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## Powwow highlights AIHEC opening day



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**TRIBAL COLLEGES DANCE:** United Tribes student Elizabeth Sam (Shoshone Paiute Tribe of Nevada) and her husband Gary tour the dance arbor in full regalia during the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Powwow. Elizabeth is a student in the United Tribes Practical Nursing program and is set to graduate in May. Gary is a BIA law enforcement offi-

cer at Standing Rock. The wacipi took place April 16, opening day of the 30th Annual AIHEC Conference at the Bismarck Civic Center Exhibit Hall, attended by over 1,000 student and faculty participants from tribal colleges around the country. AIHEC results page 22.

*United Tribes*  
**Student Awards Banquet**

Thursday, May 5 & 6 p.m.  
 Doublewood Inn  
 1400 Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Including Athletic Awards

  
 United Tribes Technical College  
*Class of 2011*

**Commencement Ceremony**  
 Friday, May 6 & 1 p.m.  
 Lone Star Arena

In case of inclement weather: James Henry Community Gym

  
**DAVID M. GIPP**  
 Native American Leader Fellowship

**President's Banquet**  
 Monday, May 9 & 6:00 p.m.  
 Apple Creek Country Club  
 Proceeds support the David M. Gipp Fellowships

# Development association supports United Tribes



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**COMMUNITY ASSET:** United Tribes President David M. Gipp, far right, addresses a meeting of the Bismarck-Mandan Development Association on March 24. Gipp presented the results of a recent study that shows the college brought \$31.8 million in direct funding into the local economy in 2010. Individual members expressed support for the college and, as a group,

the association responded with a letter supporting the college's federal budget. The study, "The Economic Impact of United Tribes Technical College on the Economy of the Bismarck/Mandan, ND Area," is available on the United Tribes website: [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu).



**Online Cafeteria Menu Coming Soon!**  
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# The good news is here

## *Funding for United Tribes included in budget settlement*

By David M. Gipp, United Tribes Technical College President

**T**he budget battle in Washington, DC was resolved in mid April and United Tribes Technical College came through OK with the help of friends.

As you know, we were closely watching how Congress and the President would resolve their differences and fund government for the remainder of this fiscal year.

A sizable portion of our operational funding had been deleted from the temporary measures passed to fund government. We found ourselves in limbo, caught up in the debate over the national budget. The potential existed for the loss of about \$3.7 million, 46 percent of the college's annual operational funding.

We would have had no practical way of making up for that. The financial reality would have hit the college, and the Bismarck/Mandan community, in August, around the time we are scheduled to begin Fall Semester.

Fortunately, that scenario was averted. Funding for United Tribes was included as part of the agreement in Washington that resolved the Federal budget.

Sorting out what happened – we know that earlier this year, when the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to fund the government for the rest of fiscal year 2011, career and technical education funding for United Tribes and Navajo Technical College (NTC) was mistakenly considered an earmark by the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, chaired by Montana Congressman Denny Rehberg. On the basis that our funds were an earmark, our funds were cut in a temporary government funding bill that was signed by the President.

We knew that needed to be corrected in the final spending bill for FY 2011, or UTTC would face dire consequences. UTTC, NTC, our friends in Congress and many others worked very hard to show that a mistake had been made. After an agonizing period of uncertainty, the President and Congress agreed that the federal government would not be shut down, but we still did not know

*"Our argument that we were not an earmark was right all along."*

our fate until the detailed spending bill became available. That bill included funding for UTTC and NTC. Finally, we were told by Cong. Rehberg's committee that it was a "mistake" that we had been considered an earmark.

Our argument that we were not an earmark was right all along. We are funded through a formula and have competed for our funding since 1991 when the law was enacted, and such programs are not earmarks.

Now that we have authorization, distribution of the funds is in the hands of the Secretary of Education. We look forward to continuing uninterrupted with our academic calendar, course offerings and services to students and families, along with services to the many tribes and tribal programs in the region and around the nation.

Among the many friends and supporters



David M. Gipp

who came to our defense and helped lift the uncertainty were 20 United Tribes students from the Crow Nation in Montana. Their letters to Congressman Rehberg helped clarify that a failure of our educational mission in Indian Country has consequences for real people.

North Dakota Congressman Rick Berg, also visited with Rehberg. The entire North Dakota Congressional delegation supported us, along with the governors of North Dakota and New Mexico, the New Mexico congressional delegation, and Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye. This was truly a bipartisan effort.

Support from the Bismarck City Commission, the Bismarck-Mandan Development Association, and the Chamber of Commerce demonstrated that ours is an effort the entire community can support.

Many of our friends from Indian Country joined us, as they have in the past: our United Tribes board of directors, the American Indian Higher Education staff, NTC President Elmer Guy, and many others. We also received support from the Bismarck Tribune editorial board.

We can demonstrate the success of our well-established educational record dating back over four decades. We fulfill a vital role in providing a high-quality college education, jobs training and career-building programs for students who come from some of the nation's poorest rural areas – communities that continually suffer high rates of unemployment and economic distress. Our services open a pathway to independence for Americans with the greatest need.

United Tribes is grateful for the support of all who helped. Thank you for your good efforts and for your prayers. The Great Spirit has guided this important cause.

# From Humble Beginnings

## United Tribes AICF "Student of the Year"

BISMARCK (UTN) – Bobby Crow Feather never expected to be named the American Indian College Fund "Student of the Year" for United Tribes Technical College.

"I remember telling Dr. Harriett Skye that I wouldn't know what to write for their essay," he said. "And she said, 'what about being born in a place barely on the map? You'd have your title: From Humble Beginnings.'"

It turned out to be good advice for the 27-year-old from Drumright, OK, where the population is 2,905 and he was among the eight percent who are Native American.

Drumright is in Oklahoma's Creek County, and although Bobby is enrolled at Standing Rock, his tribal heritage is also Creek (Thlopthlocco) and Yavapai-Apache.

"I am the first in my family to attend college, the third to graduate high school, and the only one to receive an academic honor," he wrote in his essay to the College Fund. "I may also be the only one to know that my education will take me places that my dreams have already gone."

Those dreams were important, because Bobby describes himself as a three-time cancer survivor and a diabetic for many years. He says it wasn't too long ago that he was told an education, and even life, was beyond his reach.

"As a cancer survivor you live it, you learn it and then you earn it," he said.

He had already turned so many stumbling blocks into stepping stones that he recognized United Tribes would be a great place to grow when he came here two years ago. He wanted to complete an associate degree and return home to work for the tribe. He called it a "simple, no frills goal."

But he changed his mind after taking one course in particular. It was "Tribal-Federal Law," taught by UTTC's in-house attorney Thomas Disselhorst, who posed some thought provoking questions in class about sovereignty and leadership.



*Bobby A. Crow Feather*

"Those questions led me to wonder what I needed to do to make things better for my people," he said.

Bobby now describes it as "an amazing start" that he will receive an AAS degree in Tribal Management at the United Tribes Graduation on May 6.

"But I need to learn all I can to make the biggest impact," he wrote.

What began as a simple goal has grown into an appreciation for lifelong learning and a desire to earn that next degree.

"I learned amazing things about education – not only can it not be taken away, but it starts a thirst in you," he wrote.

His goal now is different: to earn a bachelor's degree and then go to work for either his mother's or father's tribe.

***Bobby Allen Crow Feather, age 27***

***Enrolled Member: Standing Rock Tribe***

***Descendant of Creek (Thlopthlocco)***

***and Yavapai-Apache Nations***

***Vocation: Tribal Management;***

***Graduation May 6, 2011***

"I want to work on the way programs are implemented. I think tribes can be run too casually, like a grant program that spends away its last dollars. We need to think strong for the future and run things more like a business. A business designed to carry us for the next seven generations."

Bobby's more immediate next step after graduation is a trip to West Africa. He was accepted into a summer internship program with Cross-Cultural Solutions, an organization he has volunteered with before. He is scheduled to leave for Ghana on May 12. When he returns, his educational goal is to start on that bachelor's at United Tribes.

The College Fund recognition comes with a monetary award. He says it will allow him to further invest in his education by paying for books, supplies and other tools for success.

Perhaps more important, he sees the award as an endorsement.

"Just as I believe in me, it helps to know that others see the plan that is growing before me, and they too believe it can be done," he said. "That will lead me further toward my future goal of making changes for those people who matter most to me, family and friends."

# Three compete in skills competition

BISMARCK (UTN) – Three students from the United Tribes Automotive Service Technology program participated in the 2011 SkillsUSA annual competition.

Pedro Meyers (Three Affiliated) Mandan, ND, Mikell Starr Jr. (Eastern Shoshone) Bismarck, ND, and Gerald Dupree (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD, matched their automotive detective skills April 4 with community college students from around North Dakota.

The event allows students to test their technical skills against their peers and industry standards. During the competition, students move from various stations where they are allowed 15 minutes to diagnose and solve an automotive problem.

Meyers, a first semester second year student, placed seventh among the competitors.



*Pedro Meyers placed seventh among all competitors. United Tribes News photos Dennis J. Neumann*



*Gerald Dupree checks an electronic analyzer to solve a starting problem.*



*Mikell Starr Jr., with a SkillsUSA judge, during an engine problem analysis.*



## **North Dakota SkillsUSA**

### **Automotive Competition Subjects:**

**Transmissions, differentials, electronic service, engine measuring, fuel injection, lab scoping, heating and air, emission safety, charging and starting, body and electrical, computers, and wheel alignment.**

UTTC Automotive instructor Dale Pletan said he believed that Meyers' ranking was the highest that a United Tribes student had finished in the years the college has been involved in the North Dakota competition.

Personnel from local automotive businesses judged the day-long event conducted in the automotive area of the vocational building at Bismarck State College.

SkillsUSA is a large national organiza-

tion. It boasts over 300,000 student and instructor members. It serves to help prepare students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Key partners include corporations, trade associations, businesses and unions, who have a need for highly skilled technicians. The contests are designed, run and judged by industry leaders using industry standards.



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## **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**

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**Fax: 701-224-7230**

## Shakopee donates over \$28 million

### Lends \$60 million to other tribes

PRIOR LAKE, MN – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community donated \$28,546,620 in charitable giving in fiscal year 2010, according to its annual report released in March. The contributions went to other tribes, education and youth programs, and charitable organizations.

The SMSC also provided \$60.8 million in loans to Indian tribes during the fiscal year, which ran from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010.

“As Dakota people, we have a long tradition of sharing with others so it is important for us to give back to the larger community. Before Indian gaming, many of us lived in poverty and struggled to survive. Times were hard. Now we are able to help others,” said SMSC Chairman Stanley R. Crooks. “The tribal membership through its actions authorized the charitable giving program.”

The reports said that over the past 13 years, Shakopee has donated more than \$192.7 million to charitable organizations and Indian tribes.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe in Minnesota. It owns and operates Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Little Six Casino, Mazopiya, Playworks, Dakotah! Sport and Fitness, The Meadows at Mystic Lake, and other enterprises on a reservation south of the Twin Cities.

The 2010 Donation Report is available at [www.shakopeedakota.org](http://www.shakopeedakota.org).

## TRIBAL COOK'S WORKSHOP



*“I had the best learning experience ever in my time with food service. All the hands on and doing things with food made it even more worth the time.”*

Check out the Tribal Cook's Discussion at [www.facebook.com/unitedtribestech](http://www.facebook.com/unitedtribestech)

**Join us for a Tribal Cook's Workshop  
June 13 - 17, 2011 or  
August 8 to 12, 2011**

If you plan menus, maintain 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 the skill building workshop for you. Cooks attending this hands-on workshop study food safety for the National ServSafe® exam. An Executive Chef teaches culinary skills such as knife use, plating, spices and herbs. Nutrition recommendations are reviewed and menus are planned to meet the special needs of the audiences served.

Contact [paune@uttc.edu](mailto:paune@uttc.edu) for program details.  
Explore our website: <http://landgrant.uttc.edu>.



## United Tribes Technical College *Academic Calendar*

May 2-5 ..... Final Exams  
May 5..... Semester Grades Due  
May 5..... Student Awards/Athletic Banquet  
May 6..... Graduation  
May 9..... Assessment Day  
May 9..... Native American Leader Fellowship Banquet  
May 10..... Registration/Orientation Session 1  
May 11..... Summer Session 1 Begins;/Online Classes Begin  
May 18... Last Day to Register for Summer Session & Online Classes

May 30 ..... Memorial Day (No Classes)  
June 27-30..... Summer Session 1 Finals  
July 1 ..... Summer Session 1 Grades Due  
July 4 ..... Independence Day(No Classes)  
July 5 ..... Registration/Orientation Session 2  
July 6 ..... Summer Session 2 Classes Begin  
Aug 8-11 ..... Summer Session 2 Finals  
Aug 12 ..... Summer Session 2 Grades Due  
Aug 17..... Online Grades Due

# ARTS GRANTS DEADLINES

May 15, 2011

For project periods of July 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012

Early submission strongly encouraged • Notice of Intent to Apply due by April 15

The Traditional Arts Apprenticeship program is designed to honor and encourage the preservation of North Dakota's diverse living traditions by providing grants that allow master traditional artists to pass their skills and knowledge to apprentices on a one-to-one basis over an extended period of time.

North Dakota Council on the Arts  
Guidelines and application online [www.nd.gov/arts](http://www.nd.gov/arts)  
701-328-7590, or [tgeist@nd.gov](mailto:tgeist@nd.gov)



# Earning Your Way



## Nutrition and Foodservice Associate of Applied Science Degree

The Nutrition and Foodservice program at United Tribes Technical College is an opportunity for hands-on experience.

- Healthful food preparation
- Food science
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A degree prepares you for employment or to successfully transfer into programs of advanced training to become a dietitian or chef.

After graduating, you are prepared for employment with school lunch, WIC, diabetes/wellness programs, hospital or elderly care food service, and casino kitchens or private restaurants.

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# 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:opi@uttc.edu).



# United Tribes Cafeteria

## Our Mission Is To:

- Ensure that each guest receives prompt, professional, friendly and courteous service on a consistent basis, while maintaining a clean, comfortable and well maintained premise for all students, staff & guests.
- Provide a fair priced well balanced, well-prepared meal, using the best quality ingredients obtainable.
- Treat all students, staff and guests with respect and dignity, just as we, the cafeteria staff, expect to be treated with respect and dignity.
- Thank each guest for the opportunity to serve.
- By maintaining the mission we shall be assured of a fair profit that will allow us to contribute to the community we serve.

## Cafeteria Facts

- Lunch is served to 167 children who attend Theodore Jamerson Elementary School
- Elementary children are encouraged to stop for breakfast
- Elementary children participating in after school programs often stop for supper
- Meals provided to elementary students meet nutrition standards for the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program
- A school foodservice reviewer from the ND Department of Public Instruction visits two times each year to ensure that nutrition and food safety standards are met

## Dorm Residents Meal Plan

United Tribes has 154 students living in the dorms. When they register for college they purchase a meal plan that includes 19 meals per week, breakfast, lunch and supper when school is in session, brunch and supper on the weekend and holidays. UTTC students pay \$700 per term for their meal plan.

## Meal Plan Cost Comparison

- University of Mary (20 meals/week)  
\$1,400 per term
- Bismarck State (17 meals/week)  
\$1,480.50 per term
- Dickinson State (19 meals/week)  
\$1,514 per term
- UTTC (19 meals/week)  
\$700

The average number of days in a semester, including weekends is 125 days. UTTC students pay \$5.60 per day for food in the cafeteria.

UTTC students pay less than \$2 per meal.

# Good nutrition makes you smile



**NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH:** From left, Renee Connell, TJES, Cassie Dinneen and Shani Bordeaux, both Land Grant, were greeters for good nutrition during the college's observance of National Nutrition Month in March. The happy trio was among a group of staffers who answered questions and provided information in the college's newly renovated cafeteria during the week of March 21st. Topics included the new cafeteria menu, new catering menu, cafeteria facts, nutrition and health, and wellness. Staff members participated from the UTTC Cafeteria Committee, Land Grant, Nutrition and Foodservice, and the Wellness Center.

## Well Balanced, Well Prepared Food Choices

The cafeteria follows USDA dietary guidelines to plan menus offering a wide variety of food choices that allow the student, staff or guest to choose foods that are suited to their tastes and dietary needs.

The average "calories per meal" is 1,500 to 1,800 calories. If you choose to eat all available food items you will consume 4,500 to 5,400 calories per day.

### Calories Per Day

A 21 year old male, 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds, (who is physically active for 60 minutes each day) needs about 3,200 calories per day to maintain their weight. If you eat more than 3,200 calories per day, you will gain weight. If you eat fewer calories, you will lose weight.



A 21 year old female, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, (who is physically active for 60 minutes each day) needs about 2,600 calories per day to maintain their weight. If you eat more than 2,600 calories per day, you will gain weight. If you eat fewer, you will lose weight.

**Find more information:**  
[www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov)

# UTTC's David Gipp receives AARC award



**SUPPORTIVE LEADER:** *United Tribes Technical College President Dr. David M. Gipp receives a plaque and congratulations from Bon Wikenheiser conferring on him the Abused Adult Resource Center's 17th annual "Love Without Fear" award. Dr. Gipp is very supportive of AARC and its mission of serving victims of domestic violence, said Wikenheiser, the organization's chairperson. The March 24 presentation coincided with national Love Without Fear week, and took place at the AARC's emergency shelter for battered women and their children. "What you do here is so very very important to helping people rebuild and reclaim their lives," said Gipp in accepting the award. "Often you are helping people who have all but given up. And that includes tribal people, because you include them in your services and you assist tribal communities in starting similar programs. We always know there's hope. And you are a beacon of hope in this community." The AARC is a nonprofit that serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and families in a seven-county area in south-central North Dakota.*

## Better Business Bureau Alerts

The Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota recently issued alerts about two companies:

The for-hire essay writing company, Essaywritingcompany.com, expressing ethical and practical concerns about the business model of the Minnesota-based online firm, which offers to write research and term papers, on a for-hire basis, for high school and college students.

Free trial offers for electronic cigarettes. Customers who tried to take advantage of 'free' Internet offers for smokeless cigarettes say they were burned by unexpected credit card charges that totaled \$100 or more. Customer complaints against Direct E-Cig show a clear pattern of misrepresentation, said the Better Business Bureau.

For more information contact the BBB at <http://www.thefirstbbb.org> or 651-699-1111, toll-free at 1-800-646-6222.

## Correction

In our last edition, the military rank of Sage Koch was misidentified. Koch is a Marine Corporal. He has been deployed to Afghanistan; we wish him well and pray for a safe return.

— Editor

## Please Stop Domestic Violence Let's help each other stay safe...

If you have any questions or concerns about domestic violence, my office is in the Wellness Center. I am available M - F, 8-5. You may call UTTC Security to get in touch with me after hours.

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.

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**Julie Beston Sage,**  
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## *United Tribes* *Student Awards Banquet*

*Including Athletic Awards*

**Thursday, May 5 + 6 p.m.**

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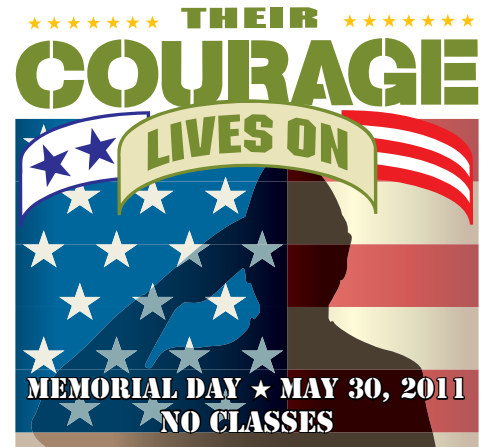
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## Apply Early For Tribal Funding!

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

### WHY APPLY EARLY:

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

### FUNDING MAY BE DENIED FOR:

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

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

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

### APPOINTMENTS / QUESTIONS:

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



## Quote of the Month

**“T**here is something we don’t like, though. It’s when people call us Indians and then start calling sports teams and other things Indians. If we’re going to have a false name, at least let us have it then leave it alone. Don’t start putting it on beer bottles and ice cream cartons and making it into something that embarrasses us and makes us look like fools. And don’t tell us it’s supposed to be some honor to us. We’ll decide what honors us and what doesn’t.”

- Lakota elder ‘Dan’ in the book  
“Neither Wolf Nor Dog”  
by Kent Nerburn

## Videos Highlight Promising ND Careers

The Youth Office at the North Dakota Department of Commerce offers a collection of nearly 50 video interviews that highlight promising North Dakota careers for young people. “Career Conversations” connects students, parents and educators to high-demand professions in North Dakota.

- Videos are five to ten minutes in length
- Available at [www.ndyouthforward.com](http://www.ndyouthforward.com).
- Also posted on [www.youtube.com/ndcareerconversation](http://www.youtube.com/ndcareerconversation) and [www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com).

Careers include: healthcare, insurance, banking, education, energy, information technology and law.

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# Hired on the spot

## Job Waiting After Graduation By Dennis J. Neumann, United Tribes News

BISMARCK (UTN) – Salli Little Dog-McCarty is motivated. She describes herself as someone who doesn't like to sit back and let things come to her.

That's one of the reasons she has a job waiting for her when she graduates from the UTTC Criminal Justice program in May.

Soon she will be headed to Standing Rock, where she's an enrolled member, to begin work as a corrections officer for the tribe in Fort Yates, ND.

Finding work before finishing school is somewhat unusual, but not unheard of, and certainly a testament to preparation and determination.

As her dad told her: "If you want something, you have to go out and get it."

### Trained People Required

The circumstances that favored Salli's preparedness culminated on February 16 at a jobs fair at Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates. To her surprise, at the fair were BIA officials from headquarters in Washington, the divisional office in Albuquerque, and the bureau's training facility at Artesia, NM, along with local tribal law enforcement officials.

"It seemed like the whole BIA system was there from all around the country," she said.

The bureau's full court press came from its emphasis on improving law enforcement throughout Indian Country. That, of course, requires trained people. Having trained at United Tribes, Salli fit the bill.

Everything about it was expedited and most of it done electronically, she said. It included the application, a background check, a questionnaire that took her almost three hours to fill out, and face-to-face interviews, including one with the head of the bureau's corrections division from Albuquerque. It took six hours and she was hired on the spot.

"I was so taken," she said. "I had no idea I'd get a job. I thought I'd go there and meet a few people, make some contacts and leave. It amounted to accomplishing an eight-month process in one day."



Salli LittleDog-McCarty with Sgt. Patrick Hudson of the North Dakota Highway Patrol during a UTTC Criminal Justice class about collision investigations. United Tribes News photos Dennis J. Neumann

### Criminal Justice Career Path

Salli's training for criminal justice work began in 2008 when she encountered a second opportunity to train for a career at United Tribes. When her husband, Thomas McCarty, was UTTC's Automotive Technology instructor, she crossed paths in the college's Skill Center with Criminal Justice instructor Ray Dingeman. It wasn't long before he recruited her into the program.

"After I got to know Ray, I figured I'd try it out," she said.

But going into criminal justice didn't pop in out of the blue. She admits she is following in the footsteps of her father, Gary Little Dog, who was a weapons instructor and former BIA Standing Rock Police Officer.

Salli's choice is not surprising, since the path that children take in life often follows the familiar. In addition to parental influence, she comes from a family with a matriarch who is an outstanding role model for education. Her grandmother, Adele Little Dog, is a long-serving and well respected Standing Rock educator and school principal.

### A Life Skill at Work

Another life skill that served Salli well is to test out something and see how it goes before jumping in full force. She originally came to United Tribes in 2003 to train as a nurse, the job of her mother, Sandra Talks, Eagle Butte, SD. She said she wanted to experience nursing from the perspective of the entry level position Certified Nurse Assistant. In doing so, she found out relatively quickly that nursing wasn't the career for her. But the method proved useful.

She's taking the same approach now. Going into corrections is her way of finding out soon if she has what it takes, and the stomach, for law enforcement work.

"I've really liked the criminal justice training," she said. "I had four applications out in the Bismarck area for corrections jobs."

For Salli, corrections is an entry point into the profession. She's also looking at the training to become a law enforcement officer, but it takes longer and is more involved. And it would mean leaving her husband and two children for a time and going to New Mexi-

*Continued on page 24*

# Asking questions is key to learning about gangs

By Dennis J. Neumann, United Tribes News

BISMARCK (UTN) – If you have a student on campus or in a school who appears to be projecting gang behavior, don't be afraid to ask the person about it.

That's one piece of advice for school administrators, law enforcement, and safety and security personnel from a gangs expert. Christopher M. Grant, M.A., a national Native American gang specialist, says you shouldn't be reluctant to ask the right questions.

Grant conducted a workshop April 7 at United Tribes about gangs in Indian Country.

"If you have someone who is projecting that attitude or behavior about themselves, there's nothing wrong with sitting down and saying, 'hey, I'm seein' this goin' on with you. Are you claimin' gang affiliation? You're walkin' through here every day carrying a blue bandanna, and I see these tats, and you're throwin' hand signs.' There's nothing wrong with asking the question," he said.

Grant says he believes that a lot of the individuals involved in gang activity think adults are blind to what they're doing, "that we don't recognize it."

"When we let people know that we see you...there's some value in that in terms of mitigating their behavior," he said. "If you have a young man openly displaying gang tattoos and markings on their body, the worst thing we can do is pretend like we don't see it. Pretend like we don't recognize it."

Grant traced the origins of gang activity in Indian Country to the late 1980s and early 1990s. Over the last five-to-ten years, he said, there have been notable increases in activity in tribal communities in the Southwest, Northwest and Midwest regions of the country. Communities affected experience an upswing in criminal activity, including significant levels of violence, drug use and distribution.

"There are some realities of gang involvement that most young people are not considering or are not concerned about," said Grant. "There are realities that we can convey to them. Are you thinking about the potential consequences of the choices you're makin'?"

Grant says young people are unaware



*Christopher M. Grant, Rapid City, SD, a specialist in Native American gangs, talks with Scott Davis of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission during a break in a workshop about gangs in Indian Country.*

of the fear and insecurity that comes with being in a gang, "not knowing when your home-boys are gonna turn on you." Or what might happen to you from one day to the next, or to your family. He said there is helplessness and hopelessness being trapped inside gang behavior.

Grant said he had no particular data about gangs at tribal colleges. He said he sees a lot of gang activity in tribal schools, middle schools and high schools, and a fair amount in boarding schools, where students come from reservations around the country and bring their gang affiliation with them and start recruiting. Be that as it may, Grant says he supports gang-involved individuals who go to high school or college because education is their lifeline.

"The most effective thing we can do is sit down with that person and say, 'welcome to our school, welcome to this campus. But, I'm lookin' at your arm here and unless I'm mistaken, that looks like a gang marking to me. Are you claiming gang affiliation?' If the answer is 'yes, I am,' then you should respond with, 'well, we want you to know you are welcome here on this campus, as long as you are not a gangster on this campus.' That's the dividing line. You can be a student here, and you can be a gang-involved

student here, but you cannot be a student-gangster here."

It should be made clear that individuals are in school to be students, said Grant. They are there to better themselves. They should be told that any displaying, representing or recruiting, or anything else that's gang related, means they will be asked to leave.

Schools should be prepared with personal appearance policies, teachers who are trained, and a staff that's willing to recognize the problem and step up and address the overt gang behavior that's occurring. Otherwise schools can be a primary place for gang influences to occur.

The workshop was attended by more than 50 representatives of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in the region. The training was made possible through the Federal Law Enforcement Center's Rural Policing Institute, Glynco, GA.

"There was a lot of valuable information about the scope of Indian gangs, especially in the Bismarck-Mandan area and on reservations," said Phil Baird, United Tribes Vice-President of Academic, Career and Technical Education. "We in the tribal colleges should be better informed about the problem and how to be proactive in dealing with it."

# 2011 Student Writing Competition

## *Tribal College Journal*

TCJ received more than 90 submissions from 73 talented students. The winners hail from 11 different tribal colleges and universities and represent a diversity of tribes. The top three entries will be published in the Fall 2011 issue of Tribal College Journal.

### WINNERS

#### Fiction

##### Top Three

“Trial Day”

by Manih Boyd,

College of Menominee Nation  
“Pamatesew”

by Racquel Boyd,

College of Menominee Nation  
“The Reunion”

by Brandon LaMere,

Little Priest Tribal College

#### Honorable Mention

“A Rude Awakening?”

by Steven Asay,

Salish Kootenai College

“Why?”

by Todd J. Brier,

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community  
College

“Maki’s Plan”

by Brandon LaMere,

Little Priest Tribal College

“Son”

by Claudell Martin Tacheene,

Diné College

#### Memoir

##### Top Three

“A Crystal Clear Dream”

by Mary Flatmouth,

Little Big Horn College

“Homecoming”

by Tamsen Star O’Berry,

United Tribes Technical College

“Pollen Road of Life”

by Brian Sloan,

Navajo Technical College

#### Honorable Mention

“Love for an Alcoholic”

by Kim Dickson,

Leech Lake Tribal College

“Never Give Up”

by Zachary Long,

Navajo Technical College

“The Fight”

by Staci Ann Kaye,

Haskell Indian Nations University

“Motherless Intuition”

by Rosanda Platero,

Navajo Technical College

#### Poetry

##### Top Three

“Reservation Guide”

by Darcy MedicineHorse,

Salish Kootenai College

“Nights ‘Round Here Devour Us”

by Anna Nelson,

Institute of American Indian Arts

“The Place Where White Skies Are  
Formed”

by Claudell Martin Tacheene,

Diné College

#### Honorable Mention

“Ancestors’ Revenge”

by Tricia Fields,

College of Muscogee Nation

“Sometimes Mountains Need to Cry”

by Donna Hall,

Institute of American Indian Arts

“The Five Short Loves”

by Darcy MedicineHorse,

Salish Kootenai College

“200 MPH Unicorn”

by Steven Jared Whitfield,

Haskell Indian Nations University

Tribal College Journal is published quarterly by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, an organization of 37 tribally-controlled colleges and universities. Tribal College Journal has covered the news, newsmakers, and issues in the Native American higher education movement for more than 20 years.

# UTTC STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to UTTC Librarian **Charlene Weis** on the birth of her first grandchild, Sophia Weis. With the arrival of Spring comes new life!!

– Phil Baird

Congratulations to **Ruth Buffalo Zarazua**, who has been selected to participate in the Tri-College National Education for Women’s (NEW) Leadership Development Institute. Ruth is one 50 who will participate in the June 1-5 institute at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

– Editor

The Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau recognized the United Tribes Powwow Committee with a “VIP Event Recognition” award for bringing a new regional or national group to the community. In particular, the visitor’s bureau singled out **David M. Gipp, Wes Long Feather** and **Sandy Erickson** for their work in arranging for a featured cultural group at the powwow each year for the past 10 years.

– Bis-Man CVB

UTTC Business Management chair **Carol Anderson** has been selected the 2011 North Dakota Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. District Director James L. Stai cited Carol for her “commitment to improving awareness of small business opportunities among minority students.” Congratulations Carol!

– Phil Baird

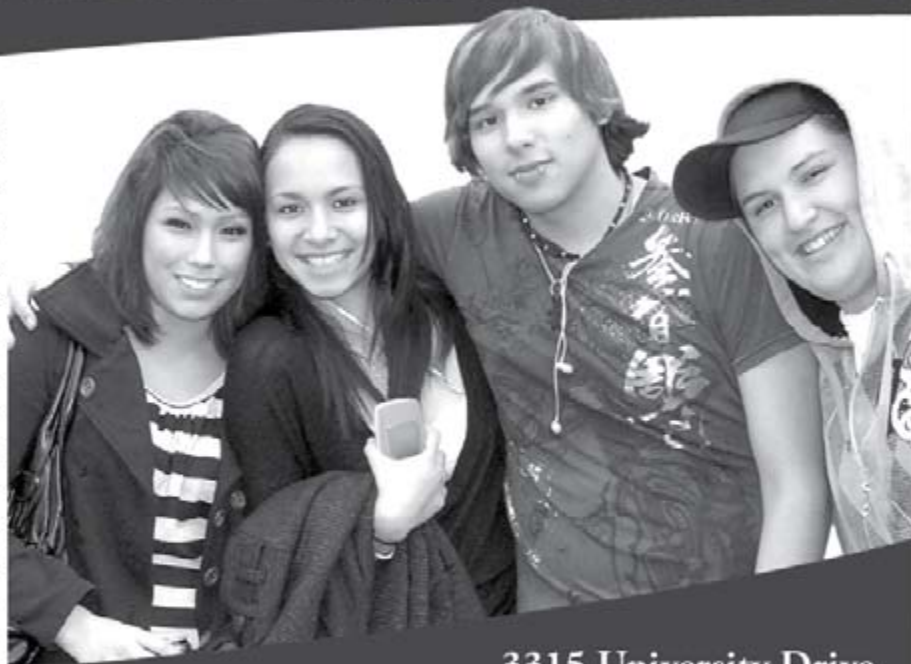
United Tribes Technical College became a member April 1 of the **Bismarck-Mandan Development Association**. The college is a voting member of the organization with a one-year membership.

– Wes Long Feather



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# UTTC Graduation set for May 6

BISMARCK (UTN) – The 2011 United Tribes Technical College Commencement Ceremony is set for Friday, May 6 at the college in Bismarck. The program is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in Lone Star Arena in the center of the college campus.

During the ceremony, 91 students will be honored with Associate of Applied Science Degrees and Certificates of Completion in the college's academic and vocational programs.

A graduation banquet is scheduled for the evening prior to commencement.

Presenting remarks during the program will be Miss Indian Nations XVIII Evereta Thinn, Diné, from the Navajo Nation in Arizona. Thinn is attending American University and completing an internship in Washington, DC with the U.S. Dept. of Health/Human Services in the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration.



Commencement is the concluding event of the 2010-11 academic year. Graduates have chosen the theme: "When You Leave Here, Don't Forget Why You Came."

Formal graduation photos will be taken from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. Graduates are asked to arrive early for best results; Photo sessions end promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Traditional meal will be served at the UTTC Cafeteria following the ceremony.

Other speakers will include tribal leaders on the United Tribes governing board who represent the tribes of North Dakota: Three Affiliated Tribes, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

The drum group Tatanka Nagi will provide honoring songs.

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

## MESSAGE to the GRADUATES

Those of you who graduate from United Tribes Technical College on May 6 deserve warm recognition for your accomplishments. In almost all cases, you have overcome barriers and hardships that are unknown among students who attend mainstream colleges.

You have reached the goal of earning a degree, and that means you've met the challenge of figuring out how to study and learn. This is a skill that will serve you for your entire life. You have invested in yourself. You have bettered yourself for the future.

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

"You are a better person for obtaining a degree," he said. "Not better in the sense that you have a right to condemn those who have no degree, but a better person for your knowledge and the employment opportunities that will now be opened to you."

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

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

I couldn't agree more!

I would only add this: You have arrived at a position of honor. You will be a positive influence on many members of your family and tribe. I commend you for modeling the kind of behavior befitting a community leader. As Gandhi said, "Be the change you hope to see in the world."

Congratulations on your success and best wishes on your journey ahead.

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

## GRADUATION PHOTOS



Student Photos

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# THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY



# TIDBITS

## Science Fair Winner

**T**aylahni Jackson, a fifth grade student from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, took first place in the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair.

Taylahni competed in the Physics and Astronomy category during the March 24–26 event in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Forty-seven schools were represented and over 500 projects.

Taylahni's project was titled: Depth of Field: Pinhole Lens versus F2.5 Large Format Lens. She took and developed film photographs using two different camera lenses. One was a pinhole lens that she built and affixed to a 4 x 5 view camera. The other was a WWII era Aero Ektar f4.5 lens, also on a 4 x 5 view camera. She compared the results of the photographs and demonstrated her understanding of the optical properties known as "circle of confusion" and "depth of field."

Taylahni presented her project in two previous science fairs. She participated in the TJES Science Fair and took first place in the

North Dakota Native American Science Fair to become eligible to participate in the national event. To enter she was required to write a scientific abstract in APA style using a minimum of five literary references. As a further requirement, her project also met the standards of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

"I plan to attend again next year," said Taylahni. "It was fun to meet people from all the United States and Ontario, Canada. I saw projects from all over."

Theodore Jamerson Elementary School is located on the United Tribes Technical College campus in Bismarck. Taylahni's science coach was Mark Anderson, TJES Gifted and Talented instructor.



*Taylahni Jackson, a fifth grade student at TJES, is from the Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.*

### 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Grade Name	GPA
4..... Daeshaun StrongHeart.....	4.0
4..... Kobe McKay.....	3.3
4..... Alexis Bettelyoung.....	3.3
4..... Larissa Fox.....	3.0
4..... Tyra Lends His Horse.....	3.5
5..... Tayla Blaine.....	3.833
5..... MarLynn Cloud.....	3.833
5..... McKenzie Archambeau.....	3.0
5..... Devin Benson.....	3.167
5..... Taylahni Jackson.....	3.333
5..... Kasa Lohnes.....	3.5
5..... Kaeleigh Cain.....	3.33
5..... Ampo Thin Elk.....	3.167
5..... Mayan Fox.....	3.667
5..... Trinity Lends His Horse Duarte.....	3.33
5..... Rocio Chapman.....	3.167
6..... Chad Derby.....	4.00
6..... Trevan Long Feather.....	4.00
6..... JoLynn Windy Boy.....	3.40
6..... Elissya Feather Earring.....	3.20
6..... Kaylean Lohnes.....	3.40
7..... Marlaysia Cloud.....	3.60
7..... Elijah Feather Earring.....	3.40
7..... Hayden Strong Heart.....	3.00
8..... Zachary Burdick.....	3.80
8..... Marques Has Horns.....	3.60
8..... Briarrose Little Bird.....	3.40

## Theodore Jamerson Choir Students Perform



**S**ix TJES students performed April 2 with the Northern Plains Kodály Festival Honor Choir at Fargo's Olivet Lutheran Church. They were directed by Lindsay Gietzen, TJES music instructor and guest conductor Dr. Joshua Bronfman from UND. Songs were presented in a variety of languages including Romanian, French and English. The TJES students were among 88 students from North Dakota and Minnesota who performed. Front row from left: MarLynn Cloud, Tayla Blaine, Kaeleigh Cain and Mayan Fox. Back row: Marlaysia Cloud, Chadron Derby and music teacher Lindsay Gietzen.

– Lindsay Gietzen

# Diabetes walkers visit powwow



**WALKING REGALIA:** A courageous group of American Indian young people, who are raising awareness about diabetes through walking, get ready for Grand Entry April 16 during the powwow that opened the 30th Annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium student conference in Bismarck. Some were clad in reflective vests, necessary apparel for their approximate 5,000 mile walk across America from Portland, OR to Washington, DC. Called the "Longest Walk 3: Reversing Diabetes," the group was encountering some unpleasant weather conditions along the northern tier of states, including a winter snowstorm at Bismarck. The group stayed at United Tribes. They expect to be in the nation's capital by early July. Follow their progress at <http://lw3.internettechnologyservice.net>.

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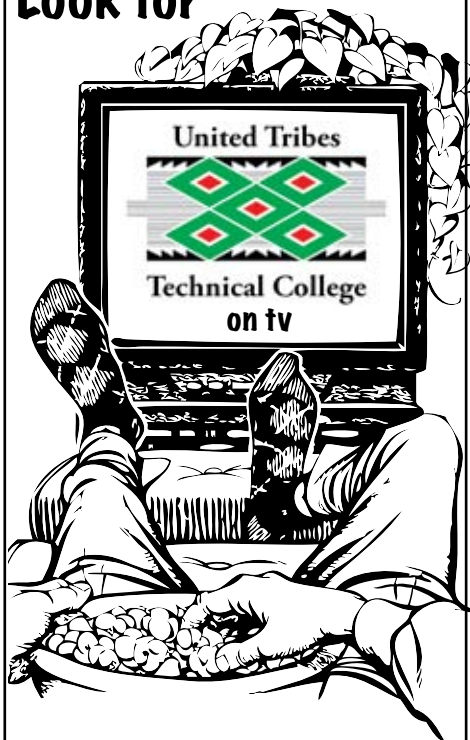
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## ART EXHIBITION

### Best of Show – Traditional

S'hahaeyje Shenandoah, IAIA

### Best of Show – Contemporary

Sheena Nizhoni-Wells, IAIA

### President's choice

Dylan Iron Shirt, IAIA

### People's Choice

Cameron Martinez, IAIA

### Beadwork

1. Dylan Iron Shirt, IAIA
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## Painting

1. Nelson Chasing Hawk, SGU
2. Nancy Deleary, IAIA
3. Turquoise Man Shawna Nelson, IAIA

## Graphic Design

1. Brian Akipa, IAIA
2. Jayli Fimbres, UTTC
3. Stacy Grant, UTTC

## Digital Fine Art

1. Quinn Austin, UTTC
2. John Hager, IAIA
3. Brian Akipa, IAIA

## Photography

1. Thurman Jay Lynch, NTC
2. Conjotee Chuleewah, IAIA
3. Marcia Smith, IAIA



Neva Stands, SGU, at left, and Renee Ellis U

## Pottery

1. David Pecos, IAIA
2. Sharon Lewis, IAIA
3. Janell Lewis, SGU

## Jewelry

1. Yuauke Kuwano, IAIA
2. Cameron Martinez, IAIA
3. Jefferson Yazzie, NTC

## Sculpture

1. Brian Akipa, IAIA
2. Brianna Fleetwood, IAIA
3. Philip Grider, UTTC

## Mixed Media

1. Sheena Nizhoni Wells, IAIA
2. Steve Tamayo, SGU
3. Whitney B. MinthornII, IAIA

## MR. AIHEC

Jason Morsette, FBCC

## MS. AIHEC

Delores Cobb, CMN

## SPEECH

### Informative

1. Jaime Henlo, NTC
2. Clinton Isham, CMN
2. Randal White, Jr., SBC

### Persuasive

1. Roychelle Morsette, SBC
2. Jayme Davis, TMCC
3. Clinton Isham, CMN



The UTTC team, sporting a stylized Thunderbirds theme, earned third in the handgame competition, and were recognized for having the best singing group. United Tribes News photos Dennis J. Neumann

# Education Consortium Student Competition



UTTC, score their shots during the AIHEC archery competition.

## Serious Oral Interpretation

1. Bertent Towne, DC
2. Alvin Dahozy, DC
3. Tyler One Horn, OLC

## Humorous Oral Interpretation

1. James Foguth, DC
2. Nathaniel Madson, CMN
3. Tonia Hall, SBC

## Duo Interpretation

1. Bertent Towne - Alvin Dahozy, DC
2. James Foguth - Claudell Tacheene, DC
3. Nathaniel Madson - Justin Gauthier, CMN

## CRITICAL INQUIRY

1. FBCC
2. BFCC
3. OLC

## SCIENCE BOWL

1. UTTC
2. TMCC
3. FBCC

## SCIENCE POSTER

1. Audra Stonefish, SBC
2. Lindsey Deswood, DC
3. Brandon One Feather, OLC

## SCIENCE ORAL

1. Amy Stiffarm, SKC
2. Audra Stonefish, SBC
3. Rebecca Bingham, OLC

## TRADITIONAL PLANTS

1. Miguel Hernandez, NWIC
2. Bonita Rickers, IAIA
3. Ester Lopez, IAIA

## ONE ACT PLAY

1. UTTC
2. NWIC
3. OLC

## FILM FESTIVAL

1. Tyler Blue Tarapalechee, IAIA
2. Awtawne Temple, Marthiano Yazzie, Clinton Desidero, NTC
3. Dena Lone Hill, OLC

## People's Choice

Tyler Blue Tarapalechee, IAIA

## Honorable Mention

James LaPointe, IAIA  
Derrick Little Light, LBHC

## WRITING

### Poetry

Darcy Medicine Horse, SKC  
Anna Nelson, IAIA  
Claudell Tacheene, DC

### Memoir/Narrative

Mary Flatmouth, LBHC  
Star O'Berry, UTTC  
Brian Sloan, NTC

### Fiction

Manih Boyd, CMN  
Raquel Boyd, CMN  
Brandon LaMere, LPTC

## USDA SPECIAL COMPETITION

1. Erick Freeman, Brandon Jesus, Lindsey Deswood, DC
2. Harriet Black Hoop, Jalisa Cruz, Shantelle Cruz, SBC
3. Tamara Howard, Pearl Roy, Victoria Mandan, FBCC

## HANDGAMES

1. FBCC
  2. DC
  3. UTTC
- Best Hider:** Tara Harvey, DC  
**Best Guesser:** Delia Blake, FBCC  
**Best Group Singers:** UTTC

## VOLLEYBALL

1. OLC
2. SKC
3. UTTC

## POOL

### Student - Female

1. Brenda Swett, LCOCC
2. JoLynn Leishman, SKC
3. Juanita Irvine, SKC

### Student - Male

1. Frank DeMarrias, FPCC
2. Lydell Sheperd, SKC
3. Ron Martel, FBCC

### Staff - Male

1. Chad Harrison, SBC
2. George LaFrance, DC
3. Gilbert Begay, NTC

## ARCHERY

### Individual

1. Collins Woody, NTC
2. Ron Martel, FBCC
3. Johnnie Bird, FBCC

### Team

1. FBCC
2. NTC
3. OLC

## WII SPORTS

**Mario Cart:** Clint Desiderio, NTC

**Basketball:** Brock Charette, TMCC

**Golf:** Tyson Morin, TMCC



Actor Val Kilmer channeled the wit of Mark Twain.



TV journalist Hattie Kauffman inspired with the story of her persistence and success.



SGU President Lionel Bordeaux coordinated a workshop about the future of Tribal Higher Education.

## United Tribes Students and Staff at AIHEC

Chad Austin, Quin Austin, Codi Black Bird, Rose Burcham, Shane Brunelle, Nathan Dunn, Cleveland Good Shield, Drew Grant, Stacey Grant, Phillip Grider, Chris Hilfer, Amber Iron Shield, Joelle Janis, Tia Jeanotte, Devero Yellow Earring, David One Horn, Tracie Packineau, Rochelle Perkins, Jaylene Pretends Eagle, Helen Reed, Ashley Ross, Dustin Thompson, Karmin Walker, Sheralyn Plante, Rebekah Olson, Mandy Guinn, Grace Bull Tail, Arlene Edmundson, Julie Cain, Tamera Marshall, Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua, Anthony LaFromboise, Jen Janecek Hartman

AIHEC results compiled by Sitting Bull College

# Successful Lockdown Drill

By Bill Wuolu, UTTC Safety Director

The United Tribes Safety Department is pleased to announce the completion of the college's first ever Lockdown Drill and more importantly, the success of the drill.

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation; with an extra special 'thank you' to those who assisted us as observers.

Even though the April 12 drill was a success, there were areas we can improve upon. We look forward to working with the campus community to attain the highest level of safety preparedness.

So, you can look forward to other drills. The severe summer weather season is upon us and we will soon be conducting a tornado drill to prepare for it.

# Job on the spot...

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co for training. That may not always be the case, as United Tribes is in the process of developing a satellite Indian police training facility on its campus in Bismarck.



Salli Little Dog-McCarty

In the meantime, Salli will be in the college's 2011 Commencement Ceremony on May 6. She is scheduled for several weeks of additional training on campus and come July she will be at work in Fort Yates.


"I'm very happy I found a job before graduating and I can't wait to start," she said. "I feel confident. I'll do my best to make my family proud. After all, I have some big shoes to fill, so I'm starting small."

# Veterans group honors founder

## PROMOTER/PLANNER:

Bonnie St. John (Crow Creek) was honored April 13 as one of the founding members of the United Tribes Veterans group "Freedom Defenders." She was recognized because of her role over the past year in helping start the group on the UTTC campus. She spread the word to other students and staff members, attended the majority of the meetings, and was very active in forming the group's mission, vision and values statements. She was also instrumental in the planning for next year's projects. After graduating May 6 in Tribal Management, Bonnie plans to return home to Ft. Thompson, SD.

— Michael E. Iken,  
Center for Academic  
& Personal Counseling


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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](mailto:miken@uttc.edu).

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2nd Wednesday of  
Every Month



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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.

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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.

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- Assisting in the transition to UTTC Community life
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## United Tribes Jobs

### ACADEMIC, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- CDC Preschool Teacher
- SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR for the United Tribes Native Technicians for the Environment
- Criminal Justice Instructor
- Summer Session Instructor

### STUDENT & CAMPUS SERVICES

- Family Specialist
- Bus Driver
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- Project Director - Domestic Violence (Part Time)
- Career Counselor
- Director of Admissions & Recruiting
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- Kitchen Cook - Part-time/Weekend
- Carpenter - Full-Time (Temporary)
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- Educational Outreach Director
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- Men's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Security Officer

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- Vice President, Finance & Business Services
- Payroll Specialist

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# Accreditation visit hosted at United Tribes



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**REVIEW TEAM:** During an initial meeting April 18, Dr. Michael W. Westerfield, center right, outlines the process of a two-day site visit to United Tribes Technical College by a team of reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Westerfield, Vice President & Dean of Graduate & Adult Studies at William Woods University, Fulton, MO, was the team leader. Other members, from far left, Dr. Robert G. Martin, President of the Institute of American Indian &

Alaska Native Culture & Arts Development, Santa Fe, NM; Dr. Cynthia E. Spiers, Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness/Assist to President, Planning at James A. Rhodes State College, Lima, OH; Dr. Kristin L. Mallory, Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs at Bridgmont Community & Technical College, Montgomery, WV; and, at right, Dr. Michael R. White, Director of Bachelor's Programs, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis, MN. Details about the visit in a future edition of United Tribes News.

## United Tribes listed among top 10 powwows

BISMARCK (UTN) – The United Tribes International Powwow has been recommended by USA Today as one of America's Ten Great Powwows.

The national newspaper listed the United Tribes International Powwow in a half-page spread about powwows April 15 in the paper's Travel section.

"This lets people know you have an event worth seeing," said Gary McKechnie, the paper's travel expert and author of the top ten story. "You can now say you are recommended by USA TODAY"

The 2010 United Tribes International Powwow is scheduled for September 8-12 at the college's Lone Star Arena in Bismarck, ND.

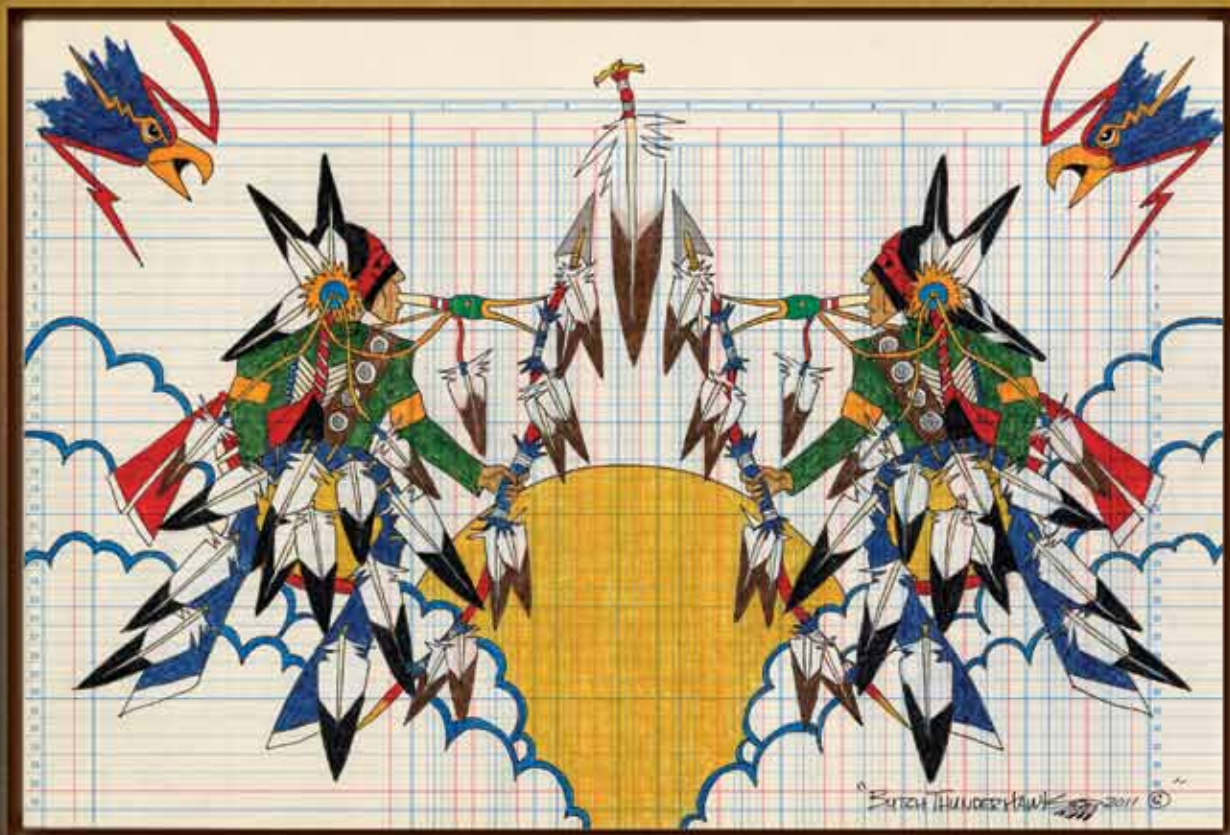
To review the USA TODAY "10 Great Powwows" list, go to: [www.travel.usatoday.com](http://www.travel.usatoday.com).



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# Baird honored during AIHEC conference

**THE STUDENT START:** Draped in a blanket and star quilt, Phil Baird (Sicangu Lakota, Rosebud) moves around the powwow dance arena April 16 receiving congratulations and well-wishes from those attending the 30th Annual Conference of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in Bismarck, ND. Baird is Vice President of Academic, Career and Technical Education at United Tribes Technical College. He was honored for his role in creating and organizing the AIHEC Youth Congress in 1986 and establishing the participation of students from the nation's tribal colleges and universities as part of the annual tribal higher education conference. Also honored was Elaine Beaudreau-Patton, another organizer of the AIHEC Youth Congress 25 years ago.



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