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Technical College
Class of 2014
Commencement
Ceremony
Friday, May 9 @ 1 p.m.
Lone Star Arena

“We Are All Related” artwork selected for powwow



“We Are All Related,” by artist Wallace “Butch” Thunder Hawk Jr. is the 2014 poster image for the United Tribes International Powwow. Details on page 26.

Tribes host EPA administrator at UTTC



LIGHTER MOMENT: The chairman of the M-H-A Nation briefly elicited smiles from a trio of federal officials during a meeting at United Tribes. Tex G. "Red Tipped Arrow" Hall, foreground, was among a group of North Dakota tribal leaders who commented February 28 during a listening session about environmental concerns in Indian Country. Hall's high-powered audience,

from left: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and North Dakota's two U. S. Senators, Heidi Heitkamp and John Hoeven. The UTTC stop was organized by Heitkamp for tribal input during McCarthy's visit to North Dakota to hear concerns about federal regulations. She also visited Standing Rock. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News



United Tribes Technical College *Class of 2014* Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 9 ✂ 1 p.m. ✂ Lone Star Arena (*weather permitting*)

United Tribes Technical College Campus ✂ 3315 University Drive ✂ Bismarck, ND

Guest Speaker: Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO, American Indian College Fund <http://www.collegefund.org/>

Traditional Meal served after program ✂ Indoor-weather location: James Henry Community Gym ✂ Graduate photos: 9 a.m. to noon

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Time of Transition at United Tribes

◆ By Phil Baird (Sicangu Lakota) ◆

The year 2014 will go down as a time of transition and change for United Tribes Technical College. This year marks the 45th year this intertribal organization has served the educational needs of Native students and their families. For nearly 37 of those years, Dr. David M. Gipp had been the leader of this institution. That means he guided the college's growth and development for over 80 percent of the time of its entire existence. That long and distinguished tenure is almost unprecedented in the field. Dr. Gipp shaped United Tribes into one of the nation's premier tribal colleges. But now he has a new role. In January, the board named him the college's interim chancellor, allowing him to focus on the challenges of growth and development and securing the college's future at a time of declining support from federal funding sources.

As you know, my current assignment is to serve the college as interim president for several months until a new president is selected to lead. A search and selection process is underway now. All who are associated with United Tribes – students, staff and faculty, friends of the college in the community, and supporters throughout Indian Country and around the nation – can rest assured that the college's board has the best interests of the college at heart as it guides this organization through change.

Change is often scary. It's one of those things we're supposed to get used to, no matter how uncomfortable it makes us. So, it's worth considering what's in store for us at United Tribes. What kind of change awaits us in our 21st Century world of Tribally-controlled education?

CHANGING LANDSCAPE

In higher education today a premium is placed on going beyond merely providing access to postsecondary education. It isn't enough now to just open the gates to a higher education. We're challenged to focus on completion and preparation for what comes beyond graduation. An individual



Dr. Phil Baird

can no longer pursue knowledge for knowledge sake, nor can the learning be self-paced. Colleges and universities are under pressure to graduate students with credentials in a shorter time period. Students must finish what they start. Metrics and data are required to provide evidence of student success, or else be labeled as "ineffective" or "inefficient."

Never mind that tribal colleges and universities serve students from some of the poorest communities in the U.S. And forget about the lack of parity in postsecondary resources. Today there's little public tolerance for conversations that involve asking for more money, to help what one higher education report called the "Underfunded Miracles."

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Another change we face is the diversity of our student learners. They still come in all ages from mostly reservation-based communities. But TCUs are enrolling a younger generation, impacted by constant technology changes over the last 25 years. These are the "Digital Natives who are Native," armed with iPads and iPhones with dozens of electronic applications.

As a result, the TCU learner now is communicating and processing information differently, and expecting to be taught differently. Forget the lecture and textbook. Contemporary students are high level multi-taskers. They want hands-on, experiential learning, allowing them to seek out and shape what motivates them.

Education is challenged to be like the gaming and entertainment world: it's all about the experience. Future TCU academic programs, student services and delivery schedules will need to adapt. Customer service remains essential. Without a unique first semester experience in college or workforce training, student retention and completion rates will suffer. And again,

the TCUs will be held accountable, without the resources, to address the higher levels of service and engagement required.

ACCREDITATION DILEMA

When it comes to accountability there are many forms. Program certification and federal grant management are very important but one of the main challenges for education leaders today is how to cope with institutional accreditation. At the time of their origins, most TCUs partnered with a mainstream institution (or in recent times with another TCU) for accreditation purposes, since federal student financial aid programs required this credential. It was also needed for transferring course credit and to demonstrate credibility for fund-raising.

After forty years, TCUs have evolved to meet and maintain this mainstream standard. Tribal education leaders have worked exceptionally hard to attain their highly-coveted accreditation status that proves TCUs are "the real deal," when it comes to education. TCU programs also earn special certifications based on external standards of state boards and professional organizations. But what is the price?

TCUs were founded to preserve and promote Tribal sovereignty, culture, language and self-determination. They established and cultivated culturally-relevant curricula to support the goal of maintaining cultural identity and self-esteem. They tried to integrate and imbed cultural knowledge and wisdom throughout the coursework.

But the reality today is that the many Indian Tribes and Native communities are witnessing the loss of parent languages and indigenous cultural behaviors at an alarming pace. Many Tribes do not have their own college. For those that do, they're seeing that external accreditation and program certification have forced them to re-order their educational priorities. Tribal cultural revitalization, along with Tribal sovereignty is subordinated to other standards. The Tribally-controlled educational experience continues to be dictated-to and evaluated by outside forces.

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Campus Pond a Beacon for Wildlife

By Jeremy Guinn,
UTTC Environmental Science Instructor

A light mist rises from its surface as students file by on the early morning walk to class during the final weeks of spring semester. Many are not consciously aware of the natural wonder just beyond the edge of the sidewalk. Somewhere inside, the sights, sounds and smells connect with the soul, making the day a little brighter and a bit easier.

Some students have learned to see, and to hear and smell. Though they may not know the names of all the plants and animals, these students are blessed because they have learned to recognize the splendor of nature surrounding us every day. This secret will benefit them the rest of their lives.



Red-tailed Hawk –
Jeremy Guinn

Located on the periphery of the city, United Tribes is blessed with natural areas and diversity of habitat on campus. Mature trees are home to squirrels, woodpeckers, Cooper's hawks, and even small falcons. Rows of shrubs provide shelter for cottontails, songbirds and deer. The open grasslands provide habitat for pheasants, jackrabbits, red-tailed hawks and bald eagles. And foremost among all is our campus pond, a beacon for wildlife.

The pond offers shallow, protected water, which is rare in this area. It serves as an important migration stop-over for a number of migrating species including Canada geese,



Hooded Mergansers on campus pond – Jeremy Guinn

mergansers and a variety of ducks. In the shallows, leopard frogs and chorus frogs sing to us all. Along its margins, cattails and reeds provide abundant nesting habitat for native songbirds. Tracks in the mud tell the story of all sorts of animals stopping in for a drink after sundown. UTTC science programs use the pond for research, water sampling labs and wildlife identification activities.

Less than 10 percent of the nation's wetlands remain. While some just see a wet area that should be filled, more people are learning that our wetlands, especially those in urban settings, have an important role. Besides wildlife habitat and aesthetics, these ecosystems provide improved water quality, water storage, flood protection and erosion control.

As part of a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, UTTC students have designed a kiosk that will display this infor-

mation at the pond for public view. In the future it will be a stop-out on the United Tribes Trial, the multi-use pathway that skirts the perimeter of the established campus and will one day guide visitors around the newer south campus.

In science courses, a community is defined as different species living in an area. The campus pond is an integral part of the United Tribes campus community, serving as a reservoir for wild animals during harsh environmental times and stimulating the outdoor experience for students, employees and visitors.

Next time you're near the Science and Technology building, take a closer look at your campus pond and see if you don't sense a new connection. Better yet, go out of your way and make a visit there as part of your day. You'll be rewarded for it.

Natural life photographed on the United Tribes campus.



Cooper's Hawk – Dennis J. Neumann



Campus pond – Jeremy Guinn



Killdeer – Jeremy Guinn

UTTC adds electrical program

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College has added another specialty in workforce development: Training in electrical technology.

The new offering is part of the college's TCC DeMaND Program, a workforce training initiative funded by the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

UTTC's Electrical Technology is a certificate-degree program that runs for the brief period of 16 weeks. Like other technical fields in the workforce programs, it emphasizes getting students trained and into the labor market quickly.

"The training is concentrated. Students put in full days working through the week just as they will on the job," says Jesse Peterson, the program's director. "It involves classroom study and three specially designed experimentation labs."

The labs give the kind of valuable hands-on opportunity that many students need to gain confidence and skill, Peterson says. Classroom training reinforces skill-building and focuses on the basics of electrical theory, print reading, electrical codes and safe work practices. In the end, students will know how to properly build, wire and troubleshoot residential and commercial electrical systems.

Although the focus is on electrical, the training also includes instruction in applied math, OSHA 10 regulations, First Aid and CPR, first year college experience, and Native American business planning.

Showcase

All of UTTC's DeMaND programs use new teaching technology. In addition to electrical the others are welding, commer-



LET THERE BE LIGHT: Electrical technology instructor Jesse Peterson, right, shows an electrical circuit to broadcaster Mia Amini who reported on radio from a UTTC workforce training showcase.

cial truck and bus driving, heavy equipment operation, construction technology and geospatial information systems (GIS).

Each uses state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Many have the latest simulators in their field to help learn basic motor skills in a virtual environment before sharpening skills on the real equipment.

Job Opportunities

Students completing electrical technology will have the knowledge to gain entry-level employment in the field. They can become electrical apprentices, engage in residential or commercial work, install or assemble

electrical and electronic equipment, service appliances, or install and repair telecommunications equipment.

Many of these and other jobs are available for skilled workers throughout the region, Peterson says. Students will have many opportunities to use skills they receive from the program.

Making Contact

UTTC's workforce training programs are open to students of all backgrounds. For more information about the Electrical Technology contact Jesse Peterson 701-255-3285 x 1242, jpeterson@uttc.edu.



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United Tribes Student Senate



OFFICE HOLDERS: Two new members were sworn-in February 18 to the United Tribes Student Senate following a special election. The entire group of officers, from left: Kathy Johnson (Three Affiliated) Student Senate advisor; Wopila Iron Cloud (Three Affiliated) treasurer; Waylon Black Crow (Oglala) sergeant at arms; Gene DeClay (White Mountain Apache) president; Delane

Gomez (Oglala) newly elected vice president; Kaitlyn Lynch (Cheyenne River) newly elected historian; and Donovan Lambert (Spirit Lake) Student Senate advisor. The job of secretary was not filled. The Student Senate meets every Thursday at noon in the cafeteria conference room; the meeting is open to all students. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

UTTC student leaders visit DC

WASHINGTON (UTN) – Two student leaders from United Tribes Technical College participated in the 2014 AIHEC Annual Winter Meeting and Capital Hill Days February 10-14 in the nation's capitol.

UTTC Student Senate President Gene DeClay (White Mountain Apache) and Student Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Waylon Black Crow (Oglala) were among 75 students attending from Tribal Colleges and Universities around the country.

The experience was part of their leadership training while serving UTTC.

They attended advocacy workshops to prepare for effective presentations to Senators and Congressmen and women.

They were involved in Capitol Hill visits with Congressional Delegations. They attended a presentation to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs about TCU pri-



ICONIC IMAGE: Gene DeClay, left, and Waylon Black Crow on the steps of the nation's capitol.

orities for the 113th Congress. They also took-in an important briefing about the Department of Education's new and controversial College Rating System.

All agreed that the experience was a great exercise in leadership-building.

– Gene DeClay, UTTC Student Senate President

Heitkamp backs Native languages bill

Legislation to Support Cultural Immersion Programs

BISMARCK, ND – U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, announced her support for legislation that would help preserve and protect Native American languages and culture through education programs in Indian Country.

“Native languages aren’t just ways of speaking. They tell the story of a tribe’s history and culture, and they’re an important part of American history. We need to do everything we can to preserve these languages for future generations,” said Heitkamp, a co-sponsor of the bill.

The majority of North Dakota’s Indian reservations have language programs to help teach Native children the language of their ancestors and keep the language, his-

tory, and culture of the tribe alive for future generations.

“Without making a concerted effort to protect them now, we risk losing them forever. I’ve seen first-hand how programs on North Dakota’s reservations that integrate traditional languages benefit students – enabling them to perform better in school while learning about their heritage. It’s critical we support these programs, which not only help preserve languages, but help set Native children on a solid path forward and leave a lasting impact on our communities.”

The bill – Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act – would establish a grant program to support Native language immersion instruction from pre-Kin-

dergarten through college.

In North Dakota, programs that would benefit include the Lakhó’iyapi Hoǎpí (Lakota Language Nest) at Standing Rock, Wakanheza oti (Sacred Children’s Place) at Spirit Lake, and Tiny Turtles preschool at Turtle Mountain. These programs often face hurdles hiring qualified staff and purchasing relevant curriculum.

Heitkamp believes these programs are important because they’ve been shown to improve academic performance and attendance, equipping Native youth with the resources and tools they need to be successful.

An identical piece of legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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NEW REALITIES

The future for Tribal higher education is certainly challenging. Future TCU leaders must take into account the new realities that have evolved. And more challenges are emerging all the time:

- More sophisticated financial management with special attention on asset/debt ratios, student financial aid, and decentralized budgeting allocations of resources
- More intensive review of institutional data for program prioritization, strategic planning, and timely decision-making
- Continued assessment of technology capacities and infrastructures for teaching, data collection, financial management and communications
- Stronger partnerships and networking among TCUs and with other entities to leverage expertise and educational resources

KEEP THE FAITH

Despite the challenges and changes, there are some things that endure. TCUs were founded on the vision, aspirations and prayers of our Native ancestors. During times of change, we must remain faithful to our Tribal origins. We must remember to offer our gratitude and prayers to seek help from those who paved the way for our life journeys.

As we prepare for this year of change, we must be mindful that whatever we do today is not for ourselves; what we do is for the children, the grandchildren and those yet come.

Mitakuye oyasin (All My Relations)

Dr. Phil Baird presently serves as Interim President of United Tribes in addition to his duties as the college's Vice President of Academic, Career & Technical Education.

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tacted*

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

VISION STATEMENT:

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

VALUES:

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

SERVICES:

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

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

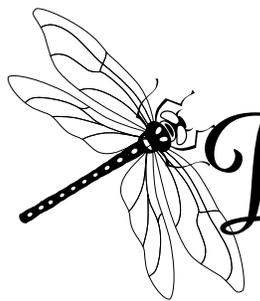


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Please contact:
Donna R. Belgarde, UTTC Domestic Violence Advocate,
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Wellness Center Room 110A. Available 24/7.



Dragonfly Tales

"How Little Seed Grew to be a Plant"

UTTC Land Grant Agro-Ecology Extension Program

By Colette Wolf, Land Grant Agro-Ecology Extension Educator



Little Seed looked around the tiny one-room home. Mother Seed was busy organizing birch bark scrolls that were etched with the family history. Little Seed bemoaned, "Mother Seed, will we ever have a bigger place to live?" Mother Seed responded gently, "Possibly, but it'll take the spirits of water, air, earth and fire to decide."

Suddenly, their home shook. Little Seed looked out the window. Thunderbeings were dancing with light in the sky. Then, rain came pouring down. Mother Seed joined Little Seed by the window, holding her hand with knowing in her heart. "Little Seed, we need to prepare," Mother Seed expressed with joy. "Our little house is going to break open. When it does, I'll take the ladder into the earth. You take the ladder into the sky. This way we'll anchor our home and keep it safe."

Together, they delighted in packing a traveling basket with nourishing cornballs, tobacco for prayers and the birch bark scrolls. Just as they finished, the shell of their home cracked, letting in light and rain. This was the signal they needed, each stepping onto their ladders, each beginning their journey.

Mother Seed followed the ladder deep into the earth, while Little Seed headed for the sky; continuing down and up until their home was safely anchored. Little Seed heard Mother Seed call and quickly climbed down the ladder. The old home was gone, but the new one stretched high into the sky and deep into the earth. "Little Seed," Mother Seed whispered, "This home will only last while the Thunderbeings dance in the sky. One day, the snow dogs will shake themselves and cover the earth with whiteness. Then, we'll return to a small, hard shelled winter home. This is why we pray with tobacco to the spirits of water, air, earth and fire. We ask to keep the cycle going according to the history of our ancestors." Little Seed beamed with excitement. At last they had become a plant.

Seed-Saving Workshop

In my hand, I hold a corn seed; a little seed that magically carries the family history and family journeys of each season's corn plant. This tiny, quiet vessel protects the miracle of life that sprouts forth when conditions are right. To this day, over 70 percent of the world is fed by indigenous farmers who continue to save their seed. In a two-day workshop, hosted by the UTTC Land Grant Extension Programs and funded by USDA/NIFA, we learned many benefits about saving seed. First, saving seed provides free seed. One big squash alone can provide seed by the hundreds; seed to keep and seed to share. Second, we encourage bio-diversi-



Workshop participants. UTN photos by Colette Wolf, Robert Fox and Dennis Neumann

ty when seed is shared then grown in new locations. Bio-diversity promotes plant resilience to disease and insects and increases adaptability to climate change.

Seed-Keeping

The seed-saving workshop lead by Zachary Paige, AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer from the White Earth Land Recovery Project in Mahnommen, MN, covered a host of topics from basic plant science, plant breeding, seed harvesting and seed storage. Zach described methods for creating a local seed library which is often stored in a public library. This enables a community to save and share seeds systematically. As a community member, you can check-out small quantities of seed, grow them in your garden, harvest new seed and return the amount you originally checked-out. Seed libraries promote public seed sharing versus privatization of seed. We can also save seed in our homes or become members of larger seed saving organizations like Seed Savers Exchange. Many of our local tribal communities have Seed Keepers who continue to store and protect community seed while preserving cultural protocol in sharing seed.



Zachary Paige

Preventing Loss of Diversity

When we choose to grow backyard gardens, save seed and plant from our own harvest, we protect plant diversity and our freedom to choose what we grow and eat. Today, very few westernized farmers and families save seed. Combine this with centralizing food production and we may have the reason for a 75 percent loss of seed diversity worldwide. Losing seed diversity means many plants and many combinations of plant traits have been lost forever.

Miracle of Life

Little Corn Seed rests in my hand. The small being inside might be invisible to my eye, yet every day, the miracle of life sprouts forth from seed, a billion times over across Mother Earth. Choosing to grow food, save seed and participate in seed sharing enables us to assist many 'Little Seeds' to dance with the Thunderbeings and sustain a verdant Mother Earth.

Learn More/Get Involved

For more about seed-saving and future Land Grant Extension Programs, please contact Colette Wolf, Extension Agroecology Educator, cwolf@uttc.edu, 701-255-3285 x 1426.

Learn more about the importance of seed-saving and seed sovereignty by viewing the video "Seeds of Freedom" at this link <http://vimeo.com/43879272>

United Tribes Community Wellness Services

WELLNESS FAIR

The United Tribes Department of Community Wellness Services hosted a wellness fair March 13 at the college with the theme: "Working on Wellness for Life."

The five hour event in the college's gymnasium emphasized safety, health, nutrition, prevention, physical activity and health care. It was open to the campus community and over 100 people attended.



SERVING YOUTH: At left, Cody Rabbithead (Three Affiliated) describes the youth services program at Three Affiliated (Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation) during UTTC's Wellness Fair. At center, Erica Jones (Crow Creek) a UTTC Criminal Justice student and Mikelyn Teeman (Ft. McDermitt Paiute/Shoshone) a student in the bachelor's Business Administration program. Rabbithead directs services offered at six boy's and girl's clubs serving over 1,700 young people.

The following 28 organizations and groups were represented, providing information, displays, demonstrations and samples to those who attended: Red Cross, ND Safety Council, American Lung Association-Tobacco Prevention, Bismarck Cancer Center, Burleigh County Public Health, Standing Rock Chemical Health, Fort Berthold Boys and Girls Club, Abused Adult Resource Center, United Blood Services, YMCA, NDSU Extension Service, Military Service Center, Pride Inc., ND Vocational Rehabilitation Center and Vision Services, Standing Rock Vocational Rehabilitation, ND Dept. of Health, Mobile Farmers Market, UTTC Community Nutrition Students, UTTC Bike Share Program, UTTC Medical Coding, UTTC Land Grant, UTTC Chemical Health Center, UTTC Strengthening Lifestyles, UTTC Center for Academic and Personal Counseling, UTTC Student Health Center, ND Dept. of Health-Children's Special Health Services, Native American Development Center, and Standing Rock Public Health.



SMALL SAMPLE: "It's good to know your blood type," explained Dan Bitner, staffing the United Blood Services table during UTTC's Wellness Fair. Bitner is seen here typing the blood of James Knife (Cheyenne River) a student in the college's Nutrition and Foodservice program. The simple test determined that Knife's blood is O-Positive, a common type shared by 34 percent of the population.

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United Tribes Technical College Academic Calendar

APRIL

4.....	Welding & HEO/CDL Summer Application Deadline
7-11.....	Summer/Fall Pre-Registration
15-16.....	TJES hosts accreditation visit
15-16.....	UM-TERM Environmental Conference
18.....	Good Friday (no classes)
26.....	THUNDERBIRD Spring Run
26.....	United Tribes Fair
28.....	Week of Young Child begins

MAY

1.....	Pre-School Graduation
2.....	Welding & HEO/CDL Summer Orientation
5.....	Welding & HEO/CDL Summer Session Starts
5-7.....	Final Exams
7.....	Gipp Leadership Fellowship Dinner
8.....	Semester Grades Due
9.....	Graduation
12.....	All-Campus Assessment Day
13-14.....	Registration/Orientation Summer Session
15.....	Summer Session & Online Classes Begin
19.....	TJES last day of classes
26.....	Memorial Day (no classes)

JUNE

10.....	ND PRIMARY ELECTION
23-27.....	Smithsonian Institute III

Detailed Calendar: www.uttc.edu

Champion for Change is from Standing Rock

BISMARCK (UTN) – A young woman from Standing Rock has been selected to the second class of “Champions for Change” by the Center for Native American Youth.

Danielle Finn is an enrolled citizen of the Standing Rock Tribe and lives in Bismarck. She’s a recent college graduate and hard-working, positive role model, the CNAVY said in an announcement about its 2014 award recipients.

Danielle drives three hours twice a week to teach kindergarten students, volunteers as an after-school tutor, and is a dance teacher in her spare time. She also mentors children in her community and helps address teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse issues among Native Youth through her participation on the Mid Dakota Teen Clinic Advisory Board.

“Donating time to work with Native youth, no matter how much or how little, is still time that could make a huge difference,” says the 23 year-old Finn, who is currently an intern in the Bismarck office of North Dakota U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp.

“I’m incredibly proud of Danielle and all the 2014 Champions for Change,” said Heitkamp in a release. “It’s their leadership and initiative that will help advance Native issues here in the halls of Congress.”

“Champions for Change” is a program inspired by a 2011 White House initiative that recognizes and encourages Native youth who are taking the lead in tackling community challenges.

“I’m passionate about improving educational opportunities, particularly for Native students because I know that education is the key to success,” said Finn. “I love the work I do because when you help a Native student, you help a tribe – proof that knowledge truly is a powerful tool.”

Finn says she is proud to intern for Senator Heitkamp because “she stands up for Native families every day in the U.S. Senate...making a positive impact in Native communities across North Dakota.

Those selected for the “Champions” honor or submitted a story in written or video form



Danielle Finn with Senator Heidi Heitkamp

about how they made a positive impact. The CNAVY was founded by former North Dakota U. S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan. Learn more: <http://cnay.org/Home.html>

Evidence of climate change described at UTTC



EXPLAINING THE SCIENCE:

Tribal Environmental Science Instructor Joseph Martinetti introduced Dr. Allan Ashworth, distinguished professor and researcher in the Department of Geosciences at NDSU, for a Feb. 27 talk about global climate change. A one-time, self-described skeptic, Ashworth explained and interpreted the range of scientific data that supports climate change assertions, including his work on the subject as studied through fossils and geology. In addition to UTTC students, attending the talk in the college's science building were other college students from the area, a high school class from Three Affiliated and members of the local community. Learn more about Dr. Ashworth and his work here: <http://www.ndsu.edu/pubweb/~ashworth/>.

Taxing work done by college students for college students



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BOTTOM LINE: Yes, the outcome is OK for Justyn Lawrence (Cheyenne River) a UTTC Teacher Education student. Her tax return was prepared and filed electronically by Dave Peterson, a University of Mary Accounting student from Wolf Point, MT. The free service was provided February 13 at United Tribes as part of an IRS certified program known as VITA, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Taxes were prepared for 19 UTTC students. A current return is required in the process of seeking Federal student financial aid. This was the second year of a successful partnership between the schools for the all-important work, done by U-Mary accounting majors as a class assignment and supervised by their instructor Rhoda M. Sautner.

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
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Olivia Tuske-Reese, LPN, 701-255-3285 x 1409
Sue Big Eagle, Office Mgr., 701-255-3285 x 1247

MANY DRUMS
AA Meeting

*Meetings will be held at the
Wellness Center Healing Room*

Thursdays – 7:00 pm

All Welcome

Donations spread joy for youngest on campus

◆ By Lisa J. Azure, Child Development Center Administrator ◆

The United Tribes Child Development Centers are grateful for the generosity of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation in bringing joy to youngsters on the UTTC campus.

The centers held a “Christmas in February” event February 26, made possible by MHA Nation support.

Back in December, UTTC Counselor Anita Charging, grandmother of two children who attend the daycare centers on campus and member of the MHA Nation, wrote to her tribal representatives and asked if they would consider donating to purchase gifts for the youngest members of the UTTC community.



Her request was approved with two \$1,500 checks, one from the tribe and the other from Four Bears Casino.

The college’s three daycare center directors, Vivian Hurkes (MHA Nation), Barb Strikes the Enemy (Cheyenne River) and Lori Brown, along with some of their staff, went on a shopping trip and purchased gifts for each child.

They waited to give the gifts until the end of February, to make sure all the children would be on campus and available to attend.

The three centers are licensed through the state of North Dakota and serve approximately 150 children, ages birth to 5.

Thanks again to the MHA Nation, Four Bears Casino and Anita Charging for spreading the joy of Christmas.



GED Through FACE Updated Requirements

As of April 1, 2014, the FACE Program will no longer require GED students to attend the program with a qualifying child.

Any Native American student wishing to attend FACE for GED tutoring and testing should contact Judy at the FACE Program.

– Judy Gries 530-0677 x 1541.

FACE



A free family literacy program for Native Americans with children, prenatal to age five.

Program components:

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- ◆ Parenting Skills/Classes
- ◆ Tutoring & Support for College Classes
- ◆ Employability Skills
- ◆ Culture and Language Enhancement

For more information call: 255-3285 ext. 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544 or complete the form below and someone will contact you.

**United Tribes Preschool
Week of the Young Child
April 28 – May 1, 2014**

Monday – Mismatch Day
Have a donut with your child day

Tuesday – Crazy Hair Day
Take 5 activity in the classroom
Decorate a cookie

Wednesday – Pajama Day
Read a book with your child

Thursday – Hat Day
Honor our Children
Parade Walk 10 a.m. around All Nations Circle
Graduation 5:30 p.m. James Henry Community Bldg. small gym

Friday – School Colors Day
(UTTC colors red, black & white)

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.

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.

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More Info: Dr. Cheryl Kary,
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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



Oglala president serving on budget panel

RAPID CITY – The president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe is co-chair of a national budget committee of the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Bryan Brewer was elected at the annual IHS Tribal Budget Formulation meeting Feb. 26-27 in Washington, D.C.

The group helps guide development of the IHS budget by identifying national priorities, and recommending policies and budget levels. Their work is presented to

officials of the IHS and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Brewer serves on the panel representing the Great Plains region. He is in the second year of a two-year term as his tribe's president.



Bryan Brewer

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 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

Navigators assist with health coverage

Service to Continue at UTTC

BISMARCK (UTN) – A team of health insurance experts made a house-call February 6 at United Tribes Technical College.

“We’re focusing on the students and staff at United Tribes because we really want them to know of the benefits of having health insurance,” said Tinka Duran (Sicangu Lakota/Rosebud).



Tinka Duran

Duran manages the Navigator Program of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Health Board, headquartered in Rapid City, SD. She supervises two

people each in South Dakota and North Dakota. All are tribal members with experience in “navigating” the health insurance marketplace of the Affordable Care Act, or Obama-Care.

The uninsured Native population in North Dakota is about 32 percent, or one-in-three, according to Duran. In South Dakota about 44 percent are without insurance.

The day-long session at UTTC’s wellness center was aimed specifically at reaching tribal students.

“Many students are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance,” said Duran.

EXPANDED MEDICAID IN ND

At UTTC the navigators assisted two dozen clients, describing the benefits, providing information and in some cases going online and enrolling them in plans. Two of those who signed up were single men.

“It’s especially beneficial that the State of North Dakota has expanded Medicaid,” said Duran. “So many people are now eligible and especially single men, whereas in the past they were not.”

Signing up for Medicaid involves calling an 800 number and answering a series of questions to see if an individual is eligible.

“If a person makes less than \$34,470 annually and is a member of a federally recognized tribe, there are no co-pays and no deductibles no matter where they go,” said Duran.

For those not eligible it means shopping in the health insurance market place.



Sandy Delorme-Lujan (Turtle Mountain), health insurance navigator, counsels a United Tribes staff member February 6 about health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

“Many of our people who go to the marketplace are getting free or very low-cost health insurance,” said Duran.

SUPPLEMENT TO IHS

The number of signups under the new health insurance law has been on the rise since the first of the year, both nationally and in the region; a contrast to the slow roll-out in the fall.

Taking a look at the program gives people a chance to see what they’re eligible for, according to Duran. They don’t have to take the insurance. But for those hindered by funding shortfalls of the Indian Health Service, the new system can produce almost immediate results.

“I had a women come in the other day with a chip in her elbow. She was told it would be six months to a year to be referred-out and get fixed,” said Duran. “She was able to sign up in the marketplace...for totally free health insurance. She was so excited. When the insurance kicked-in she was going to have her elbow taken care of.”

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

March 31 is not a deadline that members of federally recognized tribes need to be worried about. Special provisions in the Affordable Care Act allow members to enroll whenever they need or want. They’re not tied to annual enrollment dates and deadlines required of non-Indians.

Duran says that health care is viewed as

an extension of treaty rights and the new law should be seen as another opportunity to access the health care services that tribal people need.

The Great Plains Navigator Program is currently funded by the Center’s of Medicaid and Medicare through August 2014. In North Dakota, navigator Elaine Keepseagle serves Bismarck, Standing Rock, Three Affiliated and the Trenton Indian Service Area. The other North Dakota tribal areas, Turtle Mountain, Spirit Lake and Sisseton-Wahpeton, are served by Sandy Lujan-Delorme.

“This is a great opportunity for people of the tribal community to make sure they can get the health care services they need,” said Duran urging tribal people not to miss out.

SERVICE TO CONTINUE

United Tribes Technical College will continue hosting sign-up sessions at its wellness center.

“This is a great service for United Tribes staff and students,” says Marsha Azure, director of UTTC’s Community Wellness Services.

Navigator Elaine Keepseagle from Standing Rock will be available on site periodically to continue assisting students and staff members with information and/or signing up. To schedule an appointment, please contact Lora Grey Bear at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center, United Tribes Technical College, 701-255-3285 x 1264, lgreybear2@uttcc.edu.



NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

THINGS YOU NEED to SIGN UP

- Social Security Numbers
- Tribal Enrollment Documents (CIB, BIA form, Tribal ID)
- Pay stubs, W-2 Forms, or Wage and Tax Statements
- Policy Numbers for Current Health Insurance

FEATURES FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

- Exempt from open enrollment deadline
- Not required to maintain minimum health insurance coverage
- Cost sharing reductions for those eligible for services from an Indian health care provider
- No out-of-pocket expenses for individuals earning less than \$34,470/year or families of four earning less than \$70,650/year, like co-pays for services covered by their marketplace health insurance plan

BENEFITS FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

- Lower costs of health insurance premiums
- Increased access to health care
- Supplement and strengthen HIS
- Permanent reauthorization of Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Medicaid expansion in ND

Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board

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Politics and Flipped Class

Teacher Ed students take in Professional Development

Embrace politics and consider flipping your classroom.

Those ideas were offered January 30 during professional development sessions hosted by the United Tribes Teacher Education Department. The gathering was open to the campus and attended largely by pre-service teaching students and faculty in the college's Jack Barden Center and Education Building.

The event featured a talk about challenges for the new generation of educators by the National Education Association's Student Association president.

David Tjaden pointed out that many leaders in American public life who have the most influence over education were not teachers.

"People who have never set foot in a classroom as a teacher have power over the policies that affect teachers," said Tjaden, who earned an undergraduate degree in social studies teaching at the University of Iowa.

Tjaden attends many meetings and does lots of public speaking in his role representing 60,000 future educators nationwide. He says he finds it curious that more classroom teachers aren't involved in decision-making.

"Look at medicine," he said. "We would never imagine the policies that affect doctors to be set by people with no experience as doctors."

Tjaden said he hopes that more teachers

will be on the "front-lines" in making public policy that affect classrooms.

"Whether we like it or not, politics and policies and money affect everything that happens to us in the classroom," he said. "In this day and age, being a great educator for our generation also means being a great leader and standing up for our profession."

Tjaden said the student leadership programs of the NEA are designed to address that need. In North Dakota about 650 college students belong to the association, he said.

"I had never really thought of the politics in education," said Alicia Cuny, a UTTC Elementary Education student from Pine Ridge, SD. "This is a career that the government has a say in but few of the politicians or important people have ever been teachers themselves."

Cuny says she believes that policy-makers should be required to have some experience in the classroom before creating school policies.

FLIPPED CLASSROOMS

Julia Koble, head of the science department at Minot High School-Central Campus, described "flipped classrooms." The teaching model allows students to watch lectures at home. Class time is used for activities and concept engagement.

A former North Dakota Teacher of the

Year, Koble uses the flipped classroom model in her science classes. She says one of the benefits is the potential to increase student engagement in higher level thinking in the classroom.

Koble also uses other methods, such as recording herself explaining content at a SmartBoard and creating YouTube videos (vodcasts). Course materials are transferred to Edmodo, where they are accessible to students and families.

It's important that you, as the teacher, explain to your students. It serves to build relationships, Koble said.

Benefits of the flipped method include a higher level of engagement with students. Students can learn at their own pace by watching the videos anytime and anywhere. An unexpected benefit is that parents also watch the videos. "A mom told me she loves my vodcasts because she gets to learn too," Koble said.

ABOUT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development has been a long standing tradition at United Tribes and is valued for students, faculty and staff to receive training and education that contribute to personal development and career advancement.

"The need for high quality professional development is essential to an institutions' capacity to survive and thrive", says Lisa Azure, UTTC Teacher Education director. "It's also a time for the institutional community to come together and make sure all of the students and employees are familiar with institutional functions, operations, assessment systems - to get us all on the same page."

UTTC Elementary Education Coordinator Leah Hamann sees professional development as an opportunity for the students to take in training alongside their instructors and support staff.

"Students benefit greatly when there are sessions that contribute to their personal, spiritual and professional interests," Hamann says.

Alicia Cuny thought the information at these sessions was very beneficial.

"I feel like I have a better foundation and



NEA Student President David Tjaden, University of Iowa.



At left, Nick Archuleta of ND United gave a welcome talk. UTN Photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN

understanding of how the education system works and what I need to do as a pre-service teacher," Cuny said.

The event also featured a welcome talk by ND United President Nick Archuleta, remarks by Patricia Lopez, ND United Student President from Mayville State University, and a panel discussion about the experiences of young professionals in their first-year as teachers.

United Tribes provides all campus professional development events at least twice annually. Different departments or programs may have their own more often, depending on need and budgets. The college's Teacher Education department has conducted specific professional development sessions with pre-service teachers since the spring of 2007.

For more information contact Lisa Azure 701-255-3285 x 1407, lazure@uttc.edu.



A panel of young professionals talked about their first year teaching experiences.

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:
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255-3285 x1426, cwolf@uttc.edu

NEVER TOO LATE: Student Senate p

BISMARCK (UTN) – Gene Ramon Declay is president of the United Tribes Student Senate and a leader with experience.

He is White Mountain Apache/Akimel O’Odham (Pima) from the White Mountain Apache Reservation in East Central, AZ.

Being that he is a college student now, education is his top priority. He’s studying Media Arts in UTTC’s Art/Art Marketing program.

At age 43, his presence runs counter to the trend of a declining average age in tribal college students. Nevertheless, his abundance of life experience makes him the kind of person who relates across the spectrum of those attending tribal college.



Marian and Gene Declay

MANY ROLES

Declay would be the first to tell you that he has overcome many hardships and obstacles in life to be in this position today. He’s a veteran, having spent two years in the light infantry of the U.S. Army.

He’s a family man who loves his family very much. His wife of 10 years, Marian, is a student in UTTC’s Bachelors Degree program in Small Business Management. Both speak fluent Apache and are teaching their children. He believes language preservation is so important that he’s working on a digital teaching application to help preserve the Apache language.

He has the outlook of an activist who tries to help Native People in whatever way he can.

HUMBLE PERSISTENCE

And then there’s this: Gene Declay’s life is filled with music. He’s known in music circles as “GENO,” a musician, lyricist, performer and producer of hip-hop music and music videos.

He says the name GENO is an acronym for Get Every Native Organized. And God Empowers and Never Oppresses.

With hardly any education or background, he and his wife created their own independent record label: Native Organizations Entertainment. From humble beginnings, he says, “it was just persistence and learning as we go.”

Before arriving at UTTC in 2012, they had produced and collaborated on over a dozen albums, attracting a small following of fans. His fourth solo rap/hip-hop album, “Unda Dogg Unda Godd,” was released in December. A music video of the title received the “Best Sound Editing” award in last year’s AI-HEC competition and was shown at the 2013 Dakota Digital Film Festival.

With faith in the Creator and 13 years of sobriety behind him, he’s a man for all seasons – a person with ideas and something to say.

If there was anything missing, it was schooling. He had the experience in life and business but was short on formal education.

GETTING TO UTTC

“When people find out I’m from Arizona they want to know how we ended up in North Dakota,” he said.

He told the story at a UTTC scholarship event last year.

“Being I’m from Arizona, I’m usually darker than this,” he apologized with a comedic pause and a grin to the chuckling audience. “Two winters here and this is the lightest I’ve ever been.”

He and his wife began talking about expanding their music business four years ago. Both had good jobs with a large company in Phoenix when their weekend music business began producing more income than both made during the week.

They thought about California and New York.

“Honestly, North Dakota never crossed my mind. I apologize for saying that but I didn’t think I would ever move here,” he said, adding that we don’t always know what the Creator has in store for us.

It took a nudge from Marian to give him faith they would do well on their own.

“I really love my wife, she’s my best friend, always encouraging me,” he said. “And she said, ‘if I resign right now, would you?’ I said ‘sure.’ And so she did, she resigned.”

Declay says time soon proved it was the right decision. It felt good to be a Native



Waylon Black Crow and Gene Declay in Washington, DC with U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp.

President circled-back for education



As a veteran, Gene Declay carried the Staff in the UTTC Color Guard. He likes the way veterans are supported here but says more could always be done.

American man with his own small business. “It felt good to get that respect from people throughout Indian Country.”

What started as a weekend trip to sell at the Gallup Ceremonials in 2011, ended up becoming a year-long, life-changing experience. The couple, along with their two-year-old son, ended up at Crow Fair in Montana, thinking they would soon return to Arizona.

“The people we met started pulling us toward our destiny,” he says describing the journey.

From Crow they went to Rosebud for the annual fair and powwow. Then the trail led to Cheyenne River, where “the Lakota’s showed us genuine love and respect that we really liked.”

“And people started talking about the United Tribes Powwow. And my wife said ‘if we get to United Tribes, I think I’m just going to enroll.’”

At UTTC the unexpected happened. The powwow was great and it occurred that their booth was right in front of the admissions building. It was the last day to register for classes so they signed up. “We really felt like we wanted to be part of this,” he said.

Another new friend, from the UTTC staff, guided them through housing and financial aid. Scholarships paid for Gene’s first semester, so there was no financial aid from the government or a tribe and no student loan.

“Scholarships really do help people,” he says.

To come all the way from Arizona was a huge step.

“But we didn’t do it by ourselves. There were a lot of prayers. A lot of people prayed for us. And the Creator brought people into our lives to guide us here.”

He and his family love North Dakota. He says the country is beautiful. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoys fishing on the Missouri River. They’ve made lots of good relationships and friendships.

“I got a little North Dakota accent now,” he said pronouncing it ‘Nord-Dakota,’ and getting a round of laughter from the audience. “When I call my friends in Arizona I say ‘It’s me, Geno.’ And they say ‘who?!’ They don’t recognize me.”

He says it feels like family here. He’s thankful for all who befriended them along the way.

**GENO’s music work is available
online and on iTunes.**

**Gene Declay was named UTTC’s
2014 AIHEC Student of the Year**

See GENO’s music video Unda Dogg Unda Godd here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOUXlm0lDM&list=UUrb-BYDu3lyyyGZBpuSDY0Q>

STUDENT SENATE

Along with his educational program Declay believes that his service in the student senate is gaining him new organizational and leadership skills. He believes in open meetings, community involvement and activism.

He hadn’t expected student senate would take up so much time, particularly since the end of fall semester when the panel lost three of its members.

“That’s the difficult part,” he says. “We’ve all put-in extra hours. It’s been tough at times. But we’ve managed and stayed committed to our weekly meetings, our events and activities.”

“The main challenge is communication,” he says. “It’s always getting the word out there, letting people know of events well ahead of time.”

Another challenge is getting people involved.

“Student Involvement isn’t always as great as we’d like. But we’re working hard to change that.”

Declay and fellow student senate member Waylon Black Crow (Oglala) accompanied UTTC leaders in February to the 2014 AIHEC Annual Winter Meeting and Capitol Hill Days in Washington, DC. They joined 75 other students from tribal colleges and universities in preparing for and making Capitol Hill office visits, promoting tribal colleges to Congressmen and Senators and their staff members.

It was a challenging learning experience filled with lots of information and ideas that he believes will be useful in the future.

“I’m willing to learn as much as I can,” he says. “And I hope that we can accomplish more together. My leadership abilities are evolving, and I know there’s much more to learn.”

NEVER TOO LATE

Declay is glad to have circled-back and made it into school.

“I’m proof that it’s never too late to get an education,” he says. “All we need is to take that first step. If I can do it, anybody can do it.”

Gene Declay will graduate with an Associate Degree during UTTC’s 2014 Commencement Ceremony in May. Marian Declay will become a Bachelor’s Degree graduate in December.

Former Belcourt student receives PhD

Barbara Manson Schmitt advances career while working at United Tribes

By Davy DeCoteau, Turtle Mountain Times (Reprinted with permission)

BISMARCK – The 1978 graduating class from Turtle Mountain Community High School in Belcourt produced some outstanding students that went on to attain prestigious careers.

One of those was Barbara (Manson) Schmitt, who earned a doctorate degree this past year while working full-time at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck. In December, Schmitt graduated from NDSU in Fargo with a PhD in Education, emphasis in Occupational and Adult Education.

In the 1970s, her instructors and peers at TMCHS knew Barbara had a special gift in and out of the classroom. Schmitt realized she would be suited to a career in accounting because of her achievements in business administration, management and development.

She was a high school student of the late Ed Schense, whose instruction in accounting made it easy for Barbara to understand and become interested in the field. In high school, she also worked under the CETA program for the Turtle Mountain Tribe. Her immediate supervisor was Jose Ballentino, the Tribe's accountant at the time. His approach in the field of accounting provided Barbara with an added experience in accounting.

The daughter of the late Jim and Audrey Manson, Barbara went on to graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in Accounting from Valley City State College in 1981. She advanced her academic career by graduating from Valley City State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1983.

In 1992, Schmitt received a Master's Degree in Management from the University of Mary in Bismarck. She returned to U-Mary in 2004 to obtain a Master's Degree in Busi-

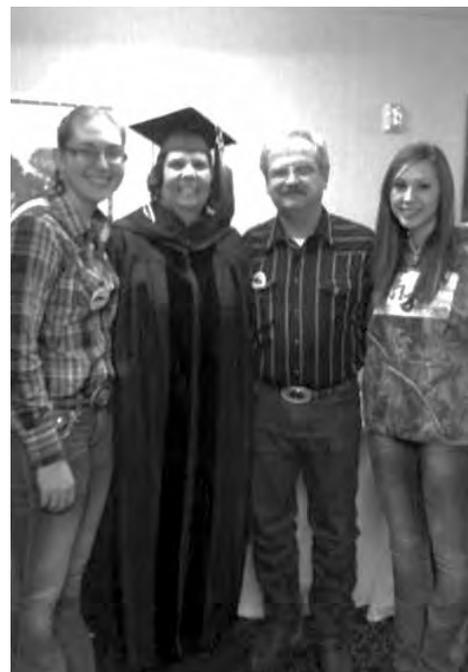
ness Administration. In 2008, Schmitt decided to go back to school once again to pursue a doctorate, later succeeding at NDSU.

In 1983, Schmitt began her career working as an accountant for Poitra Construction in Belcourt. In 1988, she moved to Bismarck to work for UTTC as a procurement specialist. Over the course of the years, she worked for several organizations, including the Native American Development Corporation, Billings, MT, from 1997 to 1998 and the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1998 to 2000 as a loan specialist, also in Billings. Barbara returned to United Tribes in 2000 to start a new economic development program, funded by the Economic Development Administration.

"As economic development director, I'm responsible for providing training and technical assistance to economic development planners and planning organizations for Tribes in a six-state region (ND, SD, WY, MT, UT, NB)," explained Schmitt. "I've been able to assist in promoting community and economic development on their reservations. I absolutely love my job and seeing the successes of many tribal organizations resulting from my assistance which has made my job worthwhile."

Schmitt's PhD dissertation was titled 'Defining Economic Success as it Pertains to Native American Owned Businesses Located on/or Adjacent to North Dakota Reservations.' The purpose was to identify indicators of economic development success for Native-owned businesses. The study explored relationships between the perceived level of importance of knowledge, skills and attitudes and sustainable Native-owned business ventures.

"My hope is that tribal administrations and tribal economic development offices may benefit from this study by providing foundational knowledge to advance their



Dr. Barbara Schmitt in cap and gown with husband Jim and daughters Chelsea, left, and Haley.

economic development efforts," Schmitt said. "The results from this study may also benefit higher education business departments who offer economic development courses."

Upon receiving her PhD, Schmitt's job position did not change. She continues to work as UTTC's economic development director.

She has been married to her husband Jim for the past 18 years. They have five children, including daughters who both attend Bismarck High School. The Schmitts have three grown sons who are all married. Jim is a pipefitter/welder for Union Local 300 and is currently employed with ICI of Bismarck. Jim and Barb are blessed with four grandchildren, Brandee, Brooke, McKenna and Landon.

Barbara has one brother, Ron (Dolores) of Valley City, ND; two sisters, Kathy Heibert of Fargo and Julie (Darrell) Parisien of Belcourt, ND. Schmitt also had two other brothers, the late Dennis Manson, a Vietnam Vet; and the late Peter Manson.

STAFF NEWS



Committee Service

Congratulations to **Barbara Schmitt** (Turtle Mountain) on her appointment in January to a three-year term on the Bismarck Human Relations Committee. Her service began February 24 on the volunteer panel that advises the mayor and City Commission on eliminating discriminatory barriers within the city. Barbara says she will represent United Tribes and be a voice for Native Americans. Her primary interest is in housing issues that affect the city's Native population. Barbara is UTTC's Economic Development Director; she recently earned a PhD from NDSU. Her appointment was made by Mayor John Warford and ends in January 2017.

Parting 'Thank You'

Former CIT instructor/chair, **Jay Wheeler**, bid farewell to United Tribes in February. "I thought I would have time to speak individually to many of you but as you know time flies," he said in an e-mail. "I wanted to express how truly blessed I've been to have met and worked with you all." Jay logged-off after 10 years at UTTC to go with Basin Electric Power Cooperative as System Security Administrator. "I've enjoyed working for and with you all, and I appreciate the time and patience many of you gave me. I was new to teaching and many of you mentored me throughout."

New Employees

Welcome to these newly hired United Tribes employees: **Melvin Miner**, Property Technician/Inventory Specialist; **Sherry Baker**, Medical Coding Program Director/Instructor; **Inez Morris**, Women's Dorm Custodian; **William Brave Bull**, House Custodian; **Lora Grey Bear**, Wellness Center Administrative Assistant; **Mary McKay**, Security Secretary/Dispatcher; **Erik Cutler**, Business Management Instructor; **Kristen Erck**, Academic & Personal Counselor; and **Leonard Baker**, Maintenance Custodian.

— Renee Ripley, HR Benefits Administrator

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The United Tribes Office of Institutional Advancement would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time and the generous contributions made by friends, businesses and foundations. Your efforts and donations have impacted UTTC students in a positive way. We would like to acknowledge the following businesses and individuals:

2013- Businesses

All Nations Assembly of God, America's Home Loans LLC, American Bank Center, American Indian College Fund Scholarship, Artist of Indian America, Inc., Bank of North Dakota, Bismarck Sertoma Club, Clear Creek Advisory Services, Inc., DDS Partnerships-McDonald's Restaurants, Fintan L. Dooley Law Offices, First Nations Women's Alliance, James M. Kasper Business Acct., Laducer and Associates, Inc., Lockheed Martin Corporation Foundation, Northern Improvement, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Skye Consulting Services, Spirit Lake Tribe, Swenson, Hagen & Co. PC, Three Affiliated Tribe, Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, University of Mary, University of Missouri, Vaaler Insurance, North Dakota Community Foundation, Youth Bridge Community Foundation

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2014-Employees

Wanda Agnew, Lisa Cantlon, Charisse Fandrich, Marcia Gutman, Laura Hoerner, Michael Iken, Margo Krabbenhoft, Joetta McLeod, Debbie Painte, Dale Pletan, Wayne Pruse, Monte Schaff, Lynette Schaff, Janet Thomas

— Institutional Advancement staff: Janet Thomas, Jessica Beheler, Joetta McLeod, Charisse Fandrich and Monte Schaff

United Tribes Technical College

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Native American Leader Fellowship

Awarded Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Bismarck Municipal Country Club

You're Invited! Please Join Us for a
Memorable Program, Dinner and Fellowship.

\$75/plate; \$500/ table of nine

Help Support the Next Generation of Native American Leaders!

Please call by April 25 with R.S.V.P. and payment:
701-255-3285 x 1533, or e-mail jthomas@uttc.edu.

Parent Group

Calling all parents...“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.”

Come together and meet every Wednesday at Noon in the Cafeteria.

*** LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ***

Attendance can earn prizes for your family:

- **Movie Tickets**
- **Bismarck Aquatic Center**
- **Snoopers**
- **Leaping Lizards**



Honoring our past.
Investing in our future.

The **MBDA Business Center Bismarck - American Indian & Alaska Native Program** is committed to assisting Native American & Minority entrepreneurs with growing and sustaining their business concerns. The success of these companies undoubtedly impacts their local communities with jobs and economic stability.

Through a grant from the US Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) for over three decades has been at the forefront in providing meaningful business assistance to Native and Minority companies in the Great Plains Region. The Center now provides help nationwide to qualified applicants.



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www.mbda.gov/businesscenters/bismarck



MISSION

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

VISION

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

VALUES

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

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

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

United Tribes Governing Board
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Training offered in winter driving



IDENTIFYING RISKS: Even veteran North Dakota drivers thought the winter past was a challenging one. That's why United Tribes Safety Director Joely Heavy Runner, at left, offered in February the driver-safety course "Slippery Slope." Thirty-three staff members and students completed the training as of March 13. Heavy runner is certified for the instruction that focuses on driving in adverse weather. The four-hour session helped those new to winter driving and experienced drivers. Completion qualified them for discounts offered by their insurance companies and guided them in identifying and reducing risks involved in winter driving. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

Successful Completion of Slippery Slope Training:

Bud Andersen, Bernard Strikes Enemy, Daniel Morsette, Greg Pollert, Serena Buffalo, Timothy Thomas, Vincent Kills Plenty, Daniel Emineth, Dean Schmitz, Ronald Newman, Kenneth One Feather, Salli McCarty, Jolene Decoteau, Eybon Watkins, William Brave Bull, Barbara Baker, Michelle Thomas, Andi Gladson, Robert Fox, Jana Milner, Debbie Painte, Dennis Trusty, Karlita Knight, Russell Gillette, Laramie Plainfeather, Neal Barnes, Marian Declay, Corey Zephier, Jordan Davis, Ray Waters, Brandyn Engelhard, Michelle Ridley, Stormy Kosel, Erik Abbey, Veronica Weigel, Angelique Gillis, Arla Keplin, Delmar Clown.



Sign Up for ENS Today!

Emergency Notification System

The general safety and welfare of students, staff, faculty and visitors is the top priority of United Tribes Technical College (UTTC). During an actual emergency UTTC will be able to contact students, employees, and parents.

The ENS is designed to send emergency messages to enrolled campus members (students, staff, faculty & parents with children enrolled in TJES) via cellular (text) messages, telephone and/or e-mail, along with phone calls, when circumstances dictate. In the event of an actual emergency you will receive a message that briefly explains what has happened; at that time go to <http://www.uttc.edu> for updates & more information of what to do.

With our ENS system, to ensure it is operating properly & that the message is getting out, we test it on a monthly basis; the last Friday of every month. For whatever mode(s) of communication that you register for you will receive these test messages, all other messages will be emergency notifications

To register go to: <http://www.uttc.edu/ens/>

On the right side of the page go to "quick links" and click on "Sign Up Now".

United Tribes students involved in fundraiser

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes students experienced a sample of the chill that prompted the fundraising event "Heating the Rez."

UTTC students and staff took part in a run/walk event on February 22, joining tribal members and other supporters outdoors in sub-zero wind-chill temperatures at Bismarck's YMCA.

About 40 participated, raising money through individual pledges and direct contributions. Some ran 10K and 5K distances, others walked or jogged a one-mile course.

From United Tribes were employees Daniel Molnar and Derek Schulte (both 10K), Star Silk and Linnea Silk; and students Lisa Deleon, Genoveva Rowland, Kaitlynn Lunch, Delane Gomez (who was interviewed for local TV news), Roseanna Egleman, Wopilah Iron Cloud, Gene Declay and Theresa Tracke.

Heating the Rez was organized by Chase Iron Eyes, of LastRealIndians, to spark interest in renewable heating methods on Indian reservations. The online fundraiser and events in other cities helped secure over \$50,000 to deploy 20 multi-fuel stoves on Standing Rock to demonstrate alternatives to expensive propane heating.

Iron Eyes began the campaign when rising propane costs and winter weather threatened Standing Rock and turned deadly. Extreme cold and no heating fuel contributed to the February 4 death of Debbie Dogskin, a Standing Rock Tribal member, at Fort Yates, ND.

Find out more about Heating The Rez at this link: www.lastrealindians.com.

"Just Move It"

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

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 x1504, Jana Millner x1397,
Travis Albers x1563 or Marcus Austin x 1357



UNITED TRIBES POWWOW IS PRE

BISMARCK (UTN) – The United Tribes International Powwow Committee has selected the work “We Are All Related,” by artist Wallace “Butch” Thunder Hawk Jr., as the image of the 2014 United Tribes International Powwow.

The annual event is set for September 4-7, the weekend after Labor Day, on the campus of United Tribes Technical College. Spectators and friends from all walks are welcomed to the circle to share the traditions of one of North Dakota’s premier cultural events.

The powwow committee also adopted “We Are All Related” as the overall theme of the four-day event now about to celebrate its 45th year. Providing the action will be upwards of 1,000 participants from the northern Plains and around the country.

INCLUSIVE THINKING

Powwow posters are a popular art form. Each year an original work appears on the United Tribes poster.

Thunder Hawk’s design depicts a Native couple flanked by four pairs of sacred animals central to his Lakota/Dakota culture: the horse, eagle, elk and buffalo. Two dragonflies hover overhead and a Native flute is part of the natural scene, along with the sun, clouds and sky rendered in bright hues.

Thunder Hawk has instructed tribal art at United Tribes since 1973. He created this piece to illustrate the Lakota phrase, “Mitakuye Oyasin,” and show the inclusive nature of Native thinking.

“It shows that all people are related too,” he says. “No matter what color we are, white, black, yellow or red, we have the same creator.”

He hopes it will improve understanding about Native People and even send a message to care for the environment.

“It came to me to create an image to show how we are connected to Mother Earth, the universe and each other,” says the artist. “I didn’t have any idea this would be a poster for the powwow. It’s just something I did. All my things come from the heart.”

“We Are All Related” is a new work, completed in late 2013. The original is acrylic paint on canvas and measures three feet by three feet. The powwow committee secured

rights to use the image on the poster and wearable and collectible items for the event.

Thunder Hawk has supplied artwork for previous powwows: a ledger design in 2011 and others in the 1970s and early ‘80s when United Tribes hosted more than one powwow each year. His designs have also been used for other powwows, including the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM.

Powwow posters are considered a window into Native themes and values. “They’re collector items,” says Thunder Hawk, who will be signing posters at the powwow. “You don’t get the original but you get the design for free because the posters are given away.”

POWOW SCHEDULE

The powwow begins with the first Grand Entry at Lone Star Arena in the center of campus on Thursday, September 4 at 7 p.m. Subsequent Grand Entries are held Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Central Time), and Sunday at 12 noon.

A \$20 entrance fee guarantees admission to all dance and drum competitions for the four days. Daily admission is \$12. Seniors (65 and over) and children (5 and under) enter free.

Admission wrist bands may be purchased in advance at the college’s Finance Department prior to August 30 at 4 p.m. Group rates provided for 10 or more. Contact Ella Duran 701-255-3285 x 1214, eduran@uttc.edu.

Camping space is available free of charge in designated locations on the United Tribes campus; round-the-clock security and access to facilities. No drugs or alcohol allowed and no pets.

The Miss Indian Nations pageant will be absent from the 2014 festivities. The event will take a break while the powwow committee evaluates how a young women’s leadership program can best be presented in the future.

CONTEST POWWOW

Known as “Home of the Champions,” the United Tribes International Powwow is the powwow season’s last, large outdoor event on the northern Great Plains powwow circuit. The contest offers \$80,000 in prize money

to the top singing groups and dancers is two dozen competitive categories. Cash, jackets and medals are awarded to the champions early Sunday evening, September 7, culminating the event. Day money is provided for drums and tiny tots.

COLOR GUARDS

Playing a central role in every powwow are those who answered the call to duty. Military veterans and active duty personnel who represent the college’s governing tribes in North Dakota continue their service by presenting and posting the Colors during all powwow grand entries.

Contact: Mike Iken 701-255-3285 x 1277, miken@uttc.edu

POWOW VENDOR FAIR

Surrounding the dance arbor is a ring of powwow circuit vendors, creating a lively atmosphere and catering to the needs of smart shoppers. Everything can be found from hides and antlers, to beads, finished clothing, bumper and window stickers and powwow collectibles. A food court presents a wide variety of cuisine, from oriental and barbeque to the ever-popular ‘Indian Taco.’

Craft Vendors Contact: Bernard Strikes Enemy 701-255-3285 x 1302; Food Vendors Contact: Robert Fox 701-255-3285 x 1384, rfox@uttc.edu; vendor application online: www.unitedtribespowwow.com/contact.asp.

YOUTH DAY

School classes and school groups (K-8) are invited to Youth Day at the Powwow. It is a music and cultural event that entertains. Included are presentations, music, tribal dance and audience participation. Youth Day begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 5 and runs through the morning. Chaperoned school groups admitted free.

Contact: Shiela Netterville 701-255-3285 x 1546 snetterville@uttc.edu.

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

The United Tribes “Parade of Champions,” is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 through downtown Bismarck, using the

MIER CULTURAL EVENT

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theme: "We Are All Related." It features dancers, singers, tribal groups, tribal leaders and community groups. Cash prizes are awarded in four categories: Best Overall Float, Best Youth or Culture Group, Best Horse Group, and Best Drum Group.

Contact: Jessica DeCoteau 701-255-3285 x 1332, jdecoteau@uttc.edu.

TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT

Immediately prior to the powwow, the Eighteenth Annual United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit takes place September 3-5 at the Bismarck Civic Center. Tribal, federal and state officials discuss important Indian Country issues and share ideas; also includes a trade fair.

Contact: Janet Thomas 701-255-3285 x 1431, jthomas@uttc.edu

SPORTING EVENTS

Sports are included at the powwow. A benefit golf tournament, "Teeing Off for Academic Excellence," is set for Friday, September 5.

Contact: Sam Azure 701-255-3285 x 1305, sazure@uttc.edu; or Hunter Berg 701-255-3285 x 1361, hberg@uttc.edu

A double elimination softball tournament for women's teams and men's teams is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 5-6. This change in days allows players time to attend the powwow on Sunday. Winning teams earn jackets; special awards are presented.

Contact: Delmar Clown 701-255-3285 x 1343, dclown@uttc.edu

A 10K and 5K run/walk is hosted for runners and walkers of all ages on Saturday, September 6.

Contact: Dan Molnar 701-255-3285 x 1367, dmolnar@uttc.edu

BUFFALO FEED

United Tribes honors you with the cultural tradition of a buffalo feed Sunday, September 7. All dancers, singers and visitors are invited free of charge. Serving takes place in the mid-to-late afternoon outside the United Tribes Cafeteria; serving time is announced. The meal is served by the college cafeteria staff and many student and staff volunteers.

POWOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Phil Baird, UTTC Interim President; Julie Cain, Chair/Cultural Advisor; Ella Duran, Treasurer; Deb Painte, Secretary; Charisse Fandrich, Fundraising.

COLLEGE GOVERNING TRIBES

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

MORE INFORMATION

Website: www.uttc.edu.

Powwow: Sandy Erickson, serickson@uttc.edu, 701-255-3285 x 1293

Media: Dennis J. Neumann, opi@uttc.edu, 701-255-3285 x 1386

Lodging: www.discoverbismarckmandan.com

Powwow Volunteers Needed

United Tribes Technical College seeks volunteers to assist with events of the 2014 United Tribes International Powwow September 4-7. UTTC employees are asked to volunteer by contacting the coordinator of the event of your choice. Thank You!

— Powwow Committee

Arts Vendors.....Bernard Strikes Enemy x 1302
Buffalo Feed.....Veronica Weigel x 1311
Food Vendors.....Robert Fox x 1384
Front Gate.....Ella Duran x 1214 or
Kathy Chapin x 1869
Fundraising.....Charisse Fandrich x 1207
Golf.....Hunter Berg x 1361
Maintenance:.....Bud Anderson x 1302
Parade.....Jessica DeCoteau x 1332
Registration:.....Mechelle Iron Cloud x 1516 or
Angelique Gillis x 1471
Security.....James Red Tomahawk x 1300
Softball.....Steve Shepherd x 1537 or Joey
McLeod x 1520
Souvenir Stand:.....Sandy Erickson x 1293
Tabulation:.....Mechelle Iron Cloud x 1516 or
Angelique Gillis x 1471
Thunderbird Run:.....Dan Molnar x 1367
Veterans/Color Guards:.....Mike Iken x 1277 or
Louis Laundreaux x 1489
Youth Day.....Shiela Netterville x 1546

Sound Contractor Proposals Sought 2014 United Tribes International Powwow

The United Tribes Powwow Committee seeks written proposals from sound contractors for the 2014 United Tribes International Powwow. A sound contractor will be selected to perform work-for-hire September 4-7, 2014 during the 45th Annual United Tribes International Powwow at Lone Star Arena on the campus of United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND.

The sound contractor will:

- Operate the college's powwow sound system for best audio results for the audience and equipment safety throughout the four-day event
- Provide for and supervise microphone handlers during the event
- Make state-of-the-art, digital audio recordings of the powwow in its entirety on the contractor's equipment
- Supply the college with the digitized recordings at or before the end of the event. All recordings will be the sole property of United Tribes.

United Tribes will provide:

- Lodging and powwow entry passes
- Credit by name in powwow publications and on subsequent recordings
- The agreed-upon fees for the services rendered

Written Proposals Must Include:

- Name, mailing address, phone # and e-mail address
- Tribal affiliation
- Description of contractor's sound and recording equipment
- Fee required for sound system operation
- Fee required for audio recording
- Listing of previous powwow sound contracting work
- Names and contact information for three references

Submit Proposals by June 27, 2014 To: United Tribes Powwow Committee, % Office of Public Information, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504. E-mail proposals will be accepted: opi@uttc.edu.

Black Hills Learning Center STUDENT PROFILES

Two Black Hills Learning Center business students have been nominated Student of the Month for February and March. They both show dedication, leadership and professionalism in their academic work and in the leadership through experience, work study program.

- Tamera Marshall, BHLC Assistant

Hail Baird- February 2014

Anpetu Waste Mitakuyapi! Wasu Canunpa Waste win Mahpiya Maza-Baird emacyapi.

Good day relatives! My name is Hail Good Pipe Iron Cloud-Baird.

I am Sicangu/Oglala Lakota. I currently live in Rapid City with my two children. I am taking courses to pursue a business degree through UTTC's Black Hills Learning Center and am working there as well.

After class, I work with elementary students through the Black Hills Special Services in Rapid City.

When I'm not busy with work and school, I enjoy free time with my kids, playing sports, traveling, beading, sewing, movies and practicing our Lakota language when visiting family.

One day I hope to be a Lakota Language teacher.



Hail Baird (Sicangu/Oglala) Rapid City, SD

Nikkole Bostnar- March 2014

Eight years ago I attended cosmetology school and later trained to become a nail tech. Even though these are awesome trades, I never fulfilled a career in either field. I was a bartender for the past six years and realized I was getting nowhere, so I decided to enroll in college. Now I'm looking to make a more stable future for myself and my children.

I'm studying Small Business Management, and I couldn't be any happier to be a student at UTTC Black Hills Learning Center. It's definitely the best choice for me; everyone is so supportive, positive and full of energy.

I expect to get the best education possible and learning about my culture.

I'm able to take courses online, and face to face. It helps with my busy schedule. I can still spend quality time with my children, work, maintain good grades and further my education at my own pace.

The school is family-oriented and the staff understands. They want you to succeed; you're not just a number at BHLC.



Nikkole Bostnar (Standing Rock) Rapid City, SD



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Couples, Grief, Anger
Management, Domestic
Violence, Parenting

Psychological Assessments for:
ADHD, Learning Disabilities,
Personality Testing, Cognitive/
Neurological Testing

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

(6 week sessions)

GRIEF GROUP

Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

(Drop-in Group)

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Thursdays at 3 p.m.

(Drop-in Group)

Become a Certified Medical Coder!

United Tribes Technical College now offers the only opportunity in the area for Medical Coding Certificate Training. Applications are being accepted now for training that leads to careers in this high-demand specialty of Health Information Technology.

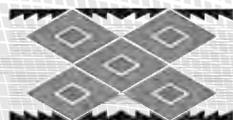
UNITED TRIBES Health Information Technology Medical Coding

- 19 week Certificate Program
- Prepares YOU for Industry Certification
- Readies YOU for Jobs Available Now in:
Hospitals, Outpatient Clinics,
Treatment Facilities, Worker's Comp
Offices and in your own business!
- On-site, Classroom Instruction
- Daily Instruction M-F
- Limited Number of Spaces Available
- Student Financial Aid Available

This program prepares you to take the Certified Coder Exam to become a Certified Professional Coder (CPC) through the American Academy of Professional Coders.

Welcoming Diversity: United Tribes welcomes students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds
Support provided by the State of North Dakota through a workforce training grant to Tribal Colleges.

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EMPLOYERS – Is Your Workforce Ready?

New medical coding requirements take effect in October 2014. Don't delay! Only a limited number of spaces are available in this class. Have your coders prepared and certified for the new requirements.

More Information:

Sherry M. Baker, CPC
Medical Coding Director
United Tribes HIT Medical Coding Program
701-255-3285 x 1368, shbaker@uttcc.edu

UTTC offering training in medical coding

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College begin training March 17 for medical coding. The specialty is part of the health information technology field.

“United Tribes now offers the only opportunity in the area for Medical Coding Certificate Training,” says Sherry M. Baker, the program's director. “It's the first step into a field that's very much in demand.”

The training offered by UTTC is a 19 week concentrated program designed to prepare students to rapidly enter the workforce.

Workforce Options

Medical coding positions are available in a wide range of health care settings including hospitals, outpatient clinics, treatment facilities and worker's compensation offices. Medical coders also conduct their own independent businesses.

Industry Certification

The UTTC program prepares students for industry certification for physician practice, Baker says. Credentials for additional specialties may also be pursued, including cardiology, obstetrics, dermatology, orthopedic surgery, pediatrics and others fields.

The training is also designed to update current medical coders on new coding requirements that take effect in October 2014.

Limited Class Size

Applications are being accepted now. The program is open to students of all ethnic and racial backgrounds. Student financial aid is available.

Classes began March 17 on the United Tribes campus in Bismarck. They include daily classroom instruction Monday through Friday. Classes will end in the latter part of July. A new session will begin in August with the start of UTTC's fall semester.

Support for the program is provided by the State of North Dakota through a workforce training grant to Tribal Colleges.

For more information contact Sherry M. Baker, CPC, UTTC Medical Coding Director, 701-255-3285 x 1368, shbaker@uttcc.edu.

UTTC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACADEMIC, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Health Information Technology Coding Instructor
- Web Designer - Teacher Education
- Environmental Science/Research Instructor
- Business Management Instructor (2 Positions)
- Heavy Equipment Instructor
- Construction Technology Director/Instructor
- CDC Aide
- Criminal Justice Adjunct Instructor- Black Hills Learning Center
- Criminal Justice Adjunct Instructor- Black Hills Learning Center
- Higher Education Director, UTTC Black Hills Learning Center
- Adjunct - Teacher Education Instructor
- Adjunct Instructor - Black Hills Learning Center
- CDC Preschool Teacher
- Adjunct Instructor - Business Admin/Mgmt.
- Health Information Technology Adjunct Medical Coding Instructor
- Online Course Developer - Part Time

STUDENT & CAMPUS SERVICES

- 12 Month Academic/Personal Counselor
- Intake/Activities Coordinator - Chemical Health Center
- Administrative Assistant - Housing
- Student Billing & Collection Specialist
- Housing Custodian (FT w/ Benefits) - 2 Positions
- Activities Coordinator
- Disability Support Services Coordinator/Special Education Instructor
- Part-Time Temporary Mailroom Clerk
- Addiction Counselor II (2 Positions)
- Transportation Bus Driver
- Student Health Center Director
- Housing Custodian - PT - Temp
- Athletics Game Operations
- Custodian - Building 69 ONLY - 2 Positions
- Custodian
- Maintenance Worker/Groundskeeper
- Women's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Men's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Security Officer

THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Parent Educator - FACE Program
- Substitute Elementary Custodian
- Substitute Teacher

ADMINISTRATION

- DeMaND Project Director's Assistant
- Development Director
- DeMaND Data Workkeys Administrator
- UM-TERM Case Worker/Training Planner
- Grant Writer/Developer External Funding
- Institutional Assessment Director

FINANCE

- Contracts and Grants Specialist
- Human Resource
- Human Resources Assistant
- Intertribal Programs
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Case Manager
- Transportation Development 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.

Traditional Arts grant deadline approaching

The application deadline is May 15 for the North Dakota Council on the Arts Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grants.

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

The May 15 deadline is for projects from

July 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Early submission is strongly encouraged. Notice of Intent to Apply is due by April 15.

Grant guidelines are available at <http://www.nd.gov/arts/folkarts/TAP-grant.html>; and the application is available at <http://www.nd.gov/arts/folkarts/TAP-app.html>.

For more info contact the North Dakota Council on the Arts: 701-328-7590, tgeist@nd.gov, or visit the website www.nd.gov/arts.

Invitation from Young Professionals Network

◆ By Jennifer Dahl ◆

Are you looking to improve your personal and professional networking skills?

Then the Bismarck-Mandan Young Professionals Network (YPN) is for you!

The YPN hosts many events and provides enriching opportunities throughout the year. Anyone between the ages of 21 to 39 can be a part of this great organization.

The heart of the YPN is its action teams. These teams coordinate events and opportunities to interact with individuals who have similar goals and interests.

Six teams make up the YPN: Ambassador, Entrepreneur, Marketing, Professional Development, Service and Social.

The Ambassador Team helps new members find their niche within the network. They answer questions for new members and help them get settled.

The Entrepreneur Team exclusively networks with successful business owners and community leaders to share their stories of success and failure.

The Marketing Team promotes the YPN's public image. This team also helps members advance their professional marketing skills.

The Professional Development Team creates growth opportunities by offering educational seminars on the latest trends facing young professionals.

The Service Team organizes volunteer and community service events.

And the Social Team creates events for members to socialize and network with each other.

The Bismarck-Mandan Young Professionals Network is a great way to meet young professionals in the community. We invite potential members to attend a meeting or event to decide if the network meets their goals and professional needs. Social events and volunteer opportunities are a great way to enjoy each other's company and experience activities in the community. Attend as many, or as few, events as your schedule allows.

If this sounds like an opportunity for you, please join us at our upcoming events:

- April 2 Ambassador Team meeting at Broadway Grill and Tavern, 11:30 am
- April 7 Entrepreneur Team meeting at Bruno's Pizza, 12pm
- April 8 Professional Development Team meeting at Peacock Alley, 11:45am
- April 14 Service Team meeting at Bone Shaker Coffee Co., 11:30 am
- April 16 Social Team meeting at Montana Mike's, 5:30pm
- April 18 5:01 Social at Sanford Health, 5:01pm
- May 5 9th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration

More info: www.yppnetwork.org, Jennifer L. Dahl, jldahl@nd.gov.

THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY

TIDBITS

Taking the Bite out of Dental Care

Exploring the Ronald Mc Donald Care Mobile

By Kianna, Evelyn and Monica, Grade 5

We now realize it's not SCARY. The dentists love the hugs from kids. They enjoy helping kids keep their teeth healthy.

Some people don't like dentists. Some do.

There were three women and one man and they all do a wonderful job helping kids. They have lots of supplies only for teeth.

Dr. Christy Peterson is from Chicago. She had to go to school four more years after four years of college to become a dentist.

Karey Elsenearth is a dental hygienist. She's from Bowman, ND, and had to go to another two years after college. The schooling is very rigorous and competitive. She is a dental hygienist because she enjoys teaching children how to take care of their teeth.

"We all really like what we do" said Karey. "We help people. We get hugs from kids all the time."



Care Mobile at TJES

They do referrals but not braces or spacers. They also do not do root canals and anything serious. They have a specialist to do stuff like that.

They wear masks and gloves so they don't spread germs. If you ever wonder where the dentist smell comes from it comes from the chemicals they use to wipe down their counters so they don't spread germs.



Dental care staff

If you have healthy teeth you can have a healthy body. A lot of kids have sick teeth.

Good Review

The Care Mobile came to TJES because our school qualifies.

The Ronald McDonald Health program took about ten years to get the care mobile. Oh my goodness! Ten years. That's a lot of years.

The Care Mobile goes throughout western North Dakota to schools where the lunch program has 50 percent or more free lunches.

The dentist and hygienists help keep the teeth of kids and 0 to 21 years-old healthy. They paint fluoride on your teeth to make the minerals better. They take pictures of your mouth to see if you have cavities or not. You can see the picture. They try to take care of your cavities. If it is your baby teeth, you don't need to worry about it.

If you eat toooooo much candy you'll get bad teeth!

Their motto is: "Sip all day get decay."

We asked a college student who was a patient how she would rate the dental care and she said, "A perfect ten."

On the Web

TJES is now has its own website. On it you can find the school calendar and lots of other useful information for students and parents. Check it out:

www.tjes.org

Accreditation visit set

By Brenda Rhone,
Reading/Math Center Instructor

Theodore Jamerson will host an accreditation visit April 15-16 at the K-8 elementary school on the United Tribes campus.

TJES has long been nationally accredited. The school participates in an accreditation visit every five years to maintain its status.

The visit will be conducted by a team of educators from AdvancEd. They will view classrooms, make observations, conduct interviews, and review data to analyze and evaluate the school based on a set of standards and indicators.

AdvancEd evaluates an institution's organizational effectiveness. Included is an examination of the entire institution — the programs, cultural context, community of stakeholders — to determine how well the parts work together to meet the needs of students.

Anyone interested in being interviewed by the accreditation team, please contact me, Brenda Rhone (x 1306, brhoen@uttc.edu) or Margo Krabbenhoft (x 1304, mkrabbenhoft@uttc.edu.)

Science Fair

On January 20, TJES Science Club members participated in the annual Native American State Science fair in Bismarck. Held at the Ramada Inn, students from grades four to 12 explained and defended their projects for award placement.

TJES students that placed:

1st Place Grade 5: Ana for Melting Chocolate; 1st Place Grade 2: (participating with grades 3 and 4) Phillip for Moving Blood; 2nd Place Grade 6: Aliyah for Electric Motor
Honorable Mention Grade 5: Tristan for the Doppler Effect

3rd Quarter 2013-14

Honor Roll

Andrew Bernie, Ezra Brown, Amanda Iron Cloud, Matthew Jackson, Paige Kills Plenty, Adeline Weston, Zaysiah Bruguier, Kianna Gill, Evelyn Jones, Avery Lawrence, Tehya Little Owl, Tristan Wilson, Ampo Thin Elk, Trevin Yazzie, Dominick Hinshaw, Christopher Walette, Daeshawn Strong Heart, Megan Bercier, Aliyah Hopkins, Danielle Morrison, Siavy Yazzie

Perfect Attendance

Tyler Bear Eagle, Isabella Knife, Andrew Lawrence, Zaysiah Bruguier, Sean Lawrence, Avery Lawrence, Sebastiana Ventura Ortley, Kari Waanatan, Paige Kills Plenty, Nevaeh Bear Eagle, Merrill Howling Wolf, Danielle Morrison, Kimberly Nickaboine, Gwendolynn Lawrence, Conceta Zephier, Vincent Kills Plenty III, Shane Lawrence, Damon Morrison, Brady Ventura Ortley, Serena Kills Plenty, Olivia St. Pierre, Tommy Red Bird

Breakfast Made Especially for You

By Annette Broyles, Nutrition & Foodservice Chair/Instructor

Students in the Culinary Fundamentals class put to use their learning about preparing and cooking breakfast foods on February 25. UTTC students, staff and faculty were invited to the Nutrition and Foodservice Department for breakfast-to-order specials. The choices were: pancakes, French toast or eggs made to order, along with juice and coffee.

Students practiced taking customer's orders and waitressing, while other students did the cooking, then changing jobs for two sessions during the mid-morning.

Students learned the importance of communication between the 'front' and 'back' of the house when working in the food service industry.

Customers evaluated the food and the service and the overall ratings were excellent.

Culinary Baking

The second part of spring semester this group of students is taking Culinary Baking. They will prepare a wide variety of baked goods for groups such as: FANS (Food and



Participating in the breakfast-to-order exercise, from left, Brenda Redday, instructor Annette Broyles, Janell Lockard, Eleanor Hornbeck and Alexandria Harrison. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

Nutrition Students) Pre-professional Club, ServSafe Training, Department Chair and All Hands Meetings. Dates and times of the special offerings will be announced.

Culinary Fundamentals and Culinary

Baking are two classes required for the Foodservice/Culinary Arts AAS degree at UTTC.

More info: Annette Broyles, 701-255-3285 x 1406, abroyles@uttc.edu.

United Tribes at AIHEC



UTTC honorees photographed at the AIHEC Student Conference in Billings, MT, from left, Joshua Standing Elk, Interim UTTC President Phil Baird and Gene DeClay. Both students were honored during the American Indian College Fund banquet on March 16.

BOOK DONATION

Many thanks to Adrian Crow Feather (Standing Rock), Bismarck, for donating from his private collection a 1964 edition of Erling Rolfsrud's book "Extraordinary North Dakotans." Among the miniature biographies in it that caught Adrian's attention was the one titled 'Flying Cloud' about Frank B. Zahn (1891-1966). The ever-fascinating Standing Rock figure was an interpreter and guide, veteran, author, tribal judge and self-styled cultural ambassador. He went to Hollywood in 1940 and played the leading 'chief' in the movie "They Died With Their Boots On." Also in the volume are mini-bios about tribal policeman Marcellus Red Tomahawk and photographer Frank B. Fiske. Pilamaya!

- Editor

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.

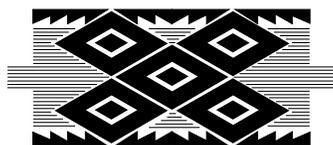
You have the opportunity to take a national exam to become ServSafe Certified and/or a national exam to be credentialed as a Certified Dietary Managers (CDM).

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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Measure seeks consumer protections on student loans

A bill introduced in the U. S. House is aimed at bringing fair treatment to students who default on school loans.

H.R. 3892, the Student Borrowers' Bill of Rights, would treat student loan debt just as any other type of unsecured debt in America. The bill was introduced by Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL) to upgrade methods of financing higher education.

Backers of a petition drive in support of the measure say that student debt is treated more harshly than any other type of debt in America. Unlike other forms of debt, it can-

not be discharged in bankruptcy and there is no statute of limitations on collection.

According to the petition drive, more than 40 million Americans are buried under approximately \$1.2 trillion worth of student debt and more than 7 million of those have defaulted on student loans.

The online petition urges member of Congress and the President to approve the measure. You can access the petition at this link: <http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/restore-basic-consumer?source=s.icn.em.mt&rby=3668170>.

Smithsonian Institutes Summer 2014

Two new Smithsonian Institutes are scheduled at United Tribes for Summer 2014.

June 23-27 Smithsonian Institute III

Teaching English/Language Arts
with Music, Drama and the Arts

Integrating art, drama and music into the curriculum.

Sessions based on "The Tale of Despereaux." Participants receive a copy of the book and related objects.

Also including:

Social Studies content aligned with the standards used as basis for art activities

Storytelling and using stories and songs in the classroom, relating to specific standards

Strategies and techniques for teaching tribal arts to elementary-aged children

Foldables, reader's theater, voice poems and more

July 28-August 1 Smithsonian Institute IV:

Science and Technology Integration

Hands-on, object-based activities in earth sciences

One-day field trip to Theodore Roosevelt

National Park near Medora

Learning geologic processes that shaped Badlands landforms, including minerals and fossilization

Planetary geology: "A Spacecraft Tour of the Planets"

Activities and games about Mars, including Mars rovers

Planetary geology and Native American astronomy

More Info: Lisa Azure, UTTC Teacher Education Director,

701-255-3285 x 1407, lazure@uttc.edu.

2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

Proper ID Required

Voters are reminded they will need valid identification to vote in the upcoming June 10 North Dakota Primary Election.

State law requires identification for absentee ballots and voting in-person.

- Acceptable forms of ID:
- North Dakota driver's license
- North Dakota non-driver's license
- Tribal issued ID
- Student ID certificate
- Long-term care ID certificate

Identification must include a voter's name, existing physical address (no P.O. boxes) and date of birth.

Not all tribal-issued IDs include the required information, so it's important to check them ahead of time.

Absentee voters are required to write down their ID number or include a copy of their student or long-term care ID certificate with their ballot application.

Those voting in-person must show or provide their ID to poll workers.

Voters should be sure to obtain a valid ID ahead of time to be ready to vote.

More Info: www.burleighco.com, or 701-222-6718.

TEACHER EDUCATION

By pre-service teachers Kendra Froelich, Justyn Lawrence, Campus-Based Public Relations; and Leah Hamann, SPEC Faculty Advisor

Pre-Service Teacher News

The fall semester was a busy one for the pre-service teachers of the UTTC Teacher Education Department. The Student Professional Education Council (SPEC) held their executive member elections in September with the members actively coming together to layout the plans for the 2013-14 academic year. As they prepared for the year, they were guided by three SPEC goals: professional development, community involvement and fundraising.

New Executive Council Member



Antonia Valdez
(Wind River)

Antonia Valdez was elected by her colleagues in January as Secretary of the Student Professional Education Council for Spring semester. Welcome Antonia!

Professional Development

LeAnn Nelson, director of Teaching and Learning at North Dakota United, and Mari Fridgen, assistant director of the North Dakota Education and Standards Board, made a special visit to United Tribes on October 9 to talk to the UTTC pre-service teachers about Common Core State Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. The latter is a state-led consortium



From Left: SPEC President Joshua Standing Elk (MHA Nation); Treasurer Alicia Cuny (Pine Ridge); Campus-Based Public Relations Justyn Lawrence (Cheyenne River); Community-Based Public Relations Kendra Froelich; Student Senate Representative Theresa Tracke (Northern Cheyenne); and Fall Semester Secretary Lucy Fairbanks (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe).

working to develop next-generation assessments that accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness. Pre-service teachers had the opportunity to ask questions to prepare for the upcoming North Dakota United Common Core Conference.

UTTC pre-service teachers attended the ND United Common Core Conference at Century High School on October 17-18. They joined veteran educators, administrators and other pre-service teachers for

an overview of the standards and achievements of Common Core with Rob Bauer, assistant director of standards and achievement. Attendees also took-in sessions that included Kirsten Baesler, superintendent of public instruction; Nikki Elliott-Schuman, writing assessment specialist for the Smarter Balance Assessment System; and Tracy Gruber, math assessment specialist and validation and psychometrics/test design workgroup member for the Smarter Balance Assessment System.



ND United Common Core Conference pre-service teacher attendees: back row from left: Valene Pretends Eagle (Standing Rock); Wylee Bears Tail (MHA Nation); Jade Thomas (Turtle Mt. Chippewa); Waylon Black Crow (Pine Ridge); Justyn Lawrence (Cheyenne River); and Joshua Standing Elk (MHA Nation). Front from left: Alicia Cuny (Pine Ridge); Marlene Cook (Cheyenne River); Lacey McThias (Yankton); Angela Tohek (Standing Rock); and Theresa Tracke (Northern Cheyenne). Not pictured: Antonia Valdez (Wind River) and Kendra Froelich.



Justyn Lawrence (Cheyenne River) and Wylee Bears Tail (MHA Nation)

Campus-Based Activities

As the fall semester progressed, pre-service teachers engaged in various campus-based activities, including decorating the Teacher Education Homecoming float, attending Student Senate meetings, volun-

teering for the 10th annual TJES Child Find Carnival, donating sweatshirts, gloves, and winter hats to TJES, and hosting a Christmas potluck.

Community and Campus-Based Activities

In late October, the SPEC put together an event for UTTC children and their families by hosting a coat drive. The "Time Crunch Coat Drive" was a large success with over 100 coats donated by campus-based students, faculty and staff as well as donations from the Bismarck/Mandan community. We are especially impressed that the large number of coats was collected within a two week time frame. A special thank you to all who participated!

Last, but certainly not least, is the personal UTTC campus tour offered by Wylee Bears Tail and Justyn Lawrence to the UTTC Teacher Education Professional Education Council members at the November 6 fall meeting. Mr. Bears Tail began the meeting by offering prayer. Members of the advisory committee are: Shelly Simon, West River Head Start; Dr. Jason Hornbacher, principal Moses Elementary School ; Jaymee Hoffer, Centennial Grade 3 teacher; Linda Hoag, Bismarck Public Schools special education coordinator; Brenda Jechort, TJES Reading First; Leann Binde, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit principal; Lisa Azure, UTTC Teacher Education Dept. chair; Leah Hamann, UTTC Teacher Education faculty; Lisa Canton, General Education chair; Donovan Lambert, UTTC Admissions director; Anita Charging, UTTC Teacher Education academic and personal counselor, and Derek Shulte, UTTC Mathematics faculty.



Pre-service teachers' homecoming float.



Gabriel Staley at the wheel of the commercial truck driving simulator



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CDL/HEO student Ray Waters (Oglala Tribe) at the controls of a heavy equipment simulator



Garrett White at the welding simulator, with wife Tonia and children Ariyah and Franky. (Sisseton-Wahpeton)



CDL/HEO student Jordan Davis (Turtle Mountain)



Workforce training technology on display at UTTC

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College offered a close-up look at the new training technology used in its workforce training programs.

The college hosted an open house February 15 in the workforce training center in the college's Skill Center building. The event featured the new training simulators used by students who attend the college in Bismarck.

HANDS-ON-OPPORTUNITY

Visitors tried their hand at two heavy equipment simulators, one commercial driving simulator, and two welding simulators. The high-tech devices are used in the college's DeMaND Program, a workforce training initiative that prepares students for high-demand careers.

GIS training equipment was also featured, along with equipment and systems in Electrical Technology, the newest training program.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Information was available about each of the programs. Most are designed to prepare students for entry jobs in as little as 16 weeks.

UTTC alumni, families, prospective students and college friends attended, along with members of the United Tribes Thunderbirds men and women basketball teams. Local radio personality Mia Amini attended the showcase, tried out each of the simulators and anchored live broadcasts.

DeMaND PROGRAMS

- Construction Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Heavy Equipment Operations(HEO)/Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Tribal Environmental Science/Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Welding Technology

ACCELERATED LEARNING

United Tribes offers an extensive support system for students who choose to train in the DeMaND Programs. The career skills mastered help prepare them for lifelong careers and well-paying jobs.

Training focuses students on mastering skills in a concentrated amount of time. Classes and hands-on instruction are designed to quickly move students through a program to gain certification and enter the workforce.

The latest in teaching technology helps accelerate the learning curve. In particular, the training simulators help sharpen motor skills and techniques required in the various fields.

Exposure to the college experience also broadens the outlook for career and lifestyle options that lead to becoming valued members of a community.

SUPPORT PROVIDED

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 project funded by the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor. Referred to as the DeMaND project, it is a consortium of four tribal colleges in the region with UTTC serving as the lead institution.

More info: Steve Shepherd 701-255-3285 x 1537,
sshepherd@uttc.edu,
 or www.demandworkforce.com.

RICHARD NICHOLS

Tribute by Perry Horse,
Della Warrior and David M. Gipp



Richard Nichols was well-known throughout Indian Country. He was among the team that helped develop Tribal Colleges in the early 1970s. He passed away February 11 after a short illness. He was 65.

We knew Richard as a good friend and fellow advocate for Indian People, especially in matters pertaining to education and social justice. He was active in the National Indian Youth Council. He was one of the charter staff members when the six original tribal colleges and universities established the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) in 1973. In that role he provided research and writing support leading to legislation that provided funding for the tribal college movement.

He forged many friendships on Capitol Hill and in the Washington, D. C. community. For many years he owned and operated a business providing expertise in program evaluation, data management and research.

Richard was a consummate professional who never forgot his tribal roots as a citizen of the Santa Clara Pueblo in northern New Mexico. His warm encouraging personality will not be forgotten by those who knew him as a friend and colleague.

Richard enjoyed the "Indian Humor" camaraderie among his fellow Native people. His wit and insights about Indian life always stood him in good stead in Indian social settings. We will miss his stories and his professional contributions.

UTTC to Host Three THUNDERBIRD RUN Events in 2014

By Dan Molnar, Thunderbird Run Coordinator



Thunderbird Spring Run 2013. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

Interesting changes coming for Thunderbird Run in 2014. We've added a Half Marathon distance to the April event and a Half Marathon Relay. And the course will change. Starting in front of Sitting Bull Hall, HM participants will make two laps around All Nations Circle before heading off campus. The route goes to Cottonwood Park, in south Bismarck, and back to campus. 10K runners will complete one loop.

Thunderbird Spring Run:

Saturday, April 23

8 a.m. Half Marathon and Relay START
(volunteers needed 6 a.m.)
9 a.m. 10K START
9:15 a.m. 5K START
11 a.m. Kids Fun Run
11:30 a.m. Awards in the MPR

THUNDERBIRD RUN:

Saturday, August 23

7 a.m. Half Marathon and Relay START
(volunteers needed 6 a.m.)
8 a.m. 10K START
8:15 a.m. 5K START
10 a.m. Kids Fun Run
10:30 a.m. Awards in the MPR

Thunderbird Powwow Run: Saturday, Sept. 6

8 a.m. 10K START *(Volunteers needed 6 a.m.)*
8:15 a.m. 5K START
9:30 a.m. Kids Fun Run
10 a.m. Awards in the MPR

Registration Fees:

5K:\$15
10K: \$20
Half Marathon:\$40
Half Marathon Relay:.....\$50

** Discounts for UTTC employees, TJES participants, senior citizens 60 and over, and U-Mary/BSC Students:*

5K:\$10
10K: \$15
Half Marathon:\$20
UTTC Students:..... FREE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

These events could not happen without your help! For UTTC staff members, all volunteer hours during the three Thunderbird Run events qualify for comp time leave, similar to volunteering for the powwow.

Please contact me, Dan Molnar, about scheduling when you are available: 701-255-3285 x1367, dmolnar@uttc.edu.

Thank you!

Former athletes honored at United Tribes

Thunderbird Hall of Fame

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College inducted one team and nine individuals into the “Thunderbird Hall of Fame” during a banquet February 17 at the college.

An audience of 275 friends and fans turned-out to honor the outstanding former players and athletic leaders who contributed their skill and talent to the United Tribes Thunderbirds basketball program.

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



1984-85 Thunderbirds: From left, Kevin Finley (representing Val Finley), True Clown Jr., Curtis Black, Ken Walks, Terry Jeanotte, Dave “Sam” White Face, Coach Dave Archambault Sr. and Charlie White Eagle. Other members of the squad were Terry Wolf Necklace/Dogskin, Van Buffalo, the late Austin Richards, Perry White Owl, Chuck Defender, Oris Bear Stops, Mike Lawrence, Terry Hodgkiss, Manager “Nav” Tapio, and Assistant Coach-John Thunder Hawk Sr.



“Nav” Tapio and Dave Archambault Sr.



Butch Thunder Hawk

Athletic leaders honored were: the college’s first athletic director, Dave Archambault Sr.; the Thunderbirds most successful coach, Kevin Finley; the college’s first



Al Bortke David M. Gipp Phil Baird

activities and athletics coordinator, the late John Thunder Hawk Sr.; and the athletic program’s longest serving leader and cultural mentor, Wallace “Butch” Thunder Hawk Jr.

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

Also recognized were Thunderbird players previously inducted: Alan Spoonhunter, a two-time 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.



Barry Webster Kristin Bearstail Jenna Skunk Cap

The inductees were also recognized between the Thunderbird women and men’s basketball games on that day. Banners were unveiled for each inductee hanging near the ceiling of the James Henry Community Gymnasium, where the former stand-outs displayed their skills.

A United Tribes Athletic Dept. committee made the Hall of Fame selections and the induction event was expertly coordinated by Hunter Berg, United Tribes athletic director. Guest speakers included Al Bortke, former U-Mary athletic director and coach and David M. Gipp, UTTC interim chancellor and former president. The master of ceremonies was Phil Baird, UTTC interim president.

Read about each of the United Tribes Thunderbird Hall of Fame inductees and see more photos of the event on the Athletics page of the college’s website: <http://www.uttc.edu/athletics/>



Banners unveiled, Thunderbird Hall of Fame inductees were greeted and honored in the gym where they played. Photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN



2013-2014

THUNDERBIRDS

Recapping the Men's and Women's Basketball Season

By Hunter Berg,
UTTC Athletic Director

Lady Thunderbirds

The Thunderbird Women's Basketball Team finished runner-up in Region XIII, losing 71-77 to Dakota College at Bottineau in the Region Championship game March 1 hosted at the United Tribes Thunderdome.

On the season, Selena Big Crow lead the Thunderbirds in scoring, averaging 14 points per game. The 5'7" freshman from Mission, SD also lead the team in rebounding with over 7 per game.

Two players were named to the All-Region Team. Big Crow was joined by fellow freshman Antonia Valdez from Ethete, WY.

The Lady Thunderbirds finished with a record of 8-22, going 1-9 in Mon-Dak Conference Play.

Thunderbird Men

The men's basketball team finished the year at 9-21, going 1-9 in Mon-Dak Conference play.

The Thunderbirds were eliminated in the first round of the Region XIII Tournament, losing 56-84 to the Lumberjacks of Dakota College at Bottineau, played at Bottineau.

Sophomore guard Andre Clark from Harlem, NY was named to the 2nd Team All-conference and to the All-Region XIII Teams. Clark averaged 18 points, 6 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game on the year.

Sophomore Bruce Ward, a 6'8" center from Oneida, WI, had an outstanding season, scoring 14 points and grabbing 9 rebounds per game.

Thank you to all who supported both teams throughout the year!

Check the Stats

Lady Thunderbirds: <http://stats.njcaa.org/sports/wbkb/2013-14/div2/teams/unitedtribestechncollege?view=lineup>

Thunderbird Men:
<http://stats.njcaa.org/sports/wbkb/2013-14/div2/teams/unitedtribestechncollege?view=lineup&r=0&pos=sh>



Lady Thunderbirds: from left, Kayanna Thunder Hawk, Antonia Valdez, Valerie Armstrong, Cherie Tillman, Andrea Sharpback, Caresse Davis, Selena Big Crow and Lindsey Isburg.

LADY THUNDERBIRDS Record: 8-22

- 4 Kayanna Thunder Hawk, 5'4" (FR) Guard, Standing Rock, Cannonball, ND, Solen HS
- 11 Antonia Valdez, 5'4" (FR) Guard, N Arapaho, Ethete, WY, Wy Indian School
- 14 Selena Big Crow, 5'7" (FR) Forward, Rosebud, Mission, SD, Todd County HS
- 25 Lindsey Isburg, 5'5" (FR) Guard, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Chamberlain, SD, Chamberlain HS
- 31 Caresse Davis, 5'8" (SO) Forward, Navajo, Window Rock, AZ, Window Rock HS
- 40 Valerie Armstrong, 5'7" (FR) Forward, Caddo Nation, Ignacio, CO, Ignacio HS
- 41 Cherie Tillman, 5'7" (FR) Forward, E Shoshone, Fort Washakie, WY, Lander Valley HS
- 44 Andrea Sharpback, 5'8" (FR) Forward, Winnebago, Winnebago, NE, South Sioux City HS

Head Coach: Erik Abbey Team Assistants: Shanaye Packineau, Marissa Laundreaux



4 Andre Clark



10 Jerel Wilhite



21 Chaske Valdez



24 Bruce Ward



33 John Soundingsides



34 Joseph Lovejoy

THUNDERBIRD MEN Record: 9-21

- 4 Andre Clark, 6'1" (SO) Guard, Business, Harlem, NY, Fredrick Douglas Academy
- 10 Jerel Wilhite, 6'2" (FR) Guard, Health/Phy Ed, Indianapolis, IN, Indiana Math/Science Academy HS
- 21 Chaske Valdez, 5'11" (SO) Guard, Computer Tech, N. Arapahoe/Lakota, Ethete, WY, WY Indian HS
- 24 Bruce Ward, 6'8" (SO) Center, Criminal Justice, Oneida Tribe, Oneida, WI, West De Pere HS
- 33 John Soundingsides, 5'9" (FR) Guard, Education, N. Arapahoe, Ethete, WY, WY Indian HS
- 34 Joseph Lovejoy, 5'11" (FR) Guard, Auto Tech, Spirit Lake, Ft. Totten, ND, Four Winds HS

Head Coach: Kevin Rice
Assistant Coach: Delmar Clown Jr.

Team Assistants: James Bagwell, Devero Yellow Earring, Jeff Oster, Wacey Weeks

Athletic Director: Hunter Berg
College President: Phil Baird

Athletic Trainer: Leah Washington, Sanford Sports Medicine

First UTTC Winter Market attracts buyers



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POPULAR SPOT: The table of artist Butch Thunder Hawk, seated, attracted plenty of interest during the United Tribes Winter Market held March 15 at the college. Thunder Hawk is a long-time instructor in the college's art program and one of 21 vendors who took part in the indoor market. At left, David and Charisse Fandrich look over his prints. The market features

locally-grown foods, and local vendors and artists and artisans. Co-sponsors with UTTC were the BisMan Community Food Co-op (<http://bisman-foodcoop.com/>) and Go! Bismarck-Mandan (<http://gobismarckmandan.org/>). Markets are scheduled for April 26 and May 17. Vendor space is free of charge. More info: Colette S. Wolf, 701-255-3285 x 1426, cwolf@uttc.edu.

Valentine's Day Open House at Wellness Center



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PRETTY PETALS: Surely wellness is at the foundation of all that is fun and happy, including on the day of hearts. From left, Kristin Erck, Mechelle Iron Cloud and Olivia Tusk-Reese send up a flower-petal greeting for those attending an open house at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center on February 14. The Valentine's Day event featured light-hearted banter, refreshments and snacks for all campus attendees.



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Looking for insight during King Holiday

EYES ON THE PRIZE: *The lights are dim and audience attention is riveted on the showing of a video about Martin Luther King Jr. on January 20 at United Tribes. Rather than take the entire holiday off, the college hosts an educational event about civil rights. One of the speakers, Brian Palecek, a United Tribes instructor seen here at right, said there has always been a question about what to do on this day. "We know what we're supposed to do on other holidays and we always seem to know why we're doing it," Palecek told the audience that included college students and elementary school youngsters. "There's a reason we remember Martin Luther King who worked so hard to end racism, because we still have the problem today."*



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