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United Tribes graduates honored



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The graduating class of 2012, their families, friends and well-wishers packed the James Henry Community gymnasium at UTTC for commencement.

BISMARCK (UTN) – Tribal leaders, who believe in the power of education to change lives, were among the first to express their congratulations May 4 to the graduating class of United Tribes Technical College.

Dressed in their caps and gowns for the 2012 Commencement Ceremony were 123 students who earned Bachelor of Science or Associate of Applied Science Degrees, or Certificates of Completion.

“I didn’t know where I was going to wind up after graduation,” said keynote

speaker Billy A. Bell, chairman of the Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, McDermitt, Nevada. “I didn’t think I would ever become a tribal chairman.”

Bell’s talk had particular meaning because he was once one of them, having graduated from United Tribes.

“What I learned here, I still use today,” he said. “Researching what I need to know and speaking before audiences, being able to advocate on behalf of tribal people.”

Bell said he was overwhelmed by a sense

of family when he arrived back on campus. He said he was a teenager and didn’t know what to expect when he first came to UTTC. He graduated from the college’s Criminal Justice Program in 2002 and served six years on his tribe’s council before becoming Ft. McDermitt chairman in 2009. Among his many responsibilities, he is president of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, an organization of the 27 tribes in the state.

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Connecting on tour of Tribal Colleges



INDIAN HUMOR: Ever-charming Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk (Dakota/Lakota) coaxes a laugh May 1 from three visitors to his Tribal Arts studio at United Tribes Technical College. From left: Robyn Hollingshead, Arts and Cultures Program director, Gabrielle Strong (Sisseton/Wahpeton) Native Arts and Culture Program officer, and Shelley Shreffler, Environmental Program officer, all with the Margaret

A. Cargill Foundation, Eden Prairie, MN. The visit was part of a tribal colleges tour sponsored by the American Indian College Fund. Thunder Hawk's tenure as the college's tribal arts instructor reaches back to the mid-1970s. His studio is filled with period-correct and contemporary work by him and his students. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

KODA THE WARRIOR "Overcome the Storm to see New Horizons" CREATED BY MARK L. MINDT SPIRIT LAKE NATION

Jump! We're late for the graduation!

HOKA-HEY!!!!

Wakan Tanka, pidamaya yedo! Creator, thank you!

KODA, I don't know about this idea...

PERSEVERE

A Warrior never gives up! A Warrior knows the first law of Tribal Nations: "Respect"

Umm, if you let me down, we can get to the ceremony.

Remember to be Grateful for your gifts & abilities

UTTC Students know the value of their education. When times get tough, they work harder to succeed and graduate with their degrees.

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Leadership fellowships awarded by United Tribes

BISMARCK (UTN) – Two outstanding college students at United Tribes Technical College received the David M. Gipp Leadership Fellowships for 2012. The honorees are business student Laramie Plain Feather, a member of the Crow Tribe in Montana, and teacher education student Billi Jo Gravseth from the Standing Rock Tribe in North and South Dakota.

The recipients were honored May 2 during a ceremony and dinner. Each received a recognition plaque from United Tribes President David M. Gipp, for whom the award is named. Gipp is a nationally recognized leader in American Indian higher education. He has led the college for 35 years.

“These young people point out very clearly what United Tribes is all about,” said Gipp. “The college was and still is about providing good support and training to help build them up for success.”

One hundred friends, staff members and college supporters attended the fellowship recognition event held at Apple Creek Country Club. Included were North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, North Dakota State Senator Ryan Taylor, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission Director Scott Davis, and Bismarck attorney Sarah Vogel, who was thanked and recognized for her outstanding support of United Tribes.



Dr. David M. Gipp, United Tribes President, with fellowship recipients Laramie Plain Feather and Billi Jo Gravseth. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

Referring to the western North Dakota oil boom, Gipp said “we especially want Native Americans to contribute and be involved in the development and have an equal share in the future benefits.”

The audience was treated to an entertaining keynote talk by Richard B. “Rick” Williams, President & CEO of the American Indian College Fund. Ceremonial and honoring songs were rendered by the drum group Tatanka Nagi.

The David M. Gipp Native American Leadership Fellowship is a privately funded

award for students who demonstrate leadership potential in their home communities and at United Tribes. Recipients receive a \$1,000 award and participate in leadership development and mentorship activities.

For more information about the fellowship or to contribute, please contact Suzan O’Connell, Development Director, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504, 701-255-3285 x 1533, soconnell@uttc.edu.

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Tour features education and culture

BISMARCK (UTN) – A traditional meal of stew, fry bread and wojapi was on the menu to welcome and nourish a campus tour group from MDU Resources, Knife River Corporation, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline and American Bank.

The visit was planned and hosted by staff of the college’s Career Development and Institutional Advancement departments.

The May 11 event featured a welcome ceremony in the Wellness Center Healing Room, tour of the art gallery, a glimpse of the TJES Powwow, briefings about the college’s workforce training programs and talks by campus leaders who shared the UTTC story and visions for the future.



ART COLLECTION: The tour of United Tribes was facilitated by Mark Mindt, Assoc. VP Career Development, here in the college’s Art Gallery with Bonnie Taylor, left, MDU Resources HR Specialist and Nancy Christenson, Knife River’s VP of Administration.



HIGH HONOR: Bill Schneider, MDU Resources VP of Bakken Development, received a Pendleton from United Tribes President David M. Gipp recognizing the company’s friendship and generous support of the college’s “Opportunities in the Making” student scholarship campaign.

For more information about corporate tours, contact Charisse Fandrich
701-255-3285 x 1207, cfandrich@uttc.edu.

Jodi Gillette back in the White House



Jodi Gillette

WASHINGTON – President Obama appointed Jodi Archambault Gillette as Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs. Gillette is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Tribe.

Gillette had served in the White House as Deputy Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Associate Director of Public Engagement. She was responsible for communication and interaction between tribal nations and the White House.

More recently she had been in the DOI as Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development.

Now, as a member of the Domestic Policy Council, Gillette will advise the President on issues impacting Indian Country.

“She has been a key member of my administration’s efforts for Indian Country, and will continue to ensure that Native American issues will always have a seat at the table,” said President Obama in a statement announcing the appointment on April 27.

Baptism held at United Tribes Chapel



DAVID M. GIPP ♦ United Tribes News

FAMILY TIES: The United Tribes Chapel was the setting April 15 for a baptism of two campus youngsters: Serena and Vincent Kills Plenty III. The adults, from left, two sets of proud god-parents Warren and Verna Koch and Salli and Tom McCarty, Father Victor Feser, and parents Jackie and Vincent Kills Plenty. Vincent is holding daughter Serena; in front are Vincent III and daughter Paige. Sunday Catholic services are on hiatus for the summer but resume in the chapel in the first week in August.

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Pride, Inc.

The advertisement features three young adults (two women and one man) sitting together and smiling. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor scene with a field of yellow flowers. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font.



Quilt signals project success

PATCHWORK OF WISDOM: This amazing quilt was created with blocks provided by each TCU that participated in the Woksape Oyate project, which means "Wisdom of the People" in Lakota. The project of the American Indian College Fund helped build the intellectual capital of tribal colleges, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. The UTTC block, made by Deb Hempler of the HR Dept., is in the mid-lower right titled "Walking the Path Between Two Worlds." It signifies the importance of learning and practicing traditional ways, and blending them with modern methods, to empower graduates as they enter the workforce. United Tribes used Woksape Oyate to help create bachelor-level degree programs in business administration, criminal justice and elementary/special education. To learn more about the project and how it was implemented at each TCU, use this link to the College Fund website: http://www.collegefund.org/content/woksape_oyate

– Stacie L. Iken, PhD, OTR/L,
Director, Upper Division Degree Programs



STD Awareness Day

By Sharon Toineeta, LPN, UTTC Student Health Center

The Student Health Center held an awareness event about sexually transmitted diseases (STD's). Over the noon hour on April 25 at the cafeteria, 75 GYT (Get Yourself Tested) T-shirts were given out to the students and staff who signed in.

There were pamphlets on some of the different diseases; GYT stickers, handouts, and of course fun packs with condoms, lube and dental dams. A total of 83 students and staff participated.

The SHC staff wants you to know that we are here for you if you think you may have an STD. We can provide you with information and may also help refer you for testing. You don't have to feel alone and scared, we are here for you.

Everything is Confidential and your business will not go anywhere! Get Tested!

STDs are infections that you can get from having sex with someone who has an infection. The causes can be bacteria, parasites or viruses. There are more than 20 types of

STDs, including; Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Genital herpes, HIV/AIDS, HPV, syphilis, Trichomoniasis.

Most STDs affect both men and women but in many cases the health problems they cause can be more severe for women. If a pregnant woman has an STD, it can cause serious health problems for the baby.

If you have an STD caused by bacteria or parasites, your health care provider can treat it with antibiotics or other medicines. If you have an STD caused by a virus, there is no cure. Sometimes medicines can keep the disease under control. Correct usage of latex condoms greatly reduces, but does not completely eliminate, the risk of catching or spreading STDs.

The best advice is: GYT - Get Yourself Tested!

Contact us for more information: Charmelle Fuchs x1331, Sharon Toineeta x 1332, Olivia Tuske-Reese x 1409, Sue Big Eagle, office manager x 1247.

United Tribes STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The student health Center (SHC) in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center is funded by the Indian Health Services on a 638 Indian Self-Determination contract. The professional staff provides comprehensive medical care to UTTC students and their dependents according to these guidelines:

Office Hours M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

After hours medical care (or holidays), contact UTTC Security x 1200/1300. Nurse-on-call can be reached via cell phone.

- Pre-authorization required from SHC nursing staff for all medical and pharmacy needs. SHC can make transportation arrangements for medical appointments.
- Students must be full-time and currently enrolled at UTTC. Part-time students may receive SHC services and over-the-counter medications but not referrals.
- Students are responsible for informing the SHC staff of an Emergency Room visit or hospitalization within 72 hours of a visit or admittance.
- Services provided only during the academic school year. No services provided June 30 to July 2, 2012.

Student Health Center Staff

Charmelle Fuchs, LPN/Supervisor, 701-255-3285 x 1331
Sharon Rose Toineeta, LPN, 701-255-3285 x 1332
Olivia Tuske-Reese, LPN, 701-255-3285 x 1409
Sue Big Eagle, Office Mgr., 701-255-3285 x 1247

Laid-back and looking cool

HELPING HANDS: Seven-year-old Thomas Cartwright breezed through a dental visit March 28 in the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. The clinic-on-wheels made a week-long stop at United Tribes bringing oral health services to youngsters on the campus. Thomas is a kindergarten student at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School and the son of Edward and Buffy Cartwright. His care was provided by Dr. Christy Peterson and Dental Assistant Lynn Babcock. The care mobile is owned by the Ronald McDonald House Charity of Bismarck and operates throughout western North Dakota providing free services for underserved children in their own neighborhoods. At UTTC, the services were valued at \$19,000 for 32 patients. To the bright and happy smiles they helped perfect, we add our sincere appreciation and thanks to the care mobile team!



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SOUND CONTRACTOR PROPOSALS SOUGHT

2012 United Tribes International Powwow

The United Tribes Powwow Committee seeks written proposals from sound contractors for the 2012 United Tribes International Powwow. A sound contractor will be selected to perform work-for-hire during and throughout the 43rd Annual United Tribes International Powwow at Lone Star Arena on the campus of United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, North Dakota, from September 6-9, 2012.

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
- 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 required for sound system operation
- Fee required for audio recording
- Listing of previous powwow sound contracting work
- 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.





SAVE THE DATE

**16th Annual
United Tribes
Tribal Leaders Summit
September 5-7, 2012
Bismarck Civic Center Exhibition Hall**

SAVE THE DATE NOW for the 16th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit in Bismarck. Get it on your calendar to take advantage of this opportunity to get current on the issues in Indian Country. Attend meetings and exchange information with tribal, federal, state and local leaders. This event coincides with other tribal conferences and meetings – sharing breaks, luncheons, and general sessions.

Tribal Leaders Summit XVI

- Presentations from a wide range of Experts and Panelists
- Current issues facing Tribes and Tribal People
- Network with Tribal Organizations and Businesses
- Registration fee includes meals and entry to the United Tribes International Powwow

Register Online: www.uttcc.edu

**16th Annual
Tribal Leaders Summit Tradeshow
September 5-7, 2012
Bismarck Civic Center Exhibition Hall**

Set-up & Registration:
September 4, 2-6 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$300 Until August 26

On-Site Fee: \$400

(Includes 2 Vendor Badges/ 2 powwow passes) (Additional Badges \$25/\$15 for Native Business) (*Maximum 4 per Booth)

More information: Debbie Painte,
701-255-3285 x 1232, dpainte@uttcc.edu
www.uttcc.edu



United Tribes Powwow Week September 4-9, 2012 Bismarck, North Dakota

LOOK FOR THESE EVENTS



Miss Indian Nations Pageant

September 5-8, United Tribes campus
Open to all Native American women age 17-26 who are at least one-fourth degree Indian. Proof of age and tribal enrollment necessary. Must be single and non-parent. Contact **Sharon Clairmont**: 701-255-3285 x 1499, sclairmont@uttcc.edu.



Parade of Champions

Saturday, September 8, State Capitol through downtown Bismarck
Contacts: **Michelle Fox or Star Silk** 701-255-3285 x 1355/1269, mfox@uttcc.edu, or ssilk@uttcc.edu



United Tribes Men and Women Softball Tourney

September 8-9, Clem Kelly Diamonds

Men team Contacts: **Matt Red Bear or Delmar Clown** 701-255-3285 x 1250/1454, mredbear@uttcc.edu or dclown@uttcc.edu

Women team Contact: **Tamera Marshall** 701-255-3285 x 1492, tmarshall@uttcc.edu



Teeing Off for Academic Success Golf Tournament

Friday, September 7, Apple Creek Country Club

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



United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit

September 5-7, Bismarck Civic Center
Contact: **Tiffany Hodge** 701-255-3285 x 1482, thodge@uttcc.edu

Tribal Transportation Planners Conference Information

Contact: **Karlita Knight** 701-255-3285 x 1353, kknight@uttcc.edu

Trade Show Information

Contact: **Debbie Painte** 701-255-3285 x 1232, dpainte@uttcc.edu

Youth Day

Friday, September 7, UTTC Campus

Contact: **Annette Beyer** 701-255-3285 x 1541, abeyer@uttcc.edu

More Info: <http://www.unitedtribespowwow.com/>

United Tribes hosts first USA Powerlifting contest in ND

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College has hosted what is apparently the first USA Powerlifting Association contest in North Dakota. The non-profit group promotes drug-free lifting competitions by athletes who are categorized by gender, age and bodyweight.

The newly-formed United Tribes Weightlifting Club hosted the “United Tribes Iron Man/Iron Woman Contest” April 28 at the James Henry Community Gymnasium on the UTTC campus in Bismarck.



Lifter Tim Hattaway from UTTC posted 113 kg. in the squat lift. Media coverage of the event by KFYP-TV, Bismarck.

Earlier this year the club met the requirements and was accepted into the national association. About two dozen students and members of the college staff became active, training regularly in a weight room the college has maintained for lifters since the mid 1980s. The college demonstrated its strong commitment to the program by providing new equipment and resources.

The club’s April 28 contest was organized and conducted according to the association’s format and rules but was considered a “non-sanctioned” event.

“We did it. I’m extremely happy about the outcome and the great job done by the many volunteers,” said Brad Barter, Thunderbirds Weightlifting Coach and Strengthening Lifestyles Family Specialist. “I want to thank everyone who helped out and all the college departments that were involved.”

Two of the three USA Powerlifting competitions were offered: the squat lift and bench press. The Wilks formula was used to determine the top lifters.

Jacob West of Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, SD, won the men’s division with a total of 298 kg. in both events. He was followed by Nick

Houston and Laramie Plainfeather of United Tribes. Martha Garreau (Cheyenne River), a United Tribes staff member and former UTTC student, competed solo in the women’s division and set a mark of 125 kg.

“Having a weightlifting team has opened a new pathway for individuals who don’t compete in other sports,” said Russell Swagger, United Tribes Vice President of Student and Campus Services. “This is a way to earn the many positive rewards of athletic completion. And it’s a lifetime sport they can learn here

and continue well into the future.”

Swagger commended Barter for his vision and persistence in organizing the team, meeting the USA Powerlifting Association guidelines and setting up the event.

“His work has inspired and motivated others to challenge themselves physically and mentally,” said Swagger. “At the trainings and events you see teamwork, camaraderie and a sense of accomplishment. I’ve personally witnessed students overcoming their weaknesses as they work together cooperatively. This program is bringing students and staff together in a new setting to work toward common goals.”

Also acknowledged for their assistance with the weightlifting team and the event were other UTTC staff members: Greg Sturm, Jeff Moser, Mark Mindt, Marcus Austin, Wayne Campbell and the college’s maintenance staff.

“Now we have everything needed to run a fully sanctioned event,” said Barter.

Future competitions will be offered and the training resumes next semester, he said.

More information about the UTTC club: Brad Barter 701-255-3285 x 1261, bbarter@uttc.edu; about USA Powerlifting: <http://www.usapowerlifting.com/index.shtml>.



Jeff Moser, Assistant Coach/Lifter

Weight lifting has been part of my life for many years. When I heard UTTC was starting a team, I jumped on the opportunity to help. The great thing about weightlifting is that it appeals to a wide array of people. There are weightlifting competitions world-wide. From teens to senior citizens, it’s a sport for everyone. It’s evident from our “Iron-man/Iron-woman” contest that it’s popular here too. You can see it in the eyes of our lifters; they’re proud to be on the UTTC team. It builds confidence as they compete in front of an audience. They’re setting goals to become better and that will improve their well being for a long time to come.

Martha R. Garreau, Assistant Coach/Lifter

I’ve been an avid weightlifter for many years but never a competitor. So, when Brad approached me with his vision of a weightlifting club, of course I wanted to contribute. I’m a Native American woman and it’s not often that I’ve seen other Native females in the weight room. I’m hoping my presence there and in competition will inspire other women to pick up some free weights and push themselves.

Greg Sturm, Assistant Coach/Lifter

I began lifting weights at age 14 and powerlifting at 17. In Wisconsin where I grew up, powerlifting is a club sport. Each year the state high school meet draws well over 100 competitors. My senior year I won the championship in my weight class, which included a, then, state record of 355 pounds in the bench press. Twenty-five years later I still keep in close contact with my high school coach. He inspired me. He always volunteered his time and now I’ve been doing the same here. The UTTC students have inspired me to resume heavier lifting and training with the goal of competing again in the future.

Daryl Bearstail, UTTC Athletic Director

Brad Barter and Marcus Austin have set an awesome example in developing the Thunderbird Weightlifting Club. The results they’ve shown in establishing this program are outstanding. They’ve enlisted experienced lifters to assist them – Greg Sturm, Jeff Moser, and Mark Mindt – automatically making this a quality program. And, without the support of the college administration, it would be difficult to accomplish the goals. Hats off to the Thunderbird Weightlifting staff and program!

Judith Red Tomahawk, Administrative Mgr/Assistant Coach

My workouts with weightlifting and cardio have always been alone, so, when I was asked to participate it was a great opportunity to be together with other employees and students. The UTTC team always encourages one another, whether a lift is completed or failed. I can see the confidence, courage and motivation in each lifter. Teamwork is so important. Hats off to the coaches and judges. I’m looking forward to next event!

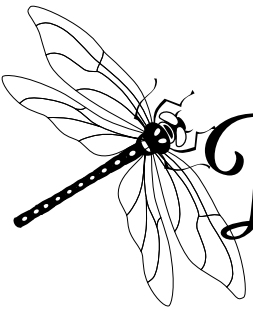
Olivia Tuske-Reese, Duty First Aid/Tabulator

I volunteered when this weightlifting program began and it’s great to have people interested in the sport. It would be good to have more. The Iron Man and Iron Woman event was a great idea to get people from other colleges competing in weightlifting. I look forward to having more in the future.

UTTC Iron Man/Iron Woman Powerlifting Meet Results

Saturday April 28, 2012
James Henry Community Gymnasium

Division	Squat (kg.)	Bench (kg)	Total (kg)
Female Division			
Martha Garreau	65	60	125
Male Division			
Jacob West	143	155	298
Nick Houston	145.5	93	238.5
Laramie Plainfeather	137.5	120	257.5
Tim Hattaway	113	78	191
Gordon Runs After	95.5	102.5	198
Dave West	105	0.00	105



Dragonfly Tales

*Gardening Tidbits
to Inform & Inspire*

By Colette S. Wolf, UTTC/USDA Land Grant Horticulture Extension Educator

Over the last two months, community gardening at UTTC has brought students, staff, faculty and neighbors together in many different gardening ways. I have found that gardening is never solo. Even when alone in the garden, the soil, sun, worms and more are at work alongside. Gardening is always a community effort with Mother Earth and each other.

I and the Land Grant staff extend our gratitude to many in our community who shoveled the compost, dug the holes, planted the seed, watered the plants, pruned the shrubs, built the planters, paid the bills, shared the healthy snacks, told the stories and made us laugh.

We hope you enjoy the story in these pictures. The smiling eyes, the curious faces, or the eagerness in a child – planting potatoes for the first time in the chilly spring wind – tell more than words can say.

I hope it inspires you to join in! All ages are welcome, in exchange for flowers and produce as the bounty unfolds. Call me, 255-3285 x 1426, or join in anytime in the gardens.



Newly Planted Entryway to the James Henry Gymnasium



Janet Myhre Elementary School visits UTTC and Plants Corn



Nutrition and Foodservice Graduates Planting their Memorial Tree



Ground Blessing for the T23 Barracks at the Dragonfly Garden



F.A.C.E. Program Plants Potatoes

Career help from experts



DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News photos

APPLICATION PROCESS: Caroline Taken Alive (Standing Rock) gets expert assistance from Chad Yen in filling out an online application for a scholarship March 21 during the United Tribes College and Career Fair. Yen is interim scholarship coordinator for the American Indian College Fund, a national organization that raises funding for and creates awareness about the nation's tribal colleges and universities. Taken Alive is a student in the United Tribes Health Information Technology Program. The fair attracted 175 participants, with 29 organizations represented at booths. It was coordinated by the college's Career Development office; more information Greg Sturm, Career Coach, 701-255-3285 x 1333, gsturm@uttc.edu.



Spring 2012 Career/College Fair organizers, from left: Greg Sturm, Career Coach; Glen Philbrick, Retention Coordinator; Charisse Fandrich, Community/Tribal Development Liaison; Mark L. Mindt, Associate VP Career Development; Rhonda Breuer, Career Coach/Instructor; Jackie Benson, DeMaND Coordinator; Shirley Iron Road, Data Technician; and Kerry Hunts Along, DeMaND Work Keys Coordinator.

The American Indian College Fund website is: <http://www.collegefund.org>



Chad Yen can be reached at: CYen@collegefund.org



UTTC at AIHEC

The UTTC team represented the college well during the student competition of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in March in Rapid City, SD. We are very proud of these students:

- Elizabeth Sam Honorable Mention, Tribal College Journal Writing Competition for the memoir "Smoke Signals"
- Elizabeth Sam 3rd Place Beadwork, Art Competition
- Monte Grant 3rd Place Digital Photography, Art Competition
- Steven Walker 2nd Place Serious Interpretation, Speech
- April Littleghost -Trotter, Tyson Maxen, Jason Briener 3rd Place Science Bowl

It was especially nice having such a great group of students in my last year as UTTC's coordinator of AIHEC. After seven years, I have decided that It's time to pass the torch.

– Jen Janecek-Hartman, PhD.,
Director STEM Programs

Serving and Protecting the United Tribes Campus



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SECURITY STAFF: From left, Janet White Shield, Security Officer; Jenna Bustillos, Dispatcher; Brent Vandal, Security Officer; James Red Tomahawk, Chief of Security; Salli McCarty, Security Officer; Autumn Gwin, Dispatcher; and Brendon Marshall, Security Officer. Not pictured Justin Quinlen, Security Officer. CONTACT: 701-255-3285 x 1200 or 1300.

Auto Technology students compete in skills competition

BISMARCK (UTN) – Three students from United Tribes finished in the middle of the pack April 23 in the community college division of the annual North Dakota SkillsUSA competition.

Uriah Wise Spirit (Standing Rock), Nicole Ducheneaux (Cheyenne River) and Dave Shepherd finished 8th, 9th and 11th respectively during the challenging automotive detective event. The three are first-year students in the United Tribes Automotive Service Technology program.

Fifteen students from North Dakota colleges were in the competition that challenges participants to diagnose and fix automotive problems. Ducheneaux was the only female.

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

The UTTC students were prepared for the competition by their instructors: Dale Pletan (program director) and Scott Graeber.

“We’re very pleased with the results,” said Pletan. “Most of the others were second-year students. Uriah’s work in particular was noted for being ‘very professional.’”

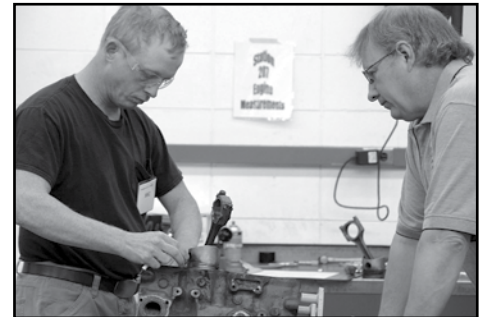
Personnel from local automotive businesses judged the day-long event conducted



Uriah Wise Spirit placed eighth among competitors.

in the automotive area of the vocational building at Bismarck State College.

SkillsUSA helps prepare students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. The national organization (<http://www.skillsusa.org/index.shtml>) maintains partnerships with 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.



Dave Shepherd being judged at the engine measurement station.



Nicole Ducheneaux performing a test with a multi-meter.

More information about the United Tribes Automotive Service Technology:
Dale Pletan, 701-255-3285 x 1422, dpletan@uttc.edu



SkillsUSA[®]

**North Dakota SkillsUSA
Automotive Competition Areas:**

Transmissions, Differentials, Brakes, Electronic Service, Written Test, Multi-Meter Use, Engine Measures, Fuel Injection, Lab Scope, Heating & Air, Crank No Start, Charging & Starting, Onboard Diagnostics, and Wheel Alignment.

Forever Grateful



All Nations Assembly of God Church flooded in 2011.

'Thank You' from All Nations Assembly of God Church

One year ago, someone asked me, "Pastor where are we going to have church now?"

Bismarck was experiencing one of its greatest challenges in its history, the flooding of the Missouri River. It was a time of many unknowns as we patiently watched the river's water ever so slowly encroaching upon us, engulfing fields, roads, homes, business' and a church – All Nations Assembly of God.

In one day a dike was built around the church and when all was completed someone asked, "Pastor where are we going to have church now?"

It was then we contacted United Tribes Technical College inquiring if there would be a place available for us to use while displaced by the flood. For the next eight months we were given access to the lower level of the Jack Barden Center.

We here at All Nations Assembly of God Church would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the wonderful kindness shown to us in our great time of need. We will be forever grateful. THANK YOU! United Tribes Technical College.

– Pastor Gordon Williams

Blood drive at United Tribes

PURPOSE IN MIND: Donna Belgarde looks to a United Blood Services worker for reassurance as she prepares to give blood March 20 at United Tribes Technical College. Belgarde works in the college's housing department. Her brother is a veteran and she was motivated to donate by thinking about her daughter, River Gillis, who needed a blood transfusion eight days after she was born. The UTTC Veteran's Group and Student Health Center sponsored the drive; it attracted 23 donors. Giving blood at rear is Elliott Touche, a student in the UTTC Auto Technology Program.



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CHARLES SHOOTS THE ENEMY



The voice of a well-known and well-liked tribal radio announcer, who broadcast the United Tribes International Powwow, was silenced in April with the passing of Charles Shoots The Enemy of Little Eagle, SD. He walked-on to the spirit world April 22 at the age of 36.

Charles realized his dream of becoming an accomplished radio announcer, program director and independent producer after teaching himself the skills of broadcasting and developing his own DJ persona. He attracted a very loyal following for his entertaining style, comfortable humor and knowledge of the diverse musical forms heard on tribal radio, including and especially American Indian traditional and contemporary music, but also country, rock, rhythm and blues, reggae and hip-hop.

His live powwow broadcasts provided many hours of entertainment in the culture for his audience on Standing Rock and Cheyenne River and for listeners around the country on the American Indian Radio on Satellite Network.

Charles used his Lakota name, Tasunka Luta, for his production company: Red Horse Productions. Behind the microphone where he was a master, he was known simply as "MC Chaz."

– Editor

Students learn in business environment

Internship adds experience to classroom training

BISMARCK (UTN) – There's an unmistakable air of professionalism about Lora Grey Bear and Andrea Addison. Both had a career experience that made an impression.

As students in the United Tribes Small Business Management Program, they had an eye-opening, six-week internship at one of the nation's leading health care benefits companies. At the Aetna Bismarck Service Center they saw what it would be like working in a large business.

"This is all new to me," said Addison (Northern Arapaho) from the Wind River Reservation. "There's nothing near Ethete, Wyoming quite like this."

Indeed, Aetna is unlike businesses on or near most of the large, land-based reservations in the west. Headquartered in Hartford, Connecticut, the company serves over 36 million customers with over 35,000 employees. The Bismarck location employs 442, ranking it among the city's top 10 employers, and is responsible for more than 1,000 others in the state and around the country.

Over the past few years, company representatives developed a relationship with United Tribes during jobs and diversity fairs. Late last year a group visited the campus for a one-day tour and orientation. It seemed like a good fit to be involved with the college's business program, which requires a three-credit Experimental Learning course as part of the degree plan for graduation.

"We were excited and jumped at the chance to be part of that," said Linda D. Homan, Function Head for Claim Cost Management and Quality Improvement. "The company is always hiring. It's a great opportunity to become involved in the educational process of potential new business leaders."

Welcoming Corporate Culture

Aetna's and UTTC's shared goal with the internships is to introduce students to the professional business environment.



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United Tribes business students Lora Grey Bear, center, and Andrea Addison experienced business on the inside during an internship at the Bismarck offices of Aetna, one of the leading health care benefits companies in the nation.

"Most people coming out of college have not had an opportunity to be involved in that experience," said Homan. "The hope is they'll become comfortable with the professional environment."

One of the key values emphasized by Aetna is how to work with people: both the clients who receive insurance services and the staff people who provide them.

"They're learning how we support our employees and how we serve our constituents," said Homan.

As a corporate citizen with locations throughout the country, Aetna values its place in each community and the benefits of diversity.

"We look for opportunities throughout the community to bring diversity into our organization," said Homan. "Diversity brings new ideas and variations of ideas to the table. To me that's the strength of diversity."

Inviting Opportunity

The company's caring, customer-focused staff and civic-minded culture appealed to the UTTC mentees, or protégés, as Homan called them, who experienced a certain amount of anxiety entering into an unfamiliar environment.

"At first, I was kinda scared but I got used to it," said Addison, who chose to have her in-

ternship at Aetna from among the list of participating businesses because she wanted to see the inside of a big company. Back home in Wyoming, her late father owned a small, general contracting company, now run by a brother. A place is waiting for her but suddenly there are new horizons. "It seems like there's a lot of motivation here. Corporations like this are expanding. It's exciting to have people in different cities. But it's also caring here."

"I'd never attended business meetings before," said Grey Bear, who is from the Spirit Lake Tribe in North Dakota. When she looked at the list of different companies, Aetna caught her eye for the purpose of a dual learning opportunity. "As far as insurance, I didn't know anything about it. I thought it would be a plus to know about insurance and how it works."

Program Focus

Each Wednesday morning Grey Bear and Addison signed for a security pass and entered the Aetna building in north Bismarck to spend the morning learning what goes on in the organization.

The internship brought them in contact with members of the company's management team and other team leaders. In meet-

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United Tribes Commencement

“Each and every one of you represents your families, your reservation communities, your tribes and your ancestors,” he said. “You bear the recognizable names of your people. You represent a time when your people survived on the land, lived with the natural beings and cherished what we have come to know today as our heritage and culture. Everyone has a background and connections that will take you where you want to go in life. Your heritage, your culture, your language, and your own intellectual self will provide for you some day, if it hasn’t already.”

Bell told the graduates to remember what it was like to challenge themselves as students: “Your rewards came through persistence and hard work. Life is no different.”

Other leaders offering congratulations and advice included Mervin Packineau, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribal Council: “Two things are needed for a nation to prosper: health and education,” he said. “To see you here taking care of the education part is awesome.” Packineau asked the grads to be role models and help convince others about the importance of getting an education.

Chairman Charles W. Murphy of the Standing Rock Tribe mentioned family in his congratulations: “I want to thank the parents and the families too,” he said. To the graduates: “It’s your day to enjoy and I wish

you all the best of luck.”

Chairman Roger Yankton of the Spirit Lake Tribe said: “You’ve learned from your education here that you are on a journey to a better life. This is your day and the journey is underway.”

Chairman Tex G. Hall of Three Affiliated singled-out the college faculty for “working right through to end of the term to get those final grades in the book.”

“You put in many dedicated hours, above and beyond the normal day,” said Hall, himself a former educator. “That’s what happens when you have a caring faculty and administration. We appreciate that on the board of directors.”

The leaders of North Dakota’s tribes serve on the governing board that originally started the college in 1969 and transformed the former military post where it is located into one of the nation’s premier tribal colleges.

“This was originally a fort that we acquired...and we’re still here 43 years later, still training and educating you and others to follow,” said David M. Gipp, United Tribes President. “You, as graduates, represent

the ‘Indians who took over the fort’ for good, peaceful and educational purposes. You are living proof of that.”

All the speeches and ceremony, handshakes and hugs, were telecast on the Internet, connecting an additional 335 friends and family who are unable to make it to the event. The video program was produced by students and staff in the Media Arts division of the college’s Art/Art Marketing Program, along with technical support from the college’s Information Technology staff.

As an intertribal college, United Tribes serves students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. The 2012 grads came from 21 different tribes around the country.

The commencement ceremony concluded the 2011-12 academic year. Rainy weather had forced the event indoors to the James Henry Community gymnasium, where over 500 people assembled. Honor songs were provided by the drum group Tatanka Nagi. A traditional meal of buffalo stew, fry bread and wojapi was served afterward in the college’s newly renovated cafeteria for all graduates and guests.



Keynote speaker
Billy Bell



Devero Yellow
Earring, Student
Senate President



Criminal Justice graduate Gordon Runs After Jr.

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Graduate Elizabeth Hattaway.



At right, Mary Jo Lends His Horse-Dupris, with other nursing graduates.



Graduate Laramie Plain Feather and United Tribes President David M. Gipp.



Graduates Aaron Skunkcap and D'aun T. Skinner



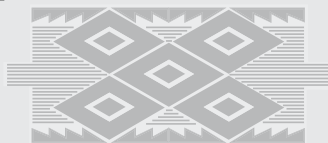
Faculty recognized.



Rolyann J. Clown (Cheyenne River), who earned a BS in Business Administration, is congratulated by Billy Bell, Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Chairman. At rear, center left, Spirit Lake Chairman Roger Yankton; center right, Three Affiliated Chairman Tex G. Hall.



Vice President of Student & Campus Services, Dr. Russell Swagger and Business Graduate Melanie Martinez (Spirit Lake).



UNITED TRIBES TECHNICA

Congratulations

ART MARKETING

FINE/GRAPHIC ARTS - AAS

*Shane Brunelle (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck, ND
☞ Coleen Cain (Three Affiliated) Poplar, MT ☞
Cleveland E. Good Shield (Rosebud) Bismarck,
ND ☞ * Philip Grider, Bismarck, ND ☞ Dustin
M. Thompson (Standing Rock) Bismarck, ND ☞
Karmin F. Walker (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND

AUTOMOTIVE

TECHNOLOGY - CERTIFICATE

Shotay S. Fasthorse (Cheyenne River) Dupree, SD
☞ Harley R. Lone Bear
(Three Affiliated) Bismarck, ND

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY - AAS

*Lester Crooke (Hopi Indian) Tuba City, AZ ☞
***Tom Joshua (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND ☞ Fabian
J. Lohnes (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND ☞ Donyulita
Marshall (Cheyenne River) Bismarck, ND ☞
***David L. Mountain (Standing Rock) McLaughlin,
SD ☞ D'Aun T. Skinner (Standing Rock) Bismarck,
ND ☞ Aaron Skunkcap (Blackfeet Nation)
Browning, MT ☞ Emanuel J. Red Bear (Cheyenne
River) Eagle Butte, SD

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - AAS

***Missy Cloud (Standing Rock) Bismarck, ND

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - BS

Rolynn J. Clown (Cheyenne River) Bismarck, ND
☞ Arden Boxer (Fort Peck) Bismarck, ND

BUSINESS OFFICE TECHNOLOGY- AAS

Jessica R. Brunelle (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck,
ND ☞ * Amber Encalada (Oglala) Bismarck, ND
☞ Carol Free (Standing Rock) Bismarck, ND ☞
Dawnelle J. Red Horn (Standing Rock) Bismarck,
ND ☞ Gwen t. Holding Eagle (Three Affiliated)
 Fargo, ND ☞ *Bariel Lawrence (Standing Rock)
Mandan, ND ☞ *Joseph Lawrence (Standing Rock)
Bullhead, SD

COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - AAS

*John Gunville (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND

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Carl J. Grey (Native Village of Unalakleet)
Bismarck, ND

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Amanda Burcham (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith,
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Falls, SD ☞ *Kassandra K. Estes (Yankton)
Wagner, SD ☞ ***Hether L. Haefner, Bismarck,
ND ☞ Kyle Leaf (Cheyenne River) McLaughlin,
SD ☞ *Gayla L. Little Dog (Standing Rock)
Mandan, ND ☞ ***Salli R. McCarty (Standing
Rock) Bismarck, ND ☞ ***Trista Y. Phelan (Crow
Agency) Bismarck, ND ☞ Danielle T. Plenty
Chief (Fort Berthold) Mandan, ND ☞ *Anthony
Walker (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska)
Bismarck, ND ☞ *Preston E. Wise Spirit
(Standing Rock) Cannonball, ND

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***Mary Brown (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND
☞ Jared Cutting, Bismarck, ND ☞ ***Gertrude
Foolish Bear (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, ND
☞ Warren Horse Looking (Rosebud) Bismarck,
ND ☞ Tracie E. Packineau (Three Affiliated)
Bismarck, ND ☞ Monica L. Patneaud (Turtle
Mountain) Bismarck, ND ☞ ***Savannah
Peterson (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD ☞
***Gordon J. Runs After Jr. (Cheyenne River)
Eagle Butte, SD

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - AAS

*James Reginald Bagwell, Detroit, MI ☞ Marisa
L. Laundreaux (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte,
SD ☞ *Justyn J. Lawrence (Cheyenne River)
Bismarck, ND ☞ Crystal L. Moran (Three
Affiliated) New Town, ND ☞ Randi Waln
(Rosebud) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Kathryn M. White
(Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND

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*Wylee Bearstail (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, ND
☞ Nikita Knight (Cheyenne River) Bismarck,
ND ☞ Jamie L. Lawrence (Cheyenne River)
Ridgeview, SD ☞ Tyson Maxon (Cheyenne
River) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Memoree Skinner
(Cheyenne River) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Marie
Spotted Horse (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, ND

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*Nevada Allen (Three Affiliated) Cannonball,
ND ☞ Joelle Bearstail (Three Affiliated) New
Town, ND ☞ *Kara Four Bear (Cheyenne River)

Bismarck, ND ☞ Jodene Uses Many (Cheyenne
River) Bismarck, ND ☞ Shyanne Schmalz
(Standing Sioux Tribe) Bismarck, ND

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Debra Moore, Fort Worth, TX ☞ Marlo Balch-
Bismarck, ND (Navajo Nation)

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - AAS

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Patricia John (Seneca Nations) Salamanca, NY
☞ Heather McCrane (Sitka Tribe of Alaska)
Aberdeen, SD

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Mandan, ND ☞ Chelsey M. Doll, Almont, ND ☞
Doreen M. Duttonhefer, Mandan, ND ☞ Mary
Jo Lends His Horse-Dupris (Cheyenne River)
Bismarck, ND ☞ Kimberly Goldade, Mandan,
ND ☞ Lindsey J. Irwin, Bismarck, ND ☞ Jennifer
Jacobs, Mandan, ND ☞ Britanny Kraft, Bismarck,
ND ☞ Jolene Lavallie (Turtle Mountain) Fort
Totten, ND ☞ Tina K. Ringuette (Oglala)
Mandan, ND ☞ Xtal L. Silk (Standing Rock)
Bismarck, ND

NUTRITION &

FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS - AAS

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(Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) Bethel OK ☞
Patricia Ross, Lilburn, GA ☞ Delett Siegfried
(Standing Rock) Bismarck, ND

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CrowsBreast (Three Affiliated) Parshall, ND ☞
Lauren Derrick (Standing Rock) Solen, ND ☞
Tashina M. Dupris (Cheyenne River) Bismarck,
ND ☞ Darla Hanley (Standing Rock) Mandan,
ND ☞ Elizabeth Hattaway (Rosebud) Bismarck,
ND ☞ Jason Mills, Bismarck, ND ☞ Wynette
Mills (Cheyenne River) Bismarck, ND ☞ Ann
Parisien (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND ☞
Rochelle Perkins (Red Lake Band Chippewa)
Bismarck, ND ☞ Mikelynn Teeman (Fort
McDermitt Paiute/Shoshone) Bismarck, ND

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Mandan, ND ☞ *John C. Bearstail (Three
Affiliated) Mandan, ND ☞ Lora L. Grey Bear
(Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND ☞ Meldina Iron
Cloud (Rosebud) Mandan, ND ☞ Melanie

L COLLEGE 2011-2012 GRADUATES

Martinez (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Nicole Montclair-Donaghy (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND ☞ Antonio J.L. Motis (Red lake Band Chippewa) Minneapolis, MN ☞ *Laramie D. Plainfeather (Crow Agency) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Jaylene D. Pretends Eagle (Standing Rock) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Devero Yellow Earring (Cheyenne River) Bismarck, ND

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Jason P. Breiner (Turtle Mountain) Mandan, ND ☞ Rose M. Burcham (Turtle Mountain) Belcourt, ND ☞ Duane Jackson (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Nicole Wells (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, ND ☞ *Jessica M.

Pumpkinseed (Oglala) Bismarck, ND
TRIBAL MANAGEMENT - AAS
***Bonnie S. St. John (Crow Creek) Fort Thompson, SD ☞ Jimi M. White (Colorado River) Bismarck, ND

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION - CERTIFICATE
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*December 2011 graduates
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***Summer Graduates

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GRADUATING NURSES

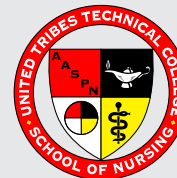
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Kimberly Goldade
Lindsey Irwin
Jennifer Jacobs
Brittney Kraft
Jolene LaVallie
Tina Ringuette
Xtal Silk

NURSES ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM

Randi Armstrong
Dinitia Corley
Jacklyn Craig
Shannon Dunn
Rikki Gillette
Jean Grant-Rexine
Tasha Haaland
Miranda Hager
Sanya Kom
Joni Martinmaas
Desirae Sanders

PRACTICAL NURSING FACULTY

Evelyn Orth, Dept. Chair
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Hope for the Future

By Janna Soberg, United Tribes Teacher Education Pre-service Teacher



Jeannette Myhre Elementary School first-graders on tour at United Tribes.

One School's Initiative

When I was in Mrs. McQueen's second grade class at Jeannette Myhre Elementary School in Bismarck, I never dreamed that someday, as an adult, I would reconnect with my teacher on a professional level. Yet 17 years later, I did just that.

Last year I decided to go into Elementary Education. One of our first field trips was to my grade school. To my surprise and delight, I found some of my teachers still there, including Mrs. McQueen. She hadn't changed a bit. And she remembered me! I thought, "I still want to be like Mrs. McQueen when I grow up!"

What I didn't know about was the results of a survey they had conducted several years earlier to learn what their students knew and thought about college. It revealed an alarming number who didn't plan to go to college. Based on that, the school launched the "Hope for the Future Initiative."

The aim was to inspire Myhre students to believe they can graduate, and to awaken an understanding of the opportunities available to them in the future. Each grade level class was adopted by a North Dakota col-

lege; all except Mrs. McQueen's class. They still had yet to decide on one, until we came. So, United Tribes was an obvious choice!

We began planning for a tour of UTTC in the early part of spring semester. I met with individuals who represented various departments of the college and arranged for visits that would connect Myhre students with UTTC.

On March 2, Kara Four Bear, a UTTC alumni, visited the first grade classroom and shared about the importance of going to school and the many opportunities that await them as future college graduates.

The day of the tour came on April 19. Mrs. McQueen and her 20 first graders started at the Skill Center. We were joined by Shyanne Schmalz, UTTC Student Education Association chapter president, Charisse Fandrich, Tivona Lamberth (teacher education faculty), and Leah Hamann. Our first stop was the Art/Art Marketing Program. The students had lots of questions that were answered by Shawn Holz, Colleen Bredahl and Wayne Pruse.

Later we peeked into the cafeteria and went through the co-ed dorm. As we walked the campus, I pointed out the different buildings. Several found it interesting to "live at school." In the co-ed dorm they seemed impressed by the rooms. Many said

they would like to stay in one but a few said they liked living with their parents.

At the Jack Barden Center, Mark Mindt, Associate VP of Career Development, gave them a tour and talked about the importance of going to college. In the education building we met with UTTC librarian Charlene Weiss and Kathy Aller of the Business and Office Department. Teacher pre-service candidate Wylee Bearstail took over leading the tour while I went to class.

The final stop was back at the Skill Center where the first graders met Annette Broyles, her staff and students of the Nutrition and Food Service Program. There they observed the students working alongside a local chef.

As the tour was coming to an end, Colette Wolf, Land Grant Horticulture Extension Educator, led the youngsters to the land grant classroom where they had a nutritional snack and planted corn seeds that they took with them.

I truly enjoyed the opportunity to show the first graders around campus. I especially enjoyed working with my elementary school teacher. My hope for the future is that these young people will continue their education, earn a high school diploma and go on for a college degree. Perhaps the visit to United Tribes will play a role in that.

DOJ meets with tribes at United Tribes

QUOTING HERE:



FACE TIME: At left, William Zuger, Chief Judge of Standing Rock's Tribal Court, shares a thought with U. S. Deputy Attorney General James Cole during Department Of Justice meetings with tribal leaders on April 26 at United Tribes Technical College. Cole, the No. 2 federal law enforcement official, was keynote for the conference, organized by North Dakota U. S. Attorney Tim Purdon. Purdon billed the day-long event as the Second Annual Tribal Consultation Conference in North Dakota.

"United Tribes is a reflection of the communities we serve. We've been described as a small reservation off the reservation. And like many tribal communities, we have jurisdictional issues in criminal matters. We cooperate with tribal, local, state and federal law enforcement and social services agencies in addressing criminal activity.

United Tribes is committed to the safety of our students, staff, children and visitors to ensure a place that is safe for productive learning and teaching.

We often assist law enforcement with investigations and apprehensions of those involved in criminal activity. We want to make it clear to all that United Tribes is not a safe-haven for criminals."

Russell Swagger, UTTC Vice President of Student & Campus Services, welcoming federal, state, local and tribal guests to the college April 26 for the North Dakota U. S. Attorney's Second Annual Tribal Consultation Conference.

Future teachers receive Daily Five training

By Arin Casavant, United Tribes Teacher Education Pre-service Teacher



UTTC's SNDEA Chapter organized a professional development training in the Daily Five program.

Pre-service teachers from three local chapters of the Student North Dakota Education Association (SNDEA) learned how to implement the Daily Five program into their future classrooms.

The three-day professional development training took place in March at United Tribes Technical College.

Students from UTTC's SNDEA chapter were joined by their colleagues from the

University of Mary and Dickinson State's Extended Campus at BSC to advance their knowledge and learn strategies for implementing the program.

The Daily Five is a classroom structure that helps develop the daily habits of reading, writing, and working independently that will lead to a lifetime of literacy independence.

Presenters were Dr. Jean Hall, Jeanette Myhre Elementary School principal, and

Tara Hofmann. All of the training materials, and the catered meals, were provided by a SOAR Grant that was applied for and received in January by UTTC's SNDEA Chapter.

The pre-service teachers received certificates of completion for the training. Discussions are underway about future joint collaborations and professional development workshops in the fall with all three participating campuses.

UTTC teacher candidates present at ND education conference

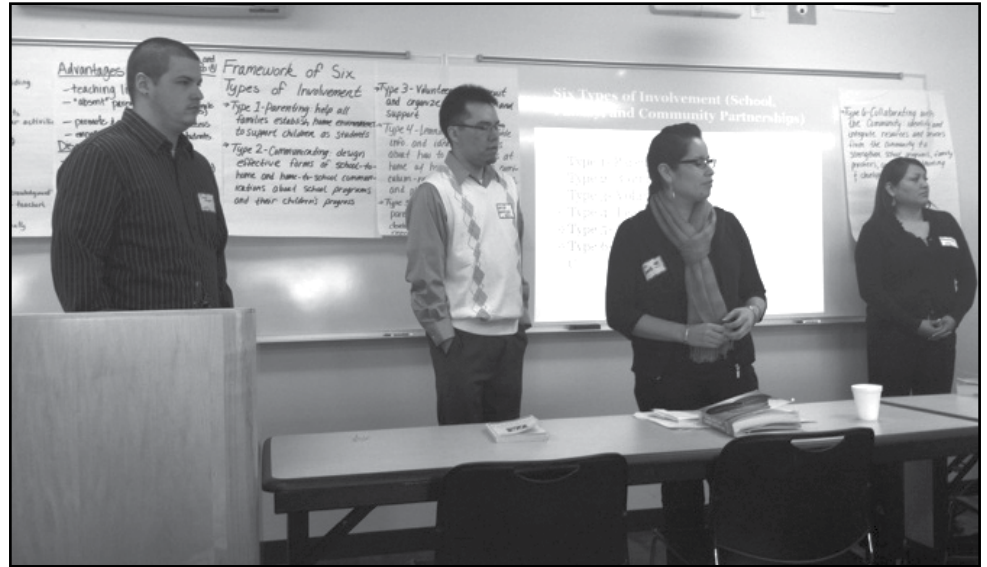
By Lisa J. Azure, United Tribes Teacher Education Chair/Child Development Center Administrator

Six teacher candidates in the United Tribes Elementary Education program made scholarly presentations at the North Dakota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NDACTE) conference. The March 30 gathering at University of Mary, Bismarck, was the annual conference for pre-service teachers from all of the teacher education programs in the state.

Presenting from United Tribes were: Tyson Maxon (Cheyenne River); Yvonne Howling Wolf (Three Affiliated); Billi Jo Graveseth (Standing Rock); Memoree Skinner (Cheyenne River); and Wylee Bearstail (Three Affiliated).

The title of their presentation was “Family Engagement Project”, a reflection of considerations for teachers as they work collaboratively with the families of the children they teach. The content was from their EDU 338 Family and Professional Collaborations course taught by Deidre WhiteMan, UTTC Teacher Education faculty.

The conference included the Praxis Bowl, a popular activity among participants, in which students were assigned to teams to



From left: UTTC presenters Tyson Maxon, Wylee Bearstail, Billi Jo Graveseth and Rolenthea Begay, taking questions from an audience of approximately 40 people.

compete in a game show format competition. All of the questions in the competition were from the Praxis tests, the exams required for teacher licensure. Tyson, Billi Jo, Wylee and Rolenthea participated in the Praxis Bowl, joined by their Teacher Education peers, Shyanne Schmalz (Standing Rock) and Joelle Bearstail (Three Affiliated).

The next conference will be held at North Dakota State University in spring 2013. At

that time, UTTC will select its first Student Teacher of the Year, a prestigious award sponsored by the Association of Teacher Educators, awarded to one pre-service teacher from each of the Teacher Education programs.

For more information about the teacher education programs at United Tribes, please contact: Lisa J. Azure, 701-255-3285 x 1407, lazure@uttc.edu.

Make contact with the FACE Program

Family & Child Education

A literacy program; Making a difference for American Indian families

It's been a busy year for the TJES/FACE Program. We welcomed two new team members: Chelsea Eagle, Parent Educator and Kara L. Four Bear, ECE Teacher. Other highly-qualified team members are: F. Sam Azure, Coordinator; Annette Munoz-Beyer, Co-Coordinator; Shiela Netterville, ECE Co-Teacher; and Cyndee McLeod, Parent Educator.

We look forward to beginning another successful school year in August and are

currently accepting applications. If you or a family member feels they might benefit from the services we offer, please make contact over the summer: Kara L. Four Bear 701-202-9842, kfourbear@uttc.edu or Cyndee McLeod 701-226-8077 cmcleod@uttc.edu.

In the fall, please contact: 701-255-3285 Adult Education, Annette Munoz-Beyer x 1541; Early Childhood Education, Kara L. Four Bear x 1546; Early Childhood Education, Shiela Netterville x 1543; Home-Based EC, Cyndee McLeod x 1542; Home-Based EC, Chelsea Eagle x 1544.

– Kara L. Four Bear, ECE Teacher

FACE Program – What We DO!

- Adult basic education preparation for GED completion
- Tutoring for college classes
- Work readiness and parenting skills
- Kindergarten readiness education for children ages 3-5 in a culturally and literacy rich environment
- Early Childhood Intervention Services
- Home-Based Services for families with children from prenatal to age 3

Our emphasis is on school readiness through culturally responsive education, resources and support for American Indian families with children prenatal through grade three.

Enrolled children and families enjoy many other benefits in addition to the services that we provide:
Transportation • Meals • Children's Books • Monthly Gatherings – FACE Family Circle • Door Prizes and other Incentives • Family Learning Experiences – Field Trips • Additional Community Resources



United Tribes Technical College Building #36

United Tribes hosts advisers



LISTENING & SHARING: Good people from the community who volunteer to advise United Tribes about community concerns and educational program priorities gathered April 13 for a briefing from college leaders. Seen here are some who advise the Nutrition and Foodservice Program, from left: Julie Garden-Robinson, Food and Nutrition Specialist and NDSU Associate Professor with the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences; Annette Broyles, UTTC Nutrition and Foodservice Department Chair/Instructor; August Pepple, Administrator at the Baptist Home in Bismarck; and Jared Larson, Food and Beverage Director of Minervas Restaurant and Bar in Bismarck. The college has more than a dozen advisory boards with volunteer members representing industry, education and various levels of government. College leaders thanked them for their service and joined-in a luncheon for advisers that featured a traditional meal.

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Billi Jo Gravseth

Billi Jo Gravseth is from the Standing Rock Tribe. She was raised in Kenel, South Dakota, a small community near the North and South Dakota border. She is the oldest child in a large family and a first-generation college student. After graduating from Standing Rock High School, she attended college in both the United States and Canada on basketball scholarships. She continues to play independent basketball and is a powwow dancer. She is also a military veteran, having served in the Army National Guard, where she met her husband, Anthony. They have one son, Carter. She continues to maintain a close relationship with her extended family and reservation community.

"Billi has maintained a level of excellence as a full-time student while being a wife and mother, athlete and part-time worker," wrote Lisa Azure, Teacher Education Program Director, in the award nomination. "She is a leader and role model for her peers on campus, her friends and family on the reservation, and American Indian women in general."

Billi earned an AAS degree at UTTC and continued work on a bachelor degree, maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.82. She will graduate in May 2013 with a BS in Elementary Education and an endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education.

She has been a member of the Student North Dakota Education Association; participated in the Yale Child Study internship on the campus of Yale University; completed over 200 hours of field placements in area tribal, public and private elementary schools; completed a summer practicum in the Special Needs classroom for the Bismarck Public Schools; and was featured in a marketing video on the American Indian College Fund website.

"Billi is a natural teacher and is at ease in front of an audience, whether children in the classroom or adults at a conference," wrote Azure. "She is going to be a leader in education."

Her goal is to become the teacher who can teach all children, particularly those from culturally and ability-diverse backgrounds.

"I wasn't going to cry," said a teary-eyed Billi Jo accepting her award and acknowledging her biggest supporter, her Unci (grandmother) Maxine White Bull of Kenel, in the audience. "I humbly receive this with thanks to Dr. Gipp and the college."

Billi Jo thanked her mentors, peers and husband, and closed with the Mohawk proverb: "Our children aren't ours; they are only lent to us by the Creator."



Laramie D. Plain Feather

Laramie D. Plain Feather is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe in Montana. His tribal name is Owner of Many Fine Things, given to him by his uncle. He belongs to the Big Lodge clan and is a child of the Bad War Deeds Clan. His parents are Mardell and Leo Plainfeather, Billings, MT. He and his wife Cabbrina, also a UTTC student, have two children: Cyra and Hadrian.

"I've witnessed tremendous growth and development in Laramie during the academic year," said Kathlene Thurman, chair of college's Business Department, introducing him during the award presentation. "His development came not only in the area of academic achievement and leadership, but in maturity and character as well."

Laramie's academic work earned him a place on the United Tribes President's List during all five semesters at the college. As the elected vice president of the UTTC Student Senate, he was instrumental in motivating students. He is a member of the United Tribes Power Lifting Club and the Big Brother Club. Recently he was named the 2012 United Tribes/American Indian College Fund Student of the Year.

As part of his leadership responsibilities and mentoring, he visited Washington, DC in March. There, along with UTTC President Gipp, he testified about the challenges and successes of tribal college students.

"I want to thank United Tribes for this opportunity to make my family's life better," said a nearly speechless Laramie accepting the award. "I want to thank my wife Cabbrina. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be standing here now. She's the rock of this family and she encourages me to do well and try to succeed."

Laramie graduated May 4 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Small Business Management. His educational goal is to earn bachelors in Business Administration at UTTC.



For more information about the fellowship or to contribute, please contact Suzan O'Connell, Development Director, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504, 701-255-3285 x 1533, soconnell@uttc.edu.

Tribal Colleges & Universities to participate in DC Folklife Festival

Focus is Tribal Food Sovereignty

BISMARCK (UTN) – Two Tribal College Universities (TCUs) will be involved in the 2012 Smithsonian Folklife Festival this summer on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND and Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, WA, have been invited to take part in the annual festival that attracts over one-million people.

The event is scheduled for June 27-July 1 and July 4-8 outdoors near the Smithsonian museums in the nation's capitol.

Representing United Tribes will be members of the college's Land Grant Program and Nutrition and Food Service Program.

At the festival, educators from UTTC and NWIC will focus on food sovereignty initiatives taking place at tribal colleges across the country.

A special feature of the 2012 festival will be programs and exhibits recognizing the 150th anniversary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture the start of land grant colleges and universities in every state and territory.

Tribal colleges have only recently received land grant status. In 1994, funding was first made available to TCUs from the USDA's National Institute of Agriculture for food and agriculture programs. Since then, many of the, so called, 1994 Land-Grant TCUs have become leaders in the wellness movement in Indian Country by focusing on tribal food sovereignty—the right of people to shape and control their own food systems.

The 1994s have been educating communities about public policy, local food systems (past and present), and traditional plants and animals used for food, medicine, and ceremonial purposes.

At the festival, the two TCU's will display live plants, demonstrate traditional



Tribal colleges are leaders in the Native wellness movement, focusing on tribal food sovereignty.

food storage container making (baskets and hides), and provide Native American music. There will also be storytelling about the “Three Sisters” (corn, beans and squash), and instruction about drying vegetables and fruits, and substituting modern food ingredients in traditional recipes.

Research confirms the nutritional value of culturally important plant foods, such as buffalo berries, stinging nettles and chokecherry. Native foods may be healing tools, especially when paired with physical activity, to combat obesity and diabetes in tribal communities. Local food production projects include traditional gathering and hunting, as well as farmers' markets, community gardens, and a research-demonstration garden.

Attending the festival from United Tribes will be: Pat Aune, Land Grant Programs Director; Colette Wolf, Land Grant Horticulture Extension Educator; Cynthia Allery, Land Grant Nutrition Educator; Annette Broyles, Nutrition and Food Service Program Chair/Instructor; Wanda Agnew, Nutrition and Food Service Instructor; and Amber Allery, a Bismarck High School senior enrolled in a UTTC on-line class.

Admission to the Smithsonian Folklife Festival is free. For more information visit this website: <http://www.festival.si.edu/index.aspx>.

Student videos shown at film festival



BISMARCK (UTN) – Videos produced by three United Tribes students were selected and shown during the inaugural “Dakota Digital Film Festival” in Bismarck.

The videos are “Student vs. Student” by Monte Grant (Turtle Mountain); “Sunset” by Cody “C. L.” American Horse (Standing Rock); and a UTTC Video Arts promo video by Dustin Thompson (Standing Rock).

The works were screened during the festival’s inaugural event Friday, March 30 at the Belle Mehus Auditorium in Bismarck. About 150 students from local colleges and



“Sunset” by CL American Horse

high schools attended the screenings and a series of instructional presentations.

The festival was coordinated and promoted by Dakota Media Access, the Bismarck “free media” organization that produces community programming distributed through the local cable TV system and online. The goal was to support and encourage the work of emerging and talented local video producers.

“Student vs. Student” is a comedy short written, directed, acted and produced by Grant and inspired by the “Spy vs Spy” series of MAD Comics.

“Sunset” is an original music video written, directed, and produced by American Horse with music from his upcoming album.

The Media Arts promo video by Thompson highlighted online telecasts of sports events and the United Tribes International Powwow.

The works were produced at United Tribes as part of media arts training in the college’s Art/Art Marketing program, instructed by Shawn F. Holz. Links to the videos are available at the UTTC website: www.uttc.edu.



“Student vs. Student” by Monte Grant

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Faculty of the Year

General Education Department Chair/Instructor **Marge Pala-niuk** is the United Tribes 2012 American Indian College Fund/TCU Faculty Person of the Year. Marge was honored April 26 during an All Hands meeting at the UTTC Skill Center. The event served also as a farewell reception for Marge, who had earlier announced her retirement. "I will cherish you all," she said. "UTTC is not just a job. It's been my identity." Marge has been with UTTC since 1994.

– Dr. Phil Baird



Powwow Leadership

Congratulations to **Julie Cain** (Blackfeet), the new chairperson of the 2012 United Tribes International Powwow Committee. She will supervise and guide the work of the powwow committee in preparing and presenting this year's event. She will also represent the powwow on campus, throughout the community and to the UTTC Board. Julie has many years of experience in the culture and working with the powwow and powwow-related events. We look to her for exceptional guidance and culturally-rooted leadership in this, the college's premier annual event.

– Dr. David M. Gipp

White House Visit

United Tribes President **David M. Gipp** attended a meeting by invitation at the White House on April 16. The event was a Small Business Administration Summit meeting on the subject of economic development.

TV Appearance

Associate VP of Career Development **Mark L. Mindt** appeared in a news story on KFVR-TV on April 26. He was interviewed by technology reporter Jerome Novak in the Jack Barden Center about the presentation software known as Prezi. Among other things, UTTC uses the versatile new program to describe and promote the DeMaND Program. Consultant **Leah Woodke**, former UTTC staffer, provided technical assistance.

– Editor



Business Wise

Brek Maxon made an informative presentation May 17 to the Native American Contractors Association meeting in Rapid City, SD. Maxon directs the NDSD/Native American Business Enterprise Center on the UTTC campus. His presentation was about government contracting and business assistance available to Native American entrepreneurs.

– Editor

Highly Qualified

Congratulations to **Kara Four Bear** on earning test scores that make her a "highly qualified professional educator"! Kara met the final requirements for teacher licensure by passing the Praxis II exams (quite handily, I might add!).

– Lisa J. Azure, Teacher Education Chair

Veteran Presenter

Congratulations to **Michael E. Iken**, MS, LSW, LAPC, on his presentation in April at Prior Lake, MN during a training session sponsored by the



United Tribes News photo Logan Davis

Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service. His presentation helped improve understanding about how to meet the needs of veterans in the higher education setting. It focused on assisting veterans with the transition from soldier to student, an important element to ensure success. Mike is an Academic and Personal Counselor in UTTC's wellness center. Criminal Justice student Bret Smith also presented; his topic was a History of Native Americans in the Military.

Horticulture Assistant

Randy Two Crow (Oglala), Kyle, SD, has joined the Land Grant Program as a Horticulture Assistant and will be working with Collette Wolf, Extension Horticulture Educator.



Randy has an Associate Degree in Organic Agriculture from Oglala Lakota College. His work and research experience includes organic vegetable production, harvesting and canning fruits and vegetables. Community outreach responsibilities include tilling gardens for community members, delivering produce to Senior Centers and planting fruit trees in various communities.

His extensive outreach experience includes working with the disadvantaged farmers and ranchers of Pine Ridge, providing training in web site development, Microsoft Excel budgeting skills, and Equine hoof care services.

Randy is currently a student at UTTC majoring in criminal justice. He will be working this summer with various gardening projects including the Dragonfly Garden, Anne Kuyper Community Garden, and Kids' Garden with the 2012 Summer school students at TJES.

– Colette Wolf

TAFF NEWS



Transitions

Congratulations to **Brad Hawk** (Crow Creek) on becoming the college's Associate VP of Community Wellness. He relocated from the Finance Department to the top office in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. Brad has been with United Tribes for 10 years.

Harriett Schneider retired June 1 as a counselor in the Chemical Health Center. Her service at United Tribes dates back to 1993. In retirement she is headed to her rural home country near Hebron, ND to sample the seasons.

Sharon Zwinger retired from the teaching faculty of the Practical Nursing Program. She had been a UTTC employee since 2004.

Mark Wallevand is now the United Tribes Safety Director. He was formerly a UTTC Criminal Justice instructor and will continue to do adjunct teaching. He joined the staff in 2011, just in time for volunteer flood-fighting.

Juanita Maxon has retired from her para-professional position at Theodore Jamerison Elementary School. She had been with TJES since 2000.

Graphic Designer **Martha Garreau** (Cheyenne River) left Arrow Graphics in May to relocate to Ohio. She had been on the staff two-and-one-half years and is a graduate of the Art/Art Marketing Program.

Kathleen Thurman is the United Tribes Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management as of May 21st. She transferred from the academic division where she was the Business Department chair since last year.

Long-time admissions employee **Vivian Gillette** (Three Affiliated) retired as of April 13. She had been with UTTC since 1994 and was one of the college's first graduates in 1970.

United Tribes has a new webmaster as of May 14 in the person of **Justin Oleyte** (Crow). Justin has a Bachelor's in Information Technology and formerly applied his skill and talent as an employed with Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT.

Dr. Stacie Iken became the college's Institutional Assessment Director as of May 21. She was formerly director of Upper Division Programs and has been with UTTC since 2008.

Cynthia Allery, formerly with the UTTC Land Grant Program, now has a new assignment in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. She is an Addiction Counselor II, Access to Recovery Specialist. She has been at Tribes since last year.

Brandy Knife (Rosebud) is a new Addiction Counselor in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. She is a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, had worked for the Yankon Tribe and relocated from Rapid City, SD.

Alexa Azure is now the college's Pre-Engineering Instructor. She began with the 2012 summer term. Alexa has a degree in chemical engineering from the University of North Dakota.

— *Deb Hempler, Human Resource Assistant*



JOB OPENINGS

ACADEMIC, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Business Management Instructor/Department Chair
- Adjunct Instructor Foundations FND 104 Pre-professional Seminar
- Adjunct Instructor Math MTH 101
- Adjunct Instructor Math EAT 138 Calculations for Electricians
- Career Technical Education Curriculum Coordinator
- Adjunct Instructor Business BAD 166 Indianpreneurship
- Math Instructor – General Education
- Online Adjunct English/Communications Instructor
- Pre-Engineering Instructor
- Welding Technology Instructor
- UTTC/USDA Land Grant Horticulture Assistant
- Business Law Adjunct Instructor
- Dean of Academic Instruction
- Geospatial Information System (GIS) Instructor
- Adjunct Coding Instructor
- Criminal Justice Instructor
- Business Administration Instructor
- Health Information Technology Program Instructor
- Daycare Aide

STUDENT & CAMPUS SERVICES

- Disability Support Services Coordinator and Special Education Instructor
- Admissions & Occupancy Coordinator
- Admissions Data Input Technician
- Addiction Counselor II, Access to Recovery Specialist
- Addiction Counselor II
- 9 Month Kitchen Aide/Dishwasher
- 9 Month Cook/Baker
- Summer Maintenance Worker/Groundskeeper-PT
- Purchasing Agent
- Women's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Men's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Custodian - 2 positions
- Maintenance Worker/Groundskeeper
- Online Course Developer - Part Time

THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Re-Teaching K-8
- Business Manager/Secretary - Temporary
- Bus Rider
- Elementary Custodian
- Substitute Teacher

ADMINISTRATION

- Direct Mail & Annual Drive Coordinator
- Assistant to the President

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Washington University in St. Louis invites proposals for the first interdisciplinary Leadership Summit on fostering the development of academic and practical expertise in a multicultural environment.

The summit will (1) increase awareness and knowledge among scholars, practitioners, and students of current issues affecting minority communities; (2) increase cultural competency among scholars, practitioners, and students and provide a leadership opportunity for under-represented minority Scholars, practitioners, and students through active participation in the summit; and (3) create an 'impact road map' that provides specific action steps to effect ongoing change in practice and policy related to diversity, cultural competence, and inclusion.

Presentations should be evidence based and incorporate qualitative or quantitative data that informs the findings or implications.

**Deadline to Submit Proposals:
June 11, 2012**

Selected proposals will be invited for presentation at the Leadership Summit on Friday, September 28, 2012, and/or Saturday 29, 2012

More information: bcais@wustl.edu, Washington University in St. Louis, One Brookings Dr., Campus Box 1196, St. Louis, MO 63130, 314-935-7767

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ALUMNI NEWS



Kelli Soto

Here's an update on the career travels of Kelli Soto, who graduated from the United Tribes Computer Information Technology program in 2006:

After moving in 2010 to her reservation (Lac du Flambeau band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians located in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin) she served as a systems analyst at the Peter Christensen Health Center. In July 2011 she moved back to Chicago and began working as a technology support specialist at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, a private elementary school. Later, she accepted a position as Help Desk Specialist at The Art Institute of Chicago. "I am excited about the opportunities that are available in my educational field," she wrote in a recent e-mail. "I'll keep you posted. Thank you so much for being a great professor and advisor while I attended UTTC from 2004 to 2006."

— Jeff McDowell, Computer Information
Technology Department Chair/Instructor

Opportunities in the Making



Student Scholarship Campaign

UTTC Employees are allowed to make a gift to the Opportunities in the Making Student Scholarship Campaign through payroll deduction.

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Shakopee donations top \$28 Million in one year

PRIOR LAKE – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, owner and operator of Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and other enterprises on the reservation south of the Twin Cities, donated \$28.7 million dollars in 2011.

The community is well-known and respected around the country for its contributions to Indian tribes, education and youth programs, and Native American and charitable organizations. United Tribes Technical College is a recipient.

The 2011 contributions bring the community's 16 year total of charitable giving to \$229.3 million.

"As Dakota people, we have a long tradition of sharing with others, so it's important for us to give back to the larger community," said Stanley R. Crooks, SMSC Chairman. "Before Indian gaming, many of us lived in poverty and struggled to survive. Times were hard. Now we are able to help others."

The tribal membership authorized the charitable giving program. Shakopee's 2011 Donation Report, release in April, is available online at this link: <http://www.shakopeedakota.org/donations.html>.



Mystic Lake Casino Hotel.

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Here's how to contribute to United Tribes

David M. Gipp Leaders Fellowship



Preparing tomorrow's leaders to work for the betterment of Indian tribes, communities and people.

Opportunities in the Making Annual Scholarship Drive



UTTC students need your help to continue their education. Many of our students come from the most impoverished areas in the country. Your gift will help ensure they reach their dreams for a better future.

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We have raised over half of the funds needed to complete phase one of the Science & Technology Building. Your contribution to this campaign will be matched dollar for dollar through the generosity of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Community.

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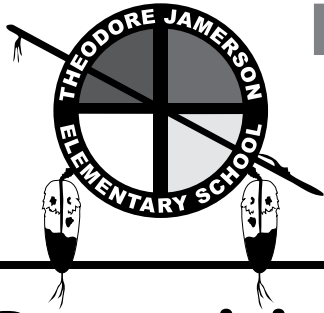
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THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY



TIDBITS

Recognizing the High Achievers



PARTY ATMOSPHERE: Gathered together festively for a group photo are most of the students who were recognized for high achievement in reading and math at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School. The “Blue and Beyond” party was held for students in all TJES grades K-8 on May 11. Everyone had a great time with blue treats and beverages.

- Brenda Jechort, TJES Reading Coach

TJES Powwow



TJES Principal Sam Azure (in suit) joins the dance, setting an example for the formal style of a couples dance often seen during social moments of a traditional powwow. The May 11 powwow was among the year-end activities of school before the summer break.

TJES Honor Roll

Third Quarter (January 3 - March 9, 2012)

Grade 4

Jerome Crazy Thunder	3.00
Elias Feather Earring	3.00
Oroc Iron Eyes	3.00
Nevaeh Bear Eagle	3.25
Santina Bishop	3.25
Nevaeh Quarry	3.25
Merrill Howling Wolf	3.25
Hunter LaVallie	3.25
Trajen Wise Spirit	3.25
Aliyah Hopkins	3.50
Siavy Yazzie	3.75
Tallon Long Feather	4.00
Nortilla Okwei	4.00

Grade 5

Kobe McKay	3.33
Emily Rainbow	3.33
Larissa Fox	3.50
Jacquelyn Little Boy	3.50
Dante Miner	3.50
Kalleah White Eyes	3.50
Trevin Yazzie	3.80
Tyra Lends His Horse	3.83
Jerral Murray	3.83
Daeshaun StrongHeart	4.00

Grade 6

Michael Teeman	3.00
Devin Benson	3.20
Kasa Lohnes	3.20
Tayson Long Feather	3.20
Trinity Lends His Horse	3.40
Esmarie Cariagea-Whiteman	3.60
Kaeleigh Cain	3.80
Mayan Fox	4.00
Quinton Howling Wolf	4.00
Tayla Blaine	4.00

Grade 7

JoLynn Windy Boy	3.00
Kaylean Lohnes	3.20
Elissya Feather Earring	3.40
Chae Marrowbone	3.40

Grade 8

Charish Hoss	3.60
Hayden Strong Heart	3.40
Hallie McDaniel	3.60
Elijah Feather Earring	3.60
Shanna Douglas	3.60



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Strikes the Enemy, Pre-School Center Director

Arthur and Grace Link Child Development Center

April is always a good month for the preschool. The weather improves and the children spend time out on the playground. And, of course, April is when service providers and parents across the nation focus on the well-being of young children.

The Arthur and Grace Link Child Development Center celebrated "Week of the young Child" April 23-27 with many, fun-filled activities, culminating with a graduation ceremony on April 25.

Early Years Opportunity

Concerning young children, it is during the early years that the brain is most active and malleable. By the time a child reaches kindergarten, the brain's ability to grow subsides by up to 80 percent. Science confirms what early childhood educators have known about this developmental time period: that the quality of a child's early childhood experience (whether it be positive or negative) sets the foundation of how the child views him or herself as an individual, a learner and friend.

At the UTTC preschool, we strive to celebrate childhood every day. It is our commitment to provide an environment where children can feel safe, honored, cared for and valued. It is in this environment that children become active learners. They challenge them-



KODAK MOMENT: Parents use cell phones and digital cameras to capture images of the pre-school graduates. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

selves, feel empathy and compassion. They become kind and show enthusiasm for learning. We are setting a foundation for them to think, question, problem-solve and love.

So, parents, let's follow the wisdom in this time-honored phrase and "put our minds together" and honor and cherish them every day. They do grow so fast and the opportunity to establish a good beginning is so brief.

Next Adventure

Which brings me to the next BIG ADVENTURE for our 5 year-old children: KINDERGARTEN!

Parents, please make sure you check into your "soon to be Kindergartners" school, some schools are pre-registering. Don't miss out on deadlines.

"Wopila Tanka"

A big "Thank You" to 4 Bears Casino & Lodge for their generous donation to our school. It is greatly appreciated! Thank you Daylon Spotted Bear, Pat Packineau, Scott Wilson and Spencer Wilkinson, Jr.

Preschool Guidelines

Hours of Operation:
M-Th 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Fridays: 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
After hours: 4-5 p.m. • Evenings: 5-9 p.m.
Parents must fill out form for childcare after 4 p.m.
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REMINDERS:

- Review parent handbook at www.uttc.edu
- Shoes must be worn to preschool and kept on at all times. Please, no FLIP-FLOPS.
- No children are allowed to be dropped off between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- If you have class at 1 p.m. you may bring your child at 11 a.m.
- Bring a light jacket for outdoors
- All sick children need a doctor's note upon return. **No Exceptions!**
- Please make sure the center has your current phone number; let us know immediately of any changes.
- DO NOT allow your child to bring toys or food from home.
- Some activities are messy; please check your child's cubby weekly and bring extra clothing or clothes appropriate for the season.
- It is a state regulation that parents sign in/out their child. Do not forget; it's very important to print legibly.

Special Thank You

The staff of the Arthur and Grace Link Child Development Center would like to express their sincere gratitude to Tammy McCorvey (Three Affiliated), a student in the Small Business Management program, for a donation she helped secure from the 4-Bears Casino in New Town.

As a member of the Parent Action Committee, Ms. McCorvey submitted a request to Daylon Spotted Bear, casino board member, who moved it forward for approval.

The donation was used to purchase Vtech Tote & Go Laptops for each of the preschool graduates. Ms. McCorvey's daughter, Kaylor, was one of the 34 children who graduated. Tammy intends to pursue a bachelor degree in Business Administration.

Thank you Tammy and the 4-Bears Casino board representatives for this gift to our children!

- Lisa Azure, Center Administrator

2012 Preschool Graduates

Shayana Yazzie, Navajo Nation; William Red Cloud, Oglala Tribe; Hailey Gates, Standing Rock; Joshua Mason, Northern Cheyenne; Caydence Gourneau, Turtle Mountain; Adin Siegfried, Standing Rock; Cyra Plain Feather, Crow Tribe; Malachai White Mountain, Three Affiliated; Chloe Bearstail, Three Affiliated; Kalton Miller, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; Wokiksuya Whiteman, Turtle Mountain; Jadyne Robertson, Spirit Lake; Jayla Buffalo, Standing Rock; Easton Lawrence, Cheyenne River; Lourdes Dupris, Cheyenne River; JaVontae Billie, Turtle Mountain; Kyla Towry, Cheyenne River; Elijah Eagle, Standing Rock; Geraldlynn Demery, Turtle Mountain; Nayln Joaquin, Cheyenne River; Jordanna Youngbird, Three Affiliated; Leah Burr, Three Affiliated; Neavan Okwei; Ellie Fox, Three Affiliated; Rita Rose Wise Spirit, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate/Standing Rock; Phoenix Hanks, Standing Rock; Kaylor McCorvey, Three Affiliated; Heath Red Owl, Oglala Tribe; Evalyn Charging Whirl Wind, Lake Andes; Treyton Yankton, Rosebud.

Preschool Age 4-5 Teachers: Justyn Lawrence, Shyanne Schmalz, Deborah Black Hawk

Giago calls education summit a 'step forward'



Tim Giago

BISMARCK (UTN) – Tim Giago, a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe and founder of the Native American Journalists Association, believes North Dakota educators are on the right track when they reach out and include tribal people in their professional work.

Giago was the keynote speaker April 20 for the seventh North Dakota General Education Council Summit, held at United Tribes Technical College. His name is synonymous with Native American journalism and publishing.

Giago founded his first newspaper, the weekly Lakota Times, in 1981. Re-named Indian Country Today in 1992, he served as editor and publisher for 18 years, building it into the largest independent Indian newspaper in America before selling it. He started the La-

kota Journal in 2000 and Native Sun News in 2009. He retired from news writing in 2011 but continues to write a syndicated column for the Huffington Post and other online and print publications.

“Once I wrote a column about Native American Colleges, and titled it: ‘Best Kept Secret in America,’” he said. “One of the responses was, ‘Is he kidding, what are Indians doing with colleges.’ So, the most important thing is, there’s so much educating that needs to be done between Indians and non-Indians.”

Giago’s most recent work involves racial unification in South Dakota through events that bring Indians and whites together.

The general education summit brought college educators to UTTC from the North Dakota University System, tribal colleges and private institutions. It was the first time the group had met at a tribal college.

Giago called that a “big step forward.” It is almost always the Indians who are the ones

reaching out to make the connections for education or inviting non-Indians to join in on a project, he said.

“To see this meeting here, with everyone coming together with a common cause, it shows we’ve come a long way,” said Giago.

Giago studied business and journalism at the University of Nevada-Reno and was awarded the prestigious Nieman Fellowship in Journalism to Harvard University in 1990-1991. He has lectured on Indian issues and journalism at many colleges and universities around the country.

Dr. Phil Baird, UTTC VP Academic, Career and Technical Education, honored Giago for his talk and his service to journalism and education by presenting he and his wife Jackie with a Pendleton from United Tribes.

Giago was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1994 and is the first Native American ever to be inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame.



Giago and his wife Jackie were honored with a Pendleton from UTTC VP Dr. Phil Baird.

United Tribes 2011-12 Student & Athletic Awards

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LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPERIENCE AWARDS

2012 Student of Year: Wiyaka Chasing Hawk

Perfect Attendance: Jeremy McLeod, Wiyaka Chasing Hawk

Reliable & Dependable: Edward Cadotte, Tim Hattaway, Amanda Iron Boulder, Breon Quintero, Chandler Ross, Mikelyn Teeman

Excellence Award-Volunteers: Fabian Betone, Kristen Many Horses, Jamie McLeod, Gordon Runs After Jr., Jana Soberg, Lydale Yazzie

STUDENT AMBASSADOR AWARDS

Outstanding Merit and Dedicated Service: Fabian Betone, Genevieve Bullhead, Lauren Derrick, Tim Hattaway, Wendy Jourdain, Marissa Laundreaux, Kristen Many Horses, Tammy McCorvery, Jeremy McLeod, Nicole Montclair, Jaylene Pretends Eagle, Tiffany Ramsey, Gordon Runs After Jr., Shyanne Schmalz, D'Aun Skinner, Memoree Skinner, Jana Soberg, Tony Walking, Devero Yellow Earring

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Margaret Halsey Teachout Memorial Scholarship: Melody Bruguier

Bismarck Tribune Scholarship: Sanya Kom

Lynn Ketterling Memorial Scholarship: Dawnelle Red Horn

Tom and Frances Leach Foundation Scholarships: Arden Boxer, Marlene Cook, Lauren Derrick, Shanaye Packineau, Jessie Running Eagle

STUDENT AWARDS

Thunderbird Above & Beyond Female: Nicole Montclair

Thunderbird Above & Beyond Male: Devero Yellow Earring

Inspirational Student Female: Cabbrina Plainfeather

Inspirational Student Male: Laramie Plainfeather

Academic Excellence Award Female: Billi Jo Gravseth

Academic Excellence Award Male: Gordon Runs After

Outstanding Staff Award Female: Rhonda Breuer

Outstanding Staff Award Male: Mark Mindt

Outstanding Faculty Female: Jen Jenacek

Outstanding Faculty Male: Brian Palecek

Outstanding UTTC Student Organization: Student North Dakota Education Association

Student Senate Special Recognition:

Mervin "Bud" Anderson for 37 years of service to United Tribes and the entire United Tribes maintenance staff

LADY THUNDERBIRDS BASKETBALL

Best Offense: Kiri Schumacher (*Region 13 All-Tournament Team*)

Best Offense: Ryan White Bull (*1st Team All-Conf. and Region 13 All Tournament Team*)

Best Defense: Rony Leaf

Most Improved: Ashly Hall

Hardest Worker: Jaimee White Bear

MVP: Tayla Belgarde (*All-Conference Honorable Mention*)

THUNDERBIRDS BASKETBALL

Best Offense: Jarell Grant

Best Defense: Elijah Bennett

Most Improved: Macauley Brown

Hardest Worker: Breon Quintero

MVP: Todd Raining Bird

GOLF

MVP: Dallas Greenwald

Most Improved: Jeremy McLeod

CROSS COUNTRY

Participant: Thomas Weed

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Jaimee White Bear, Cecily St. Cyr, Dallas Greenwald, Jeremy McLeod, Nicholas Gladue, Devero Yellow Earring, Elijah Bennett, Jarell Grant

Sophomores: Tayla Belgarde, Marisa Laundreaux, Breon Quintero, Todd Raining Bird, Christopher Menendez, Devero Yellow Earring

Spring 2012 United Tribes Honor Students

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Progress reported in workforce training

THIRD QUARTER UPDATE

BISMARCK (UTN) – Substantial progress is being made by all four of the tribal colleges involved in the TCC DeMaND project. That's the conclusion of the project coordinators following recent site visits.

TCC DeMaND is the acronym for Tribal College Consortium for Developing Montana and North Dakota Workforce project, coordinated by United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND.

Project Director Dave Archambault II and External Evaluator Leah Woodke recently visited each of the college sites in North Dakota and Montana, viewed the progress being made, and compiled the following update. In addition to progress on the project goals, they are encouraged to see that each college is building greater capacity to better serve their constituents and the needs of their communities.

Aaniiih Nakoda College

ANC is in the process of constructing a new Workforce Development Center on campus in Harlem, MT. The construction is funded by Department of Education Title III. The new building will provide state-of-the-art classrooms and lab space for some of the new instructional programs offered through TCC DeMaND. Included in the building will be space for DeMaND offices, computer lab, classrooms with SMART Boards, and shop space for the welding and building trades programs.

ANC has also renovated a space located in the lower level of its Technology Center to ac-



Space under construction for CCCC's HVAC training

commodate the growing Allied Health Program that uses patient simulators to help students become proficient with various health related tasks. DeMaND programs offered in this space will be CNA, EMT and Phlebotomy.

Cankdeska Cikana Community College

CCCC at Fort Totten, ND has started refurbishing an old gymnasium into state-of-the-art classroom and lab space for the new HVAC/R program. If previous renovation projects are any indication of what the college can accomplish on a limited budget, the HVAC classroom promises to be one of the best in the state.

Previous projects completed by the college include a new gymnasium with a walking

track, and an auditorium that can be used by the community.

In addition to its HVAC/R program, CCCC is investigating the feasibility of offering an additional program of study through DeMaND.

Fort Peck Community College

FPCC has been very successful at engaging the whole community of Poplar, MT in the TCC DeMaND project. Tribal Chairman Floyd G. Azure is very supportive of the project, as is the staff of the TERO program and the community based workforce committee.

The college has classroom space and other buildings located throughout the communities of Poplar and Wolf Point. FPCC is using the project to help the communities be more innovative with their training and education programs, to include block scheduling, and to modularize the curriculum.

With the oil boom creeping into the region, the college and tribes are planning for how best to prepare their workforce and improve infrastructure. They are considering offering an oil field training program in partnership with the Fort Peck TERO office.



New workforce development center at ANC, Harlem, MT

ning project

Students learn... Continued from page 13



FPC campus at Wolf Point, MT

United Tribes Technical College

As the lead consortium member, UTTC is home to the project director and assistant. The college has been recruiting students to its Electrician program. This is a partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) union. It includes eight weeks of classroom study and another eight weeks of paid pre-apprenticeship coordinated through the NJATC of the IBEW. In the pre-apprenticeship, students are placed with journeymen electricians and are supervised by UTTC to ensure that the learning objectives of the pre-apprenticeship are met. The Electrician program is to begin May 29 and end in September.

UTTC is also preparing to offer a new, state-of-the-art welding program. The college is leveraging resources from EDA to renovate space in the college's Skill Center that had formerly been used to teach welding but was discontinued over a decade ago. Equipment for the program was underwritten through both EDA and DOL, and includes four welding simulators. These will help save on the cost of practice materials used by students. The program is on track to begin in early fall 2012, along with a GIS program offered through the DeMaND project.

For more information about the opportunities for student training and business partnerships in this workforce training project, please contact:

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ings and one-on-one conversations, they learned about the company's purpose and when it was established. They were briefed about incentive programs, attendance, professional development, and training opportunities. They were instructed about concepts and ideas they'll need to be aware of when they're in business for themselves. And they observed activities and work in progress, all the while taking pages and pages of notes.

"They've had the opportunity to partner with different people each week," said Homan, "getting a perspective from various individuals in the organization."

Unlike in some organizations, where an internship means baptism by fire, the Aetna experience was purposely designed to stop short of job training and client work.

"We didn't get into the actual job training," said Grey Bear. "Oh no, there's a lot to do when you're actually on the phone, a call, helping people. There's a lot more training in that."

Who Benefits?

"Our intent is to develop individuals who might potentially want to work at Aetna," said Homan. "It's always a plus to have had this experience."

Homan rated both Grey Bear and Addison as "very attentive and interactive" throughout, and very pleasant and respectful. In every instance the feedback was positive from those who they came in contact with. "It's been a delight to have them here with us," she said.

"I've had a good experience here," said

Grey Bear, who graduated May 4 with an Associate Degree in Small Business Management. "What I've learned is that your customer is like your boss. You treat them with respect and care. You can't turn them away and say, 'I don't know.' You really have to go the extra mile."

A good thing to learn in any business.

Grey Bear is continuing her business training at UTTC and will graduate in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

"I kinda don't want to go home," said Addison. "I learned this is a really good business. They're highly focused on their surroundings and working well together and supporting one another. I like their set up and how they're part of the community. I learned about their benefits package. It's a very good one."

Addison earned a Certificate in Business at the UTTC graduation May 4 and will graduate with an Associate Degree in December. She hopes to continue on for a Bachelor's Degree but says she is somewhat undecided about what to do with the opportunities uncovered by her new experiences at UTTC and Aetna.

At present, Aetna participates in internships in Bismarck only with United Tribes. For students like Laura and Andrea who did so well, the next step would be toward a more advanced relationship involving a hiring. Under discussion now in the company is an evaluation of how well the program worked.

More Info about the United Tribes Small Business Management Internship Program:

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United Tribes Technical College Academic Calendar

MAY 28.....	MEMORIAL DAY (NO CLASSES)
JUNE 18.....	PREREGISTRATION SUMMER SESSION II
JUNE 25-28.....	SUMMER SESSION I FINAL EXAMS
JUNE 29.....	SUMMER SESSION I GRADES DUE
JULY 2.....	REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION SESSION II
JULY 3.....	SUMMER SESSION II CLASSES BEGIN
JULY 4.....	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY (NO CLASSES)
AUGUST 6-9.....	SUMMER SESSION II FINAL EXAMS
AUGUST 10.....	SUMMER SESSION II GRADES DUE
AUGUST 10.....	ONLINE GRADES DUE
AUGUST 16-17.....	FACULTY ORIENTATION
AUGUST 18-19.....	HOUSING CHECK-IN FOR STUDENTS W/ ELEMENTARY-AGE CHILDREN
AUGUST 18.....	THUNDERBIRD RUN
AUGUST 20.....	ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENROLL/START AT TJES
AUGUST 20-22.....	STUDENT ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION
AUGUST 23-24.....	1st YEAR EXPERIENCE SEMINAR (FRESHMEN)
AUGUST 27.....	CLASSES BEGIN

Detailed Calendar: www.uttc.edu



United Tribes Technical College

THUNDERBIRD SPRING RUN

By Dan Molnar, UTTC Track Coach/Strengthening Lifestyles Fitness Trainer

United Tribes Technical College hosted its first spring running of the THUNDERBIRD RUN on Saturday, April 21 starting and ending at the college in Bismarck. It was a great success. Forty-four runners competed in less-than-ideal conditions: 30 to 40 mph winds with temps in the mid 40s. On race day we actually doubled the number of participants from those pre-registered.

This was a successful first outing because the staff and students of United Tribes worked toward a common goal and supported each other. The race logistics and organization, and the quality of awards was similar to, if not better than, those of larger local running events.

Thank you to all the volunteers and support crew who contributed their time, energy and effort, and to the runners who competed. We're planning ahead for the THUNDERBIRD RUN in August. We hope you are too!



10K winner Andrew Neilson led from start to finish



5K winner Jalen Lawrence

RESULTS

10K: 1 Andrew Neilson 36:21, 2 Mel Hoffman 38:28, 3 Mark Hager 39:02, 4 Julie Bosch 43:27, 5 Chase Iron Eyes 45:02, 6 Tammy Bohan 45:03, 7 Christine Grundy 46:19, 8 Thomas Weed 46:15, 9 Carol Aron 46:54, 10 Cathy Dockter 49:23, 11 Mandy Bugaust 49:26, 12 Lee Gierszewski 49:42, 13 Joel McMaster 50:23, 14 Mike Hanson 50:38, 15 Sonia Brownotter 52:06, 16 Melissa Rotenberger 52:22, 17 Rudra Tamm 52:39, 18 Melanie Pudwell 53:49, 19 Lisa Bjerklie 53:55, 20 Kathy McMaster 55:00, 21 Cara Mattson 55:17, 22 Todd Humphrey 56:40, 23 Jeff Keiser 56:41, 24 Deanna Gierszewski 57:44, 25 Christina Brazell 1:00:03

5K: 1 Jalen Lawrence 19:22, 2 Ryan Holen 20:18, 3 Derek Schulte 20:33, 4 Issac Archambault 20:40, 5 Paul Ferrie 20:55, 6 Kenneth Starr 21:26, 7 Nikoletta Molnar 21:54, 8 Larson Harris 23:56, 9 Dan Churchill 24:30, 10 Kayla Johnson 25:35, 11 Rebecca Olson 26:33, 12 Marv Pederson 27:16, 13 Debbie Erhardt 27:49, 14 Dustin Erhardt 27:49, 15 Jody Olheiser 28:41, 16 Bernice Morning Gun 29:08, 17 Rebecca Doll 29:40, 18 Michael Smith 30:29, 19 Sarah Vogel 40:52



Top female 10K finisher Tammy Bohan



Top 5K female finisher Nikoletta Molnar

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THUNDERBIRD RUN: Saturday, August 18, 2012

More information: Dan Molnar 701-255-3285 x1367, dmolnar@uttc.edu



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ELEVATED ACTION:

Michael Linklater was sealed-off by good defense on a drive April 8 during semi-final round play of the Tanner Albers Memorial Basketball Tournament. Linklater was among a large number of former Thunderbird players



Tanner Albers who showed-up and left it all on the court to honor one of the best hoopsters to play at UTTC. Twenty-one teams competed in the three-day event. The winning squad was Iron 5, followed by KVLC, Iron Boy and Hoop Dancers, the team Linklater played on. Three point contest winner was Nathan Dixon, Alberta, Canada, of Hoop Dancers. And it was fitting that the slam dunk contest was taken by Rex Morrison, an 18-year-old student-athlete from Albers' alma mater, Takini High School, Howes, SD. The tournament was sponsored by the family of Tanner Albers, who passed away in 2011. His number 34 jersey hangs in the James Henry Community Gymnasium where the tournament was played.