Records, releases his 11th CD, “The Testament.”

“The Creator has never let me down when I was doing what I was supposed to be doing,” he told the United Tribes audience.

Success in the recording industry expanded his scope. He was the lead actor, Little Bear, in the 1995 film *The Indian In The Cupboard*. He has acted in other films since then and in television programs such as *C.S.I. Miami*, *Family Law* and *Any Day Now*.

In 2001 he launched a line of casual clothing and accessories that he branded “Native Style.” His latest apparel item, the Litefoot “Flexarrow” sneaker, will share some of its profits with organizations that focus on the betterment of Indian Country.

Now, as a sought-after speaker or panelist, he makes a positive and lasting impact with

stories about the power of the Creator.

“I am no better than anybody in this room,” he said. “But I know where I get my strength, and that may separate me from those who don’t.”

His new book, *The Medicine of Prayer* (2010), emphasizes his relationship with the Creator. He spoke at United Tribes about what it means to have a life guided by the power of prayer.

“How unfortunate it is for us to not understand the essence of who we are...and the relationship of your spirit to the Creator,” he said. “Today we are seeking answers and looking for truths. If you don’t know where you get your strength and power from, you don’t know who you are. If you don’t know who you are and what you’re about, people all along your journey will be able to keep you from doing what you were put here for.”

He cautioned that some people “can’t stand to see others who know what they’re here on earth for.”

“Don’t be one of those people,” he said. “Pray. When you look to the Creator, nothing is impossible.”

There is no definition of what the possibilities are for people in Indian Country, he said.

Litefoot ended his stay at United Tribes by visiting with students from Theodore Jamerison Elementary School.



For United Tribes Professional Development Day, students and staff filled the sea of open space that is the upper level of the college’s new science and technology building. DENNIS J. NEUMANN/United Tribes News

United Tribes Technical College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 18-20, 2011, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. United Tribes Technical College has been accredited by the Commission since 1982.

It is accredited at the Associate of Applied Science degree levels, and offers degree programs on campus as well as online. The HLC evaluation team will be reviewing the College's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

Through the upcoming evaluation process, UTTC will also be requesting Commission approval to offer Baccalaureate degrees and to expand its online programs.

SHARING OUR STORIES

United Tribes Technical College Self-Study

In preparation for the comprehensive visit, the College has been engaged in a self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. UTTC is using the self-study as an opportunity to gather and share its stories about the impact and success of the college. We would like to provide an opportunity for the public to share their stories of their experiences and interactions with United Tribes Technical College.

Among the areas considered in the self-study have been the College's ability to address the following:

- Mission and Integrity • Preparing for the Future • Student Learning & Effective Teaching
 - Acquisition, Discovery & Application of Knowledge • Engagement & Service
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The public is invited to submit comments regarding United Tribes Technical College to:

Public Comments on United Tribes Technical College
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received no later than March 18, 2011. Comments must be in writing and signed, and will not be treated as confidential.

Note: Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals, whether faculty, students, or others. Complaints will not be considered as comments.

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<http://www.ncahlc.org/information-for-the-public/third-party-comment.html>



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