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## 2014-2015 Grads Honored at United Tribes



**HEARTY WELCOME:** United Tribes Technical College President Russ McDonald, far right, greeted each and every graduate with a handshake and broad smile as they crossed the stage for commencement.

The May 8 event was the first opportunity for the new head of UTTC to preside over spring graduation, culminating the academic year. Story and photos p. 20. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

## ‘Tribes’ Powwow to feature The BOYZ as host drum

BISMARCK (UTN) – One of the best-recognized drum groups on the powwow trail is the host drum for the 2015 United Tribes Technical College Powwow.

The BOYZ bring their powerful beat and soaring vocals to Lone Star Arena September 10-13.

Having The BOYZ in the arena brings special talent and energy to the soundtrack of the 46th annual event in Bismarck. From St. Paul, MN, The BOYZ have been the muscle and heart of big sound at powwows since 1989.

Tribes Powwow is the season’s last, large outdoor event on the northern

Great Plains powwow circuit. It’s open to the public and everyone is invited and welcome.

### CONTEST EVENT

Known as “Home of the Champions,” this contest powwow offers over \$90,000 in prize money to the top singing groups and dancers in two dozen competitive categories. Champions are crowned early Sunday evening, September 13. Day money is provided for non-contest drums and tiny tots.

Featured are a Hat and Boot dance special, sponsored by Bismarck New Song

Church, and a Tribal Horse Song drum contest.

The action attracts upwards of 1,000 participants from the northern Plains, around the country, and across the border in Canada, making this an international gathering and one of the premier cultural events in North Dakota.

### POWOW SCHEDULE

The first grand entry in the dance arena at the center of the college campus is set for Thursday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Point system in effect. Subsequent Grand

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## Strengthening Communities

### 19th Annual Summit and Trade Show

*September 8-10, 2015*

*Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

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### 46th Annual United Tribes Technical College International Powwow

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Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

### *UNITED TRIBES WEEK*

- ◆ Youth Day  
September 11, 2015
- ◆ Diamond Legends Softball Tournament  
September 11-13, 2015
- ◆ Golf Tournament  
September 11, 2015
- ◆ Parade  
September 12, 2015
- ◆ United Tribes Thunderbird Run  
September 12, 2015
- ◆ Free Buffalo Feed  
September 13, 2015

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# United Tribes Summit set for September 8-10

By Julie Desjarlais,  
Tribal Leader's Summit Coordinator

United Tribes invites you to Bismarck for the 2015 Tribal Leader's Summit and Trade Show September 8-10 at the Bismarck Event Center.

This is the 19th annual gathering of tribal leaders from throughout the region along with key tribal personnel. You don't want to miss it.

## COMBINED CONFERENCES

This event attracts federal, state and local officials and precedes the ever-popular 'Tribes' Powwow.

Combined are three related conferences, sharing breaks, luncheons and general sessions: The Tribal Leader's Summit, a Youth Summit, and the annual Tribal Transportation Planners Conference.

Registration includes two luncheons, tradeshow seminars, continuing education units (CEUs), all conference materials, and entry into the 46th Annual United Tribes Technical College Powwow!

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

The agenda offers major sessions on Tribal Governance, Education, Economic Development and Commerce, Law and Natural Resources, Housing, Health and Human Services, Gaming, and Food Sovereignty.



Keynote speaker Brian Cladoosby.



Mervin Packineau, MHA, speaking on a law enforcement panel at the 2014 summit.

Other meetings are scheduled at and around the same time, including board meetings of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association and the United Tribes of North Dakota.

## KEYNOTE

Keynoting opening day is Brian Cladoosby, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). The Swinomish chairman is a senior tribal and political leader in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.

He is president of the Association of Washington Tribes, executive board member of the Washington Gaming Association, and past president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

Cladoosby is active in tribal and state politics and was instrumental in the domestic and international emergence of the northwest Indian country salmon and seafood industry.

He is the 21st president of NCAI, the oldest and most representative national Indian organization in the country.

## SAVE \$100 ON EARLY REGISTRATION

July 15 is the deadline for a \$100 discount on your early registration. Online registration is available, along with CEU's for educators and students.

View a detailed agenda and register at this link: <http://www.uttcc.edu/secure/summit/default.asp>

## TRADE SHOW

The summit trade show in the Bismarck Event Center is open to vendors with a current North Dakota Sales and Use Tax Permit. Early registration is recommended: <http://www.uttcc.edu/secure/summit/default.asp>.

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## POWWOW WEEK

The Tribal Leader's Summit takes place in conjunction with these United Tribes Powwow Week events in Bismarck: 46th Annual United Tribes Technical College Powwow, Sept. 10-13; Youth Day at the Powwow, Sept. 11; "Diamond Legends" Softball Tournament, Sept. 11-13; Golf Tournament, Sept. 11; and "Parade of Champions," Sept. 12.

## SUMMIT INFO

The United Tribes Summit is hosted by leaders of North Dakota's tribal nations and organized by United Tribes Technical College. It begins Tuesday, September 8 at 8 a.m. with an opening ceremony. The theme is "Strengthening Communities."

We look forward to seeing you!

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# Summer research focuses on ecology

## *NSF supports tribal college students*

By Jeremy E. Guinn, PhD, UTTC  
Environmental Science Dept. Chair,  
Tribal College REU Program Director

**E**ight students from tribal colleges in the Dakotas and Oklahoma are involved this summer in an intensive 10-week research training program at United Tribes Technical College.

The “Tribal College Research Experience for Undergraduates Program” (REU) is funded by the National Science Foundation to assist Native students in participating full-time in summer research activities.

The projects include plant restoration and ecology, insect communication and ecological impacts, integrated buffalo prairie management, impacts of energy development on natural resources, conservation biology and animal behavior, and geospatial applications to ecological research.

Work and study is conducted under the guidance of mentors from United

Tribes, Bismarck; Ft. Berthold Community College, New Town, ND; Sitting Bull College, Ft. Yates, ND; Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, SD; and Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD.

This research experience is the first award made to a tribal college for students to conduct research at a tribal college campus. It makes available resources of the NSF’s national undergraduate research training program for tribal college students and provides stipends and travel assistance. It aims to improve recruitment, retention and completion of Native students in science programs, and provide a solid foundation for success in graduate programs and in science careers.

Participants in this competitive program are among the top performers in their field. Each has expressed interest in using science

to answer ecological questions important to them and their community. They conduct individual research projects while becoming part of the research team. They receive training in research ethics, project design, field techniques, advanced laboratory technology, data management, and presentation of research findings.

Professional development activities provide well-rounded exposure to career options and research methodologies.

The summer program culminates with a research symposium on Friday, July 31 at the Science and Technology Center at United Tribes. The symposium is open to the public.

The Tribal College REU program began offering research opportunities in 2009 and is funded through 2016. To apply for next year’s program or to learn more, use this link: <http://www.uttc.edu/about/forum/reu/>.

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### **Participating Students:**

Dawn Alkhafaji, United Tribes; Cherokee Anderson, Northeastern Oklahoma State; Gerald Condon, Oglala Lakota College; Shawn Garnette, Oglala Lakota College; Ashly Hall, Fort Berthold CC; Matthew Janis, Oglala Lakota College; Shelby Ross, Oglala Lakota College; Tada Vargas, Oglala Lakota College



Summer research students at United Tribes, from left: Cherokee Anderson (NE Oklahoma St), Tony Walking (UTTC), Nicole Olson (UTTC), Ashly Hall (FBCC), Tahnee Herrera (UTTC), Gerald Condon (OLC), Marlee Finley (UTTC), Dawn Alkhafaji (UTTC), JP Holmes (UTTC), Shelby Ross (OLC), Shawn Garnette (OLC), Tada Vargas (OLC), Matthew Janis (OLC), and Jeremy Guinn (UTTC). UTTC Tribal Environmental Science photo

# Teacher, what did YOU do this Summer?

## Summer Research Immersion for Teachers

By Jeremy E. Guinn, PhD, UTTC Environmental Science Dept. Chair, Tribal College REU Program Director

If you think all teachers have the summer off and lay by the pool or catch up on reading, you don't know many teachers.

Most use the time to take training courses, expand their knowledge base, and sharpen skills, thereby improving their ability to teach in a rapidly changing world.

This summer, four K-12 science teachers from the region have chosen to immerse themselves in ecological research by spending time catching bats, sampling groundwater, tracking coyotes, studying bison, or learning about medicinal plants.

They're participating in UTTC's Tribal College Research Experience for Teachers (RET) program.

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the program exposes teachers to real-world science in action and provides a strong foundation for teaching science courses. Teachers conduct ecological research alongside undergraduate re-



UTTC Tribal Environmental Science photo

searchers and research mentors at local tribal colleges. From left: Matthew Janis (OLC), Nicole Olson (UTTC), Marlee Finley (UTTC), and Tada Vargas (OLC).

Each teacher will develop curriculum modules, based on their research experience, for their own classrooms and disseminate the modules to their peers.

Presentations of their work will occur at the Summer Research Symposium on Friday, July 31 at the Science and Technology

Center at United Tribes Technical College. The symposium is open to the public.

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### Participating Teachers:

Anthony Esquibel, Margaret Breuer Elementary, Roseglen, ND, Ft. Berthold Community College; Jocelyn Horob, Standing Rock Elementary, Ft. Yates, ND, United Tribes; Aaron Reider, Rock Creek Elementary, Bullhead, SD, Sitting Bull College; Eric Skunberg, Jamestown High School, Jamestown, ND, United Tribes

## Tribal Environmental Science glowing with success

By Mandy Guinn,  
Tribal Environmental Science Instructor

The Tribal Environmental Science staff congratulates all of the TES students on a wonderful semester. It was busy and chaotic but you all made it.

TES saw so many great things happen this year that we have to share them:

- **Kimberly Blevins** was selected Ms. AIHEC
- **Connie Begay** took a position with USDA-ARS

- **Bonita Claymore** was awarded an internship with UND REU
- **Dawn Alkhasaji** earned an internship award with UTTC REU
- **Jonathan Holmes** and **Nikki Olson** earned internships with USDA-NIFA
- **Devin Dragswolf**, **Chugger Davis** and **Dawn Alkhasaji** turned-in stellar capstone research projects
- **Devin Dragswolf** and **Chugger Davis** graduated and we are so proud of you!

It's has been an honor to work with you and see you succeed. We're looking forward to more great things in the coming year.

We have one more official surprise. The four-year Bachelor of Science program has been approved! UTTC-TES will begin offering some of the courses in the fall.

Have a fun, relaxing and safe summer. We are around almost all summer if you want to stop and visit; we'd love it.

Cheers!

# Creating Opportun

## *First Lady Michelle Obama April 8, 2015*

*First Lady Michelle Obama convened the Generation Indigenous conference at the White House with the following prepared remarks that recount her and her husband's 2014 visit to the Standing Rock Nation in North Dakota. There she met young people who inspired and impressed her with their courage, determination and maturity.*

**G**ood morning everyone, and welcome to the White House. We are so thrilled to have you here today for our Generation Indigenous convening.

I want to start by thanking Walter Isaacson and Senator Dorgan for their outstanding leadership and for the terrific work that they're doing at the Aspen Institute.

And as for T.C – there really are no words to express how proud I am of this young man and how impressed I am by his courage, determination and maturity. Barack and I were blown away by T.C. and by the other young people we met when we visited T.C.'s tribe, the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, last June. And I want to start off today by telling you a little bit about that visit.

It began when we arrived in North Dakota, and as we left the airport where we'd landed, we looked around, and all we could see was flat, empty land. There were almost no signs of typical community life, no police stations, no community or business centers, no malls, no doctor's offices, no churches, just flat, empty land.

Eventually, we pulled up to a little community with a cluster of houses, a few buildings, and a tiny school – and that was the town of Cannon Ball, North Dakota, which is part of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation. And at that school, a small group of young people gathered in a classroom, anxiously but quietly waiting to meet with the President and the First Lady.

These teens were the best and brightest – hand-selected for this meeting – and after we all introduced ourselves, they shared their stories.

One young woman was in foster care because of substance abuse in her household. She talked about how hard it was to be separated from her five siblings. One young man had spent his high school years homeless, crashing on the sofa of his friends, even for a period living in the local community center. Another young man had gotten himself into college, but when he got there, he had trouble choosing the right classes; he realized that he'd never been taught how to properly write an essay; and when family problems arose back home, he struggled to balance all the stress and eventually had to drop out.

And just about every kid in that room had lost at least one friend or family member to drug or alcohol-related problems, or to preventable illnesses like heart disease, or to suicide. In fact, two of the girls went back and forth for several minutes trying to remember how many students in their freshman class had committed suicide – the number was either four or five...this is out of a class of 70.

Just sit with that for a minute: four or five kids out of a class of 70 taking their own lives.

So these are the challenges these kids are facing. This is the landscape of their lives.

But somehow – and this is what truly blew us away – somehow, in the face of all this hardship and all these tragedies, these kids haven't given up. They are still fighting to find a way forward, for themselves and for their community.

After losing her classmates to suicide, one young woman started volunteering at a youth program to help other kids who were struggling. One young man told us that when his family was struggling, he fended for himself for years, sleeping on friends' couches until he was old enough to become a firefighter.

And that young man who had to leave college? Well, when he got back home, he discovered that his family problems were worse than he had thought. He found that his stepmother was on drugs and his four younger brothers were wandering the streets alone in the middle of the night. So at the age of 19, he stepped in and took over – and now, he's back in college while raising four children all by himself.

And then there's T.C.

He was the last young person to speak that day, and after telling us his story – how he was raised by a single father, how he's lost so many people he loves, how his family struggles to get by – he then said to my husband "I know you face a lot as President of the United States, and I want to sing an encouragement song for all of us to keep going."

After everything these young people had endured, T.C. wanted to sing a song for us.

So if you have any doubt about the urgency or the value of investing in this community, I want you to just think about T.C. and all those other young people I met in Standing Rock. I want you to think about both the magnitude of their struggles and the deep reservoirs of strength and resilience that they draw on every day to face those struggles.

And most of all, I want you to remember that supporting these young people isn't just a nice thing to do, and it isn't just a smart investment in their future, it is a solemn obligation that we as a nation have incurred.

You see, we need to be very clear about where the challenges in this community first started.

Folks in Indian Country didn't just wake up one day with addiction problems. Poverty and violence didn't just randomly happen to this community. These issues are the result of a long history of systematic discrimination and abuse.

Let me offer just a few examples from our past, starting with how, back in 1830, we passed a law removing Native Americans

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from their homes and forcibly re-locating them to barren lands out west. The Trail of Tears was part of this process. Then we began separating children from their families and sending them to boarding schools designed to strip them of all traces of their culture, language and history. And then our government started issuing what were known as “Civilization Regulations” – regulations that outlawed Indian religions, ceremonies and practices – so we literally made their culture illegal.

And these are just a few examples. I could continue on like this for hours.

So given this history, we shouldn’t be surprised at the challenges that kids in Indian Country are facing today. And we should never forget that we played a role in this. Make no mistake about it – we own this.

And we can’t just invest a million here and a million there, or come up with some five year or ten-year plan and think we’re going to make a real impact. This is truly about nation-building, and it will require fresh thinking and a massive infusion of resources over generations. That’s right, not just years, but generations.

But remember, we are talking about a small group of young people, so while the investment needs to be deep, this challenge is not overwhelming, especially given everything we have to work with. I mean, given what these folks have endured, the fact that their culture has survived at all is nothing short of a miracle.

And like many of you, I have witnessed the power of that culture. I saw it at the Pow Wow that my husband and I attended during our visit to Standing Rock. And with each stomping foot – with each song, each dance – I could feel the heartbeat that is still pounding away in Indian Country. And I could feel it in the energy and ambition of those young people who are so hungry for any chance to learn, any chance to broaden their horizons.

Even the smallest opportunity can make such a huge difference for these kids. I saw that firsthand when Barack and I invited



Michelle Obama at the powwow in Cannonball, ND in June 2014.

the kids we met in Standing Rock to come visit us at the White House.

They arrived one morning last November, and we showed them around, and took them out for pizza and burgers, and spent some time talking and laughing and hanging out. Altogether, their visit to the White House was just one day long, but as we hugged each of those kids goodbye, one young woman said to Barack, “This visit saved my life.”

And given the odds these kids face, I don’t think she was exaggerating. So if we take a chance on these young people, I guarantee you that we will save lives. I guarantee it.

So we all need to work together to invest deeply – and for the long-term – in

these young people, both those who are living in their tribal communities like T.C. and those living in urban areas across this country. These kids have so much promise – and we need to ensure that they have every tool, every opportunity they need to fulfill that promise.

So I want to thank you for your commitment to their futures and for everything you have already done for their communities. I want to thank you for coming here today to learn more about Generation Indigenous and how you can help. And I look forward to seeing the extraordinary impact that you all will have in the years ahead.

Thank you so much, and God bless.

# Horse Culture Art Described at Workshops

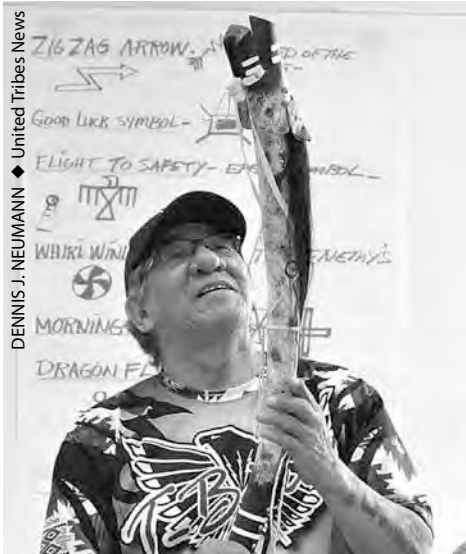
BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes hosted a series of workshops in April and May titled “Art of Northern Plains Horse Culture.”

Presenters were Wallace “Butch” Thunder Hawk Jr., the college’s Professor Emeritus in

the Arts, well-respected Standing Rock culture-keeper Jon Eagle, and horseman Frank Kuntz of the Nokota Horse Conservancy.

Well-attended by students and the public, the sessions were facilitated by Brian

Palecek, UTTC Humanities instructor, and supported by a Traditional Arts grant from the American Indian College Fund.



Butch Thunder Hawk Jr. described the features, symbols and meanings on one of his many horse sticks during a workshop May 13 at United Tribes.



Walt Bailey of the Bismarck Historical Society creating a horse effigy.



Butch Thunder Hawk demonstrating on the real thing. CHARLENE WEIS ♦ United Tribes News



# Modeling the professional look



**CLASSY WORK CLOTHES:** Bobbi Three Legs had an exciting opportunity in March. The UTTC Criminal Justice student from Wakpala, SD was invited to model clothing for a photo shoot about building a professional wardrobe. Here you see one of the images: Bobbi showing the layered-look of a cream blouse under an asymmetrical poncho. "The key is to invest in classic, great-fitting pieces that you can mix and match to create an endless array of office appropriate outfits," wrote author Adrianna Harris for Be Magazine, a publication of the Bismarck Tribune. The other outfits Bobbi modeled during the shoot at the North Dakota Heritage Center were: a professional pencil skirt, a fit and flare skirt and professional pants. See them all at this link: <http://bebismarck.com/story.php?article=1429893288>.

Photo by Adrianna Harris, provided courtesy Bismarck Tribune

## ! SAVE-THE-DATE !

### United Tribes Trail Official Opening

Wednesday, August 5, 3 p.m.

Science Building parking lot  
along Burleigh Avenue

United Tribes Technical College will host an opening ceremony for the new section of "United Tribes Trail." Recent construction completed the multi-use pathway that encircles the main campus and connects to the Bismarck-Burleigh trail system.

Take a break. Take a walk. Have a bite. Say 'Thank You' to community partners!

- **Food and Refreshments**
- **Ribbon Cutting**
- **Trail Scavenger Hunt**
- **Geocache Searches**

More Info: Joe Andino, 255-3285 x 1529, [jandino@uttc.edu](mailto:jandino@uttc.edu).

# Trail pathway rings the campus



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**CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION:** Contract workers lay concrete June 5 along Burleigh Avenue for "United Tribes Trail." The addition completes the circuit, ringing the campus and connecting the multi-use pathway to the extensive Bismarck-Burleigh trail system. The south campus trail addition was one of many projects during the summer construction season. Others were to replace porches on some of the 100+ year old buildings; re-roof the Skill Center and gymnasium; remodel the Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center; remodel Sitting Bull Hall; install new parking on the south campus; and renovate plumbing in the Skill Center. All projects received authorization through the college facilities committee and were coordinated by Campus Planner Randy Lamberth, M.Ed. More info 701-255-3285 x 1500, [rlamberth@uttc.edu](mailto:rlamberth@uttc.edu).

# UTTC staffers attend health promotion conference



United Tribes conference participants, from left: Christine Brazell, Joey McLeod, Tanya Williams, Twila Smith and Sarah Massey. Photo courtesy Roughrider Health Promotion Conference

MEDORA – Educators from United Tribes Technical College learned how to promote school, community and personal healthy lifestyle concepts at the 29th annual Roughrider Health Promotion Conference. The June 2-5 gathering here used the theme “Fire Up For Health Camp 2015.”

Christine Brazell, Joey McLeod, Tanya Williams, Twila Smith and Sarah Massey were among the 200 registered.

Schools and communities from across the state sent representatives to evaluate their school health and community programs and develop action plans for making improvements.

Sessions were based on components of Coordinated School Health, including health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, counseling, psychological and social services, healthy school environment, health promotion for staff, and family/community involvement.

Other topics included substance use prevention, character education, violence/bullying prevention, chronic disease prevention and professional development.

For more info visit [www.ndroughrider.com](http://www.ndroughrider.com).

# HANDS-ON Food Preservation Classes

United Tribes Technical College will host a series of food preservation classes in the UTTC Skill Center over the summer in conjunction with the NDSU Extension Service of Burleigh County. It’s an opportunity for adults to learn how to pickle, can and dehydrate produce.

Learn about topics such as how to pressure-can and why to do so instead of water-bath canning.

Each session will include a learning segment and a hands-on preservation segment, where class participants make a jar of product. The only exception will be the fruit leather class, which will be demonstration only, but you will still go home with a sample of apple fruit leather.

Most of the classes take place in the evening and one on a weekend:

- July 16: Pressure Canning-Green Beans, 4-7 p.m. \$5
- July 23: Water Bath Canning-Pickles, 4-7 p.m. \$5
- August 22: Water Bath Canning-Salsa, 9 a.m. to noon \$5
- September 30: Apple Fruit Leather Demo, 5:30 to 7 p.m. \$5

Sessions open to adults 18 and up. Class size limited. Please register with the Burleigh County Extension Office 701-221-6865.

UTTC is located at 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, immediately south of Bismarck Airport.

More info: Jan Keller, M.S., Extension Nutrition Educator, UTTC Land Grant Extension, 701-221-1504.

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Wellness Center - Room 110A

# Tree planting is part of graduates' tradition

By Annette Broyles, UTTC Nutrition and Foodservice Dept. Chair/Instructor

Students of the United Tribes Nutrition and Foodservice program have an opportunity to get their hands a little dirty when they graduate. It may seem untidy for students who spend most of their time in the kitchen but it's a ritual they and the staff have come to look forward to.

They plant a tree near the Skill Center. The act honors the bounty of Mother Earth, commemorates their time learning and growing, and leaves a living legacy that helps beautify the campus near the building where they take most of their classes.

Graduates of the 2015 class performed the ritual April 24, with friends, family and staff members there to watch and help.

Graduating were: Nutrition and Wellness AAS degree students Tommi McLaughlin,



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2015 graduates, from left, Tony Walking, Jennifer Whiteman and Peter Stone.

Tony Walking and Jennifer Whiteman; Foodservice Certificate student Peter Stone. Following the tree planting, refresh-

ments were served in the Land Grant Room for all attending, along with a program and photos reviewing the academic year.

## Award earned for tasty creation



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**CULINARY COMPETITION:** Delorise White and Toni Shot captured the People's Choice Award in the Nutrition and Foodservice Culinary Competition April 14 at UTTC. The winners whipped up a Banana Split Pie that tickled the taste buds with chocolate chips and strawberries. The friendly competition was hosted by FANS (Food and Nutrition Students) Pre-professional Club in the Skill Center teaching kitchen. The challenge was to make a dish with ripe bananas. Tony Walking and Peter Stone were runners-up with a banana fritter offering. Jordan Katcher and Annette Broyles received the Judge's Award for a Banana Bread Pudding with warm vanilla bean sauce and banana ice cream. All received participation prizes. Judges were: Heather Demaray, Nutrition and Wellness graduate, now a business student; and instructor Brian Palecek.

## Visiting the Camps



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**TIME ON TOUR:** Paul and Mabel Tomita of Bellevue, WA paid a visit to the United Tribes campus in early May to visit the site of the former Fort Lincoln Internment Camp. The stop was part of a 2,000 mile, multi-state tour they made, visiting other camps and relocation centers in Colorado, Utah and Idaho. Paul was interned at Minidoka Camp in Idaho. Mabel's uncles, Yosh and Frank Aoki, were interned at Fort Lincoln in 1945. Some World War II internment sites host regularly scheduled pilgrimages, attended by former internees, family members, scholars and researchers. It's amazing "to have so many of the actual buildings and trees still there" at Fort Lincoln, the Tomitas wrote in a 'thank you' e-mail.

# Skype's Horizons – Revisited

## The Missouri River I knew

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

**A**s a young girl growing up in Fort Yates, North Dakota in the 1930s, many of my memories have to do with the Missouri River and the times I and my brothers spent with my grandfather, Tom Skye. He was “Grampa Tom” to us and we were there to help him rake and hoe the garden. We weren’t allowed to swim in the Missouri so we swam in the muddy canals he built to water the gardens.

What I cherish from those times is my connection to the Missouri and the peace I felt as I sat on its banks. The river was always a mystery to me. In my school girl’s mind I wondered where all that water went as it flowed by me.

I went to the river to play, to pray, to think, to pick choke cherries and run in the woods with my brothers. We looked for signs of prairie chickens in the spring and marveled at the giant chunks of ice breaking-up and crashing against each other. I imagined myself alone on one, waving goodbye to my family. There was a power there that fascinated me. I understood this

Years later I wondered if the ice was still in there, covered-over with saw dust and left from the days when we had ice boxes.

In those days, mother had a cal-



Harriett Skye

*“The river was always a mystery to me. In my school girl’s mind I wondered where all that water went as it flowed by me.”*

–Harriett Skye

was a force beyond our control. The most we could do was watch and listen.

Our picnic area was there too, adjacent to the gardens near the football field. I remember the old ice house, built into a side-hill along the dirt road leading to the river.

endar on the kitchen wall with pictures of the Dionne Quintuplets. Each year a new calendar went up with five little girls in pretty dresses and we followed their lives for many years.\*

I remember helping my mother fix a pic-



Road to the River at Fort Yates 1939 by Fiske, photo courtesy State Historical Society of North Dakota, Fiske Collection

nic basket. It had seen its better days but she filled it with potato salad, baked beans, fresh bread and hot dogs. My dad loaded up our '38 Chevy and off we'd go for a big Saturday or Sunday afternoon by the river. Our folks put ropes on a couple trees so we could swing and have fun.

Today you wouldn't know we had these times. The Missouri River is now a lake, Lake Oahe. The people of Standing Rock were overcome by sadness and silence for decades at the loss of their land and homes in the Missouri River bottomlands.

In recent years, however, voices have emerged to recall that time and examine what happened over 50 years ago with the building of Oahe Dam.

From the perspective of our people, I have offered what I call the "Iktomi Paradigm." This, of course, is the name of the legendary trickster in our culture, the spider. This wily creature is so named for its propensity to shift-shapes and lie. This is the model and pattern for how the U.S. Government and the Corp of Engineers misdirected the truth of its actions and motives, destroying the life-giving resource that was once our beloved river and its rich bottomland.

Today the scents and smells of the lake are a reminder of our river, our gardens and the good times. We remember the prairie chickens that danced and the gathering and preserving of wild fruits and vegetables. This is still a traditional part of the lives of the People of Standing Rock. But not in those river bottoms. Our river of the past is gone. We should come to terms with it. We should tell the stories and expose the truth and the realities as we know them, to help us heal. And we should look and listen for the new stories of survival and success that take place from the view of our lake-front property. We are still here.

*\* The Dionne Quintuplets were identical sisters born May 28, 1934 into a farm family near Callander, Ontario, Canada. At the time, they were widely celebrated as the first quintuplets known to have survived infancy.*

*Harriett Skye founded and directed the United Tribes Office of Public Information; edited "United Tribes News" and wrote the column: "Skye's Horizons." Later Dr. Skye served as the college's Vice President of Intertribal Programs. Her 2003 PhD dissertation at the University of California-Berkeley is about the effects of the Oahe Dam on the people of Standing Rock. She is retired and lives in Walnut Creek, California.*

## HIV-AIDS Awareness Day @ UTTC



**TEAMWORK:** The line-up of presenters at United Tribes Technical College March 20 for National HIV-AIDS Awareness Day focused on prevention, safety and knowing your test results. From left, Gino Jose, HIV Prevention Coordinator from the ND Dept. of Health; Donna Belgarde, Intake/Activities Coordinator for UTTC's Chemical Health Center; Jody Archambault and Lynette Schaff, UTTC Student Health Nurses; and G. Russell Gillette, United Tribes Spiritual Adviser and Chemical Health Center counselor. The national observance is held each year on the first day of spring. For questions or confidential information regarding testing, contact the United Tribes Student Health Center, the ND Dept. of Health (701-328-1059), or see a physician. Learn more: <http://www.nnhaad.org/index.html>. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

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# UTTC Business Leaders Set Goals and Win National Award

By Teresa HisChase  
AIBL Fundraising VP

The 2014-15 academic year was one to remember for the United Tribes Chapter of American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL).

Members worked hard to achieve our goals. Our priority was to raise funds to attend the national AIBL conference in April at the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque, NM. Through continuous efforts, we achieved that goal.

UTTC Business Dept. Chair Erik Cutler accompanied Business Administration students Heather Demaray, Marian Declay and Lydale Yazzie to present their portfolio and business plan at the national competition.

We took first place for our 2015 Portfolio Competition, won a trophy and received a \$1,000 award for future AIBL activities.

To top it off, AIBL was recognized by the UTTC Student Senate as the “Most Active Club” on the UTTC campus in 2015.

## Following Principles

The UTTC group is part of the national AIBL organization, dedicated to increasing the representation of American Indians and Alaska Natives in business and leadership. AIBL was founded on four guiding principles: Education, Experience, Leadership and Culture.

Throughout the year, we kept those principles in mind as we served in various capacities on campus and in the local

community. We served as ushers and “Ask Me” ambassadors at the UTTC Tribal Leaders Summit.

AIBL President Heather Demaray sat on the Women’s Inspiring Women panel at the event.

In October we held a 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament, raising over \$3,000 in one weekend! Special thanks to Jon Berryhill and Leslie Mountain for their expertise and coordination of this event.

We sold Indian Tacos and concessions during UTTC home basketball games raising over \$3,000. We had booths at the fall and spring career fairs, where we highlighted AIBL and recruited additional members.

Heather, Lydale, Teresa, Darnelle and



Teresa His Chase, Erik Cutler, and Heather Demaray. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News



Marian attended the State of Tribal Nations Address in January 2015 at the North Dakota State Capital.

AIBL also participated in monthly UTTC Farmer's Markets from November through April 2015, selling

homemade crafts and baked goods, all made by members.

Marian, Teresa, Heather, Lydale and Lisa served as ambassadors during the fall and spring orientations, and introduced keynote and guest speakers during the Professional Development Days at UTTC.

Gene and Marian DeClay presented at the "Diversity University" workshops held at UTTC.

Most of the members attended weekly Lunch-N-Learn workshops, as well as the Native American Development Center's monthly leadership talks.

We attended the UTTC Student Senate weekly meetings and partnered with them for community events.

### Tradishes

This year we created a cultural food event we coined "Tradishes," held in February and March in the lower Jack Barden Center. Members brought traditional dishes from their respective tribes. We sold sample platters and a drink, and our customers were able to experience foods from around Indian Country. As they sat and enjoyed a good cultural meal, members explained where they were from and foods they prepared, giving a brief history and explanation of the ingredients and their cultural significance to their tribe. Everyone seemed to love this event. Both fundraisers brought in over \$300 each.



### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone, including those who donated to our special cause. President Heather



Teresa His Chase and Marian DeClay. Submitted photo

Demaray and Vice President Jon Berryhill displayed excellent leadership throughout the year and we applaud them! We were proud to be highly visible around the campus, displaying our leadership and commitment.

We would like to thank our business

advisors Glen Philbrick, Mandie Wood, Amy Mossett and Erik Cutler for all their support. 'Thank you' to President McDonald for his encouragement in our Business Plan efforts. We encourage future UTTC AIBL business students to carry on the AIBL tradition!

## 2015 UTTC AIBL

Heather Demaray, President; Jon Berryhill, Executive Vice-President; Lydale Yazzie, Vice-President for Budget and Finance; Marian DeClay, Vice-President for Marketing & Public Outreach; Teresa HisChase, Vice-President for Fundraising; Leslie Mountain, Secretary; Members: Lisa DeLeon, Gene DeClay, Dawnelle Red Horn, Eric Betone, Lynn Fox, Tennille Burning Breast, Victoria Buffalo, Doreen Welsh-Pretends Eagle, Lauren Derrick, Brandyn Derrick, Darnelle C'Hair, Lynelle Whiteman, Susan Emery, Jamie Chaske, Marie Shortbull, Joshua Boone, Angel Villa

Erik Cutler, Chair of Business Degree Programs; Amy Mossett, Former Chair; Glen Philbrick, Business Instructor; Mandi Wood, Business Instructor

# Meeting Julie Nixon

## *Value of Education Passed to Me*

By Rae L. Gunn, UTTC DeMaND  
Consortium Project Director

In the archive at United Tribes there is a photo of Julie Nixon when she visited the college. It was in the fall of 1972 when her father, the President, was running for re-election.

She was in Bismarck campaigning and one of her stops was at the tribal college. The black and white photo shows her taking an interest in a new electric typewriter used by a student in a business clerical class. She is dressed elegantly, carrying a handbag and wearing a beaded medallion around her neck, no doubt a gift from the college. Then I noticed something else in the image.

Off to the right, much to my surprise, I recognize my grandmother. She is seated at another typewriter, like others near her, focused on the keyboard. Instantly I knew it was her.



United Tribes News photo of Julie Nixon-Eisenhower inquiring into the workings of the IBM Executive typewriter with Business Clerical instructor Jeanie Steckler. Among the students at far right, in the patterned blouse, is Joyce Archambault.

I was aware that my grandmother, Joyce Archambault, had gone to school at 'Tribes' in the early '70s. But I didn't know she was involved in a chance-meeting with a member of the presidential family.

So I confirmed it with my mom and sisters, learning that the First Daughter was very polite to my grandmother and others she met.

Further discussion turned up another 42 year-old photo from the time. A scratchy family snapshot shows my grandmother, with a happy smile on her face, near Ms. Nixon, along with another student from Standing Rock. I was told that my grandmother was very proud of that meeting, and it showed.



Rae L. Gunn

It was so nice to see these images. It touched my heart to discover glimpses of a scene in my grandmother's journey in life. And it set me thinking about the influence of education in a family.

### **The Education Pathway**

My grandmother Joyce (Paiute/Standing Rock) was born and raised in Bishop, CA. At age 12, when her mother passed away, the family moved to South Dakota. There, in 1955, she met and married LeRoy Archambault. They became involved in the government's relocation program, moving to Los Angeles and later Fort Worth, TX, before coming back to South Dakota. With few jobs available on the reservation, it was a struggle for them to raise nine children.

Attending United Tribes Employment



Snapshot photo of Julie Nixon Eisenhower at United Tribes in 1972 with students Joyce Archambault, center, and Helen White (Standing Rock).



Training Center beginning in 1971, she was an older than average student. She studied hard and participated in many activities on campus. I have all of her certificates and achievements from that time. She told me she loved going to school here.

She earned a Nurse's Aide Certificate and was employed with the Indian Health Service for over 25 years, receiving recognitions for her attendance and work ethic.

Clearly the opportunity for education helped her grow in ways that served her well in the challenges she faced in the workplace and in life. She saw education as a way out of poverty. She credited education for providing her family with a better way of life.

My mother, Barbara Archambault, followed the same path. As an adolescent, I recall seeing her take night classes to earn a Master of Education degree. She stressed to me and my siblings that earning an education is something that no one can take away from you. She also said, jokingly, that we were her "retirement plan."

### Reaching Goals – Earning Confidence

It's no surprise that my path followed education too. When I graduated from Dickinson State University with a Bachelors in Business Administration, my grandmother told me she was very proud of me and to keep going. I interpreted that to mean going to the next level for my master's degree.

As proof that education can be a family asset, I recently achieved one of my long term goals. I graduated from University of Mary with a Master of Business Administration degree.

Accomplishing this did not necessarily give me a sense of financial security, although that certainly is a factor. What I earned from meeting a challenging goal is the confidence that I can succeed. I also earned the satisfaction of knowing that I am demonstrating the inspiration I received from others, and becoming a strong role model for my children.

In our family, the examples set by my grandmother and mother show how valuing education is something that courses through the generations, bringing long-lasting and meaningful benefits. I plan to keep it going.

# Fitness center getting use

The college's new and improved fitness center is getting a good workout. Staff members and students are putting the renovated and updated facilities to good use. An open house dedication was held March 20.

The weight training facilities are in the lower level of the small gym.

These and other facilities and equipment in the Wellness Center and gym are coordinated by the Strengthening Lifestyles staff.

Activities are regularly scheduled and individualized training is offered.

Contact: John Keller x 1357; Brienna Schwab x 1367; Devero Yellow Earring x 1355.



Exercise Fitness Coordinator Brienna Schwab



Counselor Christina Colon with free weights



Strengthening Lifestyles Director John Keller



Bernard Strikes Enemy using a weight machine

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## Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board's Fifth Annual Health Summit

Share the Vision: Solutions for  
Sustaining a Healthy Future  
July 8-9, 2015 - Rapid City, SD  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel

# SAVE the DATE

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# United Tribes Technical College

## 2014-15 Student Awards

**Academic Excellence (Male)**  
Joshua Standing Elk

**Academic Excellence (Female)**  
Devin Dragswolf

**Thunderbird Above and Beyond (Male)**  
Gene Declay

**Thunderbird Above and Beyond (Female)**  
Teresa Hughes

**Inspirational Student (Male)**  
Gene Declay

**Inspirational Student (Female)**  
Lindsey Isburg

**Outstanding UTTC Staff Member (Male)**  
Bernard Strikes Enemy

**Outstanding UTTC Staff Member  
(Female)** Rhonda Breuer

**Outstanding UTTC Faculty Member  
(Male)** Brian Palecek

**Outstanding UTTC Faculty Member  
(Female)** Mandy Guinn



Devro Yellow Earring and Dorvin Froseth

The Student body honored Business and Office Technology Instructor Dorvin Froseth for 37 years of dedication and service to the United Tribes campus community.

Devro Yellow Earring,  
Strengthening Lifestyles Activities Coordinator

## 2014-15 Athletic Awards Academic All-Conference Award

Awarded by the Mon-Dak Athletic Conference (minimum 3.0 GPA)

**Lady Thunderbirds:**  
Raeanne HeavyRunner and  
Cherikie Tillman

**Thunderbird men:**  
Brandon Kohler and Chibuzo Osuchukwu

**Mon-Dak All-Conference Player  
Selections**

Keshan Spears, First Team  
Josh Boone, Second Team

**Region XIII All-Region Player Selection:**  
Keshan Spears

### Thunderbirds Team Awards

**Most Improved Player-women:**  
Raeanne HeavyRunner

**Most Improved Player-men:**  
Chibuzo Osuchukwu

**Betty Anhorn Award:**  
Gia Davis

**John Thunder Hawk Award:**  
Brandon Kohler

**Most Valuable Lady Thunderbird:**  
Cherikie Tillman

**Most Valuable Thunderbird:**  
Josh Boone

**John Thunder Hawk Memorial  
Scholarships:**  
RaeAnne HeavyRunner and  
Trevor Shavehead

**Two-Year Letter-Winner:**  
Cherikie Tillman

Hunter Berg, UTTC Athletic Director

United Tribes News photos Rhonda Breuer



Gene  
Declay

Rhonda  
Breuer

Brian  
Palecek



Cherikie  
Tillman

Lindsey  
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Weeks

## 2014-15 Scholarship Awards

### Doc-Janacek Memorial Scholarship

Two awards of \$250 each

**Tahnee Herrera**  
Joshua Standing Elk

### Margaret Halsey Teachout Memorial Scholarship

\$500 award

**Tynesha Swagger**

### Michael J. and

### Ann G. Knudson Scholarship

\$500 award for a Native student/veteran in the HEO/  
CDL program

**Darold Uses Many**

### Bismarck Tribune Award

\$200 award for a full-time student with good  
attendance, GPA over 2.0, and who graduated from a  
Bismarck/Mandan high school

**Marley Finley**

### Dr. David M. Gipp Leadership Award

\$1,000 award for a current, full-time student in a  
bachelor's degree program who has demonstrated  
academic and leadership potential

**Caressa Weeks**

### Jesse Clairmont Art Education &

### Entrepreneurship Award

\$500 award named for the late director of the college's  
art gallery for a student who is in good academic  
standing, an aspiring artist and majoring in the college's  
art program

**Cherikie Tillman**

# 2015 United Tribes Diamond Legends Softball Tournament



## September 11-13, 2015

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**Men's Division** \_\_\_\_\_

- C & D • REC 1 & 2 • REC 3 & 4

**Women's Division** \_\_\_\_\_

- C & D • REC 1 & 2

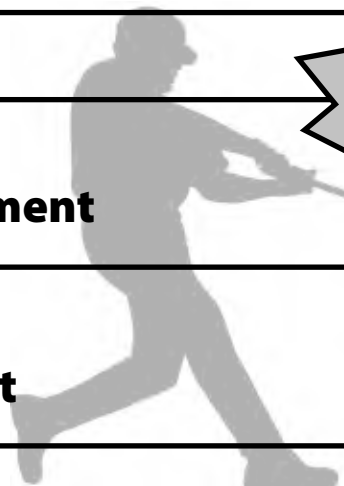
#### All Native Divisions Softball Tournament

**Divisions** \_\_\_\_\_

- Men's Upper • Men's Lower • Women

#### Men's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

**Men's Only Division** \_\_\_\_\_



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# Students told opportuniti

BISMARCK (UTN) – “I feel like Chief Dan George when he said ‘my heart soars,’” said A. Gay Kingman, looking out over the graduation caps and gowns at United Tribes Technical College. “When I look at you my heart feels so good.”

Kingman was guest speaker for the college’s spring commencement ceremony May 8 in Bismarck. Ninety-one students, representing 19 different tribal nations, were arrayed before her in the college gymnasium along with 600 family members and friends of the Class of 2015.

“It’s my hope that what you’ve experienced here at UTTC will instill in you the ability to be a leader,” she said speaking from experience.

An enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne River Tribe in South Dakota, Kingman’s 50-year career in tribal leadership and public policy-making is rooted in the field of education. She served 25 years as a teacher and administrator and was a founder and the first principal in 1973 of Theodore Jamerson Elementary School at United Tribes.

“We hear a lot today about the Indian Self Determination Act, but the tribal leaders who formed UTTC were ahead of that,” she said. “It shows the leadership from this region and what they had in mind for educating students. You today are recipients of that forward thinking.”

Kingman currently directs the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association and is passionate about all matters affecting Indian Tribes.

“You are our data-bank for the future, our base of support going forward, and we’re going to depend a lot on you,” she told the graduates.

“Today, it’s a global economy. You’re entering an exciting world with many opportunities,” she said. “The Seminoles now own all the Hard Rock Cafes. The Mohegan’s are meeting with South Korea to establish gaming there. Dennis Banks is selling wild rice internationally.”

“What I’m saying is the future is yours. Graduation marks the end of one special time in your life and the beginning of a beautiful future. So, go forward and be the pathfinder you’ve been educated to be.”

## 2014-15 Academic Year

The commencement ceremony concluded the 2014-15 academic year. Grads earned bachelor and associate degrees and certificates in the college’s two dozen academic, vocational and workforce training programs.



Gay Kingman

The event was attended by four North Dakota tribal chairs who are members of the college’s governing board: Richard McCloud, chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and chair of the UTTC Board; Mark Fox, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation; Myra Pearson, chairwoman of the Spirit Lake Tribe; and Dave Archambault II, chairman of the Standing Rock Tribe. Bruce Renville, chairman of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, was unable to attend because he was in Watertown, SD for a visit there by President Barack Obama. A traditional meal followed in the college cafeteria. The drum group Flying Low rendered ceremonial and honor songs. Earlier in the day a pinning ceremony was conducted for 16 graduates of the college’s Practical Nursing program.



# ies await



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# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015



## ART MARKETING – MEDIA ARTS – AAS

\*Xavier A. Austin, Standing Rock Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
 \*Veronica Ann Bohrer, Standing Rock Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
 †\*Gene Ramon Declay, White Mountain Apache, Whiteriver, AZ  
 Logan H. Maxon, Three Affiliated Tribes, Bismarck, ND  
 Jeremiah James Nadeau, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Bismarck, ND  
 Si Mone Danielle Wilson, Lower Brule, Mandan, ND

## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – CERT

Roseanna M. Eagleman, Rosebud Sioux, Bismarck, ND

## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY – AAS

Chad J. Conner, Three Affiliated Tribes, Mandan, ND  
 Aaron Michael Lakota, Oglala Sioux, Oglala, SD  
 Michael L. Montclair, Standing Rock Sioux, Ft. Yates, ND  
 Daniel R. Szklarski, Grafton, ND  
 Courtney Michelle Thomas, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Arapaho, WY

## SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT – AAS

LaSheena E. A afraid of Hawk, Cheyenne River Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
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 Dustin T. Milk, Rosebud Sioux, Sisseton, SD  
 Alvena J. Oldman, Northern Arapaho, Ft. Washakie, WY

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 Grayson R. Medicine Cloud, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Riverton, WY  
 Lydale N. Yazzie, Diné Nation, Shiprock, NM  
 Tova M. Howard, Standing Rock Sioux, Ft. Yates, ND  
 Grayson R. Medicine Cloud, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Riverton, WY

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – BS

Victoria Lynn Buffalo, Standing Rock Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
 †Marian Declay, White Mountain Apache, Whiteriver, AZ  
 Lisa M. Deleon, Oglala Sioux, Manderson, SD  
 Heather Sharay Demaray, Three Affiliated Tribes, Bismarck, ND  
 Lauren Louise Derrick, Standing Rock Sioux, Solen, ND  
 Teresa G. His Chase, Northern Arapaho, Bismarck, ND  
 Wynette Lynn Mills, Cheyenne River Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
 †\*Dawnelle J. Red Horn, Standing Rock Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
 Lydale N. Yazzie, Diné Nation, Shiprock, NM

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 Krista Kay Sheridan, Three Affiliated Tribes, Sioux City, IA

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Raine J. Kills In Water, Rosebud Sioux, St. Francis, SD

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Bonita Charley, Navajo, Crownpoint, NM  
Lindsey Lorraine Isburg, Chamberlain, SD  
\*Erica S. Jones, Crow Creek Sioux, Ft. Thompson, SD  
†\*Terri Lyne Lambert, Bismarck, ND  
Anthony J. Potter, Cheyenne River Sioux, Eagle Butte, SD  
\*Bruce Robert Ward, Oneida, Oneida, WI  
\*Lonnie Virgil Wise Spirit, Standing Rock Sioux, Bismarck, ND

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE – BS

Jacenta Rae Milk, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyaté, Sisseton, SD  
Carlos M. Quarry, Three Affiliated Tribes, Mandan, ND

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†\*Antonia Rayne Valdez, Northern Arapaho, Fort Washakie, WY

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†\*Tammy Candace LaFountain, Northern Cheyenne, Billings, MT  
\*Jacqueline Kay Lee-Meisch, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Bismarck, ND  
\*Loni J. Many Bears, Three Affiliated Tribes, Bismarck, ND  
\*Kiri A. Schumacher, Cheyenne River Sioux, Timber Lake, SD  
Amanda J. Woodbury, Bismarck, ND

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Darold Marlin Mad Bear, Cheyenne River Sioux, Wakpala, SD

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Amanda Jessica Cline, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Walthill, NE  
Victoria Marie Cocio, Ceres, CA  
Rose Cama Darius, Bismarck, ND  
Joshua Caleb Edwards, Ceres, CA  
Rolene R. Feather Earring, Oglala Sioux, Rapid City, SD  
Danielle Doris Hardy, Washburn, ND  
Raygina M. Johnson, Crow Creek Sioux, Bismarck, ND  
Jessica Ann Miller, Bismarck, ND  
Dina O. Nygard, NGaounde're', Bismarck, ND  
Chelsey M. Poitra, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Bismarck, ND  
Morgan L. Renner, Alamo, TX  
Wallace Charles Running Eagle, Oglala Sioux, Oglala, SD  
Michelle Leigh Vetter, Mandan, ND

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†Kimberlee Dawn Blevins, Three Affiliated Tribes, New Town, ND  
Ashly Dawn Hall, Crow Creek, Minot, ND  
\*Courtney Rose Lawrence, Spirit Lake Sioux, Bismarck, ND

## NUTRITION & FOOD SERVICE/ WELLNESS – CERT

Peter D. Stone, Bismarck, ND

## NUTRITION & FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS – AAS

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Tony M. Walking, Oglala Sioux, Pine Ridge, SD  
Jennifer A. Whiteman, Crow, Bismarck, ND

## TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE – AAS

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†Devin F. Dragswolf, Three Affiliated Tribes, Bismarck, ND

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Genevieve S. Bullhead, Navajo Nation, Bismarck, ND  
Eybon Watkins, Bismarck, ND

## TRIBAL MANAGEMENT – CERT

Cassandra Lee Valandra, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Mission, SD  
\*\*^Doreen S. Welsh-Pretends Eagle, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Mandan, ND

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Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Bismarck, ND  
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## WELDING – CERT

\*Bailyn J. Bursheim, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyaté, Sisseton, SD  
†\*Shade L. Crow Ghost, Standing Rock Sioux, Mandan, ND  
\*Catlyn M.J. Kirkaldie, Three Affiliated Tribes, Mandan, ND  
\*Kellen S. Marrowbone, Cheyenne River Sioux, Fort Yates, ND

# BISMARCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *Preschool News and Information*

**B**ismarck Public Schools will facilitate vendors to work with preschool programs using funds allocated by the State Legislature in Senate Bill 2151. However, BPS will not run a preschool program. The \$3 million in grants authorized by the Legislature to help families send their children to preschool will constitute a voucher, says BPS Superintendent Tamara Uselman.

“The grant money approved by the Legislature under the Early Childhood Education bill will subsidize the cost of preschool tuition for low-income families. My job is to call a meeting of local early childhood education providers. Those who are interested will form a coalition whose decisions will come to the School Board. While the Board can give input, it’s up to the coalition to make final decisions on how the preschool funds will be disbursed.”

The subsidies must go to parents whose children are involved in preschool programs that charge tuition. The money cannot go to families whose kids attend no-cost programs like Head Start or others under Bismarck Early Childhood Education Program (BECEP).

BECEP offers three preschool programs from September through May. Community Friends is for children ages 3 to 4 who have strong social and language skills as they will be in classes with children with disabilities. A fee is charged for this program and parents must be able to provide transportation for a morning (8:15-11:15 a.m.) or afternoon (11:45-3:15) session held Monday-Thursday. Head Start is a preschool program for income eligible families of 3-4 year olds; tuition is not charged. Early Childhood Special Education offers no cost pre-school services for children with learning needs. To learn more call 323-4400 or visit BECEP at Richholt at 720 N. 14th Street.

### **K-3 reading tutors needed**

North Dakota Reading Corps seeks tutors for Bismarck/Mandan K-3 students. Reading Corps tutors one-on-one for 20 minute sessions during the school day. This is a part-time position that requires a commitment for the entire school year, five days a week, for either 15 or 20 hours per week.

As an AmeriCorps tutor, the work provides a living allowance and education award.

AmeriCorps Elementary Literacy Tutor Training is scheduled for August 11-13, 2015 in Fargo. The position begins at the start of the 2015-16 school year.

More info [www.ndseec.com/readingcorps](http://www.ndseec.com/readingcorps).

### **Free summer meals**

Bismarck students ages 18 and under, regardless of income, can get free summer meals at these Bismarck Public Schools from June 11 to July 24: Moses, Myhre, Saxvik and Will-Moore Elementary. Breakfast served from 7:40 to 8 a.m. Lunch from 12 to 12:25 p.m.

Grimsrud and the YMCA will only serve lunch but the lunches will be served through August 14.

Children need not be part of Camp Adventure, MREC summer programs, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District summer activity centers, or the YMCA to receive free meals. No advance registration required.

Two parks will also offer free summer lunch June 8-Aug. 21:

Kiwanis Park, 11-11:30 a.m., West of Sweet and Bowen Ave. on Washington St.

Custer Park, 12-12:30 p.m., West of Broadway Ave. on Washington St.

Summer food program is federally funded through USDA and administered by the ND Dept. of Public Instruction.

– *Renae Hoffmann Walker,*  
*BPS Community Relations Director*

## **Apply Early For Tribal Funding!**

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

### **WHY APPLY EARLY:**

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

### **GENERAL REASONS FUNDING MAY BE DENIED:**

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

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

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

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

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

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

- ALL students MUST apply with home funding agency first.

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

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





# Skills competition brings first UTTC medal winner

WAHPETON (UTN) – Automotive Technology student Michael Montclair earned the bronze medal for United Tribes Technical College in the North Dakota Skills USA competition.

Montclair finished third in the post-secondary division of the annual automotive skills testing event.

“This is the first time one of our students has medaled in the competition,” said Scott Graeber, UTTC Automotive Technology instructor. “It’s quite an achievement. This is something we aim for.”

Montclair is an enrolled citizen of the Standing Rock Tribe. Students Courtney Thomas and Dan Szklarski also competed at the event held April 19-21 at North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND. Thirteen students were in the post-secondary division.

“We’re very proud of the entire team,” said Graeber. They tested in all areas, going up against the best students from every college in the state.”



**SKILLED COMPETITORS:**The UTTC team at the Skills USA competition, from left, Courtney Thomas, Dan Szklarski and bronze medal winner Michael Montclair. United Tribes News photo Scott Graeber

The competition tests hands-on problem-solving skills across a range of technical disciplines, including engine measurements, starting and charging systems, manual drivetrain, automatic transmis-

sions, differentials, electrical diagnosis, engine performance diagnosis, heating and air conditioning, brakes, and vehicle inspection. It also included a written test.

# UTTC Students Attend AIHEC



**AIHEC AWARD:** Kimberlee Blevins was selected Ms. AIHEC 2015 during the American Indian Higher Education Student Conference. Ms. Blevins is an enrolled citizen of the Standing Rock Tribe. She’s studying in UTTC’s Pre-Engineering degree program and the Native American Leadership degree program. She was also elected AIHEC Student Congress Historian at the conference in Albuquerque, NM. Submitted photo

– Lisa Azure, VP Academic/Career/Technical Education

## AIHEC Basketball

**A**n ‘iron five’ from United Tribes represented the college at the 2015 AIHEC National Championships, played March 18-21 at Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT. Players were: Jarell Grant, Bruce Ward, Grayson Medicine Cloud, Trulo Adams, and Aaron Lakota.

The team finished 1-2 in pool play. Competing later in the D2 bracket, UTTC defeated Dine’ College and lost to Chief Dull Knife, finishing runner-up.

– Coach Hunter Berg, UTTC Athletic Director

## Student Competition Winners

- Logan Maxon and Veronica Bohrer 2nd in Duo Oral Humorous Interpretive Speech
- Gene Declay 3rd in Leatherwork Art

– Jen Janecek-Hartman, STEM Program Director/  
Institutional Assessment Coordinator

# Spring 2015 United Tribes Honors Students

## PRESIDENT'S LIST (GPA 3.5 – 4.0)

Brandon Kohler (Colville Confederated Tribe) Inchelium, WA; Doreen Welsh-Pretends Eagle (Colorado River Tribes) Mandan, ND; Jimi Jackson (Colorado River Tribes) Parker, AZ; Tashina Dupris (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Raine Betone (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD; Jessica Lindskov (Cheyenne River) Isabel, SD; Toni Shot (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Bonita Claymore (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD; Jennifer Aberle (Cheyenne River) Timber Lake, SD; Carol Red Bird (Cheyenne River) Rapid City, SD; Kali Hale (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD; Amanda Schell (Cheyenne River) Lincoln, ND; Cherikie Tillman (Eastern Shoshone) Fort Washakie, WY; JaeNeece Coulston (Eastern Shoshone) Fort Washakie, WY; Caressa Weeks (Fort Peck) Bismarck; Simone Wilson (Lower Brule) Bismarck; Faline Headley (Northern Arapahoe) Riverton, WY; Alvena Little Whiteman (Northern Arapahoe) Bismarck; Teresa His Chase (Northern Arapahoe) Mandan, ND; Sherman Chavez (Northern Arapahoe) Bismarck; Elizabeth Leftwich (Northern Arapahoe) Kinnear, WY; Theresa Tracke (Northern Cheyenne) Bismarck; Tammy La Fountain (Northern Cheyenne) Bismarck; Lydale Yazzie (Navajo Nation) Bismarck; Jenny Iverson, Bismarck; Kalcey Schneider, Bismarck; Nathan Stayrook, Puyallap, WA; Kimber Hilfer, Mandan, ND; Daniel Szklarski, Grafton, ND; Sowda Mohamed, Mandan, ND; Nancy Gunderson, Bismarck; Nicole Olson, Bismarck; Jennifer Brazil, Garrison, ND; Brandon Maenza, Lincoln, ND; Noribelle Starck, Bismarck; Ashley Folden, Bismarck; Nicole Tschaeokfske, Bismarck; Derek Brewer (Oglala Tribe) Batesland, SD; Ashley Clements (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck; Alicia Cuny (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck; Lisa Deleon (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck; Hannah Moves Camp (Oglala Tribe) Oglala, SD; Brittne Martinez (Oglala Tribe) Rapid City, SD; Julio No Neck (Oglala Tribe) Bismarck; Jarell Grant (Omaha Tribe of Nebraska) Macy, NE; Lacey McThias (Ponca Tribe) Bismarck; Shannon Dunham (Rosebud Tribe) Norris, SD; Elizabeth Bruguier (Rosebud Tribe) Wagner, SD; Jaime Chaske (Spirit Lake) Bismarck; Karissa Smith (Spirit Lake) Bismarck; Brittany Ieman (Spirit Lake) St. Michael, ND; Shania Rickford (Spirit Lake) Medina, ND; Jera Silk (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND; Dayle Horton (Standing Rock) Rapid City, SD; Lauren

Derrick (Standing Rock) Solen, ND; Bobbi Jean Three Legs (Standing Rock) Wakpala, SD; Samantha White Bull (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND; Iova Montclair (Standing Rock) Bismarck; Kimberlee Blevins (Standing Rock) New Town, ND; Michael Montclair (Standing Rock) Fort Yates, ND; Martin Taken Alive (Standing Rock) Bullhead, SD; Kelsey Hunte (Standing Rock) Cannonball, ND; Brittany Whitebird (Standing Rock) Rapid City, SD; Jacenta Milk (Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate) Sisseton, SD; Demi DuMarce (Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate) Greenville, SD; Lindsey Isburg (Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate) Chamberlain, SD; Persephone Eastman (Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate) Peever, SD; Jada Redday (Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate) Sisseton, SD; Margaret Landin (Three Affiliated/MHA/Nation) Bismarck; Talana Hale (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Krista Sheridan (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Jonathan Berryhill (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Alyssa Howling Wolf (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Mandan, ND; Dakota Eagle (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Heather Demaray (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Tammy McCorvey (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Mandan, ND; Brittany Yellow Bird (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Fargo, ND; Joshua Standing Elk (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Emily Connor (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Chad Connor (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Logan Maxon (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Devin Dragswolf (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Marlee Finley (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Amira Gunn (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Elijah Dragswolf (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Francis Azure Jr. (Turtle Mountain) Mandan, ND; Tracey Baker (Turtle Mountain) Lincoln, ND; Clarence Davis (Turtle Mountain) Belcourt, ND; Shawn Allery (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Molly Allery (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND; Jeremiah Nadeau (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND; Monique Gladue (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND; Jeffery Azure (Turtle Mountain) Belcourt, ND; Myriah Grant (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Tiffany Davis (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND; Mikayla Baker (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND; Laura Buchmann, Beulah, ND; Richard Harrington, Bismarck; Marian DeClay (White Mountain Apache)

Bismarck; Chardell Shoyo (Wind River) Fort Washakie, WY; Kerry Scott (Wind River) Lander, WY; William Bruguier (Yankton Tribe) Wagner, SD; Brianna Provost (Yankton Tribe) Mandan, ND.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S LIST (GPA 3.0-3.49)

Trulo Adams (White Earth) Jordan, MN; Jerome Addison (Northern Arapahoe) Fort Washakie, WY; Dawn Alkhafaji (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Rebekah American Horse (Spirit Lake) Cannonball, ND; Alissa Bass, Bismarck; Connie Begay (Navajo Nation) Bismarck; Rachelle Bergstrom, Scranton, ND; Verdell Black Spotted Horse (Rosebud Tribe) Pine Ridge, SD; Victoria Buffalo (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND; Bonita Charley (Navajo Nation) Crown Point, NM; Victoria Cocio, Bismarck; Melissa Cook (Cheyenne River) Bismarck, ND; Gia Davis (Turtle Mountain) Belcourt, ND; Gene DeClay (White Mountain Apache) Whiteriver, AZ; Joshua Edwards (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) Bismarck, ND; Blythe Gill (Crow Nation) Crow Agency, MT; Raeanne Heavyrunner (Blackfeet Nation) Great Falls, MT; Tahnee Herrera (Cheyenne River) Dupree, SD; Andrea Johnson (Crow Creek) Bismarck; Fallah Kamanor, Bismarck; Aaron Lakota (Oglala Tribe) Oglala, SD; Grace Lambert (Spirit Lake) Fort Totten, ND; Justyn Lawrence (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Darold Mad Bear (Cheyenne River) Wakpala, SD; Dustin Milk (Rosebud Tribe) Sisseton, SD; Leslie Mountain (Spirit Lake) Bismarck, ND; Tristan Ortiz (Northern Arapahoe) Riverton, WY; Chibuzo Osuchukwu, Calverton, MD; Shanaye Packineau (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Nicole Phillips (San Carlos Apache) San Carlos, AZ; Anthony Potter (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD; Valene Pretends Eagle (Spirit Lake) Bismarck; Kilreen Reynolds (Three Affiliated/MHA Nation) Bismarck; Raina Rodriguez (Oglala Tribe) Rapid City, SD; Toni Slockish (Rosebud Tribe) Rapid City, SD; Sharon Stolz, Bismarck; Lisa Taylor (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Courtney Thomas (Northern Arapahoe) Arapahoe, WY; Bethany Thomas (Turtle Mountain) Dunseith, ND; Shotay Waters (Oglala Tribe) Pine Ridge, SD; Theresa White Lightning (Spirit Lake) Bismarck.

## 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 coursework 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>

# Frequently Asked Questions:

## ?? Health Insurance ??

### What is health insurance?

Health insurance helps you pay for medical care costs. People who meet certain requirements can qualify for government health insurance, such as Medicare and Medicaid. The Affordable Care Act expands health insurance coverage for many people.

### Why do I need it?

It protects you from high medical care costs from a serious illness or accident and can help with costs associated with staying healthy. Health insurance companies and Medicaid now cover many preventative services. It is highly recommended that all students have health insurance. It will be a lifelong benefit.

### Will my children and spouse be covered?

Yes, it will cover students, their dependents and spouses.

### I am Native and have the IHS; do I still need health insurance?

No. Native students who want to continue to use IHS do not need to have health insurance. But it is added peace of mind if one is not near their local IHS and/or cannot travel to get to one.

### What is the cost of health insurance?

Most students will qualify for FREE or low-cost health insurance.

### Can I still use IHS if I have health insurance?

Yes. Health insurance does not eliminate IHS services. Health insurance gives you more options to gain health care for you and your family.

### What will happen if I don't have health insurance?

Nothing if you are Native American. Native Americans are exempt from the tax liability. You do however need to fill out a tax exemption form when filing taxes. Non-Native students may be penalized for not having health insurance when filing taxes.

### What is the deadline for applying for health insurance?

Natives may apply year round. Non-Native students need to apply during the enrollment period from November to February of the next year. Exceptions are permitted if you qualify for a Special Enrollment such as pregnancy or catastrophic illnesses.

### Is it complicated applying for health insurance?

No. The easiest is online at [Healthcare.gov/](http://Healthcare.gov/) or by visiting the Student Health Center in the Lewis Good House Wellness Center. Two UTTC nurses are trained in helping with the application process.

### What do I do once I have health insurance?

Once you have applied for health insurance you will get a confirmation notice, and will receive your cards in approximately 2 weeks. After that you can use your benefits as needed. You also need to provide that information to the Wellness Center when you access their services.

### Who do I talk to if I want to apply or have more questions?

Contact the nurses at the Student Health Center 221-1331 or 221-1332 or stop by and visit between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Student Health is located in the Lewis Good House Wellness Center.



## Presenting

# Devyn Rush from American Idol

October 1 & 2

United Tribes Technical College



Singer/songwriter and recording artist Devyn Rush, who competed on TV's American Idol, was bullied when she was in middle school.

Today she's an ambassador for:

**Hey U.G.L.Y.**  
Unique Gifted Lovable You  
"I Am Enough!"

### Interactive Bullying Prevention Assemblies and Presentations

Empowering YOU to be part of the solution to bullying, substance abuse and youth suicide

#### Thursday, Oct. 1:

9 a.m. Tri-College Assembly  
UTTC Gym

3-5 p.m. Community Event:  
Meet-n-Greet Devyn Rush

5-6 p.m. Community Event: Supper  
6:30 p.m. Community Event: Devyn Rush  
Mini-Concert & Presentation

#### Friday, Oct. 2:

9 a.m. Primary Grades Assembly  
UTTC Gym, for TJES grades 5-8 and  
Bismarck/Mandan Middle Schools

## October is National Bullying Prevention Month

More Info:

Lynette Schaff/BSN, UTTC Student Health  
Director, 701-221-1331, [lschaff@uttc.edu](mailto:lschaff@uttc.edu)

# UTTC HR UPDATES

By Wes Long Feather, Human Resources Director

## Policy/Procedure Manual

Information sessions were conducted in May for all employees to review the newly revised and updated United Tribes Technical College Employee Handbook. Copies were distributed; if you need one, contact the HR Dept.

## Benefits

Throughout the year we will continue to look at the best options to have all employees involved in our benefits program. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please let me know and we can incorporate them. Your thoughts are very much appreciated.

## Wellness

Wellness will receive more attention going forward as it has a direct impact on benefits. We encourage all employees to continue to make wellness a personal choice and effort in some way. We are researching the components of other wellness programs for their application here. Use of the 30 minute/day wellness time is described on p. 22 of the new handbook.

## Orientation

The content of new employee orientation will continue to evolve in the upcoming months to provide a better understanding of UTTC and its background and history.

## Performance Evaluations

It is important that all supervisors schedule performance evaluations when due and complete them in a timely manner. Be on the lookout for a new performance evaluation tool. Employees are encouraged to take a more active role in ensuring their evaluations are completed on time. This is the time to discuss job descriptions and work performed and make appropriate changes.

## Holiday Party

Planning is underway for a Holiday Party in December. Please shoot along your ideas for a theme, presentations, recognitions or any fun activities.

## Dental/Vision Cards

MetLife Dental and Vision cards are available at HR.

## Claims

Any issues with claims should be brought to the attention of the Benefits Administrator and she will work to help resolve them.

## New Hires

Please join me in welcoming these new employees to the campus:

**Travis Slockish** and **Marques White Bull**, Security Officers; **Debra Hempler**, Human Resources Assistant (Welcome Back!); **Kara Greenwood**, Health Promotion Specialist, Strengthening Lifestyles; **Amanda Bittner**, Accounts Receivable/Travel Coordinator; **Jace Renville**, Maintenance Custodian; **Robert LeDoux**, Maintenance Custodian; **Warren Horse Looking, Jr.**, PT Maintenance Custodian

## Promotions

Congratulations to Joely Heavy Runner, who was named the college's Safety and Security Director; and to long-time Maintenance Dept. Supervisor Mervin "Bud" Anderson, who was named Facilities Manager. Congratulations to Darcie Blue Earth Director for the Center for Academic & Personal Counseling in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. Congratulations to **Jolene DeCoteau**, Residential Life Director.



## Native American Development Center

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### Summer Update:

- »» NADC's Native American stories about "resilient people" will begin airing over Prairie Public Radio this summer.
- »» NADC has received funding from the ND Dept. of Commerce to obtain training for the center's director, Lorraine Davis, in homebuyer education, homeownership counseling, financial counseling and financial coaching.
- »» NADC will collaborate with Bismarck Public Schools on monthly talks on the subject of leadership during the coming school year.
- »» NADC will host a Native Homebuyer Workshop October 2 at the American Bank Center.
- »» NADC focus areas are: parents & youth, financial literacy & asset building, and career development
- »» NADC seeks volunteers for program development and fundraising.

### STAY IN TOUCH:

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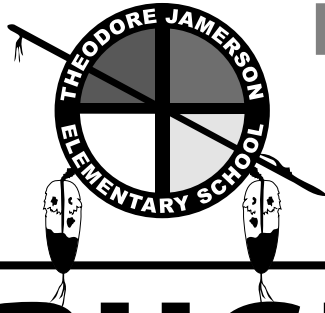
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# THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY



# TIDBITS

## BUGZ-n-BEES-n-ALL

“Let’s Have a Picnic” was a selection that had everyone buzzin’ during the spring-themed TJES year-end music event May 11 at the college. These kindergarten students enthusiastically shout-ed-out the title refrain for proud parents in the audience. Pictured from left at front, Wayne Bradley, Charmaine White Lightning, Neshmis Alkhafaji, and Mario Bernie. The event was coordinated by music instructor Julie Baang and well-attended by college-student parents, instructors and staff.



Spring Music Event. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

# EARLY RISERS



Thunderbird Runners. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

This group of TJES students got up early on Saturday, April 18 to participate in the 5K event of the Spring Thunderbird Run. All accomplished their goal by completing the course. Congratulations on your success! Front row, from left: Kaitlin Betone, Aaron Little Dog, Jacob Gambler, Damon Morrison, Trevor DeSersa; back row: Serenity Eagle Bull, Christian Frausto, Talese Brugier, Danielle Morrison, Danielle Running Eagle, Conceta Zephier.

- Twila Smith, TJES PE/Health Instructor

## Be Ready for Fall

August 3 ..... Registration Begins  
August 17 ..... Staff Returns  
August 19 ..... Students Return

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

# Mini Relay for Life and UTTC Welln

United Tribes Technical College banked \$6,770 in the fight against cancer during the college's first-ever "Mini Relay for Life" held April 21 at the college in Bismarck.

The amount was raised over the course of three months by college teams to contribute to local fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

UTTC has participated in annual cancer society fundraising for several years, seizing the opportunity in 2015 to increase its goal to \$3,000. The effort was coordinated by Teacher Education instructor Leah Hamann, assisted by UTTC's Teacher Education students and planning committee of college staff members.

Going into the June 13 Bismarck Relay for Life the college had exceeded all expectations raising \$7,477.18. By the time the Bismarck relay concludes, the goal is to raise \$8,000, eclipsing the college's previous annual contributions by ten-fold.

## Moving Ceremony

As a student at UTTC, I am honored to be involved in such a rewarding event. Collaborations on campus and connections made in the community were on display during the April 21 mini-relay. An estimated 500 people packed the college gym.

The program recognized and honored those involved in the fight against cancer, including cancer survivors, those who've

lost the battle and are remembered, caregivers, and campus participants.

To open the program, the Sitting Bull College Immersion Nest provided an honor song for survivors and caregivers. Dancers from TJES, Cathedral School, and Kimberly Blevins, Miss AIHEC (Three Affiliated Tribes) led over 20 cancer survivors and their caregivers for the first round. They were joined by special guests, dignitaries, and the 13 UTTC mini relay teams, each accompanied by the UTTC Early Childhood programs, TJES students and instructors, ND National Guard soldiers, and representatives of the Bismarck Rural Fire Department.

Many in attendance were moved to tears as they took part and oversaw the children, families, students, staff and faculty, and community members coming together.

Heartfelt stories and words of gratitude and comfort were shared. Travis Albers (Turtle Mountain) told of the journey of his late brother Tanner Albers, a UTTC Hall of Fame basketball player. Other speakers included Bismarck Mayor Mike Seminary; ND Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director Scott Davis; Kendrick Eagle from the Generation Indigenous Initiative; and Prairie Rose Seminole, strategic prevention specialist for the Three Affiliated Boys and Girls Club.

Counselor and elder Russell Gillette provided the prayer, the United Tribes Honor

Guard escorted the flags, and the Wise Spirit drum group provided songs.

## Spring Wellness Fair

The Spring 2015 UTTC Wellness Fair took place in conjunction with the mini-relay in the college gym. Health promotion and wellness groups and organizations offered glucose screenings, cholesterol testing, blood pressure readings, blood typing, food tasting and an array of product and



Handshake for Leah Hamann.



Ms. AIHEC, Kimberlee Belvins      Kendrick Eagle



Sitting Bull College Language Immersion Students.



# ess Fair

By Margaret Landin, UTTC Teacher Education Student Professional Education Council President  
United Tribes News photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN

service booths. Health and nutrition professionals and vendors attended from local organizations and from reservations.

## Special 'Thank You'

Organizers of the UTTC Mini-Relay For Life extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone involved in making this event a huge success: the planning committee, mini-relay team members, UTTC Board of Directors, President Russ McDonald, the Early Childhood programs, Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, UTTC staff and faculty, and all supporters from the campus community and Bismarck-Mandan. Three UTTC Teacher Education Pre-service teachers are recognized for the amount of work and time they invested to reach out to others and fine-tune the event: Dakota Eagle (Three Affiliated), Monique Gladue (Turtle Mountain) and Raeanne Heavyrunner (Blackfeet Nation).



**United Tribes Mini-Relay for Life check presentation, from the left:** Rebekah Hartman, Relay for Life Community Manager, American Cancer Society Great West Division; Rebecca Schatz, Relay for Life Committee; Nevaeh Bear Eagle, TJES Student; Mary Dahl, Senior Manager, Relay For Life, American Cancer Society; Ty 'Cowboy' Crawford, TJES Student; and Prairie Rose Seminole, TAT Boys and Girls Club Strategic Prevention Framework, ND State Incentive Grant Specialist.

## UTTC Mini-Relay Teams

**Crazy for a Cure:** Nevada Allen, Tamara Marshall, Charisse Fandrich, Brigitte Johnson, Wes Long Feather; **Kickin' Cancer:** Lori Brown, Annette Broyles, Charlene Weis, Joey McLeod, Brek Maxon; **Hope Warriors I:** Vivian Hurkes, Wayne Pruse, Jessica Stewart, Charles Gitter, Tom Disselhorst; **Cancer Crushers:** Mary Meyer, Darcie Blue Earth, Evelyn Orth, Jolene DeCoteau, Delmar Clown, Faye Foote; **Crusaders:** Christina Brazell, Leah Hamann, Donna Belgarde, Christina Colon, Joely Heavyrunner; **Fast Firsties:** Margo Krabbenhoft, Kathy Aller, Cathy Mastrud, Lynette Schaff, Randy Lamberth; **Thunder Kids:** Laura Hoerner, Kim Freidt, Lisa Cantlon, Devero Yellow Earring, Kathy Dye-Chapin, Dennis Trusty; **Golden Eagles:** Tamara Bitz, Steve Shepherd, James Red Tomahawk, Judy Gries, Pat Aune; **T-Hawks:** Theresa Olson, Kimm Freidt, Dale Pletan, Timothy Thomas, Dennis Neumann, Luann Poitra; **Cancel Cancer:** Tami Bornemann, Twila Smith, Mike Wetsch, Roland Young, Hunter Berg; **Hope Warriors II:** Vicki Stevens, Mandie Wood, Rhonda Breuer, Debbie Painte; **Super Squad:** Sarah Massey, Jen Janecek-Hartmann, Melvin Miner, Veronica Weigel, Ramona Schell.



Click here to follow the United Tribes Technical College Relay For Life team:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=66297&pg=team&team\\_id=1847583](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=66297&pg=team&team_id=1847583)



# SAFETY/SECURITY NEWS

By Joely Heavy Runner, UTTC Safety/Security Director

## TEXT-A-TIP

United Tribes Technical College has added a new service on campus called “uTip.” It’s a great product and a great tool in making our campus safer.

uTip allows anyone in our community to alert the Safety/Security staff simply by sending an SMS text message from a standard cell phone.

Students, staff, parents and visitors can use the service to report suspicious activities they see on or around campus, such as theft, vandalism, drugs, domestic disputes and more. And, at the elementary school (TJES), uTip serves as an excellent method to deal with bullying.

## SEVERE WEATHER

This is the time of year when the weather can become extremely threatening so it’s important to be prepared. Please take a moment to inform yourself about what to do and where to go on campus when Severe Summer Weather occurs. Be calm and know what to do.

Be sure to sign up for UTTC’s Emergency Notification System (ENS). ENS is used to initiate an alert in the event of a Tornado Warning.

### What To Do:

#### Student Family Housing (with basement)

Avoid windows. Get in a basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), and/or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag. Wearing a helmet can offer some protection too.

#### Student Family House, Dorm or Apartment (without basement)

Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; cover your head with your hands. A bath tub may offer a shell of partial protection. Even in an in-



terior room, you should cover yourself with some sort of thick padding (mattress, blankets, etc.), to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail. A helmet can offer some protection against head injury.

#### Wellness Center, Jack Barden Center, Student-Campus Services, Admissions-Financial Aid Building, Administration Building, Education Building, Skill Center, Science-Tech Building

Go directly to an enclosed, windowless area in the center of the building, away from glass and on the lowest floor possible. Crouch down and cover your head. Stay off the elevators; you could be trapped in them if the power is lost.

#### Gymnasium-Multi-Purpose Room

Proceed to the basement area of the gymnasium area on the NW side. Signage will direct you to the basement sheltering areas.

#### Theodore Jameson Elementary School

Follow the drill! Proceed to the root cellar bunker (Safe Area) near the Property and Supply Building. If you are in a building with a basement (FACE Program), proceed to the lowest level of the building away from

windows. Follow the instructions of TJES school administrators.

TJES has a plan in place, so do not attempt to pick up your children. Wait until an all clear is given, before you attempt to pick up your kids.

#### Shopping at in the Mall or Large Store

Do not panic. Watch for others. Move as quickly as possible to an interior bathroom, storage room or other small enclosed area, away from windows.

#### Shelter in Basement in these Buildings

- Building 6 (Registrar)
- Building 10 (Art Gallery)
- Building 9A/9B (Administration)
- Building 5A/5B (Financial Aid & Admissions)
- Building 35 (Resource Development)
- Building 36: (FACE Program)
- Building 33 (Sitting Bull Hall)
- Building 30 (Sakakawea Hall)
- Building 69 (Basement area near gymnasium)
- Building 61 (WIA, NABDC Programs)
- Building 67 Root Cellar Bunker behind Property & Supply: TJES Tornado Shelter

Security Contact: 701-221-1700

Local radar: <http://radar.weather.gov/radar.php?rid=bis&product=NoR&overlay=11101111&loop=no>

More Info: Joely Heavy Runner:

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## United Tribes SPRING WALKING CLUB

By Lora Grey Bear, Wellness Center  
Administrative Assistant

**R**aine Betone was the lucky winner of a new bicycle in the Spring 2015 UTTC Walking Club challenge.

Raine qualified as one of the top five mileage-makers whose names were entered for the prize drawing.

Sixty-seven United Tribes staff members and students participated in the seven week challenge. It was awesome to have that many people exercising and tracking their mileage for better health.

### Top five:

Serena Buffalo 170.76  
Joey McLeod 155  
Robert Fox 147.85  
Shawn Allery 106.07  
Raine Betone 105.60

The Wellness Center congratulates all participants for the hard work and dedication to wellness.

A new Walking Club challenge began June 1. More info 701-255-3285 x 1264, [lgreybear@uttc.edu](mailto:lgreybear@uttc.edu).

# Publishing for Hope and Healing



**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** In the campus print shop Amira Gunn (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, a student in the UTTC Art/Art Marketing program, displays a copy of the book she helped publish in April. The second volume of "Authentic Voices, How We Survive" is a 60 page booklet filled with poignant writings and stories by survivors of childhood abuse. It was published by Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota in cooperation with the ND Dept. of Human Services. The book is dedicated to bringing hope and healing to survivors and their loved ones. Amira did both design and printing work, along with her instructor Colleen Bredahl. The book's discussion guide was written by UTTC writing, literature and humanities instructor Brian Palecek. More info [www.pcand.org](http://www.pcand.org).

## Market Place for Kids @ UTTC



**AT THE CIRCLE:** Youthful participants ring Lone Star Arena, the United Tribes Technical College powwow dance arbor, May 6 during Market Place for Kids North Dakota. About 800 students and their chaperones visited UTTC to take-in the culture and a series of informative learning sessions. The offerings ranged from Native hand games and double ball to financial literacy, virtual welding, ledger art and geo-caching. The students were in grades 5 and 6 and were from all parts of the state. United Tribes News photo Charlene Weis



# UTTC STAFF NEWS

## UTTC Staff Helped During Fire Emergency

Thank you to those members of the United Tribes staff who came to the aid of our sister college April 14 when the University of Mary campus was threatened by wildfire. Ours was a team approach, assisting U-Mary students in an emergency situation.

In particular, our Safety and Security staff was ready to direct incoming students to the gymnasium for overnight stays. The Red Cross was on site setting up cots. The last report I received indicated that 23 students had stayed on campus that night.

The UTTC team came together and implemented a plan that was only on paper. I think the effort expresses the importance of planning for disaster to decrease safety hazards and increase resources during emergencies.

UTTC volunteers were thanked and recognized by **Monsignor James Shea** of University of Mary.

Congratulations on your exemplary effort demonstrating UTTC's value to the community, our sense of friendship and concern, and our contributions to others throughout the larger Bismarck-Mandan area. Thank you on behalf of UTTC for your service.

UTTC staff members and students who volunteered: **Marge Palaniuk, Devero Yellow Earring, Kara Greenwood, Jerimiah Nadeau, Bruce Ward, Trevor Shavehead, Valerie Armstrong, CJ Osuchukwu, Randy Lamberth, Jolene Decoteau, Pat Aune, Rhonda Breuer, Veronica Weigel, Loren West, Kim Eagle, Ben Eagle, Joely Heavy Runner, Marcus Harrington, Travis Slockish and Derrick Chaske.**

Mitakuye Owasin (All my relatives).

*- Leander "Russ" McDonald,  
United Tribes Technical College President*

## New Resource Director

United Tribes has a new director of Resource Development in the person of **Loretta Hall**, an experienced tribal college grants and programs administrator, who is

returning to the very same building she once worked in at UTTC. She now directs the department formerly known as Institutional Advancement, located in Building 35. From 1980 to 1986 she directed the vocational education program known as Project Discover. She is an enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and grew up at Trenton, ND. Loretta's experience with grants and program administration includes directing sponsored programs at Turtle Mountain Community College from 2006 to 2014. She is a former consultant to other TCUs on grants and programs, and was a business owner on Standing Rock. Loretta is married and has five children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Congratulations and welcome back to campus!



*- Editor*

## VISTA experience

United Tribes said farewell in April to **Jordan Catcher** who completed her one-year assignment with distinction in the college's Land Grant programs. In a message upon leaving she shared her gratitude with the staff: "This campus welcomed me with open arms, and I was so fortunate to have the opportunity to volunteer at United Tribes. You're all doing such incredible work, and it's been so inspiring to get to know all of you! You've been so generous, so kind-heart-

ed, and so wonderful to me." Seen here with Land Grant Director Pat Aune, Jordan's new assignment is a leadership position in VISTA, assisting seven volunteers serving at tribal colleges. Based in West Virginia, she will make site visits, which means a stop at UTTC during the year. "I'll be so excited to see you all again!" she says. UTTC's Land Grant programs are approved for three years of funding for VISTA volunteers.

## New VISTA on campus

Without missing a beat, United Tribes welcomed its second VISTA volunteer to campus in the person of **Joseph Andino**, a sociology grad from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo. Joe has extensive college experience with an organization called Restorative Partners, which takes a restorative justice approach to helping people involved with the criminal justice system. Before coming here he was an environmental engineering recruiter. Joe is part of the Tribal Colleges and Universities VISTA team. You will easily recognize him as the big guy with a beard who wears a straw hat. His work plan involves recruiting volunteers to help beautify and enhance the gardens on campus. If interested please contact Joe: 805-441-0153, [jandino@uttc.edu](mailto:jandino@uttc.edu).



## Gipp honored by College Fund

LOS ANGELES – The president-emeritus of United Tribes Technical College was honored by the American Indian College Fund for outstanding contributions leading to the development of the organization.

**David M. Gipp** (Hunkpapa Lakota/ Standing Rock) was one four board members honored here April 11 during the College Fund's 25th anniversary celebration.

Gipp was recognized for introducing in 1975 the concept and practice of raising scholarship funds jointly for the nation's Tribal Colleges and Universities.



Gipp was president of United Tribes Technical College for 37 years, served on the College Fund board until 2013 and continues as a board member emeritus.

The College Fund raises scholarships for American Indian students who attend TCUs.

### Long Record of Service



United Tribes Business and Office Technology Instructor **Dorvin Froseth** ended the 2014-15 academic year by retiring from the college faculty. Froseth was honored by students and staff May 7 during the 2015 Student Awards banquet. He served the college for nearly four decades. “Working here for the last 37 years makes me feel like UTTC is my family,” he said in a farewell message. “Thank you so much for the support and trust you bestowed on me all these years. Thank you all!”

### Dan Down-Under



Former UTTC Fitness Trainer **Dan Molnar** and his wife **Anna** are now fully acclimated to life in the southern hemisphere. The couple moved to New Zealand early

in the year to pursue his passion as a professional triathlete. Recently the Molnars hiked the rocky terrain of Mt. Ngauruhoe, the site of fictional Mt. Doom in the “Lord of the Rings” saga. Their 12 mile excursion crossed a volcanic plateau, offering “amazing views that I never thought I would see before signing up for this trip,” Dan wrote describing the outing. The volcano’s last eruption was in 2012, he said, and some of the vents still release gasses, making “it look like clouds are forming and spouting right out of the mountain.” See the Molnar’s New Zealand album at this link: <https://goo.gl/fPnkkB>

- Editor

### Crazy Quilt

Congratulations to **Ramona Schell**, winner of a star quilt April 17 as part of the fundraising efforts of the “Crazy For A Cure” team in the 2015 UTTC Mini-Relay For Life challenge. Thank you to everyone that supported our drawing, and a special thank you to **President McDonald** for donating the star quilt. Each of us have been touched by cancer in some way; it’s been great to see the whole campus get involved in the mini relay. Thanks for bringing this event to campus and letting us be a part of it!

- Charisse Fandrich,  
Executive Assistant to the President

### Merger Move

Count them now as one department. In May the family housing and dorm housing offices merged into one unit called Residential Life. Their offices are now located in the COED dorm, Itancan Leadership Lodge.

#### Residential Life staff members:

**Jolene DeCoteau**, director, 701-221-1513  
**Tonja Morris**, administrative assistant, 701-221-1325  
**Custodian LaRan Gallineaux**  
 COED Dorm RA lower 701-221-1486  
 COED Dorm RA upper 701-221-1487  
 SAKAKAWEA Hall RA 701-221-1308  
 SITTING BULL Hall RA 701-221-1356

- Jolene DeCoteau, Residential Life Director

### Service Mission

UTTC’s former vice president of Student and Campus Services is busy improving the capacity of a mission in Grand Forks, ND to serve men and women who’ve lost their livelihoods and find themselves homeless. **Dr. Russell Swagger** is CEO of Northlands Rescue Mission. The faith-based organization provides job training, re-training, higher education and transitional living. It has been in operation since 1942. “Many of us make assumptions about people who are experiencing homelessness. Our assumptions are usually wrong,” wrote Swagger on the organization’s website <http://northlandsrescuemission.org>. “Often people are homeless because of circumstances beyond their control...Our ministry of ‘rebuilding’ offers case management and access to resources needed to rebuild stable lives.”



### Madam Chairwoman



You may call her “Madam Chair,” for short, as **Jan Keller** is now chairperson of the United Tribes Wellness Circle. The college’s extension nutrition educator has accepted the guiding role of those serving on a working committee focused on healthy-community initiatives. Jan succeeds Land Grant Director **Pat Aune** in the position. She has been with the United Tribes Land Grant Programs for three years. The Wellness Circle meets biweekly to pursue and conduct worksite wellness programs, policies and systems that improve the health of the campus community.

- Editor

### Go west young woman

Bid your farewell to **Jana Millner** this summer before she packs up and heads to the majestic vistas of Boise, ID. Jana is a dietetics grad from NDSU who interned at UTTC and served two years here in the college’s Land Grant Programs as an extension nutrition educator. Best wishes and good luck!



- Editor

# Remembering...



## YVONNE FEATHER

**Y**vonne E. Little Eagle-Feather, 60, entered the Spirit World June 1 at home in Bismarck. Services were held June 8 in Bullhead, SD and she was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bismarck.

Yvonne was a 1988 graduate of United Tribes Technical College who became a legal aid and worked for the USDA. She loved bingo and powwows and was part of a large and loving family; she had 59 grandchildren.

## CURTIS R. MAYNARD

**M**embers of the United Tribes campus community mourned the passing of Curt Maynard, the college's facilities manager and Title III construction manager. He was remembered and honored during a memorial service May 1 at Parkway Funeral Home in Bismarck.



Curtis R. Maynard, 68, passed-away peacefully April 27 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. Burial was at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, ND. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam War as an electronics technician.

Curt was a native of Bismarck but resided in Wilton, ND. He contributed much to the progress and betterment of the United Tribes campus in his work in the college's division of Student and Campus Services.

Memorials may be sent to Bismarck Cancer Center.

## LORRAINE SIEGFRIED

**U**nited Tribes sends condolences also to the family of Lorraine Siegfried, who passed away June 10 following a two-and-one-half year battle with kidney disease and diabetes. Services were June 13 in Mandan and burial was at Mandan Union Cemetery.

Lorraine was a former United Tribes employee, who served at two different times in the college's daycare facilities, more recently until 2009. She enjoyed raising a family and foster children, and loved taking care of the little ones in day care. She was 67.

## STEVEN WHITE MOUNTAIN

**U**nited Tribes sends condolences to the family of Steven White Mountain, Sr., 51, Bismarck, who passed away June 7, at Sanford Health in Bismarck. Services were held June 13 in McLaughlin, South Dakota and he was buried at White Mountain Cemetery, McLaughlin.



Steven was a 2006 graduate of the United Tribes Art-Art Marketing program and later supervised the college's Construction Technology program. He is remembered in the local community for his work repairing and reconstructing the vandalized "Rising Eagle" art sculpture in Bismarck's Pioneer Park.

## CENTER FOR ACADEMIC & PERSONAL COUNSELING

LEWIS GOODHOUSE  
WELLNESS CENTER  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Offering Noon Hour Coverage  
Appointments Encouraged...

Walk-Ins Welcomed!

In case of an after-hour emergency:  
Contact UTTC Security Department  
(701) 255-3285 ext. 1700/1300  
An on-call staff member will be contacted

### MISSION STATEMENT:

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

### VISION STATEMENT:

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

### VALUES:

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

### SERVICES:

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

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

### STAFF:

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Welding Technology • Electrical Technology



# United Tribes THUNDERBIRD SPRING RUN



Damon Morrison, 191, of TJES finishes strong in the 5K. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

BISMARCK (UTN) – Josh Askvig of Bismarck won the half-marathon April 18 during the 2015 THUNDERBIRD SPRING RUN at United Tribes Technical College. He covered the course in a time of 1:14:03.

The temp at race start was 38 degrees, with sunshine and calm winds. Eighty-two runners participated in the three event categories. The field included students from UTTC and Theodore Jamerson Elementary School.

Rex Honeyman of Bismarck recorded a 44:01, finishing first in the 10K and Verdell Black Spotted Horse of Pine Ridge, SD took the 5K in a time of 17:19. Spotted Horse is a UTTC student in the college's culinary arts program.

The event also included a Kids Fun Run. Proceeds benefit United Tribes Strengthening Lifestyles programs.

The next Thunderbird Run is set for Saturday, September 12, during the United Tribes Powwow. A 10K run and 5K run/walk are scheduled.

For more information contact Brienna Schwab 701-255-3285 x1367, [bschwab@uttc.edu](mailto:bschwab@uttc.edu).

### Half-Marathon:

Josh Askvig 1:14:03, Greg Mueller 1:20:30, Derek Shulte 1:29:41, Ross Tolstedt 1:29:46, Jeremy Alm 1:33:28, Tammy B 1:35:53, Reva Kautz, 1:37:22, Frank Kutka, Josh Askvig Dickinson, 1:38:32; Shelby Snare, Dickinson 1:41:42; Wayne Hintz 1:41:55, Desiree Oosting 1:44:11, Kenneth Starr 1:45:43-537, Leon Essler 1:48:17, Dan McAndrew, Minot, 1:48:42; Jerilynn Kerzmann 1:49:35, Amy Nelson, Hitterdal, MN, 1:49:53; Grace Tinderholt, Dickinson, 1:50:59; Todd Humphrey 1:53:50, Allison Becker, 1:55:38, Maggie Bjelanovic 2:03:34, Norma Leingang 2:05:48, Larry Benke 2:06:07, Shari Forschen 2:08:13, Billijo Link, St. Paul, MN, 2:08:18; Emily Arnegard, Mandan, ND, 2:08:51; Kingsley Scott, Grand Forks, 2:09:34; Byron Ball, Grand Forks, 2:09:41; Crystal Flemmer, Beulah, 2:31:05.



Rex Honeyman

### 10K:

Rex Honeyman, 44:01, Wally Little Moon 47:36, Sveto Bjelanovic, 51:48, Brenda Rhone, 54:37, Steve Mayer 55:47, Vicky Bender, Wilton, 55:59; Connie Baker 58:05, Margo Krabbenhoff 59:48, Rudra Tamm 1:00:59, Christina Brazell, 1:01:22, Tammy Henke 1:04:15.

### Run 5K:

Verdell Black Spotted Horse, Pine Ridge, SD, 17:19; Brady Brownotter 17:54, Rueben Littledog 18:48, Zachary Verdell Rhone 19:15, Sonia Black Spotted Horse Brownotter 19:46, Francis Ashes 20:17, Shanice Lambert 20:33, David Strauss 21:02, Mallory Wilson, Parshall, ND 21:18; Lindsey Isburg 21:46, Matt Klein, Mandan 21:50; Christine Miller, New Town 22:08; Raeanne Heavyrunner 23:59, Trevor Desera 24:03, Jacob Gambler 24:52, Terrance Desera 25:09, Danielle Morrison 25:12, Damon Morrison 25:31, Allen Deyoung, New Town, 25:42; Courtney Lawrence 25:44, Robert Fox 26:05, Blaine Fox 26:06, Dwight Driscoll 26:48, Dan Szklarski 27:54, Conleta Zephier 28:41, Danielle Running Eagle 29:25, Lora Grey Bear 30:27, Talese Bruguier 31:13, Tonia Knudson, Beulah 34:21, Christian Frausto 36:09, Aaron Little Dog 36:24, Serenity Eagle Bull 38:15, Kaitlin Betone 40:29, Raine Betone 40:29, Candey Desera 42:01, Lisa Deleon 42:07, Trista Guttormson 43:14, Katie Nelson 43:15, Day Lynn Batey, Dickinson, 48:32; Deserae Wanner, Dickinson, 48:32; Zoie Austin 51:45, Ashley Lemke 51:46, Mary Austin 51:57.



Runners are from Bismarck, ND unless otherwise noted.

**Next Thunderbird Run Saturday, September 12, during Powwow**

# United Tribes Technical College Powwow

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entries are held Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Central Time), and Sunday at 12 noon.

A \$20 entrance fee guarantees admission to all dance and drum competitions for the four days. Daily admission is \$10. Seniors (65 and over) and children (5 and under) enter free.

Admission wrist bands may be purchased in advance through August 28 at the college's finance dept. Group rates provided for 10 or more. Contact Ella Duran 701-255-3285 x 1214, [eduran@uttc.edu](mailto:eduran@uttc.edu).

Camping begins Tuesday, September 8. Space is available free of charge in designated locations on the campus. Round-the-clock security is provided and access to facilities. No drugs or alcohol allowed and no pets.

United Tribes is a "tobacco free campus." The college keeps tobacco sacred by allowing its use for ceremonies only. Other uses of tobacco in all forms are prohibited.

## THEMED ARTWORK

The art of White Mountain Apache/Pima artist Gene Declay is the official image of the 2015 powwow. From Arizona, Declay is a double graduate of the UTTC Art/Art Marketing program and a current Business Administration student. The central feature of Geno's image is a tipi, a visual representation of the powwow theme: "Strengthening Communities."

Appearing on the poster, wearables, collectibles and promotional materials, the graphic layout and design was rendered by Art/Art Marketing student Logan Maxon.

## HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies: Lawrence Baker (ND) and Jerry Dearly (MN); Arena Director: BJ Rainbow (ND); Head Singing Judge: Shorty Bearstail (ND); Head Men's Dance Judge: Andy Demarce (ND); Head Women's Dance Judge: Kimberly Blevins (ND); Ground Blessing: Arnie Calf Boss Ribs (MT).

## COLOR GUARDS

Those who answered the call to duty, military veterans and active duty personnel, represent the college's governing tribes, by presenting and posting the Colors during all powwow grand entries.

Contact Christina: [ccolon@uttc.edu](mailto:ccolon@uttc.edu).

## POWWOW VENDOR FAIR

Powwow vendors create a lively atmosphere and cater to the needs of smart shoppers.

Everything from hides and antlers, to beads, finished clothing, bumper and window stickers and powwow collectibles. The food court offers a wide variety, from oriental and barbeque to the ever-popular 'Indian Taco.'

Arts and Craft Vendors contact Donna: [dbelgarde@uttc.edu](mailto:dbelgarde@uttc.edu); Food Vendors contact Robert: [rfox@uttc.edu](mailto:rfox@uttc.edu).

## YOUTH DAY

School classes and school groups (K-8) are invited to Youth Day at the Powwow. A music and cultural event, including presentations, singing & drumming, tribal dance and audience participation. Starts at 9 a.m. Friday, September 11, runs through the morning. Chaperoned school groups admitted free.

Contact Erik: [ecutler@uttc.edu](mailto:ecutler@uttc.edu).

## PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

The United Tribes "Parade of Champions," Saturday, September 12; new parade route beginning and ending at the State Capitol in Bismarck. Theme: "Strengthening Communities." Open to dancers, singers, tribal groups, tribal leaders and community groups and organizations.

Views expressed by entries or individuals in the parade are not necessarily those of the powwow committee or United Tribes Technical College.

Contact Dale: [dpletan@uttc.edu](mailto:dpletan@uttc.edu).

## TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT

19th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit, September 8-10, Bismarck Event Center. Tribal, federal and state leaders gather for professional development and networking, and a trade fair. The 2015 event also includes a Youth Summit for upcoming tribal leaders.

Contact Julie: [jdejarlais@uttc.edu](mailto:jdejarlais@uttc.edu).

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

"Teeing Off for Academic Excellence" on Friday, September 11; benefit tourney at Apple Creek Country Club; proceeds go to student scholarships.

Contact Hunter: [hberg@uttc.edu](mailto:hberg@uttc.edu).

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Contact Hunter: [hberg@uttc.edu](mailto:hberg@uttc.edu).

## DIAMOND LEGENDS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Diamond Legend Softball Tournament: all-Indian and mixed competition; attracts



Youth Day at the 2014 UTTC Powwow.

teams and spectators from around the country. September 11-13; double elimination in both women's and men's divisions.

Contact Steve: [sshepherd@uttc.edu](mailto:sshepherd@uttc.edu)  
[www.facebook.com/unitedtribesdiamondlegends](http://www.facebook.com/unitedtribesdiamondlegends)

## THUNDERBIRD RUN

A 10K and 5K run/walk hosted for runners and walkers of all ages Saturday, September 11. Online and on-site registration.

Contact Brienna: [bschwab@uttc.edu](mailto:bschwab@uttc.edu).

## BUFFALO FEED

United Tribes honors you through the cultural tradition of a buffalo feed Sunday, September 13. Dancers, singers and visitors invited free of charge. Buffalo courtesy of the Spirit Lake Tribe, one of the college's governing tribes.

## POWWOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Russ McDonald, UTTC President; Julie Cain, Chair/Cultural Advisor; Ella Duran, Treasurer; Donna Belgarde, Secretary; Charisse Fandrich, Fundraising.

## COLLEGE GOVERNING TRIBES

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# 46<sup>th</sup> Annual UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL POWWOW

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September 10-13, 2015

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### Grand Entry Times

THURSDAY: 7 PM • FRIDAY: 1 PM & 7 PM  
SATURDAY: 1 PM & 7 PM • SUNDAY: 12 PM

- Point system Begins THURSDAY at 7:00 PM Grand Entry -  
- NO SWITCHING CATEGORIES IN DANCE CONTEST -  
- ALL CATEGORIES ARE GENDER SPECIFIC -

### DANCE CONTEST

CASH, JACKETS AND MEDALS AWARDED TO DANCE & DRUM CONTEST 1ST PLACE WINNERS!

#### GOLDEN AGE CATEGORIES (Ages 60 & Over)

GOLDEN AGE MENS & GOLDEN AGE WOMENS

• 1st Place: \$1,200 • 2nd Place: \$800 • 3rd Place: \$600 • 4th Place: \$400

#### SENIOR CATEGORIES (Ages 40-59)

SENIOR MENS & WOMENS TRADITIONAL, FANCY, GRASS/JINGLE

• 1st Place: \$1,200 • 2nd Place: \$800 • 3rd Place: \$600 • 4th Place: \$400

#### MENS & WOMENS TRADITIONAL, FANCY, GRASS/CHICKEN DANCE & JINGLE

• 1st Place: \$1,200 • 2nd Place: \$800 • 3rd Place: \$600 • 4th Place: \$400

#### TEEN CATEGORIES (Ages 13 to 17)

TEEN MENS & WOMENS TRADITIONAL, FANCY, GRASS/JINGLE

• 1st Place: \$500 • 2nd Place: \$400 • 3rd Place: \$300 • 4th Place: \$200

#### JUNIOR CATEGORIES (Ages 6 to 12)

JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS TRADITIONAL, FANCY, GRASS/JINGLE

• 1st Place: \$300 • 2nd Place: \$250 • 3rd Place: \$200 • 4th Place: \$150

#### TINY TOTS (Ages 5 and Under) Day Money

### SINGING CONTEST

HOST DRUM: The Boyz (MN)



(Central PA System Provided)

DAY MONEY FOR NON-CONTEST DRUM GROUPS ONLY

(Point System Begins with Thursday Day Session)  
• 1st Place: \$4000 • 2nd Place: \$3000 • 3rd Place: \$2000  
• 4th Place: \$1000 • 5th Place: \$800

### Hat & Boot Dance Special

Sponsored by New Song Church (Bismarck, ND)

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### Tribal Horse Song Drum Contest

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### Free Buffalo Feed - Sunday 4 PM

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# “Parade of Champions” to follow new route



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**PRACTICE YOUR WAVE:** When United Tribes Powwow Chairwoman Julie Cain, her husband Donald, and a grandchild, ride in the 2015 “Parade of Champions,” the route they take will be different than any previous. The annual event that features participants from the powwow (and is open to the public) takes place on the morning of Saturday, September 12. Earlier this year, the City of Bismarck adopted a new route

to avoid the busy BNSF rail crossing in downtown. The new route: Stage and start at the State Capitol and proceed down 6th Street to Avenue A; west on Avenue A to 4th Street; north on 4th Street to Boulevard; east on Boulevard to 5th Street; and north to finish back on the Capitol grounds. The 2015 theme is “Strengthening Communities.” More info or to register an entry: Dale Pletan [dpletan@uttcc.edu](mailto:dpletan@uttcc.edu), 701-255-3285 x 1422.