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**NEWS**



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## Graduates challenged to continue success



Welding graduate Roger L. Standish (Three Affiliated) with his daughter Serenity during United Tribes Fall Honoring on December 20.

## United Tribes Technical College Fall Honoring

BISMARCK (UTN) – This education you have is a tool for you and your family, and much more, says a Lakota/Dakota doctor who grew up at Pine Ridge.

Dr. Sara Jumping Eagle, a pediatrician, mother of three and role model, congratulated the newest corps of graduates at United Tribes Technical College on accomplishing a challenging educational goal.

“Not only will your education help your life be stable...but it helps you to help the next generation,” she said at the college’s mid-year graduation ceremony.

Jumping Eagle and her husband, Chase Iron Eyes, teamed-up as a guest-speaker duo December 20 at the college in Bismarck.

An education helps us keep fighting for what our ancestors fought for, she said.

“Right now there’s a struggled going on for our children’s souls and minds, and for land and water,” she said. “We have to figure out how we’re going to save our kids and protect our land and water.”

She recommended people ditch the “rez-itude,” the fatalistic attitude that we

can’t accomplish anything.

“We have to teach our kids how to dance and sing, and how to pray in a good way. And that’s what’s gonna keep us strong.”

Jumping Eagle says she’s planning to redirect her medical practice from the corporate provider she works for in Bismarck and begin serving patients at Standing Rock.

“People talk about leaving the rez like it’s escaping Alcatraz,” she said. “But it’s not like that. We have to reject that attitude

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# United Tribes leader to focus on new challenges

BISMARCK (UTN) – The long-time leader of United Tribes Technical College is stepping into a new role with the college to focus on the challenges of growth and development.

The United Tribes of North Dakota board has tapped Dr. David M. Gipp to secure the future for one of the nation's leading tribal colleges. The board named him United Tribes Chancellor at a meeting January 21 at the college in Bismarck.

"With upwards of 1,200 students annually and over 350 employees, this is a large and successful organization," said Tex G. "Red Tipped Arrow" Hall, chair of the United Tribes Board. "But it's a new day when it comes to funding because of the shortfalls and cutbacks of the federal government. And with the ever-expanding vision of what we need to accomplish through tribal higher education, it's very important that the college continue moving forward."

*"It leaves us with the challenge of cultivating stable and reliable alternatives, so we can not only maintain but expand services. And that's what this is about."*

– David M. Gipp

Gipp has been president and CEO of United Tribes for nearly 37 years, making him one of the longest-serving college presidents in the country. In the new role of chancellor, he will pursue resource planning and acquisition for the institutional growth and development of the college and its associated tribal programs.

Gipp has long been recognized as a national leader for helping initiate and develop the legislation and organizations that serve American Indian higher education. Under his leadership, United Tribes has



David M. Gipp

grown remarkably in its educational programs and campus facilities. The college now operates a distance education and site-based educational facility in Rapid City, SD known as the Black Hills Learning Center. The college's accreditation is secure through 2021. And students are being prepped for jobs in the region's energy industry through a series of federally-funded workforce training programs.

"I'm looking forward to this challenge," said Gipp. "The tribes, tribal colleges and all tribal entities are in a time of declining support from federal funding sources. The second fiscal year of cuts from the sequestration compounded the difficulty. It certainly doesn't make sense to run government that way from our point of view, let alone meeting historical commitments made in the treaties. But it leaves us with the challenge of cultivating stable and reliable alternatives, so we can not only maintain but expand services. And that's what this is about."

The United Tribes board selected Dr. Phil Baird to succeed Gipp as interim

United Tribes President. Baird was the college's Vice President of Academic, Career and Technical Education. He has served United Tribes for 28 years and will be tasked with the administration of the college.



Phil Baird

He is also president of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

## Action Steps

Addressing immediate concerns, the United Tribes board passed two resolutions urging Congressional action on funding for American Indian programs. The board called for the restoration of cuts made through sequestration to all Indian programs for the years FY 2013 and 2014 and including the upcoming FY 2015 budget. The group also called for action to prevent excessive cuts to United Tribes in the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

In passing the resolutions, the board emphasized that sequestration has had serious consequences. To address the challenge, tribal leaders pledge to work with the new chancellor, who has significant experience and background in advocating for tribes and tribal colleges.

"We need to bring focus to this and the college's endowment fund," said Hall. "We wanted to take steps that would help us meet the challenge of what's coming. We feel it's a good beginning to allow Dr. Gipp to focus just on that, to make that happen."

United Tribes is governed by the five tribes located in North Dakota: Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

# Recognizing King's legacy

By Hannah Johnson, Bismarck Tribune  
(Reprinted with permission)

BISMARCK — On the day that celebrates one of the most famous civil rights leaders in the country, United Tribes Technical College hosted an event aimed at exploring that legacy.

On January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, UTTC held its annual MLK event, featuring two guest speakers who focused on the recent situation with white separatists in Leith.

Jeremy Kelly of UnityND and Chase Iron Eyes of [www.LastRealIndians.com](http://www.LastRealIndians.com) spoke about what happened in Leith and how it is linked with King's work.

Kelly, who along with Iron Eyes helped organize a major rally on Sept. 22, 2013 against the white separatists in Leith, said the morning of the rally he was just hoping there would be more than ten people there. It turned out, there were more than 400.

"It flies in the face of what the Nazis were trying to accomplish," he said. "This whole thing has really brought North Dakota together."

Iron Eyes made a more explicit parallel between King and battles for justice today.

People are taught, he said, to focus on outward characteristics, like race, ethnicity, gender, perceived sexual orientation, etc., when in reality everyone has 99 percent of the same DNA.

"All that does is make us waste a lot of time, when we could be coming together," he said.

King was a radical, Iron Eyes said, and sometimes that's what you need to spark change for a multitude of people.

Iron Eyes helped organize more than 200 people from Standing Rock for the Leith rally.

People have a right to be happy and proud of who they are, he said. It's when someone starts thinking he is superior to others that problems start, he added.

"I don't feel we're being radical at all talking about these things," Iron Eyes said.



Chase Iron Eyes was a guest speaker Jan. 20 at UTTC's Martin Luther King Jr. Day program. At right, Jeremy Kelly of UnityND, another speaker. United Tribes News photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN



Student Senate President Gene DeClay

Other speakers were David M. Gipp, United Tribes President; Gene DeClay, president of the United Tribes Student Senate; and Kaitlynn Lynch, winner of UTTC's

MLK Day student essay contest. The event also featured a video of King's famous 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech and a United Tribes video about the connection between King's civil rights activism and the pursuit of justice by American Indians.

The gathering has been an annual tradition, said Julie Cain, adviser to the Culture Committee, who hosted it.

It's one of the few MLK Day events in Bismarck, she said, and every year new speakers come to "inspire and uplift us."

The University of Mary hosted an open panel discussion for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a jazz program several days later called "Jazz's Response to the Civil Rights Movement."

## Martin Luther King Jr. Essay

◆ By Kaitlynn Lynch ◆

We are allowed to be who we are today because of what Martin Luther King Jr. did. He is highly recognized for his active leadership for the American Civil Rights Movement, and is most famous for his "I Have a Dream" speech he gave August 28, 1968.



With the help of his strong leadership skills, he slowly changed what America was, and the thoughts of the American people. His goal was to stand against and end racial discrimination. We celebrate this day to honor what this noble man did, and what he sacrificed, which in the end, was his life. To remember, and not forget, what used to be, and what could have been today if not for one man's courage and strength to stand against what seemed to be the impossible. He gave the people back what they thought had been lost forever, faith, and hope, that one day; they can live, not just survive.

To me, celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a time to reflect. I think about everything I have now, my opportunities for the future, my education, my job, my home, my family. If it wasn't for Dr. King's fearlessness and ability to stand for what is right, I would not be where I am today. I might not even be who I am today. Martin Luther King Jr. inspires me to be a better person. He is a role-model and a huge part of history for the American people.

Today will be great. Tomorrow will be even better. For what I make of myself in this world depends entirely upon me. And thanks to Dr. King, I have the courage to stand out and make a difference. I may not impact America in such a way as Dr. King, but I will impact those around me, and my community, because determination and dedication is the key to success.

— Kaitlynn Lynch was named winner of an essay contest and read her essay January 20 at UTTC's Martin Luther King Jr. Day program. Two other student essayists were also recognized: Amanda Cline and Delane Gomez.

# Visit to Supreme Court



**STATE SYSTEM:** *United Tribes Criminal Justice students in the class CJU 221, Criminal Law, visited the state capitol in Bismarck December 9 to watch a post-conviction relief appeal argued before the North Dakota Supreme Court. The visit included a presentation by Associate Justice Mary Maring about the state's court system, jury trials and appellate process. The class was honored to have a group photo taken with Justice Maring in front of the bench in the court. From left: Raine Betone, Natasha Edwards, Darci Laurenz, Bruce Ward, Anthony Potter, Justice Mary Maring, Mark Turner, Maureen Bull Bear, Bonita Charley, Melissa Cook and Lindsey Isburg.*

– Mark R. Turner,  
UTTC Criminal Justice Instructor

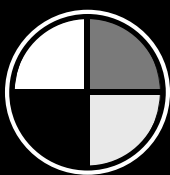


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because there's beautiful things about the places we're from."

When life doesn't always go like we want, she advised to "just keep going," and look to the strong and good things in Native communities and the strengths in families that give hope.



Dr. Sara Jumping Eagle

Iron Eyes, an attorney and founder of the website "Last Real Indians," echoed his wife's pride in the reservation, describing his upbringing at Fort Yates, ND on Standing Rock.

We may come from some tough places, because the government deliberately imposed a poverty culture on our people, but "to see people who have persevered, tells me we have hope," he said.

"You don't need [the approval of] everybody to be a leader in your own community," he said. "Don't limit yourself. You don't need anyone's permission to lead. You just do it. And each of you here has the determination to do that."

## Meaningful Learning

Six of the mid-year United Tribes graduates earned Bachelor of Science Degrees, 11 earned Associate of Applied Science Degrees and 16 earned Certificates of Comple-



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tion. The grads earned their degrees in 12 different programs of study. Ten completed their work in the college's newly revived Welding program.



"United Tribes has changed quite a bit over the years," said College President David M. Gipp. "But we still offer the fundamentals for Native People. Welding is a program we've brought back because of what's happening in the economy. Now there's a job demand. We try to offer programs that are meaningful to graduates and helpful in their career."



What you've achieved here by graduating is something no one can take away from you, said Gipp. "You did the work. You earned it. And it's something you will have for life." He called this a "stepping stone" for more and greater success.

One-hundred-seventy-five family members, friends and members of the college faculty and staff braved sub-zero weather to gather in the college's Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center to honor the graduates.

The Wise Spirit Singers provided Flag and Honor songs. The UTTC Color Guard presented and retired the Staff and Flags. A traditional meal was hosted for grads, family members and friends in the college's cafeteria.

The Fall Honoring completed the semester and marked the beginning of a holiday break. Spring Semester 2014 began with new student orientation on January 2.



Chase Iron Eyes



# Congratulations

2013 UTTC FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Business Administration:

- ^Brianna Rose Baird-Pollert (Three Affiliated) Bismarck  
\*\*\*^Aja R. Baker (Three Affiliated) Bismarck  
\*\*\*^Laramie D. Plainfeather (Crow Agency) Bismarck

### Elementary Education:

- ^Rolenthea T. Begay (Navajo Nation) Chinle, AZ  
^Memoree Michon Dupris-Skinner (Cheyenne River) Bismarck  
Tyson W. Maxon (Cheyenne River) Bismarck

## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

### Art/Art Marketing:

- \*\*\*Shane Brunelle (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck

### Business Office Technology-Administrative Assistant:

- Jessica J. LaVallie (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck  
Brenda J. Kills Small (Standing Rock) Mobridge, SD

### Elementary Education:

- Shanaye B. Packineau (Three Affiliated) Bismarck

### Nutrition & Food Service/Wellness:

- ^Amber R. Cleveland-Redman (Ho-chunk Nation) Bismarck  
Dolly Ann Drapeau (Crow Creek) Bismarck  
^Heather Sharay Demaray (Three Affiliated) Bismarck

### Environmental Lab Technician:

- Sheralyn V.S. Plante (Three Affiliated) Parshall, ND

### Small Business Management:

- ^Marion P. Declay (White Mountain Apache) Bismarck  
Susan M. Emery, Bismarck  
^Elizabeth L. Hattaway (Rosebud) Kingsland, GA  
^Jason H. Mills, Rapid City, SD

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

### Business Office Technology:

- Alfreda M. Wall (Ute Mountain) Bismarck  
^Melody Bruguier (Cheyenne River Tribe) Bismarck, ND

### Tribal Management:

- Tenille Jane Burning Breast (Rosebud) Bismarck  
Cassandra Lee Valandra (Rosebud) Mission, SD  
\*\*^Doreen Welsh-Pretends Eagle (Colorado River Tribes) Mandan, ND

### Medical Transcription:

- Rhonda Marise Fors, Sutton, ND

### Welding:

- Wayne Jarvis Bearstail (Three Affiliated) Bismarck  
Dylan Samuel Carry Moccasin (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND  
Alicia Len Eddy (Yankton) Wagner, SD  
Isaiah W. Hunte (Standing Rock) Cannonball, ND  
Jay A. Koch (Standing Rock) Bismarck  
Tyson Christopher Red Bear (Cheyenne River) Bismarck  
Roger Lee Standish (Three Affiliated) Mandaree, ND  
David Keith Taylor (Sisseton-Wahpeton) Sisseton, SD  
Cherikie Summer Tillman (Eastern Shoshone) Fort Washakie, WY  
Naaman Storm Williams (Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas) Livingston, TX.

\*\*Double Majors, \*\*\*Summer 2013 graduates, ^Honors

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| Kelsey L. Weiland         | Victoria L. Buffalo         |
| Lonnie V. Wise Spirit     | Wayne J. Bearstail          |
| Lydale N. Yazzie          | Yendis A. Eaglesfield       |

- Star Silk, Acting Registrar

# Successful with Life Skills Class



**LEARNING & EARNING:** At left, Steven Leading Cloud and Patrice Eagle Tail received continuing education credits for completing the first semester of Life Skills at a Tribal College. The lead instructor is UTTC's Land Grant Program Director Pat Aune, center. Meeting twice weekly, they studied personal finance, nutrition and food preparation, housing, and current events. The class was part of a research project funded by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Each semester 10 students participate in activities designed to make help them be successful in college and at home. Each receives a stipend. Students interested in learning more about the class are encouraged to contact Pat Aune: [paune@uttc.edu](mailto:paune@uttc.edu), 701-255-3285 x 1399.

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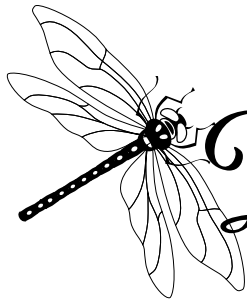
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# Dragonfly Tales

UTTC Land Grant Agro-Ecology Extension Program

"Seed-Saving Workshop at United Tribes"

By Colette Wolf, Land Grant Agro-Ecology Extension Educator

For those wishing to learn more about seed saving, the UTTC Land Grant Agro-ecology Extension Program will host a two-day workshop February 22-23. It will run from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday the 22nd and 9 to NOON on Sunday the 23rd. The workshop takes place in the Skill Center Nutritional Classroom.

We have room for 25 people for this exciting 'Train-the-Trainer' event. We will cover seed identification, plant ecology, plant taxonomy, seed harvesting techniques, storage, record keeping and much more.

This is a GREAT workshop for the beginner and a wonderful refresher course for the more advanced. We will include plenty of hands-on learning.

Please register by February 10. Contact me, Colette wolf, [cwolf@uttc.edu](mailto:cwolf@uttc.edu) or call 701-255-3285 x 1426. Lunch on Saturday will be a culinary delight of traditional foods.

## Irrigation System

Gardening projects are lining up for the 2014 growing season. A few highlights include a \$1,500 Orchard Grant from the



North Dakota Department of Agriculture. This will help to install an irrigation system in Dragonfly Garden, home to our fruit orchard. This watering system will provide a 'bubbler' to each tree. The bubbler will be located near the base of the tree. When the

irrigation system turns on, water will gently bubble forth around the tree base. This will provide water directly to where it is needed. The entire system will run on solar power. So, get ready for bumper crops of apple, pear, cherry, plum, apricot and peach!

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# Program recognized World AIDS Day

◆ By Lisa Sangrey-Stump ◆

United Tribes Technical College recognized World AIDS Day with an informative and entertaining program December 2 in the Healing room of the college's Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center.

The guest speaker was Lindsey VanderBusch described North Dakota's efforts to prevent the spread of HIV. She manages the North Dakota Public Health HIV-AIDS Program. She emphasized the need for more awareness about risky behavior such as unprotected sex, and needle-sharing for drug use, tattooing or body piercing.

VanderBusch reported that the HIV program is expanding the reach of testing through the use of rapid HIV testing, thereby providing new opportunities to reach people who are at risk of becoming infected.

North Dakota CARES (Comprehensive AIDS-HIV Resources and Emergency Services) is a program that assists low-income North Dakota residents living with HIV or AIDS to access confidential health and supportive services.

## Eagle Woman Wisdom

The event feature was a skit titled "Eagle Woman Wisdom," written by Lisa Stump for the UTTC Student Senate. The short drama used traditional Native characters



In the skit "Eagle Woman Wisdom" by Lisa Stump, the marriage of Two Bulls and Willow is based on mutual respect and a pledge to honor the sacredness of their union. The faithful couple was played by Devereaux Yellowwearing and Jace Ducheneaux. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ◆ United Tribes News

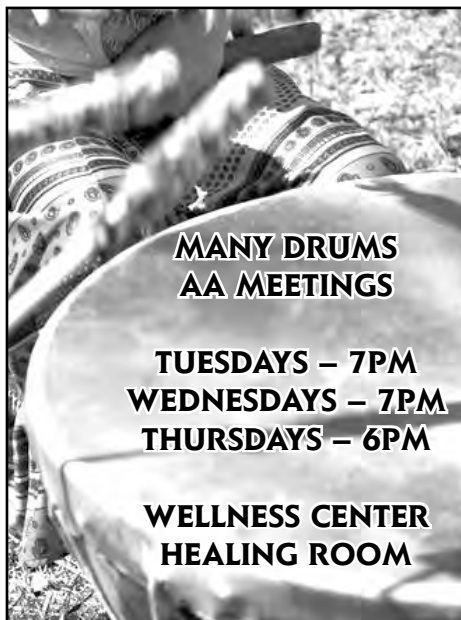
to guide how to prevent the spread of HIV-AIDS. The themes emphasized honoring and respecting our bodies, abstaining from risky behaviors and honoring relationships with significant others.


The character Eagle Woman was played by Mykelyn Teaman (Paiute/Shoshone); Bear Claw by Geno DeClay (Apache) Student Senate President; Bear Robe by Tony Stump (Chippewa Cree); Mrs. Bear Robe by Wynette Mills (Sioux); Two Bulls by De-

vereaux Yellowwearing (Sioux); Willow by Jace Ducheneaux (Sioux); and Little Brother was Rowdy Denny (Chippewa Cree), who attends Wachter Middle School in Bismarck.

The event was coordinated by Julie Cain, Chemical Health Center Director, and Jessica DeCoteau of Student Health.

For more information about HIV/AIDS testing go to <http://www.ndhealth.gov/HIV/> or call 1.800.70.NDHIV.





## United Tribes Technical College

### Academic Calendar

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
10-13 .....	AIHEC Winter Meeting, Wash., DC
17 .....	President's Day Holiday (no classes)
24-26 .....	Mid-Term Exams
24-28 .....	Pre-Registration for Summer Classes
24-28 .....	Student Financial Aid Review
27-Mar 2 .....	AIHEC 2014 BKB Tourney, Pablo, MT
28 .....	Semester Grades Due
<b>MARCH</b>	
3-7 .....	Spring Break
12 .....	Last day to Withdraw
15-19 .....	AIHEC Conference, Billings, MT
17 .....	Electrical Tech Training Begins
<b>APRIL</b>	
4 .....	Welding & HEO/CDL Summer application deadline
7-11 .....	Summer/Fall Pre-Registration
18 .....	Good Friday (no classes)
26 .....	Welding & HEO/CDL Spring Session Ends

*Detailed Calendar: [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu)*

# Native American Heritage Month honors a rich culture

By Airman 1st Class Joshua R. M. Dewberry, 11th Wing Public Affairs,  
November 27, 2013, *Air Force Print News* (reprinted with permission)

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MD – National Native American Heritage month was celebrated with a food sampling and artifact display at the Foc's'le supply building here Nov. 22.

Special guest speakers included Miss Indian Nations XXI Alexandria Alvarez, Miss Shoshone Taylor Thomas and retired Senior Master Sgt. Chuck Tsninnie.

tifacts such as clothing, jewelry and languages from different tribes were presented at the event to enrich cultural understanding.

“This was a good chance to help the community learn more about Native Americans and their culture,” said Staff Sgt. Britinnie Alvarez, 811th Security Forces Squadron protection-level 1 team leader and event participant. “I’m glad I got the chance to take part



Miss Shoshone Taylor Thomas and Miss Indian Nations XXI Alexandria Alvarez perform a sign language dance called the Lord's Prayer in honor of National Native American Heritage Month at Joint Base Andrews, MD, Nov. 22, 2013. The dance was part of a display recognizing Native American culture. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Joshua R. M. Dewberry)

“I am very grateful to be able to share my story and my people's story here today,” said Alvarez. “This is a great opportunity to present our history and show what Native Americans have done to shape American society today.”

Each speaker gave a presentation on their Native American Heritage, history and proud traditions of their respective tribes. A food sampling of Native American cuisine and ar-

in fostering a better understanding of the significance of Native American contributions to society.”

The food sampling and artifact display was the last event recognizing National Native American Heritage Month. Events such as this one and the fun run that took place earlier this month are slated to be annual events, honoring Native American history and culture.

# Bismarck School Board Election

Three seats are up for election in 2014 on the Bismarck School Board. The election will be Tuesday, June 10, in conjunction with the State Primary Election.

The deadline to file as a candidate is Monday, April 7, by 4 p.m. at the school district's business manager's office, Hughes Educational Center, 806 N. Washington Street, Bismarck.

Any person who is a qualified elector and resident of the district may run. Candidates are required to file a Statement of Candidacy and a Statement of Interests. The forms are available on the district's website under “Upcoming Events” at [www.bismarckschools.org](http://www.bismarckschools.org), or in the business manager's office.

Three incumbent board members, currently holding the four-year positions, intend to run for reelection: Scott Halvorson, Steve Marquardt, and Matt Sagsveen.

## United Tribes STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Welcome to all returning and new students. We wish you a successful academic year.

Please remember that you may view your account online.

Disbursement dates for PELL and Loan excess funds will be found under the campus announcements online.

Stop by and visit about any questions: Building 5B, second floor.

Office Hours: 8 a.m. –to 5 p.m.

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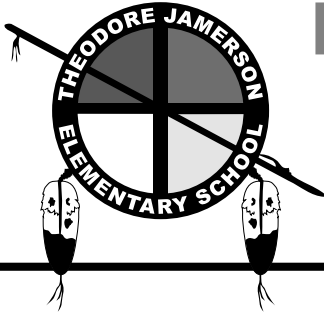
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# THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY TIDBITS



## Science Fair

December 4, 2013



Second grader Phillip Laducer with his experiment.

### First Place:

Ezra Brown.....Tornado in a Bottle..... Grade 4  
 Evelyn Big Eagle.....Lemons vs Artificial Lemon Juice... Grade 5  
 Tristan Wilson.....Doppler Effect..... Grade 5  
 Aliyah Hopkins.....Electric Motor..... Grade 6

### Second Place:

Phillip Laducer.....Moving Blood..... Grade 2  
 Sebastiana Ventura Ortley...Melting Chocolate..... Grade 5  
 Lorne Knows His Gun.....Egg Float..... Grade 6

### Third Place:

Amanda Iron Cloud.....Dish Soap vs Bar Soap..... Grade 4  
 Karl Waanatan.....Potato Battery..... Grade 5  
 Nevaeh Bear Eagle.....Lava Lamp..... Grade 6

### Fourth Place:

Paige Kills Plenty.....Snot or Not..... Grade 4  
 Monica Gambler.....Polarized Light..... Grade 5  
 Siavy Yazzie.....Non-Newtonian Fluid..... Grade 4

### Participation:

Jeriah Clairmont.....Glow Water..... Grade 4  
 Wiconi DeCory.....Egg Drop..... Grade 4  
 Julie MiddleTent.....Gravity..... Grade 5  
 Danielle Morrison.....Crazy Putty..... Grade 6

## Science Fair Despair

In the past, first place Native American state science fairs winners went to the national science fair in Albuquerque NM. Because of limited funding, this year the national science fair has been change to a virtual science fair.

TJES science fair students were looking forward to the state science fair held January 20 on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

– Tristan grade 5

## Students Receive Presents



Grade five receiving presents.

◆ By Evelyn, Julie and Kari, Grade 5 ◆

On the last day of school for 2013, TJES students were surprised to get hats, gloves and sweaters. All grades got presents.

We interviewed 2nd graders and asked how they felt about the sweaters.

They all said: “We loved the presents.”

One student said: “The sweater was awesome.”

Another said: “The sweater was not the best gift he got though.”

We are so happy that the TJES and UTTC faculty and staff gave the gifts. Special thanks to Charisse Fandrich who organized the giving of the sweaters.

## Donation to Community Action



The Theodore Jamerson Education Association (TJEA) donated \$150 to the Community Action Program in Bismarck. Pictured are TJEA President Brenda Jechort, left, and Kristi Splichal, Coordinator of the Backpack for Kids Program, which serves some TJES students. They receive a backpack of food every other Friday to help their families over the weekend. If you are looking for a great place to donate, this is a very worthwhile program and the TJEA is proud to help.

– Glenna Mueller

# Awards Program

◆ By Evelyn, Tristan and Kari, Grade 5 ◆

The TJES Second Quarter Awards Ceremony was held January 10, 2014. Recognized were those with perfect attendance, honor roll, Wo Lakota and Hoop Shoot. Reading and Math awards were also presented and the TJES Science Fair medals.

Those with perfect attendance will get to go to a pizza party. Students who have perfect attendance and no tardies will get a Wal-Mart gift card. Recipients also get a pen or pencil.

## Perfect Attendance Not Absent or Tardy

### 1st Semester 2013-14

Darius Hawk, Adin Siegfried, Brady Ventura Ortley, Robert Stretches, Paige Kills Plenty, Avery Lawrence, Sean Lawrence, Sebastiana Ventura Ortley, Kimberly Nickaboine, Tyler Bear Eagle, Alexander Nickaboine-LaFountain

### 2nd Quarter 2013-2014

Adin Siegfried, Brady Ventura Ortley, Shane Lawrence, Damon Morrison, Robert Stretches, Carter Black, Paige Kills Plenty, Avery Lawrence, Sean Lawrence, Sebastiana Ventura Ortley, Nevaeh Bear Eagle, Kimberly Nickaboine, Tyler Bear Eagle, Daeshaun Strong Heart, Andrew Lawrence, Alexander Nickaboine-LaFountain, Darious Hawk, Serena Kills Plenty, Christopher Siegfried



Perfect Attendance group with t-shirts



Science Fair winners and participants

## TJES Honor Roll: 2nd Quarter 2013-14

Trevin Yazzie, Tyler Bear Eagle, Daeshaun Strong Heart, Evelyn Big Eagle, Sean Lawrence, Tehya Little Owl, Sebastiana Ventura Ortley, Kari Waanatan, Tristan Wilson, Nevaeh Bear Eagle, Megan Bercier, Aliyah Hopins, Oroc Iron Eyes, Nevaeh Quarry, Siavy Yazzie, Wiconi DeCory, Amanda Iron Cloud, Matthew Jackson, Ceanna Janis, Paige Kills Plenty, Badger Little Owl, Isabella Knife, Taylor Johnson, Ampo Thin Elk

## Native American Hand Game

By Sean & Tristan, Grade 5

Students at TJES played a Native hand game in the Healing Room of the UTTC Wellness Center. All ages played. The object was to guess in which hand the person was



Hand game involving 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

holding a certain bone. But we didn't use bones; we played with small sticks – a black one and a plain one. A long time ago Native Americans called these "game bones." If they picked the black one, they would take one of our counting sticks, which are longer sticks. If they picked the hand with a white "bone," the picking team would lose a counting stick. The team that gets all the sticks wins. The fourth and fifth grades were there. Fifth grade went against the fourth grade. Fifth won the first round and fourth won the second. The person that had the maracas could choose the person that did the hiding.

## Disguise the Turkey

The "Disguise the Turkey" contest concluded November 27 at TJES. Winners were 6th grader Aliyah Hopkins and 5th grader Sean Lawrence. Winners received a basketful of groceries donated by TJES staff and a gift certificate for a turkey donated by the TJEA organization. All participants were awarded a bag full of school supplies. Thank you to all who donated and participated in the contest.

– Brenda Jechort, TJES Reading Coach

# UTTC Tobacco Free Policy

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### When did UTTC's Tobacco Free Policy start?

• Signed November 21, 2013 by UTTC President David M. Gipp; effective Jan. 1, 2014.

### Why have a tobacco-free campus?

- United Tribes is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and work environment for students and staff. The purpose of this policy is to continue and enhance the college's culture of wellness, initiated in 2002, by reducing harm from secondhand smoke and providing an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free now and in the future.
- United Tribes is not only committed to academic, career and technical education achievement, but also to helping develop life skills that promote individual and community wellness. College is a time when many long-term lifestyle choices are made. This policy is a clear statement that UTTC values health and that a tobacco-free life is encouraged and supported.
- Research shows that tobacco use, including smoking and breathing secondhand smoke, constitutes a significant health hazard. In addition, smoking contributes to college costs in other ways, including potential fire damage, cleaning and maintenance costs, and costs associated with absenteeism, health care and medical insurance.

### How will United Tribes address the traditional Native use of tobacco?

- The traditional or sacred use of tobacco is exempted from this policy. United Tribes will continue to be a "tobacco honoring" campus for Native American spiritual and cultural ceremonies.
- An organization or group that wants to use sacred tobacco for an event is required to submit a request in writing in advance to the Vice President of Student and Campus Services, describing the event. The vice president will approve or deny the request.

### What is the difference between smoke-free and tobacco-free?

- Tobacco-free prohibits the use of any lighted or oral tobacco product.

### Whom does the policy affect?

- This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors and visitors.

### Does the policy apply to the entire United Tribes campus?

- The use of tobacco products is prohibited within and around the college's buildings, structures, walkways, arenas and vehicles, and at college-sponsored functions off campus.

### How will United Tribes address compliance with this policy?

- Achieving a tobacco-free environment takes time and patience. United Tribes believes that self-enforcement will become part of the norm and the value of compliance will become recognized, as it has with seat belt laws. Students, faculty, and staff, and visitors will come to recognize the value of this policy and will choose to comply.
- Compliance with this policy is the shared responsibility and the right of all UTTC staff, students and faculty members. Success depends upon the courtesy, respect and cooperation of users and non-users of tobacco products. Any member of the UTTC community may respectfully ask individuals to comply with this policy and/or report non-compliance when appropriate. Anyone who observes a possible violation may inform the individual of the tobacco-free policy and offer an information card.
- Employees who violate the Tobacco Free policy are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Section 6-15 of the Employee Policies Handbook, 5-15 Disciplinary Policies and Procedures (progressive discipline).
- Violations of this policy by students may be cause for disciplinary action in accordance with student code of conduct contained in the student manual.
- Visitors violating this policy will be asked to refrain from using tobacco products while on campus property or to leave the premises.

### May I smoke in my personal car?

- There will be no effort to enforce the ban in private vehicles.

### How will this policy be communicated to students, staff and visitors?

- Education regarding UTTC's tobacco-free policy will be included during orientation for all incoming students and employees. Signage will be posted sufficient to inform members of the campus community and visitors, including contractors and vendors, of the policy. All administrators, vice presidents, directors, department chairs, and supervisors will communicate the policy to everyone within their areas of responsibility. The policy will be printed in the employee and the student handbooks.

### What is the college doing to assist students and staff to quit smoking?

- United Tribes is committed to providing assistance to all students, faculty, and staff who want to quit using tobacco. Cessation information and programs can be accessed through services provided at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center on the UTTC campus. The state of North Dakota provides a free program NDQuits, 800-784-8669 or [www.ndhealth.gov/ndquits](http://www.ndhealth.gov/ndquits).

# Correction

In the last edition of United Tribes News a student in a photograph was inadvertently misidentified. In the photo of Community Night at Standing Rock High School on p. 22, the student seated at the welding simulator is Isaiah Hunte.

– editor

# Project GUIDE

Gathering Urban Indian Data & Experiences in the Bismarck/Mandan Area

## SAVE THESE DATES

February 20 • March 20 • April 17 • May 15  
6:30 p.m.

Bismarck Public Library • Meeting Rm. A

More Info: Dr. Cheryl Kary,  
[longfeather@bis.midco.net](mailto:longfeather@bis.midco.net)

Support Provided by the Bush Foundation

# Get free help quitting cigarettes and spit tobacco.



# ND QUITS

[www.ndhealth.gov/ndquits](http://www.ndhealth.gov/ndquits)

1.800.QUIT.NOW



NORTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT of HEALTH

UTTC will be a tobacco-free  
campus starting Jan. 1, 2014.  
For more information,  
visit [www.uttcc.edu](http://www.uttcc.edu).

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BreatheND  
Smoke free. Stay healthy. The year of my breath.

## Apply Early For Tribal Funding!

If you are planning on attending school in the fall or spring; it's BEST to contact your home funding agency now.

### WHY APPLY EARLY:

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

### GENERAL REASONS FUNDING MAY BE DENIED:

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

### THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE GENERALLY REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETE:

- Acceptance letter from educational institute
- Financial needs analysis (budget) – from financial aid officer
- Semester / mid-term grades (student MUST maintain a 2.0 GPA)
- Class schedule

### Criteria submitted for tribal funding MAY VARY for new and returning students

To ensure application completeness, contact and follow up with funding agency frequently.

### TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) CLASSROOM TRAINING ASSISTANCE:

- ALL students MUST apply with home funding agency first.

The WIA office is located in building # 6' on campus. For students who need assistance contacting agencies or completing tribal funding applications please call 701/255-3285 ext.1229

Debbie Painte, Workforce Investment Act  
United Tribes Technical College  
3315 University Dr, Bldg. 61, Bismarck, ND 58504  
Phone: 701-255-3285 ext. 1232  
Fax: 701-530-0635, [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu)



## Dental Care on Campus

Ronald McDonald Dental Care  
Mobile Unit  
United Tribes Campus

January 27-31  
February 10-14

**FREE** dental service for young people up to age 21

Register your child or children by obtaining an application form at the UTTC Student Health Center.

**Please contact us!**  
UTTC Student Health Center  
Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center  
701-255-3285 x 1332 or 1409

## Auto Tech's Christmas Story

In December when a student was faced with the dilemma of paying for car repairs or Christmas presents, the UTTC Auto Club stepped in. Her vehicle was repaired in the Auto-Tech shop and she paid a bill that was whittled down to the essentials. But club members couldn't let it go at that; they used club funds to buy presents for the family of four. And they delivered them to her campus home, receiving heartfelt a thank you.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. And he's in the hearts of Auto-Tech students and staff, and many others, on the United Tribes campus.

– Dave Shepherd and Scott Graeber,  
UTTC Automotive Service Technology

## SkillBuild North Dakota

Veterans and/or Native Americans may qualify for classroom training assistance, such as tuition, books, fees and required tools.

### Requirements

- Unemployed, or Underemployed and meet low income, or Dislocated Worker
- Must pass drug & alcohol screening
- Pre-program assessment and testing
- Maintain satisfactory attendance and progress

**Training must be completed by June 30, 2014**  
Timeline fits UTTC's Spring 2014 semesters

### Qualifying UTTC DeMaND Programs:

- Truck Driving CDL
- Welding
- Electrician
- Heavy Equipment
- Construction Technology
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

### REQUIRED ITEMS:

- Social Security Card or Birth Certificate
- Driver's License or ID card (Proof that you are eligible to work in the US)
- At least 18 years old at the time of application and registered with Selective Service
- Veteran (DD-214) or Native American (Tribal affiliation and enrollment ID) who meets one of the following criteria: Unemployed, Underemployed, or Dislocated Worker (laid-off or terminated).
- Fully registered with Job Service North Dakota at [www.jobsnd.com](http://www.jobsnd.com) with at least 1 active resume on file.

Once you have all of the appropriate documentation, call 701-328-5033 to schedule an appointment:  
**SkillBuildND**, 1601 E Century Ave, Bismarck, ND, 58503.

**SkillBuildND** is funded by the U. S. Dept. of Labor  
More Info: Deb Painte, UTTC Workforce Investment Act, 701-255-3285 x 1232

# UNITED TRIBES STAFF NEWS

## Tribune Award

Congratulations to the United Tribes Wellness Circle on being recognized by the *Bismarck Tribune* with a “2013 Tribune Award.” In a front page story on New Year’s Day, the paper lauded the group for promoting a healthy campus – its biggest accomplishment of the year guiding UTTC to go completely tobacco free. “Among us are people whom we count upon for their good works, kindness, level-headed action and, in general, giving more than receiving,” the paper wrote about these individuals who served on the Wellness Circle: **Pat Aune** (coordinator), **Marcus Austin**, **Kathy Johnson**, **Barbara Little Owl**, **Dennis Neumann**, **Wanda Agnew**, **Colette Wolf**, **Jan Keller**, **Robert Fox**, **Jana Millner**, **Rebekah Olsen**, **Bud Anderson**, **Julie Cain**, **Olivia Tuske-Reese**, **Charmelle Fuchs**, **Anita Charging**, **Gillian Plenty Chief**, **Carla Gerriets**, **Travis Albers**, **Misty Cavanaugh**, **Joely Heavy Runner**, **Dan Molnar**, **Joey McLeod**, **Charisse Fandrich**, **Marsha Azure**, **Brad Hawk** and **TJ McLaughlin**.

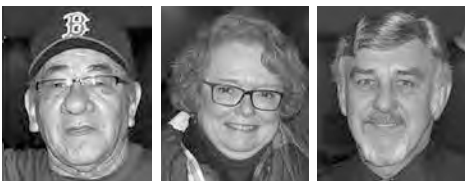
Tribune said it acknowledges individuals or groups who might not otherwise receive community appreciation for what they have done or accomplished.

## Holiday Gathering

The United Tribes Staff Holiday Gathering featured good food, lots of fun and award recognitions December 13 at the Ramkota Inn, Bismarck. Master of Ceremonies **Marcus Austin** presided and the **Human Resource Dept.** provided well-deserved recognition for the college’s faculty and staff.

## Career Educators

Generous applause greeted the honoring of long-time and much-admired educators **Butch Thunderhawk** and **Kathy Aller**, who’ve logged 40 years of service and **Dorvin Froseth** with 35 years.



## Years of Service Awards

5 Years: **Christopher Baillie**, **Donna Belgarde**, **Tamara Bitz**, **Christina Brazell**, **Shanna DeCoteau**, **Anita Green**, **Mandy Guinn**, **Ryan Hertel**, **Rebekah Olson**, **LuAnn Poitra**, **Ben Ramsey**, **Rena Ripley**, **Matthew SeeWalker**, **Scott Skaro**, **Valery Whitman**

10 Years: **Lori Brown**, **Renee Connell**, **Homer Cook**, **Thomas Disselhorst**, **Cynthia Hurkes**, **Jana Jablonski**, **Lowell Little Eagle**, **Cynthia McLeod**, **Dennis Neumann**, **Jay Wheeler**

15 Years: **Leah Hamann**, **Jamie Higlin**, **Cathy Mastrud**, **Connie Stockert**, **Roland Young**

20 Years: **True Clown Jr.**, **Michael Stockert**, **Russell Swagger**

25 Years: **Ella Duran**

35 Years: **Dorvin Froseth**

40 Years: **Kathy Aller**, **Wallace “Butch” Thunder Hawk Jr.**

## Light-On-Their-Feet Award



Tip your had to **Bernice and Tim Thomas** for an enjoyable display of performance intelligence on the dance floor at the holiday event. In the style of western swing, it was a show worthy of “Dancing With the Stars.”

## Authorized for Safety



Congratulations to United Tribes Safety Director **Joely Heavy Runner** on completing all requirements to be an Authorized OSHA10/OSHA 30 General Industry Instructor. He is authorized to facilitate and instruct OSHA’s 10 hour and 30 hour courses, which he intends to do on campus for staff, students and faculty. Recently he completed the Slippery Slope (Winter Driving) Instructor course thru the North Dakota Safety Council and will also facilitate that four-hour course on campus. Attendees who complete the course would be in line for a discount on their auto insurance. Watch for upcoming safety trainings offered by Joely.

## Campus Cutie



Say hello to **Lakelyn Amani Hodge**, (Eastern Pequot) the daughter of UTTC Enterprise Director **Tiffany Hodge**. Lakelyn arrived September 24, 2013 at 6 lbs 14 oz. Understandably she is the center of attention when she accompanies her mother to meetings on campus.



**Picture of Christmas Joy:** With **Julie Cain** as their centerpiece, Land Grant and Nutrition and Foodservice staffers shined for a Christmas moment, from left, **Colette Wolf**, **Jana Millner**, **Annette Broyles**, **Travis Albers**, **Wanda Agnew**, **Jan Keller**, **Pat Aune** and **Robert Fox**.





**ON DOL COUNCIL:** United Tribes President **David M. Gipp**, seated center, attended meetings December 11-12 of the National Advisory Council on Native American Employment and Training, of which he is a member. The council advises the agency on operation and administration of the section of the Workforce Investment Act that focuses on Native American programs. He first served on the panel in 1997 and was most recently reappointed in 2010.

### Automotive Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Automotive Raffle conducted November 27 courtesy of the UTTC Automotive Club.

**Courtney Lawrence** and **Cindy Hurkes** were winners of an oil change. **Val Whitman** and **Luann Poitra** won the coolant flush.

Winners of a four-wheel alignment were **Dustin Thunder Hawk** and **Courtney Lawrence**.

The grand prize winner of a brake job was **Randy Lamberth**.

Thank you to **Anne Kraft** who made all the drawings. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the club.

– Scott Graeber, Automotive Technology Instructor

### Doctor in the House



### Airing Out

Staff members bid a melancholy farewell to Tribal Environmental Science instructor **Rebekah Olson** at a going away reception January 17. Rebekah served UTTC in science education for 6 years and now takes up regulatory science with the State of North Dakota's Air Quality Division. She will be missed.



– TES staff

### In DeMaND

Congratulations to **Janet Thomas** on being selected to head up the TCC DeMaND Program. She succeeds Dave Archambault Jr. who left United Tribes in the fall when he was elected chairman of the Standing Rock Tribe. United Tribes is the lead college in a four-college consortium and Janet now leads the program that is focused on workforce training and development.



And congratulations on a job well-done to the capable **Rae Red Tomahawk**, who served with distinction and promise as DeMaND's interim director. She is now with the college's finance department.

### Administrative Move



Congratulations to **Charisse Fandrich** on being appointed executive assistant to Phil Baird, the college's new interim president. Pictured at the United Tribes Holiday Gathering with husband David Fandrich.



# DEVELOPMENT NEWS

◆ By Charisse Fandrich, UTTC Community Development Liaison ◆

## American Bank Center



Holiday blessings to Jonus Elston, American Bank Center President in Bismarck, as he presented checks to UTTC President David M. Gipp and Community Development Liaison Charisse Fandrich. \$2,000 will go to the Athletic Department and \$4,500 to the student scholarship program. We would like to thank American Bank Center for their continued support to UTTC and our students.

## Christmas Gifts



A big THANK YOU to all those that helped with the Development Office's Christmas gift project for TJES! There are about 150 students at TJES from Kindergarten to 8th grade. We asked them to buy the gift, wrap it and return to their office. Joey McLeod and Charisse Fandrich went to the UTTC staff and facility allowing them to pick a tag with the child's grade, gender and size. We were excited to have our friends at Aetna participate in this project and would like to say THANK YOU for being a part of this wonderful project that put smiles on all the kids faces!

## What Can You Recycle?

### PAPER:

- Newspaper: and everything that comes with it
  - Paper: Color, white and office paper
- Cardboard: Paper bags, cereal and food boxes, egg cartons, shoe boxes (Please flatten to make room in box or bin)
- Junk Mail: magazines and telephone books

### Why Recycle Paper?

- Recycling Paper uses 70% less energy than making paper from raw resources. If Americans recycled just newspaper, we would save 250 million trees a year. Recycling one ton of paper saves around 17 trees, 463 gallons of oil, and 6,953 gallons of water. The average American uses more than 700 pounds of paper a year.

### PLASTIC:

- Bottles, containers, tubs and lids (Number 1-7) Check bottom of container for one of the symbols listed below:



- If a symbol is missing, the plastic is non-recyclable. Sometimes the symbol is very small.

### Why Recycle Plastic?

- People in the U.S. throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles an hour.
- Making new plastic requires significant amounts of fossil fuels.
  - Plastic is easy to recycle.
  - Plastic bottles take up space in landfills.
- Incinerating plastic contributes to greenhouse gases.
- Plastic in the oceans is responsible for the deaths of millions of sea animals.
  - Plastic takes a long time to degrade.
  - Plastics contain harmful chemicals.
  - Recycling plastic saves energy.
- Recycled plastic is useful. Many fabrics are now made with recycled plastic.
- All plastic can be recycled. But it's not being recycled as much as it should be. Some studies show that only 10% of plastic bottles created are recycled, leaving that extra 90% to take up space in landfills and killing ocean life.
  - More info: <http://www.professorshouse.com/Your-Home/Environment/Recycling/Articles/Why-Recycle-Plastic/>

### UTTC Recycling Drop-Off Locations:

Skill Center | Human Resource | Finance | Admissions  
Housing | TES | TJES | Wellness Center | Jack Barden  
Education | Co-ed Dorm | Sitting Bull Dorm  
Sakakawea Dorm | Science and Technology Building

Main UTTC Recycling Station: Intersection of Turtle Mountain Road and Standing Rock Road



Recycling Information by Colette Wolf  
UTTC Recycling Questions/More Information:  
Colette Wolf, Green Committee Member  
255-3285 x1426, [cwolf@uttc.edu](mailto:cwolf@uttc.edu)

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## *Sequestration, a Fundamentally Ignorant Policy*

“I think it’s always the case that there needs to be more focus from every administration and every Congress on Native education. It’s the stepping stone to progress and to opportunity for children. I think Indian children have for a long, long period been left behind. And that ‘left behind’ statement refers not just to education, but especially to education. It’s safe to say that no administration, including this one, and no Congress, including this one, ever does enough. Until they start meeting promises and commitments that have been made, it will never be enough...

Sequestration has been a fundamentally ignorant policy. It cut investments in the most vulnerable Americans at the same level that it cut the most wasteful federal spending. That’s ignorant public policy.”

Q: *Should federal tribal funding have special protection and not be treated as discretionary funding that can be cut at will?*

“These should not be faucets of funds that can be turned off and on. These are commitments by treaty and by promises made. I think they should have been protected against sequestration, and they should be protected into the future.”

– Former Senator Byron Dorgan in a December 2013 interview with Rob Capriccioso of Indian Country Today Media Network. <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/12/23/sen-dorgan-native-youth-sequestration-and-dysfunctional-congress-152846>



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# Killdeer Mountain Co

◆ By Dakota Goodhouse ◆

BISMARCK – Killdeer Mountain is hardly a mountain, but it is a beautiful and majestic plateau nonetheless as it rises gently above the prairie steppe. In summer, native plants and flowers dot the hillside and emerge from the cracks of shattered sandstone. Short and medium indigenous grasses sway in a wind that has been present since creation.

The song of coyotes hauntingly fills the air on a gentle midsummer's eve. The trees – a mix of ash and cottonwood – grow in clusters, but it's the cottonwoods that sway and shush the world. Crickets take up their hum in the twilight where the cicadas left-off during the day. Aeries of golden eagles and hawks remind the meadowlarks and rabbits to keep a wary eye on the skies.

Killdeer Mountain is a sacred site of story, where young men went to pray. The summit receives yet those who still pray in the ways of their ancestors, but also hikers or naturalists, historians, archaeologists, biologists and paleontologists.

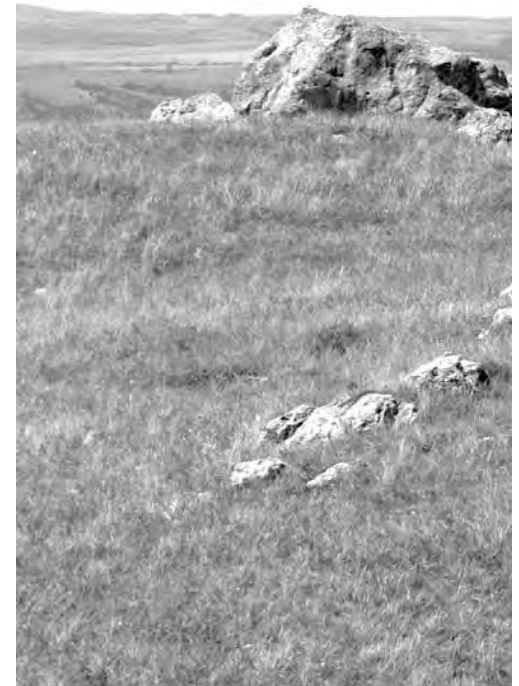


Dakota Goodhouse

The Lakḥóta call this site “Tahčá Wakútepi,” Where They Kill Deer, but it was more than just a place to hunt. Young Lakḥóta and Dakḥóta men would ascend the hill for prayer and reflection in the ceremony called Hanḅléčiyé, or Crying For A Vision. They would mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually prepare far in advance for this pilgrimage – the site for their quest determined long in advance. Their stay generally lasted four days on the hill or mountain, standing, kneeling or sitting while they prayed day and night to humble themselves before the Creator. Killdeer was and still is a special place for prayer and reflection.

## Battle Site

The site known today as Killdeer Battlefield, northwest of Killdeer, ND, is known primarily for the conflict that occurred on



View at the top of Killdeer Mountain.

June 28, 1864. On that day, General Alfred Sully led a command of 2,200 soldiers in the last days of his Punitive Sioux Expedition, a military campaign organized in retaliation



Entrance to Medicine Hole.

DAKOTA GOODHOUSE photos

# Conflict 150 Years Later



for the Minnesota-Dakota Conflict of 1862. The village of Lakota and Dakota that Sully attacked had little or nothing to do with the 1862 conflict. The Teton and Yanktonai who were present were previous allies who had fought under Colonel Leavenworth's command in the Arikara War of 1823.

Sully's brutal assault continued into the evening and night with a hail of cannon volley. Children who were inadvertently left behind in the rain of fire were rounded up, scalped and killed.

At the summit of Killdeer Mountain is a deep fissure, an open cave. Some call this cave "Medicine Hole." Into this cave some of the Lakhóta and Dakhóta people fled when Sully began his unwarranted assault. Oral tradition has it that those who fled into the cave wound their way through the labyrinth and came out west of the mountain.

## New Method of War

Sully was operating according to "total war theory," where aggressors see little difference between combatants and civilians. This meant the capture and imprisonment of innocent women and children, if they weren't killed outright on the battlefield, and

the wholesale destruction of supplies, possessions, property and resources. In the Civil War going on at the same time in the east, Union armies employed this tactic with success, affecting the outcome of that war. Total war was the military's approach during the punitive campaigns in Dakota Territory in 1863 and 1864. Killdeer should be seen in the context of the Union's Civil War military strategy. It should be preserved and interpreted for its tragic history and the graves should be protected of those still buried there.

## Site Preservation

The up-tick in western North Dakota oil development brings a modern assault on the Killdeer site. In January 2013, the North Dakota Industrial Commission approved over 50 wells on public and private land that fall within the Killdeer Mountain Battlefield study area. Notwithstanding the rights of private land owners, there is a need to de-

fend against another tragedy.

Upcoming this year, 150 years after the conflict, there is important work for those who believe in preserving as much of the natural, cultural and historical integrity of the site as possible. On June 28, 2014, the Killdeer Mountain Alliance, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and Lakhóta and Dakhóta representatives will gather in a public forum in Killdeer, ND, and talk about the conflict, the site and preservation.

Here are two things you can and should do: Attend the public forum and planned commemoration in Killdeer on Saturday, June 28; and visit the North Dakota Industrial Commission online and watch for public meetings and hearings and plan to attend those. It is particularly important that Native People are seen and Native voices heard.

*Dakota Goodhouse is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He is an instructor at United Tribes Technical College.*



***Like the Killdeer Mountain Alliance on Facebook for current news and updates.***

# Remembering an NIEA Presidency

## Part 2

In the Dec/Jan edition of *United Tribes News*, Dr. Phil Baird, UTTC Vice President of Academic, Career and Technical Education, described his memories of being the first president-elect in 1993 of the National Indian Education Association. In Part 2, he continues with more about NIEA progress in the 1990s.

◆ By Phil Baird (Sicangu Lakota) ◆

### Tribal Education Agencies

During NIEA's history, Native educators sought to have tribally-controlled education. Once maintained by Indian Nations, education systems were broken down by Christian doctrine, federal assimilation policies, boarding schools, and public school education. The NIEA leadership had the opportunity in the early 1990s to advocate for Tribal control of education when the U.S. Congress considered Indian Education amendments during reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Based on the research of long-time legislative consultants Karen Funk and Carol Barbero, the term "Tribal education departments" (TEDs) was successfully inserted into the law by members of a very active NIEA Legislative Committee. This came despite opposition within the ranks of Indian education. With 90 percent of Native students served by public education, some sentiment remained for working through state education agencies (SEAs).

But TED advocates on the political relationship of Tribes with the federal government and its responsibility for the education of Native students. Few states were responsive to the needs of Indian children as state citizens, let alone to the concept of local Tribal control. About the same time, several Indian Tribes worked closely with the Native American Rights Fund to establish Tribal education codes with oversight by Tribal education departments. NARF attorney Melody McCoy (Cherokee) conducted the research to justify the position. Native educators eventually came together over the need to build relationships with both state and federal governments. TED advocates took another step and established the Tribal

Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) to specialize in their work supporting Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs).

### Indian Education Blueprint

Cherokee Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller once said: "Whoever controls the education of our children will control the future of our Indian Nations."

Contemporary tribal educators, most notably Lionel Bordeaux, have advocated for a holistic view in the implementation of a 21st century tribal education system, saying it should encompass our lives from "pre-natal to our final spiritual journey."

*"Whoever controls the education of our children will control the future of our Indian Nations."*

— Cherokee Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller

Developing a "national Indian education blueprint" could provide guidance for how tribal people could regain control of the education of their children. The steps will have to be interdisciplinary and strategically integrated, bonding every facet of how we want to live as tribal descendants.

Focused on this objective, NIEA leadership began changing the format of the annual convention to include discussion forums about necessary changes and potential solutions. These continue today and a blueprint is emerging but there is much work to be done.

### Just the Beginning

I stepped down as NIEA President in 1994 at the close of Silver Anniversary ceremonies at Minneapolis-St. Paul. My family members of Sinte Gleska University and the Sicangu Oyate humbled me with an eagle feather staff and a very generous giveaway. There was no precedent for a leaders-transition ceremony and the late Albert White Hat helped me with a Lakota prayer and eagle feather to pass-on the gavel to president-elect Lorena Zah-Bahe (Dine). She, in turn, presented a Navajo blanket with a prayer and corn pollen. One chapter closes, another begins.



Phil Baird

As I reflect on NIEA's 44-year history, I am honored by the associations and friendships made on the path. I now better understand the courage, commitment, the sacrifice of family time, and the spiritual nature of our work carried throughout Indian Country and beyond.

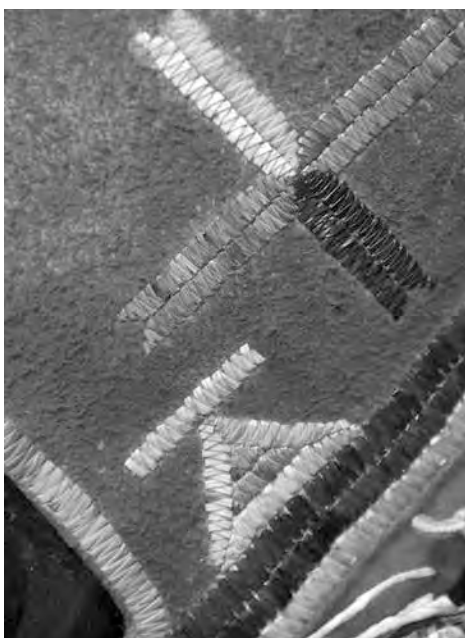
I remain a student of the many great Native leaders among the Four Directions and in the Spirit World, too numerous to mention lest we forget some. NIEA presidents of the past were very supportive of our work. As Silver Anniversary gifts, some left us with video testimonies that will hopefully pass on to the next generation.

To be sure, there are outstanding young leaders coming up through the ranks. The message I offer to them is the same as past presidents: We need to cultivate the life-long learning of our children inside and outside the classroom in culturally-relevant contexts.

Today, I have "takojas" (grandchildren) at home, watching me in my present work among tribal colleges and universities. Through my own life experiences, including an NIEA presidency, I am reminded again there is no end to our work in education. It's just the beginning.

Mitakuye Oyasin (All My Relatives).

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# Taste-Testing Tribes Tubers



**RESEARCH WORK:** At left, Nutrition and Foodservice student Steven J. Leading Cloud (Rosebud) jots an answer that will help evaluate indigenous potatoes. It was part in a potato-tasting event December 10 in the United Tribes teaching kitchen. Over summer, UTTC's Land Grant Agroecology Extension Program grew nine potato varieties as part of the University of Wisconsin's Potato Research Project. It was intended to help determine which can grow successfully in the region. "Indigenous potatoes offer a wider variety of nutrients, phytochemicals and resistance to disease," says Agroecology Educator Colette S. Wolf, who conducted the project. UTTC's evaluators rated Omega, Red LaSoda and Australian Crawlers, in order, top in appearance, and Red Gold, Dark Red Norland and Omega top in taste. The event also included tastings of different squash varieties and squash recipes. More info, [cwolf@uttc.edu](mailto:cwolf@uttc.edu), 701-255-3285 x 1426. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

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Details about the department's FY 2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) is available at [www.justice.gov/tribal/open-sol.html](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-sol.html).

CTAS applications are submitted online through the DOJ Grants Management System. Applicants are urged to register early,

and no later than March 4 to resolve potential difficulties in advance of the application deadline.

The grants have been used to bring justice, hope and healing to tribal communities, according to the DOJ.

Funds can be used to enhance law enforcement; bolster adult and juvenile justice systems; prevent and control juvenile delinquency; serve victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder abuse; and support other efforts to combat crime.

More info: [WWW.JUSTICE.GOV](http://WWW.JUSTICE.GOV).



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## MISSION

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

## VISION

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

## VALUES

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

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

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

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# Native Artist Residency

CHICAGO – The deadline is February 15 to make application to the Harpo Foundation for a Native American Fellowship.

The foundation supports the development of artists, seeks to stimulate creative inquiry, and encourages new modes of thinking about art.

Each year, the program awards two residency fellowships to Native artists to attend the foundation's Vermont Studio Center, an artist colony located along the Gihon River in Johnson, VT. Each fellow receives a one-month residency, including room and board, a private studio, and a \$500 travel stipend.

Native artists must demonstrate strong artistic ability, an evolving practice that is at a pivotal moment in its development, and a practice that engages dialogue between the artist's indigenous world and the surrounding culture.

The program guidelines and info are at the Harpo Foundation Website: <http://www.harpofoundation.org/fellowships/>.

## North Dakota Artist Fellowships

BISMARCK – The deadline is May 1 to make application for Traditional Arts, Dance, and Theatre Individual Artist Fellowship program of the North Dakota Council on the Arts. The application process is done online.

Two \$2,500 Individual fellowships are awarded to recognize and support practicing artists residing in North Dakota.

The 2014 fellowships are available for Traditional Arts, Dance and Theatre.

The council also accepts Professional Development grant applications throughout the year, but must be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the start of the event.

More info: Amy Schmidt, ND Council on the Arts, 701-328-7594, : [www.nd.gov/arts/grants/grant.html](http://www.nd.gov/arts/grants/grant.html).

# Students pass needed exam

◆ By Wanda Agnew, UTTC Culinary Arts/Foodservice Instructor ◆

Seven UTTC students passed the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe exam during fall 2013 semester.

All were enrolled in the course Nutrition 105, Managing Food Protection, taught by Annette Broyles. Students are required to pass the exam as part of the course.

The certification is required as an indus-

try standard by many foodservice operations, especially shift managers. It's an important achievement for graduates as they apply for employment and strive for career advancement.

UTTC offers the exam four times per year to community foodservice professionals through its Land Grant Extension Program.

For more information about the exam, or other food safety issues, contact Jan Keller, UTTC Extension Nutrition Educator, [jkeller@uttc.edu](mailto:jkeller@uttc.edu), 255-3285 x 1504.



**CERTIFIED SAFE:** From left: Stephanie Bridwell, Peter Stone, Instructor Annette Broyles, Carmela Vital-Maulson and Alexandra Harrison. Others who passed the exam but not pictured: Tracy Viet, Aliya Williams and Eleanor Hornbeck.



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# Native fashion event premiered at LNI

◆ By Alexandria Alvarez ◆

RAPID CITY – A pair of enterprising Native promoters has created a new venue for Native fashion designers to exhibit their works and collections.

Raycen Raines, director and owner of Lakota Ways, and Edison Ritchie, founder of The Edison Ritchie Project, produced “Native Fashion Week” December 21 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The two picked the week of the Lakota Nation Invitational, with all its sporting and cultural events, to add artistic flair to the established Native gathering in Rapid City, SD.



Raycen Raines

“We had not worked together prior to this,” said Raines. “But we had three months of consistent communication and planning on what we envisioned could be possible featuring local artists in a showcase.”



Edison Ritchie

Raines manages a group of dedicated storytellers known as Lakota Ways. He’s also involved in cultural and government activities at Pine Ridge, where he grew up.

Ritchie attended Black Hills Beauty College and became a television production stylist doing hair and make-up. He worked on a series about Native American chiefs featuring Crazy Horse, Tecumseh and Geronimo. He has worked on commercials, the VH-1 Channel in New York City, and the Disney movie Hildago.

“I met Raycen at an event and we both had the same vision for producing a Native event,” said Ritchie. “Although we come from different backgrounds, we share similar goals.”

## Artists were Key

The two got the ball rolling by choosing a date, booking the venue, sketching the room layout, and creating a logo and theme.

As producer, Ritchie did a model call on



Edison Ritchie applying make-up to a model.

Facebook to book those who would perform. He worked backstage with his crew of hair dressers and makeup artists.

But the key thing for planning, says Raines, was to bring-in the artists.

“We asked input from them,” said Raines. “Their contributions furthered the event and gave it collaboration and momentum. It was great watching them and their families support each other with equipment, food, whatever was needed was provided.”

## Strong Cultural Offering

The entertainment they came up with for the day-long event showcased Native performances. Included was a theater presentation by Lakota Ways; a video screening by Jesse Antoine Short Bull, “Taste of Time” video premier of Scatter Their Own; an alternative rock duo of Oglala Lakota ancestry from Pine Ridge; a fashion show with renowned Navajo designer Penny Singer; and several other performances of spoken word, guitar music, and break dancing.

“I think everything went great, there were some really touching moments, some high energy moments, and some good native humor throughout,” said Raines. “Next time we need a bigger room!”

Raines was especially pleased with the “strong cultural presence” during the whole event.

“I think the outcome was great for the first time,” said Ritchie. “The attendance was awesome. There are some changes that can be made, but all together, it worked out great!”

## Next Time

Since fashion and entertainment was a big draw, Ritchie thinks it would be interesting to have a separate art market next time. Not only do they plan to make Native Fashion an annual event, but they hope to have a summer showcase as well.

The two also plan to work together on larger events in the future. They say they will be joining their companies to create a full-fledged production agency to represent native actors, musician, and artists.

“I feel like it’s been a long road leading to this,” said Ritchie. “I’m very thankful and humbled for every opportunity given to me by Tunkasila.”

*Alexandria Alvarez is Miss Indian Nations XXI and writes for Sho-Ban News, where this article first appeared. Reprinted with permission. <http://www.shobannews.com/index.html>.*

# DeMaND Project Update – Year Two

## What is DeMaND?

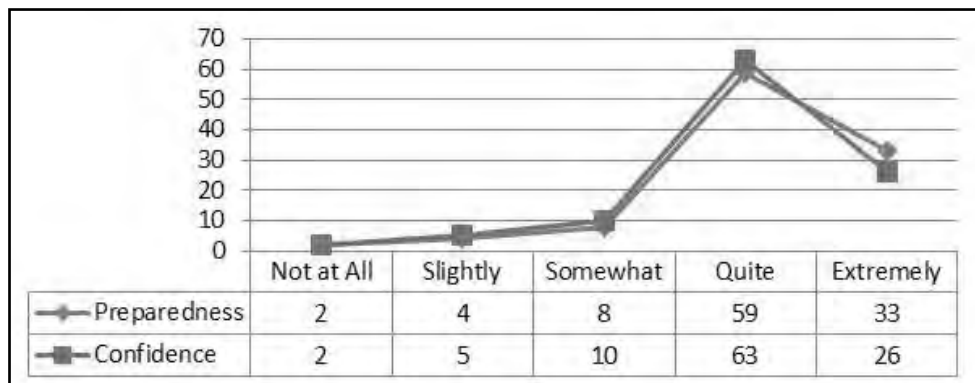
The Tribal College Consortium for Developing Montana and North Dakota Workforce (TCC DeMaND Workforce) is a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant Program (TAACCCT) project funded by the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor (SGA-DFA-PY-10-03). The project is simply called DeMaND for short.

DeMaND is a consortium of four tribal colleges with United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) serving as the lead institution. The others are Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC), Fort Totten, ND on the Spirit Lake Nation; Fort Peck Community College (FPCC), Poplar, MT on the Fort Peck Reservation; and Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC), Harlem, MT on the Fort Belknap Reservation.

## Training for High Demand Jobs

At each of the DeMaND colleges, students can pursue various trainings and certifications that lead to high paying jobs. Some study carpentry and construction trades at ANC, FPCC and UTTC. Earning a CDL through truck driving instruction is offered at ANC, FPCC and UTTC. UTTC and FPCC also offer Heavy Equipment Operator training.

Plumbing or heating and air installation are offered through the HVAC/R and Plumbing programs at CCCC. The electrician field is taught through the Electrical Technology program at UTTC. Students interested in medical fields pursue a variety of trainings at ANC and FPCC. ANC and FPCC offer Certified Nursing Assistant, and ANC offers EMT and Phlebotomy. Welding is offered at ANC, FPCC, and UTTC. Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) is available at UTTC, preparing students to work in a variety of fields, such as project management, map design, construction planning, data analysis and even database administration. Many of the programs use simulators designed to help students learn basic skills in a virtual or simulated environment. Each of the training



programs use state-of-the-art equipment in state of the art facilities.

## Success in DeMaND Programs

Thus far 490 students have enrolled in DeMaND programs across the consortium. Completion rates for the programs have been strong. Sixty-four percent of students who have entered medical training programs have successfully completed them. Across the consortium, the completion rate for welding students is 68%. Overall, the completion rate for DeMaND programs of study is 58%, much higher than the typical completion rate for colleges in general.

Students in the DeMaND programs speak highly of their experiences. They enrolled in accelerated programs to complete a one-year certificate. Participants say that they like having the instructor treat them as em-

ployees and that they have high expectations for them regarding attendance and work ethic. It makes them feel like they are being well prepared for the workplace and like are co-workers and not students.

Students have encouraged others to try out the training programs, live out their goals, and make something of themselves. The words of Plenty Coups have come to mind: “Study, learn, help one another always. Remember there is only poverty and misery in idleness and dreams – but in work there is self-respect and independence.”

## Learn to Earn in a Supportive Environment

Instruction in the DeMaND Project is rated as being excellent. Students rate the instructors and courses very highly. Students love the hands-on learning style of the simulators and in the shops and labs. While these experiences are challenging, the students see this as the most valuable aspect of their training and education. As a result, at the end of their training programs, most students feel very prepared and confident to go into the field of work for which they trained. It is important to feel both prepared and confident when moving into a new career field.

Many of the students who have completed DeMaND training programs are now working in jobs that are allowing them to support themselves and their families. Some are making wages they never dreamed they could, working in construction, trucking, and welding industries as well as medical fields. The DeMaND programs are providing pathways for people into high demand and high wage careers.

## Ticket to Drive in Hand

**T**he first three drivers in the United Tribes CDL Training Program have officially earned their Class “A” Commercial Driver’s Licenses. William Brave Bull, LeWarren Whiteman and Mary Ann Maulson passed their driving tests January 17 administered by the ND Dept. of Transportation. Congratulations to all three!

One other student, Lujuanna Bullcoming, is scheduled to test on February 4 and is expected to be successful.

The next cohort of CDL/HEO students now in the Spring Term will train until the end of April.

– Laramie Plainfeather, UTTC CDL/HEO Director,  
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# United Tribes Black Hills Learning Center

◆ By Tamera Marshall, BHLC Assistant ◆

## Spring Term Underway

Happy New Year! UTTC Black Hills Learning Center welcomes new and returning students!

Student orientation was held January 6, kicking-off the Spring 2014 Semester. With classes well underway, attendance has nearly doubled.

The center provides access to excellence in education for a diverse group of students in the Black Hills area. Many are high achievers who are the first in their families to attend college. They're from Cheyenne River, Oglala, Rosebud and Sisseton-Wahpeton. Many are employed full time and have a desire to continue their education to provide a comfortable life for their families.

Instructional progress is evident with five classes now offered on-site. Students have more options at the center for face-to-face instruction.

## Welcome Instructors

Dee LeBeau-Hein (Cheyenne River) is an adjunct instructor teaching pre-English. She is an instructor at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and mentors in the SDSMT's Tiospaye Scholarship Program. LeBeau-Hein earned a Master of Science Degree in Administration from USD and previously taught a Native American Curriculum at the University of Iowa for six years.

Gary Nelson is an adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor. He earned a master's in CJ at California State University. He previously



BHLC work study students, from left: Toni High Pipe, Lana Mesteth and Hail Baird.

taught CJ courses at OLC, directed the Tribal Police Academy and recently retired from counseling work.

Kathlene Thurman is the center's interim director. She's also adjunct instructor for Intro classes in Business and Computers. She holds a master's degree in psychology from Sophia University and a master's in management from University of Mary. Thurman will be instructing and assisting students through their academic careers in the classroom and with numerous support services.

Check out <http://bhlc.uttc.edu/> for a complete listing of courses and degree programs.

## Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
More Info: Tamera Marshall, 605-721-3310, 605-858-1185, [tmarshall@uttc.edu](mailto:tmarshall@uttc.edu).

## Strategies to Survive & Excel

◆ By Kathlene Thurman, BHLC Interim Director ◆

With Spring classes underway, it's an exciting time at BHLC. The first few weeks of school are extremely important for all students but especially for new college students. It's this time when decisions can have an effect on the rest of your life.

### Keep these things in mind:

- **Be Confident.** Strive for good grades. Your attitude about a class dictates your success and is reflected in your grades. Set goals and work hard to achieve them.
- **Get Organized.** In college it's up to you to manage your time; watch deadlines and prioritize responsibilities.
- **Get involved.** College students who are involved in extracurricular activities are more likely to be better students. You make new friends, learn new skills and feel more connected.
- **Communicate.** Keep in touch with academic advisors, student support staff and classmates. This builds relationships and gives others a chance to get to know your academic strengths and weaknesses so they can help.
- **Study.** Set specific days and times to study when you can have a clear mind and be free from distractions. A routine helps everyone around you to know you are committed to your education, so they will have respect for the hours you are available.
- **Go to Class.** Sleeping in and skipping may be tempting but avoid it. Attending class makes the difference between passing and failing. Become an expert on course requirements and due dates.
- **Use Your Instructor.** Instructors schedule office hours for the sole purpose of meeting with students. Take advantage of this to learn more, and acquire mentors and professional and academic references.
- **Be Patient.** As you settle in, don't expect to be perfect. Draw strength and inspiration from your previous learning experiences.
- **Use Support Services.** Don't wait to take advantage of the resources available. Ask for help! Form a study group. Others may be in the same position. Take the initiative!
- **Take Responsibility.** Don't place blame on others; own up to mistakes and move on.
- **Don't Cut Corners.** College is about learning. If you procrastinate and cram, you may still do well on tests, but you will learn very little.
- **Seek Balance.** Take care of yourself. Regulate your diet; exercise and get a good night's sleep. Balance your time with activities that help you relax and take away stress.
- **Finally.** Enjoy your hard work as you lay the groundwork for success. Take advantage of your network of new friends and instructors. Remember to have fun while learning and be committed to getting the most out of your college experience.

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## United Tribes Financial Aid

### Tax Preparation

**A** team of tax preparers from University of Mary will be on the United Tribes campus Wednesday, February 12 from 3-6 p.m. and Thursday, February 13 from 1-5 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Jack Barden Center. This is to help you file your 2013 Federal and State Tax Returns FREE of CHARGE.

Please take advantage of this beneficial service. Once you have a completed 2013 tax return, it becomes much easier to complete the FAFSA.

No appointment necessary, First Come, First Served!

Note: Members of the U-Mary tax team are not paid professionals. They will only be here to assist you in filing your taxes. They are not liable for errors or audits.

#### DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- 2013 W2 forms (if you worked in 2013)
- 1099 forms (if applicable)
- 1098 forms (if applicable)
- Photo IDs
- Social Security Cards for you and dependents

### College Goal/FAFSA Days

**F**inancial Aid FAFSA Days are set for March 10-14 from 2-5 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Jack Barden Center. This event is for current students who need assistance filling out the FAFSA in order to receive financial aid next academic year.

#### DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- 2013 Federal Tax Return Forms
- 2013 W2 forms
- 2013 Untaxed Income Records which include: Child support, Veteran's non-education benefits, Worker's comp., Information on savings and investments (if applicable)
- Driver's License (if any)
- Social Security Numbers
- Alien Registration Card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

### THE GREATER GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

#### Free writing workshop for veterans of any U.S. War

Participants will write monologues based on personal experiences they encountered while serving. Monologues will be read and performed in Grand Forks, Dickinson, Bismarck and Minot, culminating in a collective reading in May in Grand Forks. Stipends for participants!

For more information about the Bismarck Workshop beginning in late January, please call 701-471-7673, or email [nritzke@bis.midco.net](mailto:nritzke@bis.midco.net). Sponsored by the ND Humanities Council and the Wal-mart Foundation.

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- Stipends for participants • Free of Charge

More info Nita Ritzke: [nritzke@bis.midco.net](mailto:nritzke@bis.midco.net), 701-471-7673

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## UTTC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### ACADEMIC, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Academics, Career & Technical Education
- 2 Business Management Instructors
- Heavy Equipment Instructor
- Construction Technology Director/Instructor
- CDC Aide
- Criminal Justice Adjunct Instructor, Black Hills Learning Center, Rapid City, SD
- Higher Education Director, Black Hills Learning Center
- Adjunct Instructor, Rapid City Learning Center
- Medical Coding Program Director/Instructor
- Adjunct - Teacher Education Instructor
- CDC Preschool Teacher
- Medical Transcription Program Director/Instructor
- Adjunct Business Admin/Mgmt. Instructor
- Adjunct Coding Instructor
- PT Online Course Developer

### STUDENT & CAMPUS SERVICES

- Student Billing & Collection Specialist
- Admissions Specialist
- Wellness Administrative Assistant
- 2 FT Housing Custodians
- Activities Coordinator
- Disability Support Services Coordinator and Special Education Instructor
- PT/Temp Mailroom Clerk
- Addiction Counselor II
- Transportation Bus Driver
- PT Student Health Center Driver
- Director of Student Health Center
- PT/Temp Housing Custodian
- Academic & Personal Counselor
- Athletics Game Operations
- Evening Security Secretary/Dispatcher
- Custodian
- 2 Custodians - Bldg 69
- Female Dormitory Custodian
- Maintenance Worker/Groundskeeper
- Women's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Men's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Security Officer

### THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Substitute Elementary Custodian
- Substitute Teacher

### ADMINISTRATION

- UM-TERM Case Worker/Training Planner
- Grant Writer/Developer External Funding
- Institutional Assessment Director

### FINANCE

- Contracts and Grants Specialist

United Tribes technical college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religious preference, age, handicap, marital status, political preference, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization, except as allowed by the Indian preference provision of the civil rights act of 1964, as amended.

Persons of Indian ancestry who are at least 1/4 degree and wish to claim Indian preference should submit a copy of their tribal enrollment certificate indicating their degree of Indian blood and agency enrolled.

### Contact:

Human Resource Department, 701-255-3285 x 1213, hr@uttc.edu. Visit our website for a full job description & application: www.uttc.edu. EEO/AA. Drug-free/Smoke-free workplace.

## SAVE THE DATE

### North Dakota Counselors Association 2014 MidWinter Conference

February 9-11, 2014  
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701-391-1608,

[marcia.foss@vcsu.edu](mailto:marcia.foss@vcsu.edu).

## 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

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

## "Just Move It"

Every Monday • 12-1 p.m.  
Wellness Center Conference Room

### Join in for a FREE LUNCH

All UTTC Students, faculty, and staff welcome!

- Nutrition Info and Education
- Goal Setting and Assessment
- Weight and body fat calculations
- Try out New Recipes and Samples
- Tasty, Nutritional Lunch Provided

### Brief workout session following lunch!

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More info: Jan Keller x 1504,  
Jana Millner x 1397, Travis Albers x 1563,  
Marcus Austin x 1357

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Technical College



**Friday, April 25, 2014**

**Belle Mehus Auditorium  
Bismarck, ND**

Registration is open for high school and college students and teachers to attend the third annual Dakota Digital Film Festival (DDFF) Day Session. Free for students and their teachers if registered through their school by February 7, 2014.

DDFF DAY SESSION: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Production Workshops
- Student Film Screenings
- Lunch
- Discussions/Critiques

DDFF EVENING SESSION: 7 p.m.

- Screenings of award-winning shorts
- Open to public; nominal ticket price

More Info:

<http://www.dakotamediaaccess.org/>

## Psychological Services

**Dr. Angie Gillis, Ph.D.,**

Tribal Affiliation: Arikara/Turtle Mtn. Chippewa  
Psychology Resident - UTTC

**Lewis Goodhouse Wellness**

**Center Rm. 134**

**701-255-3285 x 1471**

### STUDENT SERVICES ONLY

**Treating the Following:**

Depression, Anxiety, Grief, Stress/Life Transitions, Relationship Issues, Parent-Child Relationship Issues, Child/Adolescent Behavioral Issues, Trauma, Substance Abuse, Co-Dependency Issues

**Group Counseling in the following areas:**

Couples, Grief, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, Parenting

**Psychological Assessments for:**

ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Personality Testing, Cognitive/Neurological Testing

**Feel free to call or stop-by  
for an appointment.**

## United Tribes Tutoring

*Spring 2014 Study Group Session  
Jack Barden Center upper level*

*Look for Posted Study Group Schedule*

**U**TTC uses “SMARTHINKING,” a new on-line tutoring service that will help with ALL subjects from basic classes to advanced classes. It is linked to My UTTC for easy access. This is a FREE program.

### FREE ONLINE TUTORIALS:

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

[www.Tutornd.com](http://www.Tutornd.com) offers free on-line live tutors from 6-10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday. Set up an account through the State Library.

### ADDITIONAL TUTORING:

Carla Gerriets, [cgerriets@uttc.edu](mailto:cgerriets@uttc.edu), 255-3285 x , JBC 220 office.

## 2014 AIHEC Student Conference

*March 16-18, Billings, MT*

*Hosted by the MT/WA/WY TCUs*

WEBSITE: <http://bfcc.edu/aihec.php>.

Be sure to check website regularly for updates and new information on competitions.

### Theme:

Tribal Colleges Counting Coups with Education and Workforce Development

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## 2014 AIHEC National Basketball Tournament

**February 27-March 2  
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Tournament Director Juan Perez,  
[juan\\_perez@skc.edu](mailto:juan_perez@skc.edu), 406-275-4978

## Breastfeeding Welcome at UTTC



**U**nited Tribes Technical College is a family-friendly learning environment that promotes wellness at the earliest stage of life. UTTC's breastfeeding policy ensures the college campus is Infant-Friendly.

- Mothers who are breastfeeding may bring their infant to work for the first six months.
- Space and time are provided for the mothers to breastfeed and/or pump.

Please help promote the college's Infant-Friendly status and let everyone know that UTTC is dedicated to health, wellness and family:

- Place on meeting/conference agendas, include breastfeeding policy details
- Include on printed and web materials
- Include in staff/faculty recruitment materials
- Use the policy as a means of student recruitment
- Use the breastfeeding space and encourage others to use it!

More info: Jan Keller, [jkeller@uttc.edu](mailto:jkeller@uttc.edu), 701-255-3285 x1504.



# Three N-FS students in Fall Honoring



**CAREER BOUND:** Three students from the Nutrition/Culinary Arts/Foodservice program received their well-earned degrees December 20 during United Tribes Fall Honoring. Heather Demaray (center) completed 74 credits earning an AAS in Nutrition and Wellness. Amber Cleveland-Redman (center left) and Dolly Drapeau (center right) finished 61 credits each for an AAS in Culinary Arts/Foodservice. All were active students and the faculty will miss them. Instructors Wanda Agnew, far left, and Annette Broyles, far right, send best wishes to them as they embark on the career path.

– Wanda Agnew, UTTC Culinary Arts/Foodservice Instructor

## Handling the Heavy Load



Peter Stone, originally from Michigan, is proving that “heavy lifting” leads to success. Peter’s schedule in the Culinary Arts/Foodservice program shows he can handle it. He’s employed full-time at a local car dealership and serves as an officer in the food/nutrition student club. He frequently cares for a niece, actively participates in classes and is always on time. And most recently, he placed second in the Super Heavy Weight Division, with a lift of 210 lbs., at a meet attended by members of UTTC’s Weight Lifting team in the Sioux Falls, SD. Congratulations Peter!

– Wanda Agnew, UTTC Culinary Arts/Foodservice Instructor

## Earning Your Way



### Nutrition and Foodservice

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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

- Healthful food preparation
- Food science
- Food safety
- Wellness
- Community nutrition

Graduates are professionally trained with food preparation and nutrition education skills that allow you to make a positive impact on the health of American Indian people.

Follow one of two-degree majors: Nutrition and Wellness or Foodservice/Culinary arts. You choose depending on your interest. Both are offered on campus and Online.

You have the opportunity to take a national exam to become ServSafe Certified and/or a national exam to be credentialed as a Certified Dietary Managers (CDM).

A degree prepares you for employment or to successfully transfer into programs of advanced training to become a dietitian or chef.

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

Earn Your Way with a two year Associate of Applied Science degree in Nutrition and Foodservice.



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# F-NS students donate for Christmas gifts

◆ By Wanda Agnew, UTTC Culinary Arts/Foodservice Instructor ◆

**N**utrition and Culinary Arts/Foodservice students participated in Christmas gift-giving for students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the college campus.

Through their vocational pre-professional organization – Food and Nutrition Students (FANS), the group donated to help purchase caps, gloves and hooded sweatshirts for four youngsters.

The group's officers are President Carmela Vital-Maulson, VP Peter Stone, and Secretary Heather Demaray.

The UTTC Development office accepted the packages and included them as part of the Christmas gift presentation at TJES.



*Santa's F-NS Elves: From left: Dolly Drapeau, Melinda Whiteman-Tikanye, Carmela Vital-Maulson, Mariah Rhode, Stephanie Bridwell, Tracy Slides Off and Jessica Beheler of UTTC Development.*

# Course includes experiential learning

◆ By Wanda Agnew, UTTC Culinary Arts/Foodservice Instructor ◆

**E**ach fall semester, students enrolled in both Nutrition and Foodservice training tracks (Nutrition/Wellness or Culinary Arts/Foodservice) participate in a fine dining experience. Students are required to dress appropriately and observe and evaluate table layout, wait staff hospitality skills, food presentation, and dining room ambiance.

Restaurants often invite the students and faculty to tour the kitchen after the pre-planned meal. Following the visit, students and faculty discuss the experience to connect classroom learning to actual experience in the areas of food service operations, menu planning, culinary and baking techniques, and food safety and sanitation.

The experience is beneficial and boosts student confidence and peer relations.

USDA Equity funds support the experiential learning. The event is valuable because, in today's world, customers enjoy frequent meals away from home and expect pleasures to support quality of service and fellowship at the dining table.



*Attending the December 13 experiential visit to Bismarck's "East 40" restaurant, from left: Wanda Agnew, Peter Stone, Chinelle Condon, Stephanie Bridwell, Dolly Drapeau, Amber Cleveland-Redman, Heather Demaray, Tracy Slides Off, Annette Broyles, Mariah Rhode, Janelle Lockard, Carmella Vital-Maulson, Melinda Whiteman-Tikanye and Alexandria Harrison.*

# ARLENE ANDRE

United Tribes President David M. Gipp led employees, board members and friends in expressing heartfelt condolences to Tom Disselhorst and family at the loss of Tom's wonderful wife of 33 years Arlene. She passed away at home peacefully January 4 after a long battle with cancer.

Tom was not bashful about saying he cherished Arlene as his muse, his supporter and guide through life. She was born March 12, 1954, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, the daughter of two American citizens: Genevieve Andre and Allen R. Andre. The family moved to Bismarck in 1962. She graduated from Bismarck High School in 1972 and from the University of North Dakota in 1977 with a degree in planning.

While in college she was proud to have worked as an intern in the North Dakota Tax Dept. for people whose careers were then on the rise: Byron Dorgan, Kent Conrad and Earl Pomeroy, and Conrad's wife Lucy Calautti.

Her grandmother, Pearl Andre, was Arlene's early political mentor, ushering her into the fold of the Democratic-NPL party. Arlene met Tom in 1978 while working for the Community Action Program in Bismarck; they were married in 1980.

Arlene was politically-aware and socially-active. She belonged to the National Organization for Women. She served in political campaigns, including Jesse Jackson's cam-

paign for the Presidency in 1984. She marched on the South African Embassy in 1985 in protest of apartheid. She was involved in selecting the membership of North Dakota's Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission and helped establish the permanent holiday in the state.

Arlene had a penchant for gardening. Her artistry was honed by studying piano under concert pianist Erma Garrity of Bismarck; she enjoyed perfecting difficult pieces by Ravel and Debussy. She devoted much of her time to her nephews and nieces and was very proud of their many accomplishments in academics and athletics.

After Arlene was diagnosed with cancer, she and Tom discovered the joys of traveling in a recreational vehicle. She loved the time it gave her to be with her husband.

At a memorial service celebrating her life on January 9 at McCabe United Methodist Church, Bismarck, Tom described how Arlene lived life as well as anyone. How she loved her family and was not afraid to embrace difficult causes. And how she will be missed by all who knew her, especially Tom, who will miss her forever.



# MATTHEW C. SEEWALKER

January 26, 1942 - January 1, 2014

At the start of the year United Tribes lost a good friend and co-worker in Matt Seewalker. Matt had been part of the UTTC family for over five years, serving as Transportation Development Specialist with the Northern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program.

Matt's title fell far short of describing his contributions to the success of the technical assistance program and the people it serves. He was an honest, hard-working and diligent member of the campus community. It didn't matter to Matt what task he was doing if it would benefit others.

Matt was an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Tribe. We had the good fortune to have known and worked with him for over 14 years when he directed the tribe's TERO program. He provided training to tribal members in heavy equipment operation and stake reading. Many of his trainees formed successful careers because of his efforts.

Matt never took no for an answer when there was an unmet need. He did everything he could as a director and leader to use scarce resources for the benefit of the tribe and its members.

A memorial service was held for Matt on January 11 at Jehova's Witness Kingdom Hall, Mandan, ND.

Matt's experience and knowledge, and his wise counsel, will be greatly missed, along with his friendship, by the NPTTAP staff and the entire UTTC family.

- Dennis Trusty & Karlita Knight, Northern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program



## You Helped Us



Cody Dean Breuer  
Dec. 12, 1991 - Dec. 6, 2013

Thank you for your love and support at the loss of our son, Cody. The cards, email messages, phone calls, text messages, hugs, prayers, visits, flowers and memorials are all appreciated. The blanket and especially the poster, with pictures of Cody, are very special to us. It's not easy to lose a child but the thoughtfulness and care of the UTTC family has helped ease the pain.

Thank you,  
Dean, Rhonda, Whitney and Carson Breuer

# FORREST JOSEPH GERARD

January 15, 1925 - December 28, 2013

**F**orrest Joseph Gerard passed away December 28, 2013 in Albuquerque, NM. He was born January 15, 1925 on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. He is a citizen of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana.

He is survived by Kay, his wife of 65 years; daughters Patricia, Margaret, Rebecca and Jennifer; and son Stanley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick Gerard Sr. and Rose Douglas Gerard; and siblings Frederick Jr., Charles, Mary, Hazel, Lyda, James, and John.

Gerard is highly respected and revered by many throughout Indian Country and federal government circles because of the leadership role he played in empowering tribal communities through the transformation of federal Indian policy. In fact, it is not possible to have an informed conversation regarding Native American issues such as self-governance, self-determination, health and education without his name being prominently mentioned.

After graduation from Browning High School in 1943, Gerard enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp and served with the 15th Air Force in southern Italy where he flew 35 missions as an engineer and gunner. He returned from military service in 1945 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1949 from what is now the University of Montana.

Gerard entered public service with the Montana State Department of Public Instruction and advanced into positions with the Montana Tuberculosis Association and Wyoming Tuberculosis and Health Association.

In 1957 he moved on to Washington, D.C. where he became the tribal affairs officer for the newly created Indian Health Service. After being selected for a coveted Congressional Fellowship in 1966, he moved to Capitol Hill and worked on Indian issues first with Representative Al Ullman from Oregon and later for Senator George McGovern from South Dakota. He then served as the legis-

lative liaison officer in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and as Director of the Office for Indian Progress at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

In 1971 Gerard became a professional staff member on the U.S. Senate's Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. It was in this post that Gerard drafted some of the most significant pieces of legislation in the 20th century, including the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Indian Financing Act and the Indian Health Care and Improvement Act.

In 1976 he established a lobbying firm to represent tribal interests in the federal arena. In 1977 President Jimmy Carter nominated him to be the first Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. He was confirmed by the Senate and served until 1980 when he returned to private lobbying practice in Washington, D.C.

Many prominent professional people proudly refer to Gerard as their mentor and credit him with having been a major influence in their lives. Gerard was the subject of the book, *The Last Great Battle of the*

*Indian Wars* that chronicled his contributions to history.

In 1992 he and Kay moved to Albuquerque, and enjoyed their time with family and friends, cultural activities, traveling, and all the beauty of New Mexico.

A Celebration of Life was held January 3, 2014 at FRENCH Wyoming, Albuquerque, NM.

Memorials may be made to United Tribes Technical College at <https://my.uttcc.edu/ICS/Alumni/> or the National Museum of the American Indian at [www.nmaistore.si.edu](http://www.nmaistore.si.edu).



## Celebrating the Life of Forrest J. Gerard

By David M. Gipp and  
Tex G. "Red Tipped Arrow" Hall,  
January 3, 2013

**F**orrest Gerard was a wonderful Itancan (Leader) and the nation's first Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

We knew him as a great friend and advocate for Indian Country. He served the Nation with distinction and honor in the armed services in World War II and later in his professional work. He is a patriot on all fronts.

Forrest was a groundbreaker, whose pathways benefited all of Indian Country, making new opportunities possible even today.

Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in making the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act a reality. He was a key U. S. Senate staff member who brought us together to pass the Tribally Controlled Community College (and University) Assistance Act of 1978.

His passing is a most difficult time for his wife Kay and his children, relatives and many friends.

On behalf of the United Tribes of North Dakota and the United Tribes Technical College Board of Directors (comprised of the North Dakota Tribal chairs and council members) we send condolences and prayers to the family and sincere thanks for the life of Forrest Joseph Gerard.

We will miss his good stories and warm, encouraging friendship and that calm, reassuring voice that always bound us together.

Tunkasila (Grandfather) walks with him as he makes his journey to the Spirit World. His Spirit is with Wakan Tanka (the Great Spirit). We offer our thanks and continuing prayers for this great Itancan. Our students, staff and faculty and all good friends join together in the same way.

*David M. Gipp is the President of United Tribes Technical College; Tex G. Hall is Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation and Chairman of the United Tribes of North Dakota Board of Directors.*



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# UTTC to honor former athletes

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College will honor some of its most notable former basketball players and athletic leaders in February.

The college will induct one entire team and nine individuals into the “Thunderbird Hall of Fame” during a banquet set for 2 p.m. on Monday, February 17 at the college in Bismarck.

The slate of honorees includes former United Tribes players and coaches who contributed significantly to the success of the athletic program.

Heading the list is the 1984-85 men’s basketball team that led UTTC to sanctioned, collegiate athletic play in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Athletic leaders to be honored are: the college’s first athletic director, Dave Archambault Sr.; the Thunderbirds most successful coach, Kevin Finley; the college’s first activities and athletics coordinator, the late John Thunder Hawk; and the athletic program’s longest serving leader and cultural mentor, Butch Thunder Hawk.

Thunderbird players to be inducted are: sharp-shooting back-court players Val Finley and Perry White Owl, high scoring guard Barry Webster, and Lady Thunderbird standouts Kristin Bearstail and Jenna Skunk Cap.

Also to be recognized are Thunderbird players previously inducted into the hall of fame: Alan Spoonhunter, a two-time



**1984-85 Thunderbirds:** Standing, from left, Head Coach Dave Archambault Sr., True Clown, Terry Wolf Necklace/Dogskin, Van Buffalo, Ken Walks, Austin Richards, Curtis Black, Perry White Owl, Val Vinley and Manager “Nav” Tapio. Kneeling, at left, Mike Lawrence and Terry Hodgkiss. Not pictured Assistant Coach-John Thunder Hawk Sr., Charles White Eagle, Dave “Sam” White Face, Chuck Defender, Oris Bear Stops, and Terry Jeanotte.

All American; the late Tanner Albers, the school’s all-time leading scorer; and the late Jason Logg, one of the top 3-point shooters in NJCAA history.

Thunderbird Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at approximately 7:35 p.m. between the Thunderbird women and men’s basketball games scheduled on that day. Banners for each inductee will also be unveiled. All of the honoring events are open to the public.

United Tribes Technical College is an intertribal, postsecondary education facility governed by the five federally recognized tribes in North Dakota. Founded in 1969, the college provides academic, vocational and technical education and training to American Indian students, and students of all backgrounds, in a culturally diverse campus setting and online. Please visit the college website for more information: [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu).

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## THUNDERBIRD HALL *of* FAME SCHEDULE

*Monday, February 17, 2014*

- 2-5 p.m. ....Hall of Fame Banquet, Multi-purpose room (next to gym)
- 6 p.m. ....Lady Thunderbirds host Lake Region State women
- 7:35 p.m. .... Between Games: Recognition of Hall of Fame Class; Unveiling of Banners
- 8:10 p.m.....Thunderbirds host Lake Region State men

**More info: Hunter Berg, UTTC Athletic Director, 701-425-5962, [hberg@uttc.edu](mailto:hberg@uttc.edu)**



## 2014 Inductees

# THUNDERBIRD HALL of FAME

### 1984-85 T-Bird Men's Basketball Team

This team put Thunderbird basketball on the map. The '84-85 team holds the record for the highest winning percentage in the history of Thunderbird Athletics, amassing a record 25 wins and only 4 losses. During the season, the Thunderbirds established the school record for most consecutive wins with 17 straight victories. The '84-85 squad is considered the first true collegiate basketball team for United Tribes. It was assembled by Coach Dave Archambault Sr., who recruited a wealth of Indian basketball talent from the region's reservations. The backcourt tandem of Val Finley and Perry White Owl was considered the finest junior college backcourt in the state. Talented and versatile front-line players Sam White Face, Charlie White Eagle and Austin Richards helped trigger the team's fast-paced but disciplined offense with their defense and rebounding.

### Dave Archambault Sr.



Dave Archambault Sr. established the United Tribes Thunderbirds as a National Junior College Athletic Association member, serving as Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach during the formative years of Thunderbird Athletics. His first men's basketball team in 1984-85 gained immediate attention for the program and launched the school's competitive athletic traditions. Archambault's vision and work in creating sanctioned, team sports at United Tribes has remained a guiding influence on the athletic program, right down to his selection of "Thunderbirds" as the team nickname.

### Kevin Finley



Kevin Finley is the most successful coach in Thunderbird athletics history, leading the men's basketball team to two NJCAA Division II National Tournaments (8th Place in 1997-98 and 6th Place in 1998-99), and was an assistant coach on the only other national tournament team in the school's history (8th Place in 2001-02). Finley's ability to attract talent led to the greatest run of winning in the school's history behind some of the greatest individual and team performances the college has ever seen. Coach Finley is a four-time Region Coach of the Year and a two-time District Coach of the Year. He was Mon-Dak Conference Coach of the Year when his 1998-99 team won the conference title. This was the only conference championship in school history and the '98-'99 team holds the distinction of achieving the highest ranking in the national poll when it reached 9th.

### John Thunder Hawk



John Thunder Hawk coordinated United Tribes activities and athletics during the college's formative years in the early 1970s. He promoted athletics and helped grow the program and the facilities, including acquisition and installation of the gymnasium wood floor. Thunder Hawk served T-Bird Athletics in many ways throughout his 35 years at United

Tribes. At different times he was athletic coordinator, head coach, assistant coach and recreation director. Throughout it all he was the Thunderbirds biggest fan and best friend and father-figure to hundreds of T-Bird athletes.

### Butch Thunder Hawk



Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr. has been a presence at Thunderbird athletic events since the inception of the program. In 2013 he marked 40 years as a United Tribes employee, teaching tribal arts and culture and earning the respect of everyone. Throughout his teaching career, he's been a staunch supporter of T-Bird athletics and student-athletes. And he's still serving! At every home game Butch is an early arrival, getting ready for his role as official scorer. In addition to being the T-Birds biggest fan, Butch also coached Thunderbirds Cross Country.

### Val Finley & Perry White Owl



Val Finley and Perry White Owl teamed up in the mid '80s to form the best junior college backcourt in the state. The dynamic duo was the scoring force during the 1984-85 season in the college run-up to playing sanctioned, collegiate athletic basketball. Their freshman campaign remains one of the T-Birds most successful ever, winning 25 games and losing only 4. Both averaged over 20 points per game while dominating the competition. During their sophomore season, the school's first as part of the NJCAA and ND State Junior College play, they lead the T-Birds to the state championship game and sparked a string of three-straight State Title appearances. After two successful years at United Tribes, the pair continued their playing days together, taking their talents to Valley City State where they helped lead the school to an appearance in the NAIA National Tournament.

### Barry Webster

Barry Webster brought prolific scoring to the Thunderbirds. Webster routinely posted 20+ and 30+ scoring nights when suited up for the Thunderbirds. He still holds the school record for most points in a game (46 versus NDSCS) and most free throws made in a game (24 versus NDSCS). The high scoring guard helped lead one of the most remarkable runs in junior college basketball history during the 1987-88 campaign. The 8th seeded T-birds, and its "Iron Five," engineered two consecutive upsets of the number 1 and 4 seeds in the State Junior College Tournament to earn a shot at a state championship. Webster was a First Team All-State Selection.

### Kristin Bearstail



Kristin Bearstail helped lead the most successful season in United Tribes Women's Basketball history in 2009-10. Her prolific offensive game was defined by her seemingly unlimited range and highlighted by her school record 123 three-

point field goals made during that season. On the season, Bearstail averaged over 22 points per game. But just as impressive was her ability to set up teammates for easy baskets; she posted 5 assists per game and 3 steals per contest. She was recognized with First-Team All-Conference, All-Region and All-Region Tournament selections.

### Jenna Skunk Cap



Jenna Skunk Cap is one of the finest all-around players in Lady Thunderbirds Basketball history, helping lead her team to a runner-up finish in the Region XIII Championship. The versatile Skunk Cap provided match-up nightmares for opponents with her ability to score from all parts of the court. She was a First Team All-Conference and All-Region selection during the 2008-09 season, during which she averaged 14 points, 9 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3 steals per game.

## Former Inductees

### Alan Spoonhunter



Alan Spoonhunter is the only two-time All-American to ever play for the Thunderbirds earning 1st Team All-American honors as a freshman and 2nd Team honors as a sophomore. Spoonhunter led his team to the 1998-99 National Tournament, posting a 26-8 overall record, the most wins for a season in school history. During Spoonhunter's two seasons with United Tribes, the T-Birds won 48 games. He led the team in scoring both years while punishing Mon-Dak and Region opponents. He finished 9th in the nation in scoring at over 21 points per game and was the best free-throw shooter in the country, shooting over 90 percent from the line.

### Tanner Albers & Jason Logg (Inducted in 2010)



Tanner Albers and Jason Logg became one of the most potent offensive tandems in school history, leading United Tribes to its first-ever berth in the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in their sophomore season of 1997-98. Albers was named a 1st Team All-American for his dominating play while also garnering All-conference, All-Region, and All-State honors. The smooth shooting guard remains the all-time leading scorer in T-Birds history, averaging over 25 points per game over his two seasons. Logg was also a two-time All-Conference, All-Region, and All-State selection, averaging almost 22 points per game during his two years and over 8 rebounds per game. He remains one of the top 3-point shooters in NJCAA history with an amazing 55% from beyond the arc as a sophomore, and a total of 148 three's during that remarkable season.





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# 2014 THUNDERBIRD RUN

## 2014 Schedule

**Thunderbird Spring Run**  
Saturday, April 26, 2013

**Thunderbird Half Marathon**  
Saturday, August 23, 2013

**Powwow Thunderbird Run (10/5k)**  
Saturday, September 6, 2013

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## Weightlifters Compete

**U**TTC weightlifters placed at the Sioux Empire Bench Open held December 7 in Sioux Falls, SD. Shannon Dunham took second place in the Super-Heavyweight Division. Peter Stone took second in Super-Heavy Weight (equipped) Division. And Jay Koch took third in the 160 weight division. All lifters came back with hardware. Staff member Laramie Plainfeather took first in the Super-Heavyweight Division. The lifters were chaperoned during the event by Marcus Austin.

—Laramie Plainfeather

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# UTTC Thunderbirds over BSC Mystics 86-76

**January 20, 2014**

**United Tribes:**  
 Andre Clark 3-15 5-8, 11  
 Jerel Wilhite 2-5 5-7, 9  
 Bruce Ward 10-20 6-10, 26  
 Joseph Lovejoy 1-3 0-0, 3  
 John Soundingsides 11-19 0-0, 30  
 Chaske Valdez 1-6 4-4, 7  
 Totals 28-68 20-29, 86  
 Halftime: UTTC 34, BSC 31  
 3-pointers: BSC 6, UTTC 10  
 (Soundingsides 8, Lovejoy 1, Valdez 1)  
 Rebounds: BSC 34, UTTC 55 (Ward 17)  
 Assists: BSC 11, UTTC 18 (Valdez 10)  
 Steals: BSC 6, UTTC 5 (Valdez 3)  
 Turnovers: BSC 14, UTTC 19  
 Fouls: BSC 25, UTTC 15.  
 Records: BSC 10-7 overall; UTTC 7-11.



**33 John Soundingsides**



**24 Bruce Ward**



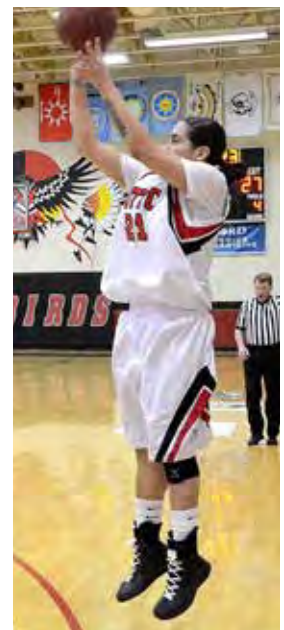
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# New electrical gear improves training



**MAKING CONTACT:** John Whiteman connects a test lead while his partner Sherman Chavez checks the components on an electrical panel in the Automotive Service Technology classroom at United Tribes. Both students are from the Northern Arapaho Tribe, Wind River, WY. Along with classmates Thomas Tomko and Joseph Lovejoy at rear, they're studying automotive electrical systems using newly acquired set-boards designed specifically for the purpose. Each of the six units now in use is a fault-tolerant, self-powered 12 volt system, containing all the electrical components in a vehicle – switches, wiring, actuators, diodes, resistors, sending-units and more – out in the open, easy to see and easy to work with. "These are the boards that dealerships use to teach and train their technicians," says Auto-Tech Instructor Scott Graeber. "They really improve our training." The boards and teaching materials came from GM but the concepts and lessons in the two-week course are entirely transferable to other makes of vehicles.



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