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 UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
 BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

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## Doing what it takes to succeed



**TABLE TALK:** United Tribes students Raygina Johnson, left, and Jessica Miller pour over text books and notes about maternal and child care February 23 at the college. Their study-group of second-year Nursing

students meets at a table in the college's Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center, sharing insights and avoiding distractions at home. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

## Studying together promotes group success

BISMARCK (UTN) – Tutoring is part of college life – a way of supplementing instruction outside the classroom.

Even though it's a proven strategy, some college students avoid tutoring. And that

presents a challenge for how to structure and offer the kinds of assistance students might need.

"I think there's a fear of having to ask for help," says Tasha Bordeaux, a UTTC

Criminal Justice student who tutors three days per week. "Some are OK with asking but some are not. And some wait 'till it's too late."

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United Tribes Technical College  
**STUDENT SENATE & ATHLETIC Awards Banquet**  
 THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 ♦ 6PM  
 MORE INFO: DEVERO YELLOW EARRING  
 701-255-3285 X1355. DYELLOWEARRING@UTTC.EDU

United Tribes Technical College  
**Class of 2015 Commencement Ceremony**  
 Friday, May 8 ♦ 1 PM  
 Lone Star Arena (weather permitting)  
 United Tribes Technical College Campus  
 3315 University Drive ♦ Bismarck, ND  
 Keynote: A. Gay Kingman, Executive Director, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association ♦ Traditional Meal served after program  
 Indoor location: James Henry Gym ♦ Graduate photos: 9 AM-12 PM  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
 More info: Carla Gerriets, cgerriets@uttc.edu, 701-255-3285 x 1446

**Spring Health Fair**  
 Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
 Noon to 4 p.m.  
 United Tribes Gymnasium  
 More Info Jamie McLeod:  
 255-3285 x 1563, Jami.Mcleod@uttc.edu

# U.S. Attorney served Indian Country



**MOVING ON:** The United Tribes board honored a public servant who elevated one Federal agency's record of service to Indian Country. After four years on the job, Tim Purdon left his position in March as North Dakota's U.S. Attorney to enter private legal practice. During his tenure he met frequently with tribal leaders and law officers to pursue anti-violence strategies. He actively prosecuted crimes on reservations, protecting children and tribal citizens from drug-dealers, abusers and human-traffickers. His 2014 Consultation Conference with ND Tribal leaders featured an ad-

dress by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, setting a standard of involvement for the Justice Dept. in tribal issues. From left, Councilman Frank White Bull, Standing Rock; Councilman David Flute, Sisseton-Wahpeton; Councilwoman Nancy Greene-Robertson, Spirit Lake; Chairman Dave Archambault II, Standing Rock; U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon; Chairwoman Myra Pearson, Spirit Lake; Chairman Richard McCloud; Turtle Mountain; Councilman Jim Baker, Turtle Mountain; UTTC President Russ McDonald.



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# Department of Transportation and United Tribes partner on workforce training

BISMARCK (UTN) – The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) have a new collaboration underway for workforce training. The partnership announced February 3 will enhance UTTC’s curriculum and provide a pathway for trained workers to fill high-demand transportation jobs across the state of North Dakota.

The partnership focuses on UTTC’s Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) and Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) programs. Students in the programs will receive hands-on experience from NDDOT personnel, including job shadowing, mentoring, and equipment training. The state agency will work with UTTC on further developing the college’s training curriculum to ensure graduates are prepared for and have the opportunity for careers in the transportation industry.

“There’s a strong need to fill jobs in this area of the public sector workforce,” says Leander “Russ” McDonald, United Tribes Technical College president. “The data shows a high level of jobs availability throughout the state. This partnership is a solid connection for job placement and we have high hopes for being part of the solution to this particular workforce need.”

United Tribes has offered HEO and CDL training for three years as part of a regional tribal college workforce training consortium known as DeMaND. Programs offer accelerated learning using the latest training simulators and state of the art equipment. Although the programs are based at tribal colleges, enrollment is open to individuals of any ethnic or racial background who are North Dakota residents, possess a valid driver’s license, and meet the program criteria.

“This partnership will help expand career opportunities for these students by helping them obtain technical skills they need,” said NDDOT Director Grant Levi. “This will help the DOT and the transportation industry by creating skilled workers



United Tribes President Russ McDonald at the microphone during an event February 3 announcing a partnership for workforce training. At rear center, NDDOT Director Grant Levi, and Scott Davis of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission. United Tribes News photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN

that are in demand across the state.”

Currently the NDDOT has 350 snow plow operators who perform road maintenance across the state. The department has similar partnerships with other educational institutions, but this is the first that specifically targets Equipment Operators and Transportation Technicians.

“Students graduating from this program now have choices for a career or create their own business at home, throughout our state and region,” says Scott Davis, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission direc-

tor. “The NDDOT and UTTC are building a very strategic opportunity here that has benefits all around.”

The partnership also allows NDDOT employees’ access to recertification or refresher courses in all applicable trades taught in UTTC’s DeMaND program, such as equipment operation, welding and electrical technology.

For more information contact DeMaND Director Rae Gunn 701-255-3285 x 1491 or NDDOT HR Officer Jason Sutheimer 701-328-4358.



United Tribes students who learn truck driving and heavy equipment operation will benefit from a partnership the college has formed with the ND Dept. of Transportation.

# New Student Orientation

BISMARCK (UTN) – New students at United Tribes showed a measure of perseverance braving sub-zero temps to attend spring term orientation at the college in Bismarck.

Sixty-four students signed-in and participated in events and activities January 8-9, preparing themselves for the start of classes on January 12.

“How dedicated you are coming to school today,” said an enthusiastic United Tribes President Russ McDonald on a morning when the mercury dipped to nearly 20 below. “Thank you for coming here. Thank you for being with us. We will do our best to help with your educational path.”

It was McDonald’s first UTTC orientation event as president. He’d been on the job for just over two months.

“There’s a large Native community in the Bismarck/Mandan area; a lot of culture here from the Great Plains,” he said. “And I’ve been pleased to see our presence not only on campus but in the community as well.”

The new president invited students to come and see him if they have issues or needs. He made the commitment to bring-



UTTC President Russ McDonald speaking to new students gathered January 8 for orientation.

in those on the staff who can help and solve problems. “I think what you’ll find, it’s like a big family here,” he said. “A lot of good people and resources are here to help you get through your education.”

The two-day orientation schedule included briefings, testings and tours, along with the uncommon treat of welcome talks from

North Dakota tribal leaders who serve on the college board of directors.

Orientation was coordinated by UTTC’s Career Development staff and involved personnel in the college’s Student and Campus Services division, college administration, and the division of Academic, Career and Technical Education.



New students experienced an uncommon treat as part of their orientation. Members of the college board welcomed them to the campus with encouraging and supportive remarks on January 9. On the board are elected chairs of four of the state’s five tribes, from left: Standing

Rock Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II; Spirit Lake Tribal Chair Myra Pearson; speaking Three Affiliated/MHA Nation Chairman Mark Fox; Turtle Mountain Council Representative Jim Baker; Turtle Mountain Chairman Richard McCloud; and United Tribes President Russ McDonald.

# at United Tribes



Occasionally parents help new students get off to a good start at orientation. Ramona Schell, at left, has an advantage most parents don't; she works in the United Tribes Admissions Dept. She accompanied her daughter Amanda, a new student in college's Criminal Justice Program.

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*-Dr. Leander R. McDonald*



A student at orientation poring over a copy of United Tribes News.

## AT-A-GLANCE

### Spring 2015 Enrollment

#### TOP FIVE TRIBES:

- Three Affiliated: 29 Female, 13 Male
- Cheyenne River: 31 Female, 11 Male
- Standing Rock: 31 Female, 10 Male
- Turtle Mountain: 24 Female, 13 Male
- Oglala Tribe: 22 Female, 12 Male
- Number of Tribes Represented: 45

#### TOP FOUR STATES:

- North Dakota
- Montana
- South Dakota
- Wyoming

#### TOP FOUR PROGRAMS:

- Business Administration
- Criminal Justice
- Nursing
- Education
- Average Student Age: 27

## How to “Face the Red”

### Take Control of Your Student Loan Debt

By Fred McLaughlin,  
UTTC Student Financial Aid

**D**oes the thought of your student loan debt keep you up at night?

Maybe you’re avoiding thinking about it.

Well, it’s time to face-the-music. But you don’t have to fear it.

And here’s some good news.

United Tribes Technical College has partnered with a free educational resource that will show you how to take control of your student loan debt.

UTTC has joined SALT, to give you access to a support network that can help you make better decisions about spending, saving, and borrowing. SALT can help you “Face the Red” by teaching you how to borrow less, borrow the best type of loan for your situation, repay your loans stress-free, and build money skills for life.

United Tribes cannot wholly erase debt for students and alumni but we can give you the tools you need to succeed and be positioned for financial success. It’s about creating financial competency to take control, not only of student loans but all finances as you transition from college to the workplace.

SALT can Help:

1. Student Loan Big Picture: Log on to [www.saltmoney.org](http://www.saltmoney.org) and import your loan data into the dashboard to track all of your loans in one place. Find the right repayment fit by comparing the pros and cons of various options. Then plan for the future and figure out how far your money will take you based on your projected income and where you’ll live.

2. Money Coach: Train to be money savvy. Use SALT’s interactive education modules to get up-to-speed on financial fundamentals; study-up on paying for college and repaying student loans, and learn about budgeting for a big purchase.

3. Educational Info: Get advice on money-related topics, from credit cards to salaries, careers, and more. Check out the SALT Blog for ideas about loans, budgeting, careers, and other financial topics in a fun way—stories about people and conversations about food, pop culture, or anything related to money and your life.

4. Exclusive Benefits: SALT offers a searchable database of over 50,000 job and internship opportunities from more than 23,000 employers, as well as an updated list of more than 2 million scholarships worth \$15 billion.

5. Loan Advice: As a SALT member, you have access to chat with a student loan expert one-on-one via email or phone.

More info: Fred McLaughlin, United Tribes Student Financial Aid, [fmclaughlin@uttc.edu](mailto:fmclaughlin@uttc.edu). 701-255-3285 x 3123. Visit [www.saltmoney.org](http://www.saltmoney.org), or follow SALT at Facebook.com/saltmoney or @SALT\_Money on Twitter.

# Studying together promotes group success

Bordeaux applies her love of writing by tutoring at United Tribes Technical College. At tables and in classrooms of the college's Student Life and Technology Center, she and other students offer peer tutoring to help students navigate the learning-curves of college courses. Instructors and staff members are there too.

## Help-Seeking

"I've had certain students say they don't want to seek tutoring services because they don't want to look dumb," says Dr. Angelique Gillis, UTTC Wellness Center Psychology Resident. "Or they don't want to show people they're failing. They want to try to handle it on their own, when it might be the case that they need the help."

Being tutored is considered a "help-seeking behavior," says Gillis, like going to the doctor. In the case of college students, there are plenty of stressful situations in their daily lives in addition to their studies. Occasionally it's negative thoughts or perceptions about tutoring. It calls for developing coping skills and mechanisms, like time management, that will help in school and daily life.

## Family Learning

United Tribes offers math and English tutoring for at least several hours each day of the week. The college purchased a professional on-line tutoring service called "SMARTHINKING." One particular initiative, started in 2013, targets a certain group of students. A "Single Parent" program serves those whose home lives are brim-full.



Instructor Marge Palaniuk working with Liberal Arts student Shania Rickford on a math concept.

"The goal is to provide single parents with the time they need to study without the distractions and demands of home," says Carla Gerriets, UTTC's Retention Coordinator. "Daycare is regularly provided by the college but during class-time only."

From late afternoon into the evening, two days per week, a dual-purpose family learning session is underway: tutoring in one location and child care nearby. Gerriets coordinates a partnership between her office, the college's Land Grant Programs and the private sector employer AETNA. While the parents study, child care aides supervise and instruct the youngsters, and provide healthy snacks and toys.

"Leading up to mid-terms there was a big

demand," says Gerriets, who expects the same during finals. "We don't really have enough people-power to cover all the tutoring demands...and it's really necessary. Our students, particularly those in prep-classes need the time to focus on studying."

## Group Approach

Although the internet is filled with tutoring programs and offers for tutoring services, it is the "study group" approach that appears to be more attractive to those reluctant to seek help.

"We are more of a collectivistic culture," says Dr. Gillis of tribal people.

There's less emphasis on the success of people as individuals who get ahead on their own, she explains. People with a collectivist outlook are more family and group oriented. The goal is to help the group survive and succeed.

"I believe that's the mentality that young people have, coming from the reservation," she says. "You looked-out for your family and helped them get ahead. You're not going out just to succeed on your own and make yourself feel good."

Getting a college education is seen as a way of helping the family and many who earn a degree intend to return home to "help their people."

An "individualistic" culture is predom-



English Study Group tutor Tasha Bordeaux with Criminal Justice student Mike Gopher (Blackfeet) Browning, MT, going over the assignment of a reflective paper for a class in English Composition.

inant at mainstream colleges and universities, where there's a lot of competition for grades and status.

"I don't think you see that in a tribal college setting," says Gillis. "People are going to help their partners and peers, and they're going to help you."

Looking at the concept of tutoring through the cultural lens, the stigma to avoid is being seen as trying to get ahead of others.

"In the mainstream, I'm going to seek tutoring and do better than you. I'm going to get those extra points. I'm going to suck-up to the teacher," says Gillis. But tribal students have a different approach: "I'm not trying to get ahead. I'm trying to stay with you. Let's all work together here."

Gillis acknowledges there will be success with either approach, but the tribal way "doesn't pit people against each other; it puts them in cooperation to succeed together for the benefit of their people."

#### Other Settings

The importance of group success is a value in the tribal college setting where people often go above and beyond to help students succeed.

Gillis says a collectivist orientation also has advantages for students entering the work-world, particularly when it comes to teamwork. Those comfortable with it "will be able to rely on others and not be dependent on them, and rely on them to help you and whoever you're working with."

#### Putting it Off

*Procrastination is a formula for failure. It's true in the work-world and certainly true for college students, especially when it gets to "crunch time."*

*"Putting it off" is a non-adaptive behavior, according to Dr. Angeliq Gillis of UTTC. Students everywhere do it, not just at tribal colleges.*

*"You always hear about people 'cramming' for mid-terms or finals. That's intermittent reinforcement," she says. "Whenever you cram and get the grade, it may not be the best you can do but it's passing. And you're reinforced in that." The preferred way would be to reinforce throughout the semester to get the grades and not necessarily just when it's needed at the exams.*

*Her advice: Be proactive and develop patterns of productive behavior throughout, versus waiting and having to catch up.*

*Dr. Angeliq Gillis (Arikara/Turtle Mt. Chippewa) is an enrolled citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation; her PhD is in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Dakota.*



United Tribes  
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## Academic Calendar

### APRIL

- 3 ..... Good Friday (No Classes)
- 6 ..... Easter Monday (No Classes)
- 10 ..... Dakota Digital Film Festival
- 14 ..... UTTC Blood Drive
- 18 ..... THUNDERBIRD SPRING RUN
- 20 ..... Impaired Driving Simulator on Campus
- 21 ..... Health Fair/Relay for Life
- 25 ..... Winter Market

### MAY

- 4-6 ..... Final Exams
- 6 ..... Market Place for Kids @ UTTC
- 7 ..... Final Grades Due
- 8 ..... UTTC Commencement
- 11 ..... Assessment Day
- 18 ..... TJES Last Day of Classes
- 18 ..... Housing Check-In
- 27-29 ..... Summer Registration/Orientation

### JUNE

- 1 ..... Summer 2015 Classes Begin
- 9 ..... Last Day to Register, Add or Drop a Class
- 30 ..... Last Day to Drop a Course

### JULY

- 4 ..... Independence Day (No Classes)
- 27-30 ..... Summer Final Exams
- 31 ..... Final Grades Due

## College Fund Student-of-the- Year for UTTC



ALBUQUERQUE – Logan Maxon is the 2014-15 American Indian College Fund Student-of-the-Year for United Tribes Technical College.

Maxon was among 34 American Indian scholarship recipients honored March 19 during the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference in Albuquerque.

Maxon is a second year student in the United Tribes Art/Art Marketing Program and an enrolled citizen of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation.

He is the first in his family to attend college and the first to receive a degree when he graduates with an associate degree in Graphic Design in May. He hopes to earn a job as a graphic designer and work in the field he loves.

The College Fund's Student-of-the-Year program is sponsored by the Adolph Coors Foundation. Each honoree is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

## AICF 25th Anniversary Celebrations

The American Indian College Fund invites you celebrate its anniversary at two exciting gala events. Thanks to your partnership, the college fund supports Native college students and the network of tribal colleges and universities that give them a chance to receive a quality education.

*Join us at the event nearest you!*

Los Angeles, CA – April 11, 2015

Chicago, IL – May 8, 2015

More Info [www.collegefund.org/gala](http://www.collegefund.org/gala)

# Tribal-State Address Marks 30 Years

## Speeches Now Available Online

BISMARCK (UTN) – When the chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe spoke to a joint session of the North Dakota Legislature in early January, his appearance marked 30 years of formal communication about the relationship between Tribes and the State of North Dakota.

*“We are here today as survivors of a relationship fraught with broken promises, misguided policies, poverty, disease, assimilation, relocation, acculturation, and termination.*

*“And we will be here for all the tomorrows yet to come, long after you, your children, and your children’s children are drawn from this great state by the lure of a life not tied to the land.*

*“We are tied to this land. We were always tied to this land. We always will be tied to this land. We are going nowhere. It is your people who are leaving.”*

– *Chwm. Ila Lohnes, Devils Lake Sioux Tribe, January 9, 1991*

SRST Chairman Dave Archambault II presented the 16th “State of the Tribal-State Relationship” address January 8 at the State Capitol in Bismarck. Archambault was the third leader from Standing Rock to address the state’s top elected leaders in this forum since the practice began in 1985.

All have been tribal chairs elected from the five tribes located wholly or in part in



Standing Rock Chairman Dave Archambault II addressing a joint session of the North Dakota Legislature on January 8, 2015. United Tribes News photos ♦ DENNIS J. NEUMANN

North Dakota. All have used the occasion to express thoughts about subjects that matter most to tribes and tribal people.

“Remember we are all citizens of this state; we all contribute to the state’s economy,” said Archambault, describing the lack of access to affordable credit. “Unfortunately, it is the individuals living on our reservations – the most impoverished areas of the state – that face the greatest barriers. We ask that you help us remove those barriers, so that these individuals can help build a better future for themselves, their families, our Tribal Nations, and our State.”

The Chairman’s 23 minute speech of-

fered a business-like perspective, informed by his higher education degrees in business and management, his experience as a business owner on Standing Rock, and his work in tribal higher education and jobs training.

Like those who preceded him at the rostrum, Archambault described the challenges and goals for economic development on the reservations, where unemployment has registered from 40 to 80 percent, and “far exceed(s) the conditions that existed when our nation underwent the great depression of the 1930s,” one chairman said. “The economic conditions...shock the conscience.”

*“There is a perception that there’s a great pot of money that takes care of our needs. That is totally false. It’s totally untrue. That would be the same as saying farmers are all taken-care-of because the Federal Government provides for them with CRP...the largest welfare checks in the country.”*

– *Chmn. Richard J. LaFromboise, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, January 8, 1999*

## Speech Themes

Tribal leaders have reached-out for cooperation in the speeches, along with inclusion in state programs. They point out the government-to-government relationship and recommend areas where the state might pay attention, work harder, pass laws or loosen the purse strings. There’ve been appeals to work together on jurisdictional issues, to fight poverty on the reservations, combat unemployment, improve educa-



Myra Pearson and then-Governor John Hoeven following a gift-giving in 2009.



tional opportunities, promote fairness in the justice system, erase misunderstanding, and combat prejudice. One leader added that lawmakers should “take an Indian to lunch” to learn more about the humanity of Indian People.

*“The economic conditions that exist on North Dakota’s Indian reservations shock the conscience. Unemployment ranges anywhere from 60 percent to as high as 80 percent. These far exceed the conditions that existed when our nation underwent the great depression of the 1930s. Yet, whenever tribes attempt to improve their economic conditions, tribes are often met with forced opposition from the State...whether it’s in the area of hunting and fishing, taxation, or Indian gaming.”*

– Chmn. Edward Lone Fight, Three Affiliated Tribes, January 6, 1989

### Speech Origins

The idea for a “State of the Relationship Address” came about in 1983. It was the brainchild of Brian Palecek of the North Dakota Peace Coalition, now English and Humanities instructor at United Tribes Technical College. It emerged from discussions with state lawmakers, and conversations and meetings with then UTTC President David Gipp, activist and UTTC Attorney Tom Disselhorst, and ND Indian Affairs Commission Director Juanita Hephrey.

Palecek shuttled between tribal leaders on the United Tribes Board of Directors and lawmakers on legislative committees, coordinating a dialogue that resulted in an invitation to the tribes to present the first address during the 1985 Session. The opportunity for this level of communication took root and remarkably has remained part of North Dakota’s legislative process.

### Occasion for Ceremony

The setting for the tribal address is on the third day of the legislative session, convened every-other year in January. It follows two formal speeches on the first and second legislative days respectively: The “State of the State” by the Governor and the “State of the Judiciary” by the Supreme Court Chief Justice. The ceremony and protocols observed for state leaders is likewise extended to the tribal leaders: formal introductions, escorts to and from the chamber, standing applause and many handshakes of support and respect. The occasion includes prayers



A standing-ovation for Richard McCloud in 2013.

in word, and occasionally in song, in the speakers’ Native tongue, along with Flag and Honor Songs from singers at a drum.

In the audience are virtually all of the movers and shakers of state government. Seated in the legislative chamber are elected officials in the executive branch from the Governor on down, members of the State Supreme Court, all of the lawmakers elected to the State Legislature, a good many appointed officials of state government, and the chairs and/or representatives of the five Tribes. Tribal high school and college student groups are present in the gallery, as well as tribal friends, family and well-wishers.

Other events have been added to the day, bringing depth and detail to the occasion. Prior to the speech there is a briefing session for state agencies to provide status reports on tribal-related issues. And there are tribal recognition and gift-giving presentations, along with a tradition meal served for all by United Tribes students and staff in the capitol’s Great Hall.

*“North Dakota has been a leader in Indian education. Nevertheless, there is much more to accomplish. There is a need to further develop Indian curriculum and to update materials that are available in school systems throughout the state. The State Dept. of Public Instruction’s Office of Indian Education will need more substantial support in carrying out this mission.”*

– Chmn. Russell Hawkins, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, January 10, 1985

### All Tribes Involved



Russell Hawkins presented the first “Tribal-State” address in 1985.

All of the state’s tribes have had a turn at presenting the address. The first was Russell Hawkins, chair of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (now Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate), the only speaker from that tribe. Leaders of the

Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation (Fort Berthold) have presented five times, the most of any tribe. Turtle Mountain leaders have taken the podium four times, and three each for the leaders of Standing Rock and the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe (now Spirit Lake).

Two leaders have presented twice: Richard J. LaFromboise of Turtle Mountain in 1987 and 1999, and Tex G. Hall of Three Affiliated in 2003 and 2011. The two female leaders who gave the address were both from Spirit Lake: Ila Lohnes in 1991 and Myra Pearson in 2009. Deciding who makes the presentation takes place in meetings of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, on which all the tribes are represented.

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# Tribal Colleges and Universities recognized

## Week Highlighted Important Educational Work

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The vital work of Tribal Colleges and Universities was recognized nationally as students and educators from TCU's across the country visited the nation's capital during the week of February 8, 2015.

A group representing United Tribes Technical College, led by UTTC President Russ McDonald, was there to participate in "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week."

Events of the week on Capitol Hill coincided with the winter meeting of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), which has long sponsored and organized meetings and discussions in DC focusing on tribal higher education.

### Spotlight on TCUs

The Congressional resolution designating the "TCU's Week," was passed with the help of North Dakota U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp.

"All across America we have teachers helping students in some of the poorest, most remote corners of our nation," said Heitkamp, an advocate for increased educational opportunities for Native students. "We have students who are committed to persevering, have been raised with the cultural strength of their tribe, and are determined to shine brighter to make this world a better place."

In a statement representing tribal colleges, AIHEC thanked Heitkamp and other Senators who joined in shining a spotlight on TCUs.

"The nation's TCUs, which are tribally or federally chartered, operate more than 75 campuses and sites in 16 states," wrote AIHEC. "Yet, they remain virtually unknown to mainstream America. We hope [this] will broaden the recognition of TCUs as accredited, public institutions of higher education that are planting resilient seeds of hope for the future; nurturing and sustaining Native languages, cultures, and tra-



**QUALITY TIME IN DC:** United Tribes participants in National Tribal College's Week, seen February 11 with Senator Heidi Heitkamp, from left, UTTC Financial Aid Adviser Tashina Dupris; UTTC President Russ McDonald; Senator Heitkamp; and students Charnelle LeDoux (Navajo) Belcourt, ND and Marcy Joe (San Carlos Apache) Peridot, AZ. Photo courtesy Senator Heitkamp's office.

ditions; and helping to build tribal economies, governments, and a strong Native workforce, all of which will benefit not just Indian Country, but the nation, as a whole."

### Improve Opportunities

Heitkamp said she is "awestruck" by the commitment of educators and staff at the five tribal colleges in North Dakota: Turtle Mountain Community College, Fort Berthold Community College, United Tribes Technical College, Sitting Bull College and Cankdeska Cikana Community College.

Long an advocate for increased educational opportunities for Native students, Heitkamp said she would "keep fighting" for more solutions to improve opportunities for Native youth. "Together, we can make sure that all of our students have the chance to thrive," she said.

Joining Heitkamp to recognize "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week" were a bipartisan group of 16 other Senators: John Thune (R-SD), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), John Barrasso (R-WY), Steve Daines (R-MT), Al Franken (D-MN), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), John Hoeven (R-ND), Amy Klobuchar (D-

MN), James Lankford (R-OK), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Patty Murray (D-WA), Gary Peters (D-MI), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Tom Udall (D-NM).

*Information for this item supplied by Senator Heitkamp's office*

## Budget Increase

A topic during Tribal Colleges Week in DC was the proposed \$1.5 Billion funding increase in President Obama's 2016 budget to help Native children. The increase would support education, social services, justice, health, infrastructure, and stewardship of natural resources, with specific focus on Native youth through the Administration's "Generation Indigenous" initiative.

Senator Heitkamp linked the proposed funding increase to discussions she has had with the President and his cabinet secretaries about the need to improve the lives of Native children, and to his visit to the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota where he met with Native young people last June.

## Heitkamp Senate Committee Work

Senator Heidi Heitkamp continues to serve on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs during the 114th Congress. She says she will continue advocating for improving the lives of Native children and increasing tribal self-determination. Working its way through Congress is her first bill as a U.S. Senator. The measure would create a commission to study the challenges Native kids face and offer solutions for ensuring they are protected and have economic and educational opportunities to thrive.

In the Violence Against Women Act, Heitkamp worked to protect women and children living on Native lands by pushing for the right of tribal governments to prosecute non-Native perps who commit crimes on tribal lands. She also introduced legislation, which Congress passed, to level the playing field for Indian tribes by ending unfair tax policies infringing on tribal governments' sovereignty.

Heitkamp's Other Assignments:

- Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
- Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
- Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

## United Tribes Color and Honor Guard



**SERVICE GROUP:** It is a rare gathering in the Tribal setting where a color guard is not present to get proceedings underway and completed. The "United Tribes Color and Honor Guard" serves regularly and with distinction at college and tribal functions. Occasionally the group of UTTC staff and student veterans is asked to serve at off-campus events. Contact Louis Laundreaux, pictured here at left: 701-255-3285 x 1489, [llaundreaux@uttc.edu](mailto:llaudreaux@uttc.edu). At right, carrying the Eagle Staff is Terry Moericke. DENNIS J. NEUMANN<>United Tribes News

## Working in Indian Country



**OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN:** At left, author Larry Keown makes a point January 28 during a workshop about building successful relationships with tribes. Kewon facilitated a two-day professional development workshop at United Tribes for government workers. The sessions were aimed at enhancing relationships through knowledge, understanding and trust, and developing effective consultation protocols. The training was sponsored by the Association on American Indian Affairs, USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Services, Wildlife Services and United Tribes Technical College.

### LEADERS TO LEARN FROM

*Informal talks by experienced tribal leaders*

**Standing Rock Tribal Chairman  
David Archambault II**

*Friday, April 17, Noon-1 p.m.*

*Jack Barden Center*

*United Tribes Technical College*

**Lunch Provided!**

**Presented by: United Tribes Technical College, ND Indian Affairs Commission, Agency MABU, Native American Development Center**

**More Info:**

**[nativeamericandevlopmentcenter.com](http://nativeamericandevlopmentcenter.com)**

# Interpreting tradition thro

## One Student's Creative Pathway

BISMARCK (UTN) – Gene Ramon Declay has a new medium to express himself. And it appears to be serving him well.

“I worked on this painting for a long time,” says the former United Tribes Student Senate president. “I really thought about it a lot. Put it away for a while to think. It took a whole year.”

Friends call him Geno and his mere presence at United Tribes is a reminder of the diversity on this tribal college campus. He is White Mountain Apache and Akimel O’odham (Pima). He and his wife Marian, a UTTC Business student, are from the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona.

After some successes in the contemporary Native music scene, three-years-ago they enrolled at UTTC to address what they perceived as a shortcoming in their many life experiences: lack of a formal education.



Apache Crown dancers at United Tribes.



Gene “Geno” Declay, a UTTC Art-Art Marketing graduate, with his acrylic on canvas interpretive painting of an Apache ceremony. United Tribes News photos ♦ DENNIS J. NEUMANN

Geno built on his experience with music and video to earn a degree in digital media in the college’s Art/Art Marketing program. Then he turned-off the mic for a while and turned to drawing and painting, earning another degree in graphic design.

“When I got here I didn’t know I could do this. Three years is fast. The music took 10-12 years to put out my first album,” he says. “The paintings were something totally unexpected.”

### Scene From Home

Now at age 44, his delivery platform might be two-dimensional but his frame-of-reference is the universe. And his inspiration is from within the culture and within himself.

This is a scene from “back home,” he says of the two-foot by three-foot canvas. “Where I’m from, is high up in the mountains, with pines and cedar, wonderful scenery.”

Titled “Birthplace of the Sun,” the work is his interpretation of a traditional Apache ceremony involving Painted Woman, the first female on Mother Earth, and, in particular, Crown Dancers. The ceremony is a four-day event featuring over 200 songs handed down the generations. He fixed his

attention on the very last song – for Crown Dancers – telling how they left earth and went up to the stars.

*“I’ve always wondered about that. About those beings, the Crown Dancers, or ‘mountain spirits’ in our language, and the Painted Woman. They all tie into this one ceremony.”*

– Gene Declay

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### Traditional Imagery

At center in his painting is Mother Earth, a conical arrangement of four fruit-bearing trees and a fire hearth, all representing motherhood. At either side of the diamond design are geometric shapes representing the Crown Dancers and their distinctive headwear.

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"In our traditional ceremonies we are interpreting the real Crown Dancers," Geno says of Apache culture. "In our stories, they came and pretty-much showed us how to live. But, there was some type of argument, from what I understand. A fight. So those beings left. The ceremony now is a re-creation of those beings."

"To me, it's almost like you're trying to call them back," he continues. "'We're sorry. You said you were gonna leave us and you did.' It's almost like we're kinda asking for pity to bring them back. To me that's what it is."

## Art Questioning

If one of the purposes of art is to raise questions that is precisely what Geno is up to. It's clear that he has second thoughts about doing so but the path toward understanding seems inevitable.

"As I'm getting older, I question the ceremonies," he explains. "When I was a kid, I was told 'this is what we do.' Now that I'm getting older and starting to understand the songs. I'm 'like wow.' So you're telling me that these Crown Dancers up and left to the stars. Wow! For that to be the very last song of this very important four-day ceremony says a lot."

## Telling Stories

What Geno would like others to see in this work is a modern, technological take on a traditional subject. He says he keeps his drawings traditional but tries to make them different.

"This is something I really thought about a lot," he says. "Everything has a meaning. It's a beautiful ceremony, one we still do."

What became of this artwork is what artists at United Tribes are taught to do in the marketing phases of the UTTC art program. Several of Geno's paintings have already sold, including this one.

"I'm definitely going to do more stuff, more paintings. Just keep building on what I love to do and that's being creative and trying to tell a story about myself and my People."

## Spring 2015 Merit-Based Special Endowment Scholarships

### American Indian College Fund

#### Marie L. Lavallard Scholarships

Dakota Eagle (Three Affiliated) Cannonball, ND; Cherikie S. Tillman (Eastern Shoshone) Fort Washkatie, WY; Michael Montclair (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND; Tonia White (Sisseton/Wahpeton) Morris, MN.

#### Nyswande Mason Native American Education Scholarships

Marian P. Declay (White Mountain Apache) Bismarck; Teresa Hughes (Northern Arapahoe) FT. Washakie, WY.

#### Armstrong Foundation Scholarships

Lauren Derrick (Standing Rock) Solen, ND; Heather Demaray (Three Affiliated) Bismarck; Jonathan Berryhill (Three Affiliated) Bismarck; Alicia Cuny (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck.

#### Gutstein Endowed Scholarship

Joshua Standing Elk (Three Affiliated) Bismarck

#### L.P. Brown Foundation Tribal College Scholarships

Charnelle Ledoux (Navajo Nation) Belcourt, ND; Alyssia Howling Wolf (Three Affiliated) Mandan, ND; Lisa Taylor (Turtle Mountain) Eagle Butte, SD; Marlee Finley (Three Affiliated) Bismarck; Brianna D. Provost (Yankton) Mandan, ND.

#### Allstate Foundation Tribal College Scholarship

Karissa Smith (Spirit Lake) St. Michael, ND.

#### Dagna Simpson Endowed Scholarships

Logan Maxon (Three Affiliated) Bismarck; Tammy La Fountain (Northern Cheyenne) Billings, MT; Tynesha Swagger (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Lindsey Isburg (Sisseton/Wahpeton) Chamberlin, SD; Stella Wilson (Sisseton/Wahpeton) Bismarck.

#### Marchella Heyd Endowed Scholarship

Samantha White Bull (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND

#### Leibowitz/Greenway Family Charitable Foundation Tribal College Scholarships

Brittany Whitebird (Standing Rock) Rapid City, SD; Brandon Kohler (Colville Confederated Tribes) Inchelium, WA; Grace Lambert (Spirit Lake) Fort Totten, ND.

#### Peter and Dorothy Lapp Foundation

Alvena Little Whiteman (Northern Arapahoe) Bismarck; Jeremiah Nadeau (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Anthony Potter (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD; Brenda Kills Small (Standing Rock) Bismarck; Ashley Clements (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck.

#### Congratulations to all recipients!

- Tashina Dupris, Student Financial Aid Officer

## Human Resource Department UPDATE

By Wes Long Feather, Human Resource Director

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to make the college's HR department more responsive to campus needs. Here's a quick summary of recent activity:

**Employee Orientation:** Each Monday 9 a.m. to Noon; adding a campus tour for first-time employees; Adding briefings on JICS, Electronic PRs, Jenzabar and other systems.

**Policy & Procedure Manual:** A new and improved handbook is forthcoming; Electronic copy (.pdf) of current handbook is located in JICS in the Employee Info tab.

**Pre-Employment Drug Screening & Background Checks:** Currently these are done while employees are on probation. Soon the process will be undertaken at the pre-employment stage and employees will start work when successfully completed.

**HR Office Space:** HR has a new look and customer service will continue to be our utmost priority. A wall in our main conference area provides additional security and confidentiality for personnel matters and meetings.

**Job Description Updates:** The College's new organizational chart will be accompanied by updates to many job descriptions, reflecting changes in supervision.

**Ergonomic Initiative:** We are working with the Safety Department to establish an Ergonomic Initiative program.

**Out-Processing:** This process is being streamlined to make it easier for managers to ensure all UTTC property, materials and equipment are accounted-for when employees leave their service at the college.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we implement good changes for the organization. Let us know if you have any questions or need any information.

Also, please contact us if you would like a representative to attend a department meeting or make a class presentation about the importance of human resources to an organization. HR is a promising career choice and we're happy to share about the benefits and challenges in the field.

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# UTTC STAFF NEWS

## Return Welcomed



United Tribes welcomes the return of **Wes Long Feather** as director of the college's Human Resource Department. Wes was a leadership figure in UTTC's Administration and HR departments from 2003 to 2010. He served in the administration and personnel dept. of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and in public relations at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota before returning to the college in January. As head of HR, he's now involved in building success into the college's workforce and professional staff, a job he is familiar with.

- Editor

## New Academic Vice President

Congratulations to **Lisa Azure**, the new United Tribes Vice President of Academic Affairs. She has taught at UTTC for 21 years, starting at the elementary level at TJES and moving to postsecondary teaching in the field of Early Childhood Education. Her post-graduate work was at the University of North Dakota, where she earned a PhD in Teaching and Learning.



Lisa is a strong proponent of cultural-based teaching and developing teacher training programs oriented to the experience of American Indian students. She coordinated UTTC's development of bachelor's degree offerings in teacher education. Her work expanded the scope of teacher training programs, resulting in significant enrollment increases. She was named UTTC's American Indian College Fund Faculty Member of the Year in 2006. She continues to chair the Teacher Education Department.

## New Student Services Vice President



Congratulations to **Kathy Johnson** who was named UTTC's Vice President of Student Services. Kathy has been at UTTC since 2004. She served as director of Enrollment Services, supervising admissions, financial aid, registration, recruitment, and career devel-

opment. She served as Associate VP of Student and Campus Services and interim vice president of that division in 2014. Her work now focuses on providing direct services through more than one-dozen departments to United Tribes students who come from tribal communities all across the United States.

Kathy's higher education training includes an Associate Degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Fort Berthold Community College. Her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work is from Minot State University. And her MBA is from the University of Mary in Bismarck.

Kathy is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation. Her mother is Judy White Bear Fredericks and her late father is John "Buzz" Fredericks, Jr.

## New Campus Services Vice President

**Bill Gourneau** has returned to United Tribes as the college's Vice President of Campus Services. He formerly directed the college's Tribal Analytics Institute in 2004. His work now involves supervising the personnel of nine departments that provide services to the campus properties and associated support service functions.



Bill was awarded a Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship and was part of the inaugural group involved in the foundation's "Rebuilding Native Nations" initiative in 2010. He holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of North Dakota.

He twice served in senior leadership capacities at Turtle Mountain Community College: from 1996 to 2001 as the college's Dean of Academic Services and from 2005 to 2013 as Human Resources Director.

Bill is an enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; his wife, Linda (Three Affiliated), is a physician and they have two children, a son and daughter.

## President's Assistant

Congratulations to **Charisse Fandrich** on being named Executive Assistant to the United Tribes President. She served in that capacity on an interim basis over the

past year. She came to United Tribes in 2011 and served as Tribal and Community Development liaison in the college's Development Dept. A Black Hills native and Sicangu Lakota enrolled at Rosebud, Charisse has an extensive background working with income and community development. She and her husband David live in Mandan.

## Wellness Center Director

Please join in welcoming **Mike Iken** on his selection as the new Director of Community Wellness Services at United Tribes. He served in that capacity as interim director since July 2014, supervising the services provided in the college's Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. He is a licensed social worker (LSW) and licensed professional counselor (LPC), and a University of Mary alumnus with a BS in Social Work and MS in Community Counseling.



Mike joined United Tribes in 2010 as an academic and personal counselor. In 2012 he became director of UTTC's Center for Academic and Personal Counseling. His service in the wellness center includes coordinating campus veterans' services (since 2011) and managing the college's domestic violence grant programs (2012).

Congratulations to Mike on his new position!

- Wes Long Feather, Human Resource Director

## Heard on Radio

Radio talk shows have been a convenient way to get-to-know the new president of United Tribes. **Russ McDonald** made several appearances on radio in the opening weeks of the New Year. He was a guest January 22 on the Prairie Public Radio program "Main Street" ([www.prairiepublic.org/radio/mainstreet](http://www.prairiepublic.org/radio/mainstreet)) hosted by Doug Hamilton and heard statewide in ND.

The president made two appearances on Native America Calling (<http://nativeamericacalling.com>), the nationwide call-in program hosted by **Tara Gatewood** from the studios of KUNM in Albuquerque, NM.

On January 14 he contributed his personal story to a program about educational pathways for Native college students.

And on February 2 he joined **Bill Mendoza** of the White House Initiative on Indian Education and **Cheryl Crazy Bull** of the American Indian College Fund as guests on a program about “America’s College Promise,” the proposal for two years of tuition-free education at community colleges.

- Editor

### Nickname Committee

United Tribes President **Russ McDonald** was appointed in March to serve on a committee that will facilitate the choice of a permanent nickname for the University of North Dakota sporting teams. He is one of 11 volunteer committee members who will help narrow the choices for replacing the college’s former nickname retired in 2012. McDonald is a UND alumnus and former UND employee. The committee is expected to submit a “short list” of potential names by May.

- News Briefs

### Education Department Faculty

The UTTC Teacher Education department welcomes **Win O’Toole** as a faculty member. Dr. O’Toole recently moved to Bismarck from Wisconsin. She is a native of Chicago and has been an educator for 20 years. She holds a Master’s Degree in Special Education from the University of Illinois and a Master’s Degree and PhD from Harvard University. Prior to coming to UTTC, she was a college professor in Beirut, Lebanon, Ireland, and, most recently, Marian University, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Please join me in welcoming Win to United Tribes!

**Erik Cutler** is now department chair for the Business Management department. **Amy Mossett** resigned to pursue her passion for cultural tourism at home on the Three Affiliated/MHA Nation.



**Joelle Bearstail** is the new Early Childhood Curriculum Specialist, a position supported by the Prairie Rose Project. Her role is to implement the Reggio Emilia philosophy into the preschool curriculum and train center employees. She is located in room 204 in the Education Building. Joelle was a UTTC scholar in the Sweet Grass Project and completed her BS degree here in Elementary Education. She is an enrolled citizen of the MHA Nation, mother and wife of Shorty Bearstail.

- Lisa Azure,

VP Academic/Career/Technical Education

### New Assignments

Congratulations to following employees on their new role with United Tribes Technical College: **Katina DeCoteau**, Finance Director; **Randy Lamberth**, Campus Planner; **Tashina Dupris**, Financial Aid Officer; **Marcus Harrington**, Security.

Welcome! We wish you all the best!

- Wes Long Feather, Human Resource Director

### New Employees at United Tribes

Congratulations and welcome to the following individuals who have joined the United Tribes campus community: **Duane Steele**, Housing Custodian; **Joseph Roulette**, Security Officer; **Elijah Benson**, Security Officer; **Derrick Chaske**, Security Officer; **April Lindley**, Child Development Center/Infant Toddler Center Aide; **Linda Hugelen**, Agroecology Extension Educator; **Angel Young**, Data Technician; **India Frazier**, Billing Technician; **John Keller**, Strengthening Lifestyles Director; **Jazalyn Corley**, Financial Aid Advisor; **Joelle Bearstail**, Early Childhood Curriculum Specialist; **LaRan Gallineaux**, Temporary Housing Custodian.

- Wes Long Feather, Human Resource Director

### Family Tradition



Former United Tribes Security Director **James Red Tomahawk** shares news related to his family’s service in tribal law enforcement. His son, James Jr., seen here receiving his badge, recently became a BIA Police Officer at Crow Agency, MT. The younger Red Tomahawk has seven years of law enforcement experience, which began as a correctional officer for the Fort Peck Tribes. He became a tribal police officer at Fort Peck and later at Rocky Boy. Prior to joining the BIA Office of Justice Services, he was a Big Horn County Sheriff’s Deputy. The family’s long tradition of serving

in tribal law enforcement dates to the late 1880s, when Sgt. Marcellus Red Tomahawk became a leading figure in Standing Rock’s Tribal Police force. Marcellus is the Great, Great, Grandfather of James Red Tomahawk Jr. “We are so very proud of James Jr. and that the family name will go on in law enforcement,” said Red Tomahawk. “Keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues the service of protecting Indian Country.”

- JRT/Editor

### Successful Grant

Congratulations to UTTC Business Management instructor **Glen Philbrick** on his successful grant from the Administrative Council of the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. NCR-SARE will fund Glen’s 2015 Farmer Rancher Grant proposal for Quinoa Production in central North Dakota. The award is a partnership project with another producer to show evidence of proof of concept in quinoa production in ND.



### New Chapter

Friends, co-workers and well-wishers bid farewell to **Marcus Austin** at a reception February 12 at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. The well-liked director of the Strengthening Lifestyles Program for the past three years is off to a new chapter in life that includes pursuit of a master’s degree in Business Administration, likely at nearby University of Mary.

- Editor

## HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, help is always available.

Please contact:  
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UTTC Domestic Violence Advocate  
701-255-3285 x 1456  
dbelgarde@uttc.edu,  
Wellness Center - Room 110A



## New Team Member

Please welcome **Leland Vetter** to United Tribes; he's a new consulting member of the DeMaND team. Leland is part of the Welding Program and is working on, among other things, professional testing accreditation for the program. He also gives welding presentations. He's located in the Skill Center and is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

– *Rae L. Gunn, DeMaND Project Director*

## Workforce Training Transformative Change Initiative Learning Lab



Jarvis Bears Tail, enrolled member of the MHA Nation represented DeMaND at the 2015 Transformative Change Initiative Learning Lab in Baltimore, MD. Seen at far right on this panel, Jarvis shared his experience of successfully completing the DeMaND Welding Program at UTTC. DeMaND has been successful implementing short term and accelerated training through block scheduling. This is a strategy that the DeMaND Project has found to be transformative.

– *Rae L. Gunn, DeMaND Project Director*

# KNOW YOUR LEADERS

## Tribal Chairs & Presidents of the Great Plains Region

### SOUTH DAKOTA

**John Steele, President\***

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, SD

**Cyril Scott, President\*\***

Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, SD

**Roxanne Sazue, Chairperson\*\*\***

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, SD

**Tony Reider, President\*\*\*\***

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**Harold Frazier, Chairman**

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**Michael Jandreau, Chairman**

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**Bruce Renville, Chairman**

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**Myra Pearson, Chairperson**

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**Dave Archambault II, Chairman**

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, ND

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**Helpful information for UTTC  
business-related travel**  
**If you are checking out a UTTC vehicle  
for business related travel, here is  
some helpful information:**

**U**TTC owned vehicles are to be used for UTTC official business. Vehicles should be driven safely and responsibly. No smoking or alcohol use in the vehicles; and do not text or talk on the cell phone while driving the vehicle. Only qualified UTTC staff members are eligible to operate college owned vehicles. A vehicle request is required, two weeks in advance of the travel date. Employees checking out UTTC vehicles must have a valid North Dakota Driver's License.

If you are planning to use a privately owned vehicle:

Remember, insurance follows the vehicle. This means the company providing the insurance for the owner of the vehicle would respond. UTTC would not provide insurance for the employee's liability exposure or for physical damage to their auto.

If you plan on renting a vehicle, here is some more helpful information:

If an employee rents a car under their own name and uses their personal credit card, they are responsible for the damage to the auto. If the employee uses a UTTC agreement and the vehicle is rented under UTTC then UTTC is responsible. UTTC's current policy has coverage for non-owned physical damage.

I hope this information is helpful and answered any questions regarding UTTC business travel. If you have further questions, please contact the Transportation Department at extension 1301. Thank you and safe travels!

– *Joely Heavy Runner, Safety Director*



# Skye's Horizons – Revisited

## Tiny Bud Remembered

By Harriett Skye (Standing Rock),  
UTTC Vice President Emeritus

I can scarcely believe that it is 50-years since tribal leaders in North Dakota began laying the groundwork for establishing United Tribes. I was reminded of that by re-reading the very first edition of United Tribes News, published in 1965.

The mimeographed, ten-page document is on the college's website ([www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu)). Theodore Jamerson was a co-editor and it brought back memories of the man I knew as "Tiny Bud."

Growing up in Fort Yates, Tiny Bud was in my life as far back as I can remember. He was my dad's friend. We were always glad to see him when he came to visit our family. Because he showed a keen interest in all of us, even the babies, who were Clarence and Donna. He had something good to say to each of us.

Years ago fairs were held at Fort Yates, at a huge campground on a flat by the One Mile, where today you drive into town. There was a grandstand, dances and a rotating contraption known as a Ferris wheel. Tiny Bud asked if we wanted to go on it, that he would take us. I didn't want to but my brother Joe did, and they got on. As the wheel began to turn, we could hear Joe begin to scream. And he kept screaming until it finally came to a halt.

If you're lucky like me, you always remember people who were good to you when you were a kid.

Tiny Bud stands-out because he showed an interest in our well-being and welfare. He always listened to us children. He always wanted to know how school was. Who our teachers were. Did we say our prayers? Were we having fun?

Some years later, around 1965, I was traveling with my daughter for a visit back home. When we got off the plane in Bismarck, Tiny Bud was waiting. He said dad had asked him to pick us up and bring us home.

He asked me if I had time for a tour and I said "sure, where we going?"

That's when we drove nearby to see the place that would become United Tribes Technical College. The buildings were empty and there wasn't any activity. But he was all excited.

He said, "one day soon, this will be a college and we'll be educating students here from all over Indian Country."

As I looked at the old brick and wooden buildings, I wondered how on earth that was going to happen!

But he was right. His vision came to life.

By the time I started there in 1974, the place was alive with Indian college students from all over. It had a new school for their children. And it was fitting they named it Theodore Jamerson Elementary School – after one of the founding fathers of United Tribes, Tiny Bud, a man I remember fondly.

*Harriett Skye founded and directed the United Tribes Office of Public Information; edited "United Tribes News" from 1974 to 1979 and wrote the column: "Skye's Horizons." Later Dr. Skye served as the college's Vice President of Intertribal Programs. Her PhD in ethnic studies is from the University of California-Berkley. She is retired and lives in Walnut Creek, California. Her father, Douglas Skye, was Standing Rock Tribal Chairman in 1969 and 1970.*



Harriett Skye



Theodore "Tiny Bud" Jamerson

## Art/Art Marketing student designers at work

With this edition of *United Tribes News* comes a new collaboration for learning. It involves students in the class Art 239, Graphic Design Production.

Much of the design work you see in this issue was done by students, working under the instruction and supervision of Art/Art Marketing Instructor Andi Gladson.

The student designers are: Logan Maxon, Simone Wilson, Jeremiah Nadeau, Veronica Bohrer, Karlee Fast Wolf, and Mitchell Marshall.

Their welcomed involvement comes from a renewed emphasis in 2015 on student-centered learning experiences and outcomes, as endorsed by the college's board of directors, college president, Art/Art Marketing Dept. and the Office of Public Information.

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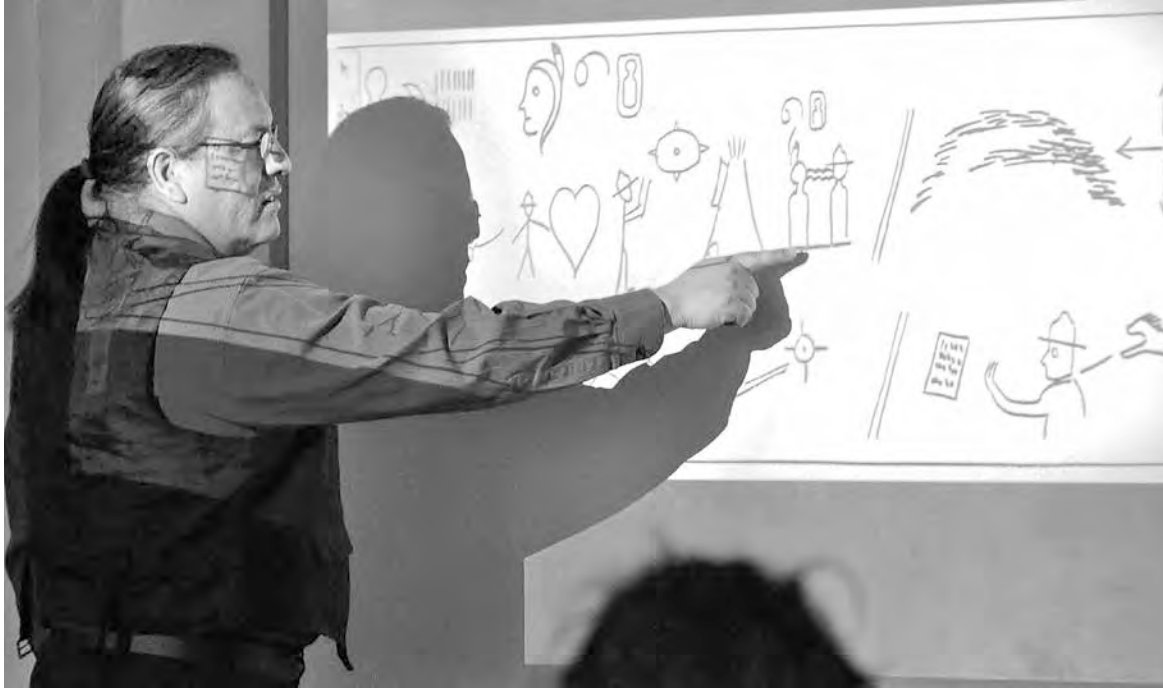
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# Pictographs interpreted during workshops



**TELLING THE STORY:** UTTC Native Studies instructor Dakota Goodhouse explains the narrative offered by a pictograph letter during a workshop at United Tribes. The event was part of a series about Great Plains Winter Counts, Pictographs and Ledger Art hosted by the college and funded by the American Indian College Fund. The February 25 session was attended by Bridget Skenadore of the College Fund ([www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)) as part of their Traditional Native Arts project. Artist and UTTC instructor and Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr. presented workshops about ledger art.

## Keith Bear selected for arts award *Ceremony at ND Heritage Center*



Keith Bear during a flute-making residency with students of Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the campus of United Tribes Technical College.

BISMARCK (UTN) – Keith Bear of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the MHA Nation is one of the 2015 recipients of the Governor's Award for the Arts.

Bear is a Mandan-Hidatsa storyteller, musician and educator from New Town, ND. His range of artistic expression includes traditional songs, beadwork, porcupine quillwork, flute music and traditional stories. He works with students of all ages in school programs and residencies.

He is an award-winning recording artist for Makoche Records and has appeared at national and international festivals and performed solo and ensemble concerts in the U.S. and Europe.

North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple chose Bear for an "individual achievement" award. Others selected were: Linda Christman, Bismarck; Chuck Suchy, Mandan; Marilyn Johnson, Bismarck; and Annette Rorvig, McVile.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts were established in 1977 to recognize outstanding contributions to the arts throughout the state.

An awards reception and honoring ceremony was set for March 31 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

## CATCHING THE DREAM

Native students should apply for all the funds they're eligible for. The scholarship season is October to April, so get busy.

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# Fall Graduates Honored at Uni

## *United Tribes Technical College Fall 2014 Graduates Friday, December 19, 2014*

BISMARCK (UTN) – Here comes another wave of pride and hope for Native America, a “red tide” of encouragement for the future, said one speaker during an honoring for fall graduates at United Tribes Technical College.



Twenty-nine students from 12 different tribal nations were recognized for earning their degrees by nearly 200 friends, relatives and faculty members December 19 at the college in Bismarck.

North Dakota Congressman Kevin Cramer urged the grads to combine the knowledge they’ve acquired with their Native spiritual traditions. “And you’ll not only enrich your own experience, you’ll enrich your state and you’re your nation,” he said.

The mid-year graduates earned degrees in 12 different programs of study. One Bachelor of Science Degree was conferred, 11 Associate of Applied Science Degrees, and nine Certificates of Completion. Seven completed their work in the college’s new Medical Coding program.

### **A “Somehow” Graduate**



Guest speaker Kevin Lawrence of KFYZ-TV connected with the grads on the subject of perseverance. He said it took him an extra three years to graduate from the University of Kansas. “And I will tell you why. I gave up many times. Even in high school before go-

ing to college I gave up,” he said.

The TV weatherman said he dropped and failed classes but “somehow found a way” to graduate by persevering, retaking courses and trying for a better grade.

He said if he went back to college he would learn a lot more because now he has a greater appreciation for education.

### **President’s Message**



Fall Graduation was the first opportunity for the college’s new president to preside over a commencement ceremony.

“It makes me feel good today to see your accomplishments,” said Dr. Leander R. McDonald, who was named UTTC president in October. “It’s so important that you walk across the stage today and receive your diploma. It not only affects you but your families. Your families see that, your kids see that, and it helps everyone see the importance of education, while not forgetting who we are as American Indians.”

McDonald reiterated a statement he made when he arrived on the UTTC campus that it was not the goal to turn Native students into “white men.”

“Our goal is to have you be educated American Indians and be proud of your culture and maintain it. Because that’s the foundation for our lives and spirituality,” he said.

### **Honors Presented**



Arlene Benson, an elder of the Three Affiliated Tribes, conducted a giveaway to honor a graduating granddaughter and to demonstrate a tra-



**HANDSHAKES-N-HUGS:** At UTTC Fall Graduation (D. River), Jacqueline Kay Lee-Meisch (Turtle Mountain), Kathy Pretends Eagle (Standing Rock). At rear from l. Leander R. McDonald, UTTC interim Finance VP Kati KFYZ-TV. United Tribes News Photos ♦ DENNIS J. N.

ditional ceremony. “UTTC is like home to me,” said the 1975 UTTC graduate and 16 year UTTC employee. “This is where it all started for me.”

The Flying Low Singers provided Flag and Honor songs.



Flying Low singers; Joe and Jasten Bearstail

The UTTC Color Guard presented and retired the Staff and Flags. A meal was hosted for grads, family members and friends in the college’s cafeteria.

Fall Graduation completed the semester and marked the beginning of a holiday break. Spring Semester 2015 began with student orientation January 8, followed by the start of classes on January 12.

# ted Tribes



December 19, from left: Kiri A. Schumacher (Cheyenne), Valeria Marie Carvallo (Standing Rock), and Valene (left), UTTC Counselor Russell Gillette, UTTC President na DeCoteau, and guest speaker Kevin Lawrence of EUMANN



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-Dr. Leander R. McDonald

## Congratulations

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# Connecting the dots on King Holiday

**TUBER TUTOR:** Over the years, those who've attended the Martin Luther King Holiday program at United Tribes have been rewarded with insights about national holidays courtesy of Brian Palecek. His January 19 keynote talk will ever-after be referred to as the sweet potato lesson or "tuber tutorial." Roving through the audience, the college's humanities instructor weaved an engaging and instructive story connecting King Day with the mistreatment of Native people and the advent of slavery after Europeans arrived in Central America. He explained it was the Tiano, a band of the Arawak, who met Columbus and were the first to be forced into slavery. Later, when Native people rebelled and succumbed to diseases, plantation owners turned to bringing slaves from Africa, "the very start of this process that leads all the way to Martin Luther King Day," he said. And why the prop? The Tiano grew these on the island of Hispaniola and their word for sweet potato, Batata, became our word, potato.



DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

## Unity Through Diversity

By Kali Hale (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD



*Unity through diversity means no matter what physical, cultural, linguistic, social, political, religious, ideological or psychological differences you have with another human being, you come together to have*

*freedom, justice and equality with someone to reach a similar goal. And success with one another. Because we are indeed all the same humans.*

*You don't drag someone down or look down at someone just for being different.*

*You can look at the word diversity in many ways. In the dictionary the word is defined as a state of unlikeliness or the condition of being different.*

*I prefer to think of the word as showing how people are different.*

*As I asked myself what "Unity Through Diversity" means to me, I relate it to my culture as a Native American. There are numerous tribes throughout the world. Coming to United Tribes Technical College, I realize that Native Americans are somewhat similar. We come from different places around the world but we all have similarities. But we have enough differences to set us apart from one another.*

*There are certain days where we all experience prejudice. It's sad that it still exists today. As much as I want to say something back, or do something, I remember who I am and what I've been taught.*

*I don't see the world in black and white, but in color, because it's a lot more beautiful that way.*

*"Tribes" really does a wonderful job of uniting us. It doesn't matter where we came from or what*

*tribe we're from. All that matters is that we're Native American.*

*As Native Americans, we lift each other up and hope for success, not only for ourselves but one another. Even though there are more than one ethnicity at the college, no one is treated differently; neither higher nor lower. We all get fairness and equality.*

*That's what I love about coming to 'Tribes' and that's how I relate to unity here. That's probably why the college is called United Tribes.*

*Another great example is Martin Luther King Jr. On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. gave one of the most outstanding, inspirational and life-changing speeches. For once, there was something so powerful and life-changing simply through words that demonstrated freedom. Martin Luther King Jr. stated in his speech, "this note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."*

*I found this quote to be very true. Not only does it represent white, but numerous ethnicities, numerous diversities in the world that have the same goal and the same dream.*

*Not only do we strive for that goal but we all want the "American Dream" as well. Truly everyone pursues happiness. We all strive for what makes us happy.*

*Martin Luther King Jr. demonstrated freedom very well in his speech. Not only through the outcries of people but setting an example through race, ethnicity, sexuality and so forth. Not only had he brought us all together but set a pathway for today, for tomorrow and the day after, for our freedom and equality. That's why he is a very well-known leader in history today.*

*Sometimes I wish I was there, that day he gave his speech; to see the movement and to feel the energy on that day. I recently went to the Lincoln Memorial and I realized how strong and confident that Martin Luther King Jr. had to have been. Because that's a gigantic space that was filled on that day, and he literally stood up and took a stand for something he strongly believed in. That changed the world today.*

*Martin Luther King Jr. showed overwhelming leadership toward all diversities. He inspired, influenced and empowered others to achieve a common goal for our freedom that we have today. He united all diversities to come together and see past one-another's differences and oversee all the negativities in the world.*

*If I could, I would quote almost everything in his speech and state it in this paper. But I can't. So, if you haven't read his speech or took-in his every meaning, make sure to fully understand it.*

*Not only could it make you think about everything around you, but it just as well could make you think twice about yourself. It could even make you think about how you treat people on a daily basis. How you communicate. What your goals are in life. It could even make you walk a little taller today, tomorrow and the day after that – especially how you see the world.*

*Do you see it in black and white? Or do you see it in color?*

*Kali Hale delivered her essay January 19 during the United Tribes Martin Luther King Day program. She was selected first among UTTC students who wrote about the theme of the day: "Unity Through Diversity." Chosen second and third respectively were the essays of Tristan Ortiz and Jeremiah Nadeau.*

# HUMAN RIGHTS TALK 2015

## Challenges & Solutions

Join us for an inspiring conversation  
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### MISSION

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

### VISION

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

### VALUES

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

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.

**Saturday, APRIL 18**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
ND Heritage Center  
Bismarck, ND

**REGISTRATION**  
\$20 (lunch included)  
[history.nd.gov/talk2015](http://history.nd.gov/talk2015)  
701.328.2666



**9 a.m.**  
Former North Dakota US Attorney  
Tim Purdon addresses human trafficking  
challenges in our state.



**10 a.m.**  
North Dakota Indian Affairs  
Commissioner Scott Davis presents a  
conversation about race.



**11 a.m.**  
Global activist and Bismarck native  
Shannon Galpin speaks about  
equal rights for women and girls  
in areas of conflict.



**Noon**  
Senator Heidi Heitcamp speaks on  
human rights issues.  
Bismarck Human Relations Committee Essay &  
Poetry Contest student winner recognized.  
Audience Q&A with the speaker panel.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## *Walking in Another's Shoes: Lesson from a Hitchhiker*

By Ronald E. Rousseau,  
UTTC 2011 CJ Grad

I was feeling down after a long weekend at a basketball tournament in California. I had to borrow money from my parents. Then my team lost and we missed a shot at the jackpot. I landed back in Spokane with \$60 in my pocket and spent \$10 on a sandwich and \$16 on airport parking. I was headed back to Moscow, Idaho, where I go to school, thinking how broke I'd be after filling the gas tank. I barely had enough to get home.

Then, on a busy stretch I saw a young man hitchhiking. I cut through traffic and pulled over. I always pick up hitchhikers. I remember times when I was hitching. I think the reason people don't stop is they don't know how bad it feels to struggle and to be without.

I told the young man to hop-in and he put his backpack on his lap. The musky smell told me he'd been without clean clothes for days. I struck-up a conversation and it turned out his name was Ronnie. He was 23 and homeless, an orphan who was adopted at the age of 12.

I learned that he'd never met his biological parents. To make things worse, the adoptive parents hadn't sent him to school.

*“I learned that he'd never met his biological parents. To make things worse, the adoptive parents hadn't sent him to school. Instead, they fraudulently reported that he was home-schooled, without actually providing him an education.”*

— Ronald E. Rousseau

## *2014 Nutrition & Wellness Grads on the Move*



**C**ongratulations to Stephanie Bridwell on continuing her academic career as a junior at South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. Her goal is to gradu-

ate with a bachelor's degree in Dietetics.

Stephanie is a busy, working mother. She says her education at UTTC gave her basic college success skills and confidence.

Enough UTTC credits transferred toward the bachelor degree so she will graduate in two years and a summer.

“I want to thank you so much for your help and guidance through the enrollment process at SDSU,” wrote Stephanie to the N-FS staff. “I'm happy to be here and it gets more and more comfortable by the week. I'm doing really well in my nutrition classes. I have a positive attitude on my path toward becoming a dietitian. I wanted to say ‘hi’ and let you know that things are getting easier here and I'm feeling a lot more confident. I am one busy lady right now but I am happy to have the opportunity and feel blessed every day. Life truly is in session.”



**A**lso moving forward is Carmella Vital-Maulson, who moved to Billings, MT after graduation and had a baby in September. In the fall she decided to

become employed and was excited to try for a job where she could use her AAS degree.

“I found out there was an opening with the WIC Program. I jumped at it and pushed for it. I was taught from you guys to never give up,” she wrote to the N-FS staff. “So here I am today at River Stone Health Department WIC, working as a CPA/ Nutrition Educator.

Carmella said one reason she got the job because of what she learned about gardening at UTTC and from a mock grant, focusing on start-up gardens in the Community Nutrition class.

“Thank you for pushing us to achieve. I am very grateful for the education and knowledge. I love working here and I still hope to one day become a dietitian but for now, I believe, this is what I need to do for my family.”

Carmella said she would stay in touch and that she cherished the great times and great conversations at UTTC.

Instead, they fraudulently reported that he was home-schooled, without actually providing him an education. Thanks to them, Ronnie had only a second grade education, and no opportunity to pursue a GED because he was homeless and without a family.

As we talked I couldn't imagine the struggles he faced every day. One thing I realized was how privileged my life is.

This made my heart heavy and a lump swelled in my throat.

As we drove on, somehow I maintained my composure and shared with him what I'd learned back home in Cheyenne River. When people think they're having a hard time it's best to remember there's always someone else experiencing worse things than you.

I said I was feeling sorry for myself before I saw you beside the road. And now, to hear your struggles, I'm humbled and moved to help.

So, as we parted ways, I gave Ronnie my last \$34.

As I headed for home, I said a prayer for him and counted my own blessings.

I consider myself a modern day warrior for my tribe. I believe it's not enough to pursue an education; we must remember those less fortunate. If the cards had been dealt differently it could be any of us in Ronnie's shoes.



# Hands-on approach to motivation

**THINGS IN COMMON:** It was the haircut that attracted motivational speaker Aaron Davis to clap a hand on the shoulder of Campus Planner Randy Lamberth. "He's a big dude here," Davis intoned, breaking the ice and entertaining the UTTC audience during all-campus Professional Development Day. Davis keyed the January 28 event with humor and activities to illustrate the "power of people's choices" in developing personally and professionally. Also in common – both Davis and Lamberth were college football players; does it show? Learn more about the motivational speaker from Nebraska who promotes the "attitude of a champion" at his website: [www.mycoachaaron.com](http://www.mycoachaaron.com).





## Spring 2015 Schedule

**Psychological Services  
Conducted by:**  
 Angelique Gillis, Ph.D.  
 Psychology Resident  
 United Tribes Technical College  
 3315 University Dr.  
 Bismarck, ND 58504  
 701.255.3285 ext. 1471

**Parent Group**

- When: Every Thursday at Noon
- Where: UTTC Cafeteria

**Grief Group**

- When: Every Monday at 1:30
- Where: Wellness Center

**Anger Management**

- Please sign-up at Wellness Center front desk

**Skills Group**

\*Coping skills to deal with Substance Abuse Issues  
 Please sign-up at Wellness Center front desk



## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### *Holiday Chamber Mixer*



Kelli Pedersen from Capital Trophy of Bismarck was the lucky winner of a Butch Thunder Hawk print at the Bismarck Chamber's Holiday Mixer. She is seen with UTTC President Russ McDonald receiving the "We Are All Related" print December 9 at the Bismarck Civic Center. Congratulations to Kelli and 'thank you' to all who stopped by the United Tribes booth.

- Jessica Beheler

# And the winner is...



**KEYS IN HAND:** The lucky winner of a car on the unlucky day of Friday-the-13th was Trulo Adams. His name was drawn February 13 for the grand prize in the United Tribes Auto Club Raffle. Adams (White Earth) is from Jordan, MN and a student the UTTC's Business Management program. He received the keys to a like-new 1996 Chevy Lumina. Auto Tech students scored the low-mileage unit locally for a song, refreshed the power-plant, and went through the car from top-to-bottom, pronouncing it certified-safe and road-worthy. Proceeds from ticket-sales to the campus community will be used for club jackets. At rear, from left, Dale Pletan and Scott Graeber, Auto Tech instructors; and students Courtney Thomas, Dan Szklarski and Michael Montclair. Other winners: Vanessa McDaniel and Dan Szklarski: oil change; and Kathrine Eagle: tire rotation, balance and alignment.

## Project Sage

# Earn a Degree in Teaching at UTTC!



## Now Recruiting 20 Scholars to Participate in Project Sage:

- ◆ Participants will begin the program in August, 2015.
- ◆ Project Sage\* is a 5 year grant, ending in December 2019.
- ◆ Graduates of the program will complete a BS degree in Elementary Education and course-work for an endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education.
- ◆ Preference will be given to applicants who have credits completed that meet transfer credit requirements.
- ◆ Up to \$3,000 in monetary support available each semester to participants who meet criteria for grades and attendance.

To request an application contact:

Jen Heid  
 Teacher Ed Administrative Assistant  
 email: [jheid@uttc.edu](mailto:jheid@uttc.edu) phone: 701.221.1428



\*Funded by a personnel preparation grant from the Office of Special Education Programs - U.S. Department of Education - Lisa Azure, Project Director

Learn more at <http://ted.uttc.edu>

# Last Winter Market set for April 25

By Jan Keller, Winter Market Coordinator

The next and final United Tribes Winter Market of the season is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wellness Center multi-purpose room.

Winter Market is a community-based farmer's market and art/craft market. It's a place where you can purchase local foods in a warm and inviting environment, despite cold temperatures of the season.

The mission is to serve culturally and economically diverse populations and increase access to fresh, locally produced, nourishing and safe foods, and locally made items for all patrons.

United Tribes hosts it on the UTTC campus. There is no charge to attend, and it's open to the public - everyone is welcome!

Six markets were scheduled for the 2014-15 season, one per month starting in November with the last one in April. Thirty different vendors came to market with their goods and over 500 community members shopped.

Vendors offered an incredible assortment of products, all of which are 100 percent produced, grown, handmade, and/or baked locally.

A short list of the high-quality products includes: vegetables, canned goods, baked goods; jewelry, beading, and accessories; Tribal art; books authored by locals; home-made body scrubs, goat's milk lotion, lip



The Fox kids testing a clever, hand-made board game at Winter Market.

balm, and all-natural laundry detergent; along with ready to eat foods like soup and Indian tacos.

Kids activities were also offered at some of the markets. They learned how to plant bulbs, make dream catchers, and hula hoop.

Winter Market also accepts SNAP benefits on all eligible food items.

Year-round access to local foods and goods is beneficial to the community for many reasons. Forty-five of every \$100 spent on local products stays in the community, compared to a mere \$15 of every

\$100 spent at a big-box, chain store.

It makes good sense to support local, small business owners, entrepreneurs and farmers. These are people and families of the community where we live, work and play. They deserve our support as we preserve and enhance the quality of life in our community.

Be thinking ahead - Winter Market returns for a 3rd season in November 2015!

More Info: Jan Keller, M.S., Extension Nutrition Educator, UTTC Land Grant Extension Programs, 701-221-1504, [jkeller@uttc.edu](mailto:jkeller@uttc.edu).

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**FINAL Winter Market of the season • Saturday, April 25 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Wellness Center Multi-Purpose Room**

**CATCH**

**THE BUG  
UTTC LIBRARY**

West Main Floor  
Education Building

Hours: Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

**4th Annual Dakota Digital Film Festival**

**Friday, April 10, 2015**  
Belle Mehus Auditorium,  
201 N 6 Street, Bismarck, ND

- Day Session (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)  
Free production workshops & student film screenings
- Evening Session (7 p.m.)  
Short Film Screenings
- Featured Workshop:  
"Video Capture & Production using Drone Technology"
- Advance Student Registration Encouraged

[ddff@ireetv.org](mailto:ddff@ireetv.org)  
701-258-8767  
[www.dakotadigitalfilmfestival.org](http://www.dakotadigitalfilmfestival.org)

# Learning to keep the fire burning

By Devero Yellow Earring, UTTC Strengthening Lifestyles Activities Coordinator

Last year I was involved in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." I had just started working at United Tribes and didn't know what to expect. All I knew is that it was about raising money for cancer research and treatment.

My first task for the UTTC Team was to distribute the luminary bags. These were sold to individuals to recognize a cancer patient or remember a cancer victim. Each had the name of a person and was artfully decorated, but I had no idea how they'd be used.

In June, on the day of the event, we set up the UTTC camp with our distinctive tipi as the centerpiece. It stood tall and proud, attracting a lot of attention and setting our camp apart. We had food, drinks, and games for everyone to enjoy.

The event began with a survivor walk fol-

lowed by a care-giver walk on a track around a football field at a local high school. Then all the teams walked together. The purpose of the relay portion was for each team to have someone walking around the track at all times.

Later we settled-in for the night ahead. There was live music, teams playing games, and of course, the grills were on and the food smelled terrific. As the sun went down and the day cooled-off, the fires were lit.

Then all teams were told to light the candles in the luminary bags. The luminary bags were placed around the track to light-up the path and keep the fire burning in the fight against cancer. It was a sight I will never forget. I walked around the track with the luminary bags guiding my way. I knew then this was worth the time and effort.



Devero Yellow Earring photo

United Tribes tipi at the 2014 "Relay for Life."

Many people are affected by cancer. "Relay for Life" taught me to never give up. It showed me to keep the fire burning in the fight against cancer. I look forward to the next "Relay for Life," set for Saturday, June 13 at Century High School. Please join us!

## Mini Relay for Life and UTTC Wellness Fair

By Jana Millner,  
Extension Nutrition Educator

United Tribes hosts two great events on one day, Tuesday, April 21: the UTTC Mini Relay for Life and the UTTC Wellness Fair.

### Mini Relay for Life

The mini relay concludes campus fundraising and serves as a preview of Bismarck's "Relay for Life" set for June 13 at Century High School.

An opening program scheduled for 1 p.m. will recognize and honor individuals in the fight against cancer: those who've lost the battle, cancer survivors, caregivers, and the UTTC's Mini Relay teams. Youngsters from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School will join in.

UTTC will also present the American Cancer Society with funds raised by campus teams over a three month period. The goal of \$3,000 is very likely to be exceeded. Top campus fundraising teams will be announced.

### Spring Wellness Fair

The Spring 2015 UTTC Wellness Fair is scheduled from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the James Henry Community Gym. It is open to students, staff and faculty.

Past wellness fairs have offered glucose screenings, cholesterol testing, blood pressure readings, blood typing, food tasting and much more!

Health and nutrition professionals, locally and from reservations throughout the state, will be there.

### UTTC Mini Relay for Life

Powwow Dance Arbor

12:30 p.m. Registration

1 p.m. - Opening ceremony

2 p.m. - Wrap-up

### UTTC Wellness Fair

James Henry Community Gymnasium

12 Noon to 4 p.m.

More Info: Jana Millner 701-255-3285 x  
1397, [jmillner@uttc.edu](mailto:jmillner@uttc.edu)



United Tribes  
Technical College  
**MINI RELAY**  
April 21, 2015

### schedule of events

Location: UTTC Powwow Arena

12:30 p.m. Registration (*Cancer survivors, caregivers, team leaders, dignitaries, special invitees*)

1:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony

1:30 p.m. Speakers and Special Presentations

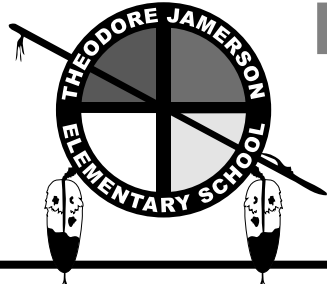
2:00 p.m. Wrap Up

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**a team event to  
fight cancer**

# THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY

# TIDBITS



## Dental Care Mobile @ TJES



The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of North Dakota had a great week Jan. 26-30, providing free dental services to youngsters at TJES. Kainon Ayutepi wears the cool shades for this checkup with Dr. Karey Eisenbarth, one of four staffers in the mobile clinic. Basic dental services are provided, helping low-income families avoid untreated dental problems. UTTC and TJES are grateful for the service and thankful for the work done by the staff and administrators of the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. Pilamaya!

## On the Move to Better Health



TJES 4th graders successfully completed "On the Move to Better Health," a 5-week program about healthy lifestyles that focuses on physical activity and nutrition. The students enjoyed playing "On the Move Bingo"; checking their resting and post-exercise heart rates; learning about fiber, phytochemicals, and aerobic exercise; as well as setting and achieving goals. They also tracked their healthy choices on a daily basis

and worked to decrease screen time, eat vegetables as snacks, eat foods from three food groups at breakfast, get eight hours of sleep at night, and drink zero sweetened beverages. "On the Move to Better Health" is taught by nutrition educators from UTTC's Land Grant Extension Programs.

- Jan Keller, Extension Nutrition Educator,  
UTTC Land Grant Programs

# HOLIDAY CONCERT HAPPINESS

*December 11, 2014*



*Celebrating the Holiday Season in  
Song, Dance and Laughter*

TJES Grades:  
Kindergarten,  
1, 2 & 3,  
Julie Baang, Music  
Teacher



# Promoting Healthy Hearts on campus

By Wanda Agnew, Nutrition & Foodservice Instructor

**H**ealthy hearts are important to people of all ages, young and old alike.

During “National Heart-Health month” in February, UTTC’s Community Nutrition class focused on health promotion and disease prevention.

Nutrition and Foodservice student Josh Standing Elk and intern Mara Yborra created an opportunity to promote healthy hearts to youngsters on campus.

The setting was noon-time at UTTC’s Al Stockert Dining Hall and the audience was about 150 students from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, the K-8 school on campus attended by the children of college students.

While the elementary students enjoyed their noon meal they viewed a display focused on eating smarter and moving more. Both are both necessary for a healthy heart. And both are part of the “Eat Smart – Play Hard” promotion that combines nutrition and exercise.



Thunderbird athletics mascot “Thunder” and Mara Yborra at the UTTC cafeteria February 11 promoting healthy hearts to youngsters. Yborra is an NDSU Dietetics Intern with UTTC’s Land Grant Extension and Nutrition and Foodservice programs.

The college’s athletic mascot, Thunder, was there to share how he loves to eat fruits and vegetables and how moving more is important for him to soar high and live in a positive manner.

All of the youngsters received an educational handout to share with their parents and a heart healthy snack containing Cheerios and walnuts.

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17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**SIDEWALK ART  
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**SIDEWALK ART:**  
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> | 9AM - 3PM

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Friday & Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> | 10AM - 5PM

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## Activities make the point



**FOLLOW MY LEAD:** An interpersonal activity that looks like “patty-cake” is loads of fun for Charisse Fandrich, center, and other UTTC staffers at an all-staff training workshop January 22 at United Tribes. The exercise made the point that each person in an organization is seen as a leader and behavior is mirrored by co-workers. The training subject was work ethics, with presenter Josh Davies, from the Center for Work Ethic Development, Denver, CO. Davies emphasized accountability and integrity in the workshop and during a “train the trainer” session. More info: <http://www.workethic.org/>. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

# Hoopers sighted at United Tribes



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**DANCE YOUR STYLE:** If you think of hula-hooping as a form of dance, you are on the right track. It shares a name with a certain Polynesian art form. It employs a device that resembles those used in Native hoop dance. Requires superior performance intelligence. Takes a long time to get good at it. Typical regalia is informal and it's quite rewarding, lots of fun. At left, student Dorci Rousseau gave it a try January 29 during all-campus Professional Development Day. Hooping is routinely offered at the United Tribes wellness center. It's a unique exercise; has the potential for bringing movement to all parts of the body. Sessions are conducted by Jana Millner, who says the regulars are building skills each week, adding to their personal styles. But don't hold your breath over it being added as a contest category at the powwow.

## N-FS students involved in Holiday project



**FANS FOOD:** Academic Counselor Anita Charging and student Tommi McLaughlin with a cache of food supplies destined for a campus family during the 2014 holiday season. Tommi is president of UTTC's Nutrition and Foodservice pre-professional club, known as FANS. The group purchased nearly \$100 of staple food supplies and donated them to a family on campus. Included were baking supplies, paper supplies, chicken, pork chops and a variety of fruit and vegetables. FANS students meet as a group monthly for fellowship, food, event planning, and professional networking.

- Wanda Agnew,  
Nutrition and Foodservice Instructor

## Bite back against bad cholesterol



A research study found that avocados can have a positive effect on your LDL (the bad cholesterol) by lowering it significantly. It's the high amount of unsaturated (healthy) fat in them, as well as fiber. A ripe one will be dark green and tender to the touch. They're a good substitute for mayo, cheese, or other foods high in saturated fat. Add them to salads, sandwiches, and soups - but go easy on the tortilla chips! More info: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/the-salt/2015/01/07/375653050/take-a-swipe-at-bad-cholesterol-eat-an-avocado-a-day>

- Jan Keller, M.S., UTTC Extension Nutrition Educator, [jkeller@uttc.edu](mailto:jkeller@uttc.edu)

## Strengthening Lifestyles ACTIVITIES

**Co-Ed Volleyball**  
Tuesdays @ 6 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Rm.

**Beading Class**  
Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.  
Healing Rm.

**NBA 2K15 League (Xbox One)**  
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Rm.

**Hand Games**  
Thursdays @ 5 p.m.  
Healing Rm.

**Family Movie Night**  
Fridays @ Multi-Purpose Rm.  
Children 5 p.m. • Adults 7 p.m.

**UTTC Basketball League**  
Women - Saturday @ 1:00pm • Gym  
Men - Monday @ 5:00pm • U Gym

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# Virgil Hill makes “One Last Stand” memorable



Virgil Hill in action during his “One Last Stand” bout February 28 at the Bismarck Event Center. United Tribes News photos ♦ DENNIS J. NEUMANN

BISMARCK (UTN) – Hall-of-Fame boxer Virgil “Quicksilver” Hill came out of retirement briefly for an exciting final performance.

The four-time world champion ended his 23-year professional career February 28 in the Bismarck Event Center, the scene of many of his boxing victories in the 1980s and ‘90s.

His opponent, 37-year-old Jimmy “The British Assassin” Campbell, crumbled in the second round to the roaring appreciation of 4,000 fans, including staff and students from United Tribes Technical College.

The win capped Hill’s professional career at 51 and 7, with 20 title defenses.

Hill is a native North Dakotan. He was raised in Grand Forks and Williston, where

he played prep football. As an amateur, he fought all over the state and in Canada. His first international fight was at age 12. He is part Native and is adopted into the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

At the 1984 Olympic Games he earned a silver medal and bonded with teammate Evander Holyfield, who was at ring-side for the final bout.

“Virgil’s like a brother to me,” said Holyfield at the pre-fight weigh-in held at United Tribes. “I’m honored to be here to see his last fight.”

Holyfield and Hill were roommates at the Olympics and their careers run parallel. The four-time Heavy-Weight Champion from Atlanta, Georgia said boxers and athletes are often overlooked there. But not here, where people show up.

“I told Virgil, ‘you’re lucky, man. You get here and everybody comes together for you,’” said Holyfield. “Wow, you know what...it’s good to be with good-natured people and everybody pulls together.”

The 51 year-old Hill had not fought since 2007. Two years ago he announced plans for a final fight to be held in North Dakota. He trained for one year.

The send-off was dubbed his “One Last Stand” fight, which had eight bouts, including five boxers from Standing Rock and Three Affiliated: Micaela Fox, Fort Yates, ND; Sonja Fox, Mandaree, ND; Saxon Harrison, McLaughlin, SD; Katlyn Little Eagle, McLaughlin, SD; and Ryan Soft, McLaughlin, SD.





Virgil Hill weighing-in at United Tribes Technical College February 27. Evander Holyfield seated at left.



### "One Last Stand" Results:

- Brandon Anderson and Paul Trevino, technical draw, 4 rds, 200+
- Kira Ollila defeated Micaela Fox, 147 lbs
- Sonja Fox defeated Saxon Harrison, 4 rds, 185 lbs
- Lyle Krueger TKO over Mike Palmer, 200+
- Catlyn Little Eagle defeated Tommy "The Sting" Ray, 4 rds, 200+
- Ryan Soft defeated Ronald "El Diablo" Cruz, 6 rds, 160 lbs
- Tocker Pudwill defeated Bruce "The Rage" Rumbolz, 6 rds, 165 lbs
- Virgil "Quicksilver" Hill TKO over Jimmy "The British Assassin" Campbell, 200 lbs



# United Tribes THUNDERBIRDS

By Hunter Berg, UTTC Athletic Director

## New Head Men's Basketball Coach hired for THUNDERBIRDS

United Tribes men's basketball is under new coaching leadership for the 2015-16 season. Pete Conway, a well-known figure in Native basketball has been hired as UTTC's Head Men's Basketball Coach.

Conway is an enrolled citizen of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana. He previously coached at Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT, in the NJCAA like United Tribes.

During three seasons at LBH, Conway recorded the most wins in school history and guided the team to its first-ever appearance in the prestigious Region IX Tournament.

It's an honor and extremely exciting to welcome Coach Conway to our staff.

Pete has a wealth of basketball knowledge and experience. His familiarity with the junior college game is a great advantage. He has solid recruiting credentials in Indian Country.

### Success at LBH

During Conway's last season at LBH, the team captured huge wins against perennial junior college powerhouses Sheridan and Gillette. The team posted a school-record six wins in the ultra-competitive north region of Region IX.

"I learned a lot about junior college basketball during my time there," says Conway. "I'm proud we were able to get the basketball program going in the right direction both on and off the court."

Conway's work to develop guard Quentin Everett, who signed at Montana State, left a lasting impression on the player.

"This man Pete Conway is the reason behind my success," wrote Everett in a Twitter post. "He gave me the chance to play ball again and the chance to further my education. God placed this man in my life for a

reason and I am really grateful to know him." **Family Basketball Tradition**

Conway's own playing career is impressive. He was a standout high school player at Billings West. He was the 1998 Gatorade Player of the Year in Montana. He chose NCAA D-I Montana State, was on the school's Big Sky Conference Championship Team in 2002 and was named All-Conference in 2003. He left Montana State with the second most three-pointers in school history and became the 25th member of the 1,000 point club for the Bobcats. He earned a Bachelors in Business Management from MSU in 2003.

Conway's father, who also goes by Pete, played at Browning High School and developed into an All-American at Eastern Montana College (now Montana State-Billings). He was one of the first inductees into the Montana Indian Athletic Hall of Fame. Pete's sister, Dana, was also a standout at Billings West before playing at the University of Montana, where she had an outstanding career in the Grizzlies program.

"I was fortunate to grow up in a family that loved athletics and supported and pushed me to become the best I could," says Conway. "Obviously basketball and athletics were important growing up and my family was able to accomplish some great achievements on the court. But, what I'm most thankful for is the opportunity and the doors that basketball opened up for us by allowing us to obtain an education."

### Role Model

Coach Conway will certainly be a role model for the student-athletes we'd like to attract to United Tribes. He knows what it takes for basketball success and earning a degree. That's a powerful combination.

The characteristic I admire most is his humility. Pete would never mention his accomplishments so we have to describe them and explain how his attributes will strengthen the UTTC program. We're lucky to have him here.



That sentiment was echoed by Bill Lamberty, assistant AD at Montana State. "Pete is one of the finest people ever to pass through this place. UTTC is getting a great one! He's a high character guy from a great family."

### Thunderbirds under Conway

Since UTTC's last regional championship in the early 2000s, the men's program has been fighting to get back to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament. Pete knows the history of those great teams and is excited to be a part of the challenge.

"I feel honored to have the opportunity to guide a program with the history and tradition of United Tribes," says Conway. "One of my goals is to recruit student athletes who can be successful both on and off the court during their time at 'Tribes' and after. Attracting the best talent we can achieve excellence on the court, in the community, and in the classroom."



# RBIRDS

## Teams Finish Basketball Seasons

Throughout the year, our teams received great encouragement on and off the court from our fans, faculty, staff and students. We thank all for the support on the year.

### Men's Basketball

The United Tribes Men Thunderbirds finished 16-15 overall during the 2014-15 season. In Mon-Dak Conference play they posted a 2-10 season, which ended in first round play of the Region 13 Tournament.

After a strong first half of the season, we were disappointed in our play the second half. But on the year we had some exciting games and played some very good basketball, including the win against BSC on their home court.

Congratulations to Keshan Spears on being named First Team All-Conference and All-Region; and to Josh Boone, who was named Second Team All-Conference.

View the Thunderbirds season stats here: <http://stats.njcaa.org/sports/mbkb/2014-15/div2/teams/UnitedTribesTechnicalCollege>.

Highlight: UTTC lead DII junior colleges in scoring at 100 points-per-game.

### Women's Basketball

The United Tribes Lady Thunderbirds finished 4-26 overall for the season. They went 0-12 in the Mon-Dak Conference. They showed a lot of heart and persistence during a tough season.

View Lady Thunderbird season stats here: <http://stats.njcaa.org/sports/wbkb/2014-15/div2/teams/UnitedTribesTechnicalCollege>.

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Keshan Spears



Joshua Boone



Saturday, April 18

United Tribes Technical College,  
Bismarck, ND

8:00 a.m.

Half Marathon, \$40

9:00 a.m.

10K, \$25

9:15 a.m.

5K, \$20

11:30 a.m.

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- Register Online!

[runsignup.com/race/nd/Bismarck/thunderbirdspringrun](http://runsignup.com/race/nd/Bismarck/thunderbirdspringrun)

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*United Tribes*  
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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

**September 11-13, 2015**

*In conjunction with the United Tribes International Powwow*

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## Standing Rock orator in state poetry event

**C**ongratulations to **Chaylee American Horse** of Solen High School for making the State Finals of the North Dakota "Poetry Out Loud" contest.

Chaylee was among 17 school champions from across the state in the finals March 2 at the ND Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Over 2,500 North Dakota high school students participated in their schools in January and February 2015.

The event encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, recitation, performance and competition.

It is a national program presented by the ND Council on the Arts; [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org), the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

# Diamond Legends Hall of Fame Inaugural Class 2014

**Deceased Honorees:**

John Thunder Hawk, Jeff (Skedge) Marlowe,  
Lyle (Choo) Donnell, Kenny Genoit, Michele Crawford

**Other Honorees:**

Ron Kirkie, announcer; Henry Harper, manager/coach;  
Erv Sergeant, manager/coach; Rich Green, umpire

**Woman Honorees:**

Brenda Kingbird, Joey McLeod, Charlene LaFontaine, Diana Whitebird,  
Deanna Saragosa, Bernita In The Woods, Rhonda White, Sharon Star

**Men Honorees:**

James (JC) Crawford, Jerry (Otto) Reyes, Alvin (John) Wind, Rick Smith,  
Joe White Mountain, Hank Taken Alive, John Allery, Bob Parisien,  
Gabe Kampeska, Bill Canku, Albert Gros Ventre, Gordy Johnson,  
Clifford (Coke) LaFontaine, Mark Thompson, David Donnell

## Sound Contractor Proposals Sought 2015 United Tribes International Powwow

**T**he United Tribes Powwow Committee seeks written proposals from sound contractors for the 2015 United Tribes International Powwow. A sound contractor will be selected to perform work-for-hire September 10-13, 2015 during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual United Tribes International Powwow at Lone Star Arena on the campus of United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND.

**The sound contractor will:**

- Operate a public address sound system for powwow participants and the audience in and around Lone Star Arena, the college's dance arbor
- Provide for and supervise microphone handlers (mic runners) 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 public address system 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 May 20, 2015 to:**

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

## Summer Programs at University of ND

Seven Generations Center of Excellence in Native Behavioral Health is taking applications until April 10, 2015 for two summer programs for students @ UND:



### TURTLE Program

- Tribal Undergraduate Research Training and Learning Experience
- Ten-weeks, for Native American behavioral health undergrads

- Involvement in a research project and develop a poster presentation
- Themes: crisis intervention, elder abuse, mental health, suicide prevention, substance abuse and other

### AAZHOGAN

- Transition program for American Indian students from tribal high schools and colleges
- June 1–26, 2015
- Participants must be newly admitted freshmen or transfer students to UND
- A bridge from tribal high school or tribal college to undergraduate studies

More Info: Ken Davis:  
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 701-335-3072

## Powwow story down-under

A story about the United Tribes International Powwow was featured in the international publication “Let’s Travel Magazine” <http://www.letstravelmag.com/>.

Travel writer/photographer Kelly Lynch from New Zealand took-in the 2014 event. Her colorful descriptions and images appeared in the magazine’s February 2015 edition, with a circulation north of 20K. Congratulations United Tribes!

– Fred Walker, International Marketing Manager, North Dakota Department of Commerce

## UTTC Traffic Violation Fees

United Tribes Technical College cooperates with local, state and federal authorities on violations of law and campus policies. UTTC security officers enforce the following vehicle violations:

### PARKING:

Fire Lane Parking .....	\$25
Parked in Unauthorized Area .....	\$25
Parking along Yellow Curb.....	\$25
Blocking Driveway or Vehicle.....	\$25
Handicapped Parking Violation.....	\$50

### SPEEDING:

20-30 mph.....	\$25
30-40 mph.....	\$50
Over 40 mph.....	\$100

*\$10 late fee for tickets not paid within 10 working days.  
 Hold placed on student financial account if tickets go unpaid.*

More Info: UTTC Security  
 255-3285 x1200 • [security@uttc.edu](mailto:security@uttc.edu)

## OSCAR JOSEPH “BUD” WILKIE

United Tribes sends condolences to the family of Oscar “Bud” Wilkie, 72, who passed away at his home in Belcourt, ND on December 12, 2014. Bud is fondly remembered at United



Tribes for his gentlemanly personality and wide-ranging interests. He shared his exceptional mechanical ability with UTTC students and the campus community as the college’s Automotive Technology instructor. His final resting place will be St. Ann’s Catholic Cemetery, Belcourt, ND.

## Admissions requirements tightened at ND state universities

In the future it’s going to be tougher to get into North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo or University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks. High school students and their parents should be aware of new guidelines for seniors applying to those colleges in the fall of 2016 and beyond.

The new admission requirements for NDSU and UND go into effect this fall and become progressively more rigorous. While the requirements won’t be fully implemented until 2018, it is crucial to address the changes now to insure a student meets the new standards.

High school GPA (Grade Point Average) and ACT (American College Test) guidelines have been adjusted for students seeking admission in the fall of 2016. It is suggested that students possess a minimum 2.75 GPA and an ACT of 22 or higher.

Students who do not meet the minimums will still be considered, if there’s evidence in the student’s academic record that demonstrates a high probability of suc-

cess. Students with higher GPAs and lower ACT scores or lower GPAs and higher ACT scores will also be considered.

The number of required core classes to get into UND and NDSU will also increase. The current guidelines of 13 core courses in high school will remain in effect for students seeking admission for the fall of 2016. In future years, in addition to the current 13 high school core areas (4 years of English, 3 years of math at Algebra I and above, 3 years of lab sciences, and 3 years of social sciences), students will have the option to count 1 additional credit from the existing core subject areas or from newly identified areas, which will likely be foreign or world language, and fine, visual or performing arts in 2017, then 2 additional courses from those options in 2018.

More Info or Questions, contact your school counselor.

– Bismarck Public Schools Community Relations

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## Building Still Underway

The significance of this major address was described by former United Tribes President David M. Gipp in a pamphlet published following the first speech in 1985. It marked the first time federally recognized tribes had accepted an invitation “to officially speak before a legislative branch of government in the 20th Century,” Gipp wrote.



Tex G. Hall made two presentations: 2003 and 2011.

*“Due to lack of infrastructure, all the flaring releases harmful toxins into the air, when the MHA Nation could increase revenue and protect the environment if it had the infrastructure to collect natural gas from the well-head to a pipeline. The transportation of oil utilizing a pipeline would reduce traffic and improve the safety of our roads. There are over 100 wells on our reservation so far and we expect over 1,000 more. But we don’t have the infrastructure or the staffing to support maximum and planned development”*

– Chmn. Tex G. Hall, *Three Affiliated Tribes of the MHA Nation, January 6, 2011 address in 1985.*

He called the speech “a key statement about the state of affairs” of the tribes and a “composite” view of their common experiences. He pointed out that the address suggests “positive approaches” for building mutual agreements and equitable access to capital and banking resources.

Gipp suggested the address could “further open the door to the common cause of improved human and institutional relations.”

It was his hope that it become a “cornerstone upon which Indian and non-Indian can constructively build.”

That the building process is still underway is encouraging and hopeful.

## Link to Learning

Now, all of the Tribal-State Relations addresses presented to the North Dakota Legislature since 1985 are assembled in one,

easy-to-access location. Written texts of the 16 speeches are available on the United Tribes Technical College website at this link: <http://www.uttc.edu/news/stsr.asp>. They are accompanied by additional information including sound files, photographs, popular-press news clippings, and the 1985 pamphlet: “The State of the Relationship: A Tribal Perspective.”

*“Establishing casinos on the reservations has provided us an economic foundation...Our gaming enterprises have boosted not only reservation economies but also local and state economies, in addition to creating approximately 2,500 jobs. Non-Indian employees at North Dakota Indian casinos make up about 18 percent of the workforce.”*

– Chmn. Phillip “Skip” Longie, *Spirit Lake Nation, January 11, 2001*

Many possibilities for study and research present themselves for students and researchers of tribal and state government affairs, oratory and tribal leadership. The collection presents the entire series of one of the most formal speaking occasions for tribal leaders in North Dakota over the past 30 years.

Visit the United Tribes website at this link to find North Dakota’s “State of the Tribal-State Relationship” speeches: <http://www.uttc.edu/news/stsr.asp>

## State of the Relationship Presenters:

1. January 10, 1985: Chmn. Russell Hawkins, *Sisseton/Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, 49th Legislative Session*
2. January 8, 1987: Chmn. Richard J. LaFromboise, *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, 50th Legislative Session*
3. January 6, 1989: Chmn. Edward Lone Fight, *Three Affiliated Tribes, 51st Legislative Session*
4. January 9, 1991: Chmn. Ila Lohnes, *Deviils Lake Sioux Tribe, 52nd Legislative Session*
5. January 7, 1993: Chmn. Wilbur Wilkinson, *Three Affiliated Tribes, 53rd Legislative Session*
6. January 6, 1995: Chmn. Jesse “Jay” Taken Alive, *Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, 54th Legislative Session*
7. January 8, 1997: Chmn. Russell D. Mason Sr., *Three Affiliated Tribes, 55th Legislative Session*
8. January 8, 1999: Chmn. Richard J. LaFromboise, *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, 56th Legislative Session*
9. January 11, 2001: Chmn. Phillip “Skip” Longie, *Spirit Lake Nation, 57th Legislative Session*
10. January 9, 2003: Chmn. Tex G. “Red Tipped Arrow” Hall, *Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes), 58th Legislative Session*
11. January 6, 2005: Chmn. Charles W. Murphy, *Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, 59th Legislative Session*
12. January 5, 2007: Chmn. David Brien, *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; 60th Legislative Session*
13. January 8, 2009: Chmn. Myra Pearson, *Spirit Lake Tribe, 61st Legislative Session*
14. January 6, 2011: Chmn. Tex G. “Red Tipped Arrow” Hall, *Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes), 62nd Legislative Session*
15. January 10, 2013: Chmn. Richard McCloud, *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, 63rd Legislative Session*
16. January 8, 2015: Chmn. Dave Archambault II, *Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, 64th Legislative Session*

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An on-call staff member will be contacted

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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
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# EAT SMART. PLAY HARD.™

Food and Nutrition Services, USDA



By Wanda Agnew, Nutrition & Foodservice Instructor

There they are again! Those beautiful people promoting smart eating and playing hard. But this time there's something different.

The "Eat Smart – Play Hard" poster of the United Tribes Land Grant Programs has new faces. The popular poster published first in 2007 has been updated.

Dietetic Intern Mara Yborra, "on loan" from NDSU for eight weeks, facilitated the project. She scheduled the photo shoots, collected release forms, and coordinated the de-

sign and layout of the new poster and other campaign materials.

"Eat Smart – Play Hard" promotes smarter eating choices and moving more. The imagery uses United Tribes athletes, a busy family that competed in the college's Thunderbird Run, school-aged youngsters and UTTC's Thunderbird athletic mascot "Thunder."

In addition to the 12 x 36 inch poster, materials include single-page, food-group flyers and a magazine with food and nutrition information. Distribution will cover the Great Plains region.

Mara is originally from East Grand Forks

and lives in Bismarck. After NDSU graduation and passing the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics exam, she plans to work as a licensed registered dietitian.

As an intern, she counted herself lucky to have worked at UTTC and with "this awesome project!" She concluded her time in early March by visiting the State Legislature with other students in UND and NDSU Masters of Public Health Programs and UTTC's Community Health class.

"I gained respect for Native American culture and Mother Earth," said Mara about her internship at UTTC.

## Thunder Hawk art at State Capitol

BISMARCK (UTN) – Works of art by Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr. are on display in the Capitol offices of several of the state's most notable public figures.

During the months of April, May and June, about one dozen of Thunder Hawk's two-dimensional creations are hanging in the offices of the Governor, First Lady and Attorney General, where viewing is open to the public.

The showing is part of an ongoing program featuring art in the Capitol, coordinated by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Thunder Hawk is UTTC's Tribal Arts Instructor. With 42 years at UTTC, he is one the college's longest-serving and best-liked instructors. Recently the College Board named him "Professor Emeritus in the Arts."

The artist is an enrolled citizen of the Standing Rock Tribe. He is widely known and respected for his traditional-style of artwork in two and three-dimensional forms.

More Info: ND Council on the Arts, 701-328-7592.



Artist/Instructor Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk Jr. seen in the United Tribes Art Gallery, where his office and studio are located now. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News



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# Artwork Selected for 2015 Powwow



**POWOW UPDATE:** The United Tribes International Powwow Committee selected this design February 26 from artist Gene Declay to represent the 2015 United Tribes International Powwow. The image will appear on the event poster, printed materials, wearables and collectibles that promote the powwow and its many associated events and activities. Declay is a double graduate of UTTC's Art-Art Marketing Program and a current Business Administration student. He is from the White Mountain Apache Nation in Arizona. His original work will be displayed in the college's art gallery. The 2015 powwow is scheduled for September 10-13 at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck and the theme is "Strengthening Communities."

- Julie Cain, United Tribes Powwow Committee Chair, 701-255-3285 x 1276, [jcain@uttc.edu](mailto:jcain@uttc.edu)