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# NEWS



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## Champions earn honors at 'Tribes' powwow



**LOOK CLOSER:** Hidden among the bands of color in her flowing regalia is Kylee Leblanc (Leech Lake) of Bemidji, MN, who competed in the women's fancy dance competition of the United Tribes Technical College 2015 International Powwow. United Tribes News photo GREG POLLERT

## Local School Students Impress with Their Enthusiasm

BISMARCK (UTN) – Perhaps the loudest vocal sound ever heard in the powwow arena was registered during the 46th Annual United Tribes Technical College 2015 International Powwow.

Youngsters from Bismarck Public Schools cheered wildly and did the audience “wave” around the dance arbor as a warm-up for grand entry on September 11.

The sound pierced the arena like that of a jet engine from the nearby airport. Coming from 1,000 fourth-graders attending Youth Day, it was coaxed forth by a powwow arena announcer and would

surely have exceeded the hearing-loss threshold on a sound meter.

The show of appreciation was a memorable part of the gathering held September 10-13 at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck.

### CONTEST ACTION

In contest competition, the drum group Yellow Wolf won the singing contest, followed in order by: P-Town, Ft. Peck Sioux, White Tail Boyz and Yankton Sioux.

Twenty drums rendered their best songs for 578 dancers during six grand entries,

intertribals, contest competitions, specials and honorings. Host drum, The BOYZ, Minneapolis, MN, added their powerful beat and soaring vocals to the proceedings.

Total prize money awarded in 27 singing and dancing categories was \$96,000.

Native horse culture was featured during a Hat and Boot dance special and Tribal Horse-song drum contest. White Tail Boyz took home the top singing honors in that category, followed by Yankton Sioux, Yellow Wolf, Hunkpapa and Ft. Peck Sioux.

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# Murals initiate art project at event center



**OFFICIAL UNVEILING:** "It was a really big project for me," said Cherikie Tillman (Eastern Shoshone) in front of her colorful mural for the Bismarck Event Center. "I'm happy I got it done." The aspiring artist from Ft. Washakie, WY had the honor of creating one of the first art pieces in a project to showcase the

work of local visual artists. Tillman is a sophomore in the United Tribes Art/Art Marketing Program. She worked through the summer on the 4' x 8' panel that depicts and honors tribal horse culture. Along with a piece by instructor Wayne Pruse, two panels were dedicated September 8 during a program hosted by the

Event Center and attended by Mark Fox, Three Affiliated-M/H/A tribal chairman, Bismarck Mayor Mike Seminary, United Tribes President Russ McDonald and a host of well-wishers and media. The works hang in a hallway facing Fifth Street in the new addition to the event center. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News



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## *Fall 2015* Commencement Ceremony

Friday, December 18, 2015 ☞ 10 a.m.

Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center ☞ Multi-Purpose Room

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

Program, honor songs, diplomas, handshakes and hugs! ☞ Families welcome to take photos/snapshots/selfies  
A meal for all grads and guests follows program ☞ Formal graduate photos begin @ 8:30 a.m. in the Wellness Center

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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# ND Tribal Colleges Receive Workforce Development Funding



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UTTC trains students to earn a commercial driver's license (CDL) through classroom instruction, simulators and hands-on driving.

BISMARCK (UTN) – The North Dakota Department of Commerce has authorized another round of workforce development grants for North Dakota's tribal colleges.

United Tribes Technical College will receive \$356,909 from the program that was first authorized in 2013.

The grants are for training support in degree or certificate programs that qualify students to earn highly recruited jobs in the state.

The grant to UTTC will support the college's popular programs in welding, commercial truck driving and heavy equipment operation.

"We're grateful for the state support," said Russ McDonald, United Tribes president. "This assists us in further developing these training programs to connect students to employment opportunities

in the state. It also helps us strengthen our partnerships with North Dakota Job Service, area employers and workforce organizations."

Three million dollars in funding was authorized for the current round by the 2015 North Dakota Legislature. The program also serves to provide assistance to students to establish new businesses in North Dakota that will employ North Dakotans.

The Department of Commerce administers the grants through an application pro-

## ND TCU WORKFORCE GRANTS 2015

- UTTC, Bismarck: \$356,909
- Turtle Mountain CC, Belcourt: \$984,000
- Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates: \$959,500
- Cankdeska Cikana CC, Fort Totten: \$828,900
- Nueta-Hidatsa-Sahnish College, New Town: \$485,800

cess. Recipients are required to report back on several factors including expenditures, number of students assisted, graduation rates, new or improved training or other programs leading to a certificate or degree, job placement rates, rate of students assisted who seek further educational opportunities, and the number of jobs or businesses created.

"Tribal Colleges continue to serve a critical role across our state in providing education and training needed to fulfill their career goals," said Commerce Commissioner Al Anderson. "Tribal college grants increase the colleges' ability to prepare students for our growing statewide economy."

The TCU grants were announced by the state agency in September. For more info visit: [www.ndcommerce.com](http://www.ndcommerce.com).

# United Tribes instructor studies results of fracking brine water spill

By Jenny Lavey, Montana State University News Service

## *Environmental Inquiry Part Of Online Master's Program*

**A**lexa Azure has always been interested in water.

An enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, she remembers one spring when the water tasted gritty and another time when Fort Yates, ND completely ran out of water. Now she doesn't drink the water from her home faucet. Instead, she uses her own reverse osmosis water filter system.

"My whole life I've been interested in water," Azure said. "It's a basic resource that's essential for all life on the planet."

Azure's interest in water, as well as her experience teaching pre-engineering classes at a tribal college in an area that is sensitive to water issues due to its proximity to the Bakken oilfields, prompted her to consider an educational background in environmental science. That educational background would help her be a better teacher for her students who are interested in environmental issues, she thought.

"I wanted to deepen my understanding of the environmental side of things," Azure said. "I have the chemical and engineering background but not the environmental background and I could tell that's where the interest of most of my students was, because of the industry in our region and the effect it has on local communities."

The catch, Azure said, was that she didn't want to have to leave her job in order to pursue an advanced degree.

That's where Montana State University came in. MSU and its online master's program in land resources and environmental sciences within the College of Agriculture helped Azure achieve her educational goals without having to drastically change her life or quit her full-time teaching job.

"The program was great, and I would recommend it anyone," Azure said. "The instructors were amazing and I learned a lot not just in the technical field, but professionally as well."

The online LRES master's program start-



Photo courtesy Alexa Azure

Alexa Azure studied the impacts of the biggest brine water spill in North Dakota as a Montana State University land resources and environmental sciences grad student.

ed in 2012 with 11 students. Now in its fourth year, the program enrolls 58 students with 18 instructors.

Azure enjoyed great success as a student in the MSU program. During her time in the program, she earned a prestigious scholarship, the American Indian College Fund and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Leadership Fellowship Program, a fellowship created to increase and retain the number of diverse and under-represented faculty at the nation's tribal colleges teaching in science, math and engineering. In 2013, Azure was one of only two native students in the country who earned the prestigious scholarship, according to the American Indian College Fund.

As an undergraduate, Azure attended United Tribes Technical College and completed a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from The University of North Dakota in 2012. She has since been teaching pre-engineering classes at United Tribes in Bismarck, near the Williston Basin and Bakken formation.

On Jan. 6, the largest brine spill that has occurred in North Dakota happened near Williston. Three million gallons of salty brine water were accidentally released into the surrounding environment, local surface and groundwater. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the contaminated water reached the Missouri River.

Brine water, a byproduct of oil and gas drilling, is a particular risk where hydraulic fracking is practiced because the brine can include toxic levels of salt, heavy metals and radioactive materials that can raise salinity levels of local waterways that can affect plants, invertebrate and amphibian life, according to the EPA.

Azure decided to use the environmental disaster as the subject of a professional paper required of the master's degree. She performed an environmental risk assessment of

the brine spill to measure the potential effect on the surrounding environment. She evaluated water samples from the nearby Blacktail Creek and the Little Muddy River, and used the rivers' fathead minnow, a key food-web species in North Dakota, to see if there were any harmful effects from the spill on local fish habitat. She found that some samples exposed to the brine water exceeded risk thresholds set by the North Dakota Department of Health and the EPA.

Robert Peterson, director of the online LRES program, who served as Azure's professional paper instructor, said the spill was unfortunate, but it was also an opportunity for the scientific training the program encourages.

"What was really awesome is that she used the process of science and research to respond to a very timely and regional environmental problem," Peterson said. "Her data can potentially be used in predicating risk from future spills of a similar size, so the applicability of her study is directly tied to our curriculum and her field."

Peterson said online students can bring a different viewpoint to class discussions, as most are currently working in a professional field, many from nonprofits, governmental organizations and private industry.

"Alexa is a teacher and an engineer, so you could sense her earnestness to improve her teaching," he said. "We don't have too many engineers in our program, so she brought a very different perspective to the coursework, which was an advantage for her and for the rest of the class."

Karlene Hoo, dean of The Graduate School at MSU, said online graduate students are a growing and important demographic at MSU.

"Alexa exemplifies the many graduate students at MSU who are earning a degree while living and working at a distance," Hoo said. "Programs such as the online LRES degree offer students like Alexa the opportunity to establish rigorous research agendas that also serve the needs of rural and indigenous communities."

*Learn more about the MSU online LRES program: 406-994-3062 or [Distance@montana.edu](mailto:Distance@montana.edu).*

# United Tribes Technical College Fall Term Underway

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College accepted 395 students for fall semester, according to Kathy Johnson, Vice President of Student Services. The average student age is 26. Seventy percent are female and 13 percent are non-Native.

## Top Tribes

The top five tribes represented in the United Tribes student body for fall semester are: Three Affiliated 58; Cheyenne River 51; Standing Rock 48; Turtle Mountain 41; and Oglala Tribe 25.

## Popular Courses of Study

United Tribes classes began August 24. The most popular courses of study among the two-dozen, or so, offered are: Business, Nursing, Criminal Justices, Education and Automotive Technology. Course offerings are tied to the needs of tribal communities and the workforce at large. Eighty-seven percent of students are campus-based and 13 percent study online.

## Refining Programs

“We are adequately staffed in terms of faculty,” says Lisa Azure, Vice President of Academic, Career and Technical Education. “In fact the education levels of applicants for faculty and staff positions is higher. We’ve noticed more masters and PhDs.”

The college is involved in program reviews and evaluations to refine the educational offerings, says Azure. Short-term workforce training programs are consistently evaluated against the needs of potential employers.



Many of the 116 new students at orientation August 19 respond warmly to a humorous moment during a welcome talk by United Tribes President Russ McDonald.

## Housing Needs

The current enrollment is down nine percent from the 430 students enrolled at the college last fall. College officials say enrollment is restricted by the availability of housing. All of the college’s family student housing units were occupied by the first week of classes.

“Housing is the big concern,” says United Tribes President Russ McDonald. “Once on-campus housing fills up, students have trouble finding affordable housing in the Bismarck/Mandan area.

The college is presently exploring loan options for long-overdue housing construction. While other colleges in Bismarck have added student housing recently, it has been

eight years since the last housing for students was constructed at United Tribes.

One of the college’s single-student dormitories, Sitting Bull Hall, is currently undergoing renovation and updating. Despite that, there are dorm rooms available for single students. The campus will have

space for 50 to 100 more single students when work on Sitting Bull Hall is completed.

## Academic Success

The last day to register at the tribal college was Friday, August 28, only one week into the term. In the past, the date of last enrollment was later. Research tends to show that will have a positive effect on completion rates.

“Students who know earlier that they intend to go to college are more likely to succeed academically,” says United Tribes President Russ McDonald. “Students who start their fall enrollment as early as March have better completion rates than those who enroll just prior to the deadline.”



Much to the delight of the children of UTTC students, orientation included an evening bonfire that featured toasting marshmallows for S’mores. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News photos

## UTTC Fall Enrollment AT-A-GLANCE

- 395 students; down nine percent from one year earlier
- 345 or 87 percent are Native students; 13 percent non-Native
- Average student age is 26
- 70 percent female and 30 percent male
- 87 percent of students are campus-based; 13 percent online
- Top five tribes: Three Affiliated 58; Cheyenne River 51; Standing Rock 48; Turtle Mountain 41; and Oglala Tribe 25
- Top five states: ND 248; SD 90; MT 22; WY; AZ; WA
- Top five programs of study: Business, Nursing, Criminal Justices, Education and Automotive



## NORTH DAKOTA First Nation's Day

"Empowering Our Communities"

October 9, 2015

9 a.m. to Noon

ND Heritage Center Auditorium

Traditional meal courtesy of  
United Tribes Technical College

Sponsored by:  
N.D. Indian Affairs Commission

More Info:  
701-328-2432

# Curiosity rules at Summer Youth Camp

**FULLY ABSORBED:** Thirteen-year-old Jashaun St. John from Red Cloud High School in Oglala country, arranges and waters a Mason jar terrarium August 6 during the United Tribes Summer Youth Camp. The exercise was part of the science portion of the week-long camp that also included captivating hands-on sessions in technology, engineering, arts and math. Two dozen ninth and tenth grade students attended from the communities of Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, Hot Springs, and Wakpala, South Dakota, and Fort Yates and Cannonball, North Dakota. The camp was funded by UTTC's Prairie Rose Project with a grant from the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Dept. of Education.



DENNIS J. NIELSEN/UTTC

# Grant to fund research on Kentucky blue grass



Jeremy Guinn

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College has been awarded \$65,000 in federal funding to support research by students in the college's Tribal

Environmental Science program that addresses tribal land management concerns.

The grant will fund a project titled GRASSTEM, or "Generating Research in Agriculture for Students in STEM," (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

The project is a collaboration with the staff of the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) in Mandan, ND. UTTC students will have an opportunity to continue and enhance previous research done by the lab.

"Student participation is a primary initiative of the project," says Jeremy Guinn, UTTC Tribal Environmental Science Dept.

director/instructor. "We're partnering to design and structure a student-led research experience focusing on the ecological effects of the introduced grass species Kentucky blue grass."

The project will fund students for 10 weeks each growing season for two consecutive years.

Understanding Kentucky blue grass (*Poa pratensis* L.), and its relationships within the native prairie community, is vital to establishing sustainable and economical agricultural practices on northern Great Plains rangelands, says Guinn.

The students will be provided with expert advice and mentoring during the collaboration. They'll have the opportunity to collect and analyze data, and produce results that can be presented to the community.

The data will be valuable for current and future land managers to help maintain and improve rangeland conditions, while sustaining an economically feasible and sustainable agricultural component on tribal lands.

"This will introduce students to important agricultural issues,' says Guinn. "Students will study and be part of a team addressing vital issues in a setting that prepares them to be part of the scientific workforce in the future."

Funding for the project was authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"To thrive and succeed, students must have the resources and tools they need to conduct research and reach their goals," said North Dakota U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp announcing the award September 17. "These funds will provide for infrastructure and faculty expertise for students to conduct research projects as they prepare for their careers. Agriculture is a crucial component to North Dakota, so I'll continue to push for investments in STEM education to make sure our students can succeed and support North Dakota's diverse economy."

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# The Environment Wins!



**LAB COATS AND ALL:** Fitted with tree branches, a coyote pelt, bat-catching equipment and more, the float created by students and staff of Tribal Environmental Science took top honors September 25 in the UTTC "Spirit Week Parade." TES demonstrated their commitment to research by showing artifacts and equipment of student projects underway in the department. Following closely in the judging at second and third

were the entries by Teacher Education and Nutrition and Food Service respectively. All of the entries were a big hit with spectators, including youngsters from TJES, along the All Nations Circle parade route. Long-time UTTC maintenance employee Carl Hohenstein was the parade grand marshal. United Tribes News photo Charlene Weis

## Reporting on the Research



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J.P. Holmes of United Tribes Technical College describes his research into the behavior and social interactions of Big Brown Bats July 31 during a research symposium held at UTTC's Science and Technology building. His was one of 14 presentations made by tribal students as part of the Research Experience for Undergraduates program coordinated by UTTC. The subjects covered restoration ecology, insect behavior, prairie management, effect of oil development on natural resources, conservation biology, GIS, and ecology. Each student was mentored by an instructor from a participating college: Nueta-Hidatsa-Sahnish College, Sitting Bull College, Oglala Lakota College, Augustana College, NDSU and UTTC. More info: Jeremy Guinn 701-255-3285 x 1458, [jguinn@uttc.edu](mailto:jguinn@uttc.edu).

# Surplus sale turns stuff into cash

By Melvin Miner,  
UTTC Property & Supply Manager

**U**nited Tribes Technical College brought in over \$62,000 from the sale of obsolete and unnecessary college property conducted during the week of August 30.

Staff members of the Property and Supply Dept. organized and conducted the sale on behalf of the college, with the assistance of other departments and staffers.

A long list of surplus property came from departments across the campus. All was judged to no longer have a need or purpose for current operations.

Items ranged from trucks and automobiles (including a classic car from the 1950s), to office equipment, computers, furniture, collectible toy models, household items, tools and industrial equipment. Virtually all items were in operating condition.

The sale was conducted on a sealed-bid format. For four days, a steady parade of bidders examined the property on-site at the college and stuffed a locked-box with their hand-written bid forms. Following the deadline, bids were opened and the winners notified.



Gone, but certainly not forgotten, is the CAT front-end loader that brought the highest bid during the UTTC surplus sale. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

Of the three UTTC surplus sales in the past several years, this one posted the highest gross income.

These individuals and departments pitched in to help Property and Supply with the sale: Finance Dept., Dennis Neumann of the Office of Public Information, Bud Anderson and staff members in the

Maintenance Dept., Roland Young and staff members from the Transportation Dept., and Jordan Gladue from the DeMaND Program.

Congratulations to the bid winners and thanks again to everyone who helped make this a success.

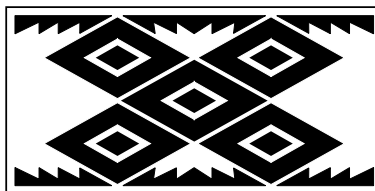
## NEW MISSION STATEMENT

**A**t a meeting August 13, 2015, the UTTC Board of Directors approved revisions to the college's mission statement. The mission statement now reads:

*“United Tribes Technical College provides quality post-secondary education and training to enhance knowledge, diversity, and leadership for all indigenous nations.”*

### NEW MOTTO

*“Leadership Begins Here”*



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### NEW LOGO

The newly revised United Tribes logo appears in its color version on the front cover of this edition of United Tribes News. Here is the black and white version. For information, reproduction and specifications about logo use, please contact Andi Gladson, UTTC Art/Art Marketing Dept., 701-255-1794, [agladson@uttc.edu](mailto:agladson@uttc.edu).

## Sign Up for ENS Today! Emergency Notification System

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

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

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

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

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



## What Can You Recycle?

### PAPER:

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

### Why Recycle Paper?

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

### PLASTIC:

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



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

### Why Recycle Plastic?

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

### UTTC Recycling Drop-Off Locations:

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

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



# United Tribes included in contract-support settlement

**B**ISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College is to receive \$4.2 million in a negotiated settlement over contract support funding for tribal entities.

UTTC is one of 640 tribes and tribal organizations nationwide authorized to receive funding to resolve a 25-year-old class-action suit initiated by the Ramah Navajo Chapter in 1990.

On September 17, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Interior announced the \$940 million proposed settlement over claims that the government contracted with tribes to run programs but failed to pay the full amounts required by law.

Bureau of Indian Affairs programs in law enforcement, forest management, fire suppression, road maintenance, housing, education, and other support services failed to receive sufficient funds to pay the entire costs of agreements to administer federal programs and services.

“This landmark settlement represents another important step in the Obama Administration’s efforts to turn the page on past challenges in our government-to-government relationship with tribes,” said Interior Secretary Sally Jewell in a prepared statement. “Tribal self-determination and self-governance will continue to be our ‘North Star’ as we navigate a new chapter in this important relationship. We are committed to fully funding contract support costs so that tribal contracting can be more successful.”

According to the Dept. of the Interior, the claims arose because of a mismatch between federal self-determination laws and available appropriations. While the federal government had signed contracts for certain amounts to cover administrative costs of implementing contracts – such as workers’ compensation costs for tribal employ-

ees – Congress capped appropriated funds available to pay those costs.

“Time and again, we have seen that when a tribal government runs a federal program, the program is more successful and more responsive to the tribal community,” said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn.

The underpayments to North Dakota tribal entities totals more than \$23 million.

North Dakota U. S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp says the settlement will provide resources for services previously provided.

“We have a duty to uphold our trust and treaty responsibilities, and that includes making sure tribal governments and organizations receive the funding they need to administer services that are critical to keeping Native students, families and communities safe,” said Heitkamp in a prepared statement.

United Tribes Technical College President Russ McDonald says he expects it will probably take a year before the settlement funding is made available to the college.

“The funds would come from an existing trust settlement account and not from a congressional appropriation,” says McDonald.

Among the needs that United Tribes might address with the settlement is campus construction, including a new main education building, he said.

As for current and future tribal contracting, the President’s fiscal year 2016 budget request to Congress for the Departments of the Interior and Health and Human Services contains a proposed long-term solution: mandatory, non-discretionary funding, beginning in fiscal year 2017, for contract support costs.

The proposed settlement agreement requires court approval, which is expected.

### Settlement Amounts Authorized by U.S. Dept. of Justice and U.S. Dept. of Interior:

Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Nation.....	\$7,957,180	United Tribes Technical College .....	\$4,229,073
Standing Rock Tribe.....	\$4,258,984	Sitting Bull College.....	\$361,837
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa .....	\$2,530,897	Turtle Mountain Community College .....	\$286,803
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyaté .....	\$2,235,889	Nueta, Hidatsa, Sahnish College .....	\$241,680
Spirit Lake Tribe.....	\$1,174,904		



# ALUMNI NEWS

**T**he United Tribes Institutional Resources Department passes along its thanks to the many UTTC alumni who paid us a visit during the recent United Tribes Powwow and received a gift from us. We're organizing a college alumni association to keep you in touch with events and progress at your alma mater. If you're hunting for a classmate or former employee, please contact us. We can help you make contact. So, thanks for sharing your contact information with us!

We invite others to share their info too. We're casting a wide net. You're eligible if you graduated from UTTC, or if you simply attended and took classes but did not graduate. Former employees are also eligible, even if you did not take classes.

Please drop us an e-mail or phone. In addition to contact information, be sure to tell us when you graduated or were here and in what capacity. We'd love to hear from you. Best wishes!

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## *Powwow 2015 Alumni Visitors*

Jason Davenport 2000 Office Technology; Antonia Eagleshield 2006 Criminal Justice; Aja Baker 2013 Business Administration/Employee; Delores White; Logan Maxon 2015 Art/Art Marketing; Lydale Yazzie 2015 Business Administration/Employee; Leonard Bear King 2002 Employee; Franki Jo Baker; Shawn Allery 2015 Cert-Small Business; Alvin Iron Cloud 2013 Criminal Justice; Clayton Blueshield 1995 Office Technology; Arden Boxer 2012 Bachelors Business Administration/Employee; Jamie McLeod 2006 Small Business Management/Employee; Richard Ramsey 1970 Police Science; Sandra Poitra-Provost Employee; Teresa His Chase 2013 Tribal Management/Business Administration/Employee; Mandie Wood 2007 Business Administration/Employee; Dave Archambault Sr. 1985 Employee; Lacey Foot LPN; Dave Archambault Jr. 2011 Employee; Nelson Gipp, Student; William Monette 1969 Employee; Karlita Knight 1994 Office Technology/Employee; Brad Hawk 2002-2013 Employee; Lorraine Davis 2004 Office Technology/Employee; Travis Harden, Employee; Meldina Iron Cloud 2013 Small Business Management; Dalphine Conklin 1990 Business Clerical; Frank Baker 1985 Welding; Gerald Packineau 2000 Office Technology; Tammy Seda 2007 Small Business Management/Employee; Ann Old Elk 1987 Medical Records; Jayme Davis 2002-05 Employee; Melanie Robertson 2006 Criminal Justice; Deborah Lavallie 2001 Office Technology/Employee; Jessica Beheler 2009-14 Employee; Uriah Wisespirt 2012 Criminal Justice/Employee; Michael Alex 2009 Small Business Management; Ishta Two Bears;

Ramona Davis 1987 Office Technology; Yedis Eagleshield; Danielle Rico 2012 Criminal Justice; Donna Belgarde 2001 Early Childhood Education/Employee; Roberta Ramsey 1976 Employee; Justine Parkhurst, Office Technology; Preston Wisespirt 2012 Criminal Justice; Justin Young 2008 Carpentry; Georgianna Davis, Nursing; Curtis Brave Bull 1989 Auto Mechanics; Randi Hart 2003 Criminal Justice; Stephanie Trottier 2007 Small Business Management; Lani Miguel 1997 Health Information Technology; Jason Waln 2006 Construction Technology; Jennifer DeSersa 2007 Early Childhood Education/Employee; Lois Kane 1984 Business Clerical; Jace Renville 2015 Construction Technology; Travis Hardin 1980 Building Trades; Verna Moran 1983 Nursing; Tommi McLaughlin 2014 Nutrition & Wellness; Frank Benson 1974 Food Service; Ardell Blue Shield 1995 Office Technology; Dawn Davis 2009 Employee; Merry Brunelle 1983-2003 Food Service/Employee; Randy Two Crow 2013 Criminal Justice/Employee; Donna Fox 1981 Auto Body; Wanda Charette 2004 Employee; Velma LaFromboise-Cutt 1987 Business Clerical; Adelaide Baker 2003 Health Information Technology; Cameron Smith 2004 Injury Prevention; Addison Baker 2008 Criminal Justice; Doreen Welsh-Pretends Eagle 2013 Tribal Management; Tim Brewer 1984 Carpentry; Colette Charette 2002 Employee; April Littleghost-Trottier 2007-10 Small Business Management/TES; Trista Fog In The Morning 2011 Criminal Justice; John Bearstail 2012 Elementary Education; Ted Redshirt 1977-85 Employee; Emanuel Red Bear 1983 Culinary Arts; Caroline High Elk 2004 Tourism

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701-255-3285 x 1456  
[dbelgarde@uttc.edu](mailto:dbelgarde@uttc.edu),  
Wellness Center - Room 110A



**UNITED TRIBES  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**MISSION**

“United Tribes Technical College provides quality post-secondary education and training to enhance knowledge, diversity, and leadership for all indigenous nations.”

**MOTTO**

“Leadership Begins Here”

**VISION**

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

**VALUES**

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

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

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

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# Skype's Horizons – Revisited

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

Once again I return to a topic that haunts me and others of my generation when we think about our upbringing along the Missouri River in North Dakota. I spent a good deal of time researching and writing about the Oahe Dam in particular and the devastating impact it had in the 1960s when the rising lake waters forced our people away from the paradise we knew as the bottom lands along the river.



Harriett Skype

Up and down the river, where Tribal People had homes and communities for generations, the flooding was targeted and deceitful, and destructive to our way of life. It was a modern version of the genocide our ancestors faced during the 19th Century – then from the weapons of the frontier military.

With all my energy and emotion, I plunged into the subject, writing a dissertation at the University of California-Berkeley. What I hadn't realized was how strongly others felt. I was floored to learn how passionately my sister Corrine wrote about the wonderful little Indian village at the old Cheyenne River Agency, submerged under 18 feet of water. Her "Lakota Atlantis" expresses the feelings that have troubled many of us for so long.

Harriett Skype founded and directed the United Tribes Office of Public Information; edited "United Tribes News" and wrote the column: "Skype's Horizons." Later Dr. Skype 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.

## LAKOTA ATLANTIS

*Innocence was our downfall, now the beloved land of my people is under water. Haunting images of Paradise, fairyland winters and lazy summer days, the delightful, carefree laughter of children, and the melodic song of the Meadowlark.*

*The magnificence of a flowering apple tree in spring, the splendor, the tranquility of sun-kissed, lush foliage. Paradise, where life was peaceful and slow, where my friends and I played unafraid.*

*The mighty Missouri River connected us all to Mother Earth.*

*We the Lakota of the old Cheyenne Agency stand as refugees in our own country, banished from our homeland. It was not soldiers and war that forced us to leave, but a dam.*

*We hold our precious memories close to our hearts.*

*I want so much to revisit. Gazing at the water, it hurts my mind and pierces my soul that for the rest of my life I cannot return. Forever exiled, the tenacious images of a glorious past stay with us.*

*We ask the question with no answer—Why?*

*We daydream about learning how to scuba-dive, fantasize about how maybe one day the water will recede enough to see the hospital, the cherished homes left behind. We tell people about this wondrous place, and they look at us with skeptical eyes.*

*We are memorials to a vanished, golden time.*

*The merciless crushing of dreams and lives fully justified our confusion and despair. Maybe a miracle, last-minute reprieve would occur. Maybe this was a bad dream and we could go on basking in the glow of the Creator's love.*

*But no—it was real and could not be changed—not then, not ever. We bargain and plead for just one more day back there, but not even one day is allowed. Relentless sorrow and longing plague our existence, yearning for a land forever out of our reach.*

*I flash-back to all those who are with us no more, reliving the way it used to be. Alcohol not yet the killer it became later. The liar that conned us into believing we could somehow escape the grievous reality. The dam killed some of us just as surely as if we had drowned. And once in a while, during a radiant Indian summer day, we almost catch a glimpse of yesterday. Tears flow freely as we remember.*

*Some of us became "radicals" and "militants" determined to resist always the destruction and frowning of our hopes and dreams. We went to Alcatraz, Mount Rushmore and Wounded Knee.*

*Some slipped away not wanting to live in a world where they had no home. Still others lived in a hazy world of alcohol induced nightmares.*

*The past is gone forever, but we promise for the sake of our children and grandchildren, and generations yet unborn, to share our stories with them and the world, and we swear to remember always that once we lived in Paradise.*

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# Bakken Royalty and Surface Owner's Workshop

*FREE, one-day workshop for Mineral and Surface Owners*

*Friday, Nov. 20, 2015  
United Tribes Technical College*

**Workshop to help mineral and surface owners account for missing royalties and find remedies for land contaminated by saltwater spills & pipeline leaks.**

## **Presentations/Panel Discussions/Q & A:**

- Enable mineral owners to enforce proper accounting
- Reform agreements, leases and surface-use contracts
- How to manage your constitutionally-protected property rights
- Strategies and solutions when land, water and air are endangered by contamination
- Manage emotional and financial stress & engage effectively in litigation
- How to use your personal computer to clarify oil & gas reports and catch errors or deficiencies

## **Who should attend:**

Mineral owners, royalty owners, surface owners, tribal program representatives, science and business students interested in stewardship of oil wealth and restoration of land and water.

## **PRESENTERS:**

- Mary Ellen Denomy, CPA, fraud prevention expert in finding unpaid royalties due mineral owners and reversing excessive charges. Assisted the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and enrolled individual mineral owners, and trained enrolled members how to spot and prevent fraud. *Workshop attendees may schedule in advance one-on-one meetings with Denomy.*

- Fintan Dooley, attorney and botanist, worked in American oilfields on and offshore, practiced law in Bismarck for more than 25 years; co-author of "Salt of the Earth," an article on salt water spills in North Dakota published in the International Energy Law Journal.

## **SALT-SCARRED LANDOWNERS PANEL:**

- Daryl Peterson, Antler, ND: engaged in litigation with the State of ND and Petro Harvester
- Donny Nelson, Keene, ND: 50+ years of land contamination
- Greg Tank, Keene, ND: abandoned pumpers and salt spills on his land; recently won a case proving overcharged expenses

## **More Info and to Register:**

Dooley Law Office: [findooley@gmail.com](mailto:findooley@gmail.com). Fintan Dooley 701-212-1000, Chad 701-354-9000.

## **Sponsored by:**

The Salted Lands Council [www.saltedland.org](http://www.saltedland.org) and the Dooley Law Office [findooley@gmail.com](mailto:findooley@gmail.com).

## **Workshop location:**

United Tribe Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, Rooms 231 and 232 UTTC Science and Technology Center (Use south campus entrance at Burleigh Avenue)

# Native Hand-Drum Workshops

**U**TTTC hosts a series of workshops devoted to Native American hand-drums. Participants will learn the history, protocol and use of hand-drums and make one of their own.

**Begins Thursday, September 24  
Continues on successive Thursdays:  
October 1, 8, 15 and 22**

**Each session 6 to 9 p.m.  
Education Building Room 111, 3315  
University Drive, Bismarck**

**Instructor:  
Travis Harden, Rapid City, SD**

**College students, staff and  
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**Free of charge!**

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# UTTC STAFF NEWS

## Two Selected as Fellows

Two members of UTTC's Land Grant Programs have been selected by USDA for one-year fellowships to address research needs specific to Indian Country and tribal communities. Agroecology Extension Educator **Linda Hugelen** and Extension Nutrition Educator **Jan Keller** are among seven educators named from these tribal colleges: Salish Kootenai, Chief Dull Knife, SIPI, Tohono O'odham, College of the Menominee Nation and UTTC. The group met June 22-26 in Washington, DC to discuss tribal college research needs and programs and methods for funding them. This is the fourth year of the USDA/Tribal Fellowship known as Terra Preta do Indio, which is Brazilian Portuguese for "Dark Earth of the Indians." The initiative is coordinated through USDA's 1994 Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities Program.

## Summer Event Success

A big "THANK YOU" to **all staff members and departments** that donated and worked on the Back to School event on June 16. It was a great success! We avoided the rain with an indoor event and had 100 people sign-in for the family portion, 27 adults for laser-tag, and more for supper. Face-painting and balloon-making kept us busy and the adults said they would love to see laser tag again. It was a great opportunity to keep students involved by creating a healthy atmosphere with family-oriented and adult opportunities. Thanks a Million!

- Carla Gerriets, Retention Coordinator

## Resident Service Coordinator

**Heather Demaray** is the college's newly hired Resident Service Coordinator in the Residential Life Department. A member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, she is a recent graduate of UTTC's Bachelor of Science Business Administration program. She also earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in the Nutrition and Wellness. She has three children **Alayna, Brody** and **Serenity** and has resided in the Bismarck Area since 2008. Heather enjoys spending time with friends and family; she plays softball and volleyball, and loves watching her children play sports.



"I look forward to working with UTTC students and community," she wrote in an introductory e-mail.



## Public Health Focus

United Tribe's former Strengthening Lifestyles coordinator, **Ruth Buffalo**, is in her second year of post-graduate work at NDSU in Fargo. She's a graduate assistant in public health services in the American Indian Public Health Resource Center. Her work and study has involved traffic safety, substance use and community intervention, and now focuses on specific programs at her home tribal areas on the M/H/A Nation.

Ruth was recently named to the 2015 Women's Leadership Program by the Center for Technology and Business of the North Dakota Women's Business Center.

Prior to being at NDSU, Ruth spent two-and-one-half-years at the Kansas University Medical Center as a Komen Scholar, taking classes for her master's in public health. She was also a Kansas legislative intern for Rep. **Ponca-We Victors**, a former Miss Indian Nations.

## Always a T-Bird

UTTC's former director of institutional assessment is now applying her considerable teaching and people skills to serve in the insurance industry. **Jen Janecek-Hartman** left UTTC in July saying she was thankful for the opportunity to learn so much from students, faculty and staff members. In a farewell e-mail she said she really enjoyed her time at United Tribes but couldn't pass up an opportunity to try something new. "I won't say goodbye because UTTC and the other TCUs have made such an impact on me and my family," she wrote. "I hope you'll remember to invite me back for events." Jen's new email is [jjanecekhartman@gmail.com](mailto:jjanecekhartman@gmail.com). She's with Country Financial Insurance.

- Editor



## Legal Move

Former United Tribes In-House Attorney **Tom Disselhorst** hung-out his shingle over summer and began serving clients through his own private legal prac-

lice. Tom was on the college staff continuously since 2002, providing considerable legal services and advice, and classroom instruction. Prior to that, he represented the college, the Three Affiliated Tribes and other tribal entities and individuals. Tom is an ardent justice advocate and a 2004 recipient of the Prairie Peacemaker Award of the North Dakota Peace Coalition. [http://www.uttcedu/news/speech/100904\\_01.asp](http://www.uttcedu/news/speech/100904_01.asp). He first came to United Tribes from California as a VISTA volunteer in 1975. You can reach him via e-mail: [disselhorst@hotmail.com](mailto:disselhorst@hotmail.com).

- Editor

## WE-WIN Honoree

Congratulations to **A. Gay Kingman**, executive director of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association, on being a 2015 WE-WIN honoree. Kingman was among four individuals recognized by Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations for their "dedication, hard work and contributions to tribal communities and beyond." The honor was conferred in August at WE-WIN's conference in Quapaw, OK. Kingman was the first principal of Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the UTTC campus.

## Sights Set on Summer



Things were "kinda slow" over the winter for **Anna and Dan Molnar**. Winter u say? Yes indeed! The Molnars are still in New Zealand - where the seasons are opposite - pursuing Dan's adventure as a world-class triathlete. Slow u say? Well, for them, it meant short hikes and walks on the beach (like this selfie on a trip to Sidney, Aus.) rather than a high-intensity run up a mountain trail. As spring emerges there, Dan's has his sights set on a 70 mile "Ironman" race on December 12, at the onset of New Zealand summer. In the meantime, UTTC's former fitness coordinator is studying for his master's degree and Anna works in a hospital ICU.

- Editor

## Department of Labor Award

Congratulations to **David M. Gipp**, United Tribes president emeritus, on receiving the U.S. Dept. of Labor's "Chief Award." The honor was presented August 18 in Durant, OK. Gipp was recognized for

distinguished service and policy leadership on labor and workforce issues involving the Native community. He has served on the Secretary of Labor's National Indian and Native American Advisory Council since 1998. He is a Hunkpapa Lakota from Standing Rock. The award was presented by **Darrell Waldron**, national council chair from Labor's Division of Indian and Native American Programs. Gipp continues to serve on the advisory council.

### Suicide Prevention Day

Congratulations to **members of the college's Community Wellness Services Department** on their observance September 10 of World Suicide Prevention Day. The theme for the day, "Reaching Out and Saving Lives," focused on speaking up to reduce the stigma around talking about suicide prevention safely. **Dr. Angelique Gillis** was available at the Wellness Center for confidential services, as she is regularly.

- Editor

### Published and Posted



Congratulations to UTTC Native American Studies Instructor **Dakota Goodhouse** on his contribution to the newly released book, "*The War with the Sioux: Norwegians against Indians 1862-1863*" by **Karl Jakob Skarstein**. Released earlier this year by the University of North Dakota Digital Press, it tells the story of Norwegian immigrants, soldiers and Lakota/Dakota People during fighting on the plains of Minnesota and North Dakota at the time of the American Civil War. Skarstein's work is translated from Norwegian and supplemented with new introductions, including Dakota's. His study and research into the interpretation of winter counts, pictographs and oral history brings a new and important tribal dimension to the study of regional history topics, including the battles, fights and conflicts of the early 1860s. Dakota's mainstream higher education at the University of Mary focused on Theology and History. Follow his work online at his First Scout blog: <http://thefirstscout.blogspot.com/>.

- Editor

### Perfect Fit

Please welcome back to the United Tribes teaching and learning community **Karla Nordyke**, now coordinating the college's

two-semester certificate program in Medical Billing and Coding. **Karla** formerly directed UTTC's Health Information Technology program; she is a certified HIT instructor and experienced administrator. Offerings in Medical Coding cover the transition in that field with instruction in both ICD 9 and ICD 10. Courses are offered online only and **Karla** coordinates and instructs from her location in Timber Lake, SD.



- Lisa Azure, VP Academics

### Honored Retirement

Many colleagues and friends flocked to the UTTC Wellness Center September 18 to say farewell to **Julie Cain**, who retired after more than 20 years of service at the college. She was the acting director of Community Wellness Services at the time of her retirement as well as director of the Chemical



Health Center. **Julie's** connection to United Tribes goes back to her time as a student; she graduated in 1993 from the Practical Nursing program. For students and visitors she often described her journey of discovery and learning and the positive transformation that comes from pursuing tribal higher education. She became a certified counselor, worked as a Chemical Health Center counselor, served on and directed the college's culture committee, and was called-on regularly for prayers and invocations at meetings and ceremonies. Well-wishers honored her with gifts; she was wrapped in a star quilt; and UTTC President **Russ McDonald** sang an honor song. **Julie** and her husband **Don Cain** now reside near the Medicine Line at St. John, ND, where they are close to family and relatives at Turtle Mountain.

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- Editor

### New IT Director

Please join me in congratulating **Chris Baillie** in his new position as Director of Information Technology (IT). **Chris** has been with United Tribes since 2008 as a web developer. Now he begins supervision and direction of a four person IT staff located in the college's Skill Center building. You may contact him at x 1441, [cbaille@uttc.edu](mailto:cbaille@uttc.edu).

- Bill Gourneau, VP Campus Services

### Appointed Campus Planner

Congratulations to **Steve Shepherd** on his selection as United Tribes Campus Planner. **Steve** served four years in the college's DeMaND workforce training program, reviving UTTC's welding program into a very popular training choice, and coordinating operations for other workforce training specialties. He is from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. As planner he succeeds **Randy Lamberth** who departed in the summer for a teaching and coaching position at a local middle school.

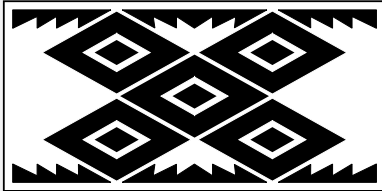
- Editor

### Welcome to United Tribes!

Please welcome the following new employees to the United Tribes family.

**Cecil "Pete" Conway III**, Head Men's Basketball Coach; **Laurie Thompson**, Disabilities Services Coordinator; **Lydale Yazzie**, Financial Aid Works Coordinator & Prevention Specialist; **Kim Reynolds**, Administrative Assistant, Campus Services; **Anthony Red Elk**, Security Officer; **Bryan Good**, Security Officer; **Briana Leier**, Elementary Speech Language Pathologist; **Chelsea Kuhlmann**, Elementary Social Worker; **Steven King**, English/Composition Instructor; **Jan Lynch**, Practical Nursing Instructor; **Jerome Addison**, Custodian; **JLen McLaughlin**, Men's Resident Assistant; **Jamie Anholt**, Property Management Specialist; **Tyson Maxon**, FACE Program Supervisor; **Leah McCloud**, Financial Aid Officer I; **Theresa Tracke**, CDC Aide; **Dimitri Chaves**, CDC Aide; **Charles Swallow**, Golf Coach; **Pam Cantrell**, Career Counselor; **Brittnee Foote**, Administrative Assistant, Science & Technology Building; **Tyler Demars**, Business Faculty; **Mitchell Marshall**, Men's Resident Assistant; **Cassandra Valandra**, Women's Resident Assistant; **Jon Simonson**, Billing Technician, Student Accounts; **Rick Johnson**, Workforce Training Instructor; and **Mara Yborra**, Extension Nutrition Educator.

- Human Resources Dept.



# THE MANY FACES

## *of United Tribes Technical College*



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## FALL 2015

October 9.....	N.D. First Nations Day
October 13-15 .....	Midterm Exams
October 16.....	Midterm Grades Due
October 21.....	Career & College Fair
November 2 .....	Pre-Registration for Spring Semester
November 11 .....	Veterans Day (No Classes)
November 13 .....	Last day to withdraw from one or more classes with a 'W' grade
November 25 .....	No Afternoon Classes
November 26-27 .....	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)
December 9-11 .....	Final Exams
December 14.....	Final Grades Due
December 15-17 .....	UTTC All Campus Professional Development
December 18.....	UTTC Fall 2015 Commencement
December 18.....	TJES Last Day of School for Students
Dec. 19 – Jan. 11, 2016 .....	Winter Break (No Classes)

## SPRING 2016

January 4.....	TJES Students Start School
January 4-6 .....	UTTC All Campus Professional Development
January 6-8 .....	Spring Registration / Orientation
January 11.....	Spring 2016 UTTC Classes Begin
January 15.....	Last day to enroll/register for Spring 2016 Classes
January 18.....	Diversity Day / Martin Luther King Day (No Afternoon Classes)
January 21.....	Spring Graduation Orientation
January 22.....	Last day to add and/or drop classes without a record (Census Date)
January 27.....	TJES Data Day – No School for TJES Students
February 15 .....	President's Day (No Classes)
March 8-10 .....	Mid-term Exams
March 11.....	Mid-term Grades Due
March 14-16 .....	AIHEC Conference
March 14-18 .....	Spring Break (No Classes)
March 23.....	Career & College Fair
March 25.....	Good Friday (No Classes)
March 28.....	Holiday (No Classes)
April 4 .....	Pre-Registration for Summer and/or Fall Semester
April 8 .....	Last day to withdraw from one or more classes with a 'W' grade
May 4-6.....	Final Exams
May 9.....	Final Grades Due
May 10-12.....	UTTC All Campus Professional Development
May 13.....	UTTC Spring 2016 Commencement
May 20.....	TJES Last Day of School for Students



# INTERNATIONAL POWWOW... Continued from page 1

## POWWOW HIGHLIGHTS

Sunny days with temps reaching into the 90s and overnight lows dipping into the 30s greeted participants and spectators. Lone Star Arena offered well-cushioned grass, courtesy of UTTC's groundskeepers.

The powwow theme, "Strengthening Communities," was universally embraced. North Dakota U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp told a closing-day crowd that the time for talking is over and it's necessary to take action to improve the lives of Native People.

Tribal radio station KMHA, New Town, ND, carried the powwow live. Their signal reached listeners on the MHA Nation and across the energy-rich oil fields of western North Dakota, as well as online across the nation. Townsquare Media carried live radio cut-ins during Youth Day, inviting spectators and participants from the Bismarck/Mandan community.

Nine international tour operators from eight different countries attended the event as part of a planning tour hosted and coordinated by the North Dakota Tourism Division of the state's Department of Commerce.



PHOTOS GREG POLLERT

On powwow's closing day, 45 volunteers, including staffers from the college and the local AETNA office, served a free roast buffalo meal presented by the college cafeteria staff and A 'viands Foods for 2,000 visitors, singers and dancers. The buffalo was donated by the Spirit Lake Nation, another of the college's governing tribes.

The MHA Nation hosted a feed at the college cafeteria for 800 on the Saturday of powwow, demonstrating the tribe's generosity and respect for tradition.



PHOTO DENNIS J. NEUMANN



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## PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

The "Parade of Champions" rolled-along a new route in Bismarck beginning and ending at the State Capitol. Convertibles and classic cars were provided by members of the Clastiques Car Club, Bismarck/Mandan.

Parade Grand Marshal was former North Dakota First Lady Grace Link, an active supporter of United Tribes Technical College.

The "Best Float" award went to MHA's West Segment Regulatory Commission. Named "Best Youth/Cultural Group" was

TMCC. The "Best Horse Group" were the Spirit Riders. And Young Guns claimed the award for "Best Drum/Dancer" entry.

## HEAD STAFF

The strong and distinctive voice of announcer Lawrence Baker, New Town, ND, brought energy and humor to the event while complementing the cultural interpretation and teaching of co-announcer Jerry Dearly, MN.

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Other powwow head staff: Arena Director Greg Holy Bull; Head Singing Judge John “Shorty” Bearstail; Head Men’s Dance Judge Andy Demarce; and Head Women’s Dance Judge Kimberly Blevins. Ernie Calf Boss Ribs provided the ground blessing for Lone Star Arena and Blackfeet and Lakota prayers and prayer-songs throughout. Powwow sound was provided by Frank K. Jamerson, REZ JAM Sound, McLaughlin, SD.

tors, donors, college staff and volunteers for making the 46th annual event a success. The committee expresses special appreciation to companies and individuals in Bismarck-Mandan for sponsoring competitive categories and supporting the powwow and associated events.



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All first place dance category and singing contest winners received a jacket adorned with the powwow logo showing the 2015 artwork of United Tribes student artist Gene Declay, a medal and cash. Second through fourth place winners received cash and medals inscribed with the “Home of the Champions” slogan.

The United Tribes International Powwow Committee thanks all participants, specta-



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# 2016 Powwow named Top 100 Event

The United Tribes Technical College Powwow has been chosen as one of the American Bus Association's Top 100 Events in North America for Group Travel in 2016.

The ABA represents the motor coach, tour and travel industry. A panel of member bus and tour operators selected the powwow from more than 500 entries nominated by ABA members.



The Top 100 list was published in a special supplement to Destinations, ABA's award-winning magazine, publicized through a press release, and posted on ABA's website, [www.buses.org](http://www.buses.org), through December 2016.

The United Tribes Powwow has been listed in the ABA's Top 100 in previous years. Other North Dakota events listed for 2016 in the ABA's Central or Heartland Region were the Medora Musical and Norsk Hostefest.

The 47th Annual United Tribes Technical College International Powwow in 2016 will attract upwards of 1,000 participants to Lone Star Arena on the college campus in Bismarck. More info: <http://www.unit-edtribespowwow.com/>.



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## 46th Annual UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL POWWOW

### JUNIOR GIRLS FANCY

- 1 Red Star Cavenaugh (Lakota/Dakota) Minneapolis, MN
- 2 Kass Arcoren (Rosebud) Rosebud, SD
- 3 Rozee Hislaw (Ihanktwa) Ft. Thompson, SD
- 4 Olivia Thunder Hawk (Cheyenne River) Bismarck

### JUNIOR GIRLS JINGLE

- 1 Alice Brownotter (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND
- 2 Dori Blue Thunder (Rosebud) Rosebud, ND
- 3 Haley Bearstail (MHA) New Town, ND
- 4 Frankie Jamerson (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND

### JUNIOR GIRLS TRADITIONAL

- 1 Tessa Abbey (Three Affiliated) Mandaree, ND
- 2 Sparrow Littlesky (Lakota/Nakota) Kyle, ND
- 3 Ashlyn Abbey (Coushatta/Sioux) Bismarck
- 4 Selena Iron Cloud (Oglala Tribe) Rapid City, SD

### JUNIOR BOYS FANCY

- 1 Caelen Lohnes (Spirit Lake Nation) Ft. Totten, ND
- 2 Dreamer White (Dakotah MHA) New Town, ND
- 3 Cash Draper (Standing Rock) Roseglan, ND
- 4 Royce Jarvey (Chippewa/Cree) Bismarck

### JUNIOR BOYS GRASS

- 1 George Gillette (Lakota/Arikara) Bismarck
- 2 Roy Morsette (Three Affiliated) Twin Buttes, ND
- 3 Danny Boy Iron Cloud (Oglala) Rapid City, SD
- 4 Talon Jay Morsette (Three Affiliated) Golden Valley, ND

### JUNIOR BOYS TRADITIONAL

- 1 Jonah Jackson (Dakota) St. Michael, ND
- 2 Terry Brownotter (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND
- 3 Bear White (Dakota MHA) New Town, ND
- 4 Aidan Buffalo (Cree) Mandan, ND

### TEEN WOMEN FANCY

- 1 Coral Gillette (Lakota/Arikara) Bismarck
- 2 Mianna Killspotted (Standing Rock/Hunkpapa) Rapid City, SD
- 3 Charlize Arcoren (Rosebud) Rosebud, SD
- 4 Madysin Bearstail (Sioux) White Shield, ND

### TEEN WOMEN JINGLE

- 1 Jonna Grace Brady (Three Affiliated) New Town, ND
- 2 Sunshine Arcoren (Rosebud) Rosebud, SD
- 3 Kaszady Bearstail (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, ND
- 4 Jazz Arcoren (Rosebud) Rosebud, SD

### TEEN WOMEN TRADITIONAL

- 1 Elyza Robertson (Dakota) Mandaree, ND
- 2 Wamblie Little Sky (Oglala/Lakota) Kyle, SD
- 3 Alexis Isnana (Dakota/Lakota) Regina, SK
- 4 Nelenah Grey Eyes (Dakota) Grand Forks, ND

### TEEN MEN FANCY

- 1 Parker Bearstail (Three Affiliated) Lincoln, ND
- 2 Jessup Yazzie (Lakota/Mesquakie/Navajo) Tama, IA
- 3 Max Sevier (Rosebud Sioux) Pierre, SD
- 4 Trey Morin (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) Belcourt, ND

### TEEN MEN GRASS

- 1 Damon Baker (Ft. Peck Sioux) Poplar, MT
- 2 J T Largo (MHA Nation) Bismarck
- 3 Chad Morsette (Three Affiliated) Twin Buttes, ND
- 4 Hunter Street (Mesquakie/Dakota) St. Michael, ND

# TECHNICAL COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL POWWOW CHAMPIONS

## TEEN MEN TRADITIONAL

- 1 T. J. Good Nature (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND
- 2 Dylan Ashley (Wild Oglala) Lost Dog, SD
- 3 Brendan "Pnut" Young (Hopi/Lakota) Bismarck
- 4 Ira High Elk (Three Affiliated) Lincoln, ND
- 5 Brandon Longie (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) Dunseith, ND

## WOMEN FANCY

- 1 Oskate Win One Star (Lakota) Rosebud, SD
- 2 Jerico Anderson (Cheyenne River) Bismarck
- 3 Hailey Lincoln (Three Affiliated Tribes) Mandaree, ND
- 4 Shauna Long (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND

## WOMEN JINGLE

- 1 Joey Bird (TAT/Dakota) Sioux Falls, SD
- 2 Jordan Drapeau (Yankton Tribe) Lake Andes, SD
- 4 Shaydee Pretends Eagle (Spirit Lake) Bismarck
- 3 Nerissa Goodwill (Dakota/Lakota) Fort Qu Appelle, SK

## WOMEN TRADITIONAL

- 1 Randi Bird (Three Affiliated/Dakota) Sioux Falls, SD
- 2 Amber Buffalo (Cree) Mandan, ND
- 3 Cassandra White (Spirit Lake Nation) Ft. Totten, ND
- 4 Delmarina One Feather (Oglala/Lakota) Oglala, SD

## MEN FANCY

- 1 Marquel Crawford (Dakota/Ojibwe) Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 2 Terrance Cleveland (Hochunk) Lyndon Station, WI
- 3 Darrell Hill (Oneida/Menominee) Tama, IA
- 4 WarShield White (Dakota/Mandan/Hidatsa) New Town, ND

## MEN GRASS/CHICKEN

- 1 Jon Taken Alive (Cheyenne River) Eagle Butte, SD
- 2 Wylee Bears Tail (Hidatsa) White Shield, ND
- 3 Trae Little Sky (Lakota/Nakota) Sioux Falls, SD
- 4 Tyson Redstrong (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND

## MEN TRADITIONAL

- 1 Donovan Abbey (Coushatta/Hidatsa/Mandan) Mandaree, ND
- 2 Vincent Fox (Arikara) Ft. Yates, ND
- 3 Meruel LaRose (Ojibiwa) Minneapolis, MN
- 4 Brand White Eyes (Oglala Lakota) Thunder Valley, SD

## SENIOR WOMEN FANCY

- 1 Kellie LeBeau (Lakota) Eagle Butte, SD
- 2 Gracie Her Many Horses (Oglala) New Town, ND
- 3 Sherry Bird (Three Affiliated/Dakota) Sioux Falls, SD
- 4 Codi High Elk (Lakota) Dupree, SD

## SENIOR WOMEN JINGLE

- 1 Dianne Desrosiers (Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota) Browns Valley, MN
- 2 Felicia Lone Bear (Hidatsa/Mandan) New Town, ND
- 3 Denise One Star (Oneida/Seneca) Rosebud, SD
- 4 Bernita In The Woods (Cheyenne River) Dupree, SD

## SENIOR WOMEN TRADITIONAL

- 1 Orrie Little Sky (Nakota) Kyle, SD
- 2 Lonna Street (Dakota) St. Micheal, ND
- 3 Nation End of Horn (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND
- 4 Angel Young (Lakota) Bismarck

## SENIOR MEN FANCY

- 1 Clay Crawford (Sisseton Wahpeton) Cass Lake, MN
- 2 Vern Sevier (Rosebud Lakota) Pierre, SD
- 3 Bnaaswi Biiaswah (Anishinabe) Sault St Marie, Ontario
- 4 Wade Keepseagle (Standing Rock) Ft. Yates, ND

## SENIOR MEN GRASS/CHICKEN

- 1 Mike One Star (Lakota) Two Strike, SD
- 2 Wayne Fox (Arikara) White Shield, ND
- 3 Daryl Bearstail (MHA Nation) Bismarck
- 4 J. C. Killspotted (Hunkpapa Standing Rock) Rapid City, SD

## SENIOR MEN TRADITIONAL

- 1 Richard Street (Mesquakie) St. Michael, ND
- 2 Chaske LaBlanc (Mdewakanton) Morton, MN
- 3 Gaten Drapeau JR (Yankton Sioux) Lake Andes, SD
- 4 Lance Chase (TAT) Bismarck

## GOLDEN AGE WOMEN

- 1 Madelynn Goodwill (Lakota) Sioux Falls, SD
- 2 Darlene Situran (Standing Rock) Little Eagle, SD
- 3 Delores Hayes (Standing Rock) Rapid City, SD
- 4 Sally White (Hidatsa) Parshall, ND

## GOLDEN AGE MEN

- 1 Royce Kingbird (Ojibway) Red Lake, MN
- 2 Ronn Eagle Chasing (Cheyenne River Lakota) Eagle Butte, SD
- 3 Gary Richards (Oglala Lakota) Allen, SD
- 4 Roy Morsette (Arikara) Golden Valley, ND

## HAT and BOOT

- 1 Warshield White (Spirit Lake Nation) The Village, ND
- 2 Valentino White (Spirit Lake Dakotah) Spirit Lake, ND
- 3 Brendan "P-nut" Young (Hopi/Lakota) Bismarck
- 4 Rena Johnson (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate) Sisseton, SD

## SINGING CONTEST

- 1 Yellow Wolf
- 2 P-Town
- 3 Ft. Peck Sioux
- 4 White Tail Boyz
- 5 Yankton Sioux

## HORSE DRUM CONTEST

- 1 White Tail Boyz
- 2 Yankton Sioux
- 3 Yellow Wolf
- 4 Hunkpapa
- 5 Ft. Peck Sioux

## PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

- BEST FLOAT: TAT West Segment Regulatory Commission  
YOUTH/CULTURAL GROUP: TMCC  
BEST HORSE GROUP: Spirit Riders  
BEST DRUM/DANCER: Young Guns

## HIGH SCHOOL Basketball Tournament

- Eight boy's teams; 80 players: Wood Lake over Game Changers  
62-47 in the championship

## THUNDERBIRD Powwow Run

- Overall 10K  
Female:  
1 Fahtima Hood  
2 Shanice Lambert  
3 Jordyn Cook

## Male:

- 1 Roland Antelope
- 2 Nathan Martindale
- 3 Wally Little Moon

## Overall 5K

- Female:  
1 Mykal Goes Ahead-Volk  
2 Kael Davis  
3 Taylor Everett  
Male:  
1 Mike Just  
2 BJ Brady  
3 Juliin Ramirez

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

### - Teeing Off for Academic Excellence

Apple Creek Country Club, Bismarck

Gross Score Results:

- 1 Kirk Laducer, Alex Gustafson, Duane Poitra, Ty Hauglie
- 2 Pat Thomas, Rick Smith, Curt Kepin, Mitch Laducer
- 3 Carson Hood, Enos Baker, Alex Baker, Nathaniel Mayer

Net Score Results:

- 1 EJ Iron Eyes, Carl Iron Eyes, Tyrel Iron Eyes, Rivers Mitchell
- 2 James Baker, Joe Bearstail, Michael Herzog, Ed Lone Fight
- 3 Ivan White Mountain, Lee Vetter, Deebes White Bull, Jordan Gunville

Longest Drive, Men: Kirt Laducer

Long Putt: Alex Baker

Closest to Pin: Rhonda Azure

Longest Drive, Women: Allison Keplin

Long Putt: Joe Bearstail

## DIAMOND LEGENDS Softball Tournament

Men All Indian Upper

1 Warriors (Sisseton)

2 Hawkeyes

3 Sioux Nation

Men All Indian Lower

1 WTP

2 War Chiefs

3 Sioux Warriors

Men Rec 3 & 4

1 Dakota Life Chiropractic

2 Indians Softball (Crow Agency)

3 Strikes Enemy

Women All Indian

1 Wrecking Crew

2 Team Skedgie

3 Red Lake Aces

Women C & D

1 Gumbys Gals

2 Moritz

3 Health Source Chiropractic

Women Rec 1 & 2

1 Spirit Lake Redbirds

2 Utter Stop/Incredible Machine

3 Two Nations



# UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# United Tribes Tribal Le

BISMARCK (UTN) – After two years in the Bismarck Civic Center arena, the United Tribes Tribal Leader’s Summit and Trade Show returned to the more spacious and newly expanded Bismarck Event Center in 2015.

Over 700 participants took part in the two-and-one-half day event, Sept. 8-10, including tribal leaders, senior tribal officials and key tribal personnel, representatives of state, federal and local government agencies, and students and educators. The theme was “Strengthening Communities.”

“Every topic on your agenda might not show it but the answer to all of our challenges is through our teachings, traditions and our culture,” said



Brian Cladoosby, NCAI President

keynote speaker Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish) of the National Congress of American Indians.

Cladoosby credited tribal teachings, traditions and culture for the “incredible awakening and transformation throughout Indian Country,” including success in legislation and legal issues pursued by the NCAI.

Other major addresses were presented by keynoter Lorenzo L. Esters of USA Funds,



Charlotte and Bill Monette of Turtle Mountain, both Veterans, gifted an eagle-feather staff to United Tribes to honor Veterans in their family.

and luncheon talks by author and entrepreneur James Anderson (LCO) and author Heid Erdrich (Turtle Mountain).

Ten major panel discussions, moderated by United Tribes of North Dakota tribal leaders, covered a range of subjects: Governance, Culture, Economic Development, Legal Issues, Natural Resources, Housing, Health and Human Services, Education, Gaming, and Food Sovereignty.

Students also attended the summit. One-hundred-sixty-seven United Tribes college students and 43 faculty and staff attended the sessions. Nearly two dozen tribal students from area high schools took part in the Great Plains Tribal Youth Summit that ran concurrent to the main program. They were involved in discussions led by author and motivational speaker James Anderson. Their participation culminated with a pre-



United Tribes Technical College President Leander “I

resentation to tribal leaders of a student position paper on topics of the summit.

Concurrent meetings were also held by tribal transportation planners and tribal employment rights officers. Meetings were held by the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association and the United Tribes of North Dakota board of directors. Fifty-six vendors staffed booths and displays in the trade show.

UTTC’s Julie Dejarlais (Turtle Mountain) received much praise for the quality of the conference that she coordinated with the help of a planning committee of UTTC staffers.



James Anderson, standing, had students applauding themselves during the Great Plains Tribal Youth Summit.

**For more information, please contact Julie at 701-255-3285 x 1374, [jdejarlais@uttc.edu](mailto:jdejarlais@uttc.edu).**

# Leader's Summit



Russ McDonald at the Tribal Leader's Summit. United Tribes News photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN

*“Every topic on your agenda might not show it but the answer to all of our challenges is through our teachings, traditions and our culture.”*

*– Brian Cladoosby, NCAI President*



Summit culture panel, from left, Linda Gourneau, MD retired; Philomine Lakota, Red Cloud High School; Mary Louise Defender-Wilson, Standing Rock traditionalist; and Lionel Bordeaux, Sinte Gleske University president.

## United Tribes of North Dakota Resolutions approved at the United Tribes Summit XIX

September 8-11, 2015

1. Support for developing indigenous accreditation standards based on indigenous values and methods of teaching and assessing educational progress and outcomes
2. Request for Attorneys General of the states of ND and SD to join an amicus brief supporting the Mississippi Band of Choctaw asserting jurisdiction over a non-Tribal company in a current U.S. Supreme Court case: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians v. Dollar General
3. Support internet gaming legislation that fully recognizes and protects needs of Indian gaming operations under IGRA
4. Support for Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act exempting Tribes from the National Labor Relations Act
5. Support for reauthorization of the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act
6. Opposition to lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act
7. Support for increased funding for American Indian Teaching Corps
8. Support for Youth Summit to be included in future North Dakota leaders' summits
9. Support for development of Indian history standards for use in all public schools in the U.S.
10. Support for Food Sovereignty Initiative for Native Nations
11. Support for Tribal right to banish persons from the reservations who have been convicted of certain crimes
12. Support for Health Equity Office within the ND Dept. of Health
13. Support for strong tribal transportation provisions in the reauthorization of the National Transportation Act
14. Support for legislation exempting Tribal programs from the effects of sequestration under the federal Budget Control Act of 2011
15. Support for increased amounts for Pell grants for college education for tribal citizens and other students
16. Support for continued development and improvement of Indian culture education modules for all K-12 public schools in N.D.
17. Expressing concern about applicability of employer mandate to tribes and tribal organizations under the Affordable Care Act
18. Beneficial use of the Affordable Care Act by individual tribal citizens who are not subject to the individual mandate to obtain health care insurance
19. Support for developing hemp as a cash crop on Indian reservations

# Shakopee Grant to to Provide Technology Benefits

BISMARCK (UTN ) – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Prior Lake, MN has awarded United Tribes Technical College a \$250,000 grant for classroom and IT facility upgrades.

The award will provide a range of benefits for students, faculty and staff, according to Monte Schaff, UTTC Title III coordinator.

Funding from the Shakopee Classroom and Facility IT Technology grant will provide new computers and technology upgrades on the campus in Bismarck, including smart-room and wireless technology, upgrades to the college’s learning management system, and an ID card system. A portion will also be applied to the college’s long-running “Opportunities in the Making” scholarship campaign that provides direct awards to students.

“Sharing is fundamental to our Dakota culture,” wrote Shakopee in a June 2, 2015 award letter. “We are happy to make donations that improve the lives of others across the country.”

- The grant will allow UTTC to:
- Update the Computer Lab in the Jack Barden Student Life and Technology Center with 15 desktop computers and monitors, replacing outdated units.
  - Integrate computer technology to improve

the features of technology center “smart-rooms” for instruction and meetings.

- Upgrade the college’s learning management system (LMS), which is no longer supported, with the current version, thereby providing new features and complete functionality.
- Increase and expand wireless access across campus for students and staff to areas and buildings that are not currently served.
- Enhance campus safety and security by installing a new “One Card” ID system that is integrated into the college’s LMS, allowing point-of-sale purchases at the bookstore and cafeteria.
- Strengthen and Improve IT management with a new remote desktop and imaging software package, allowing more effective management of desktop and laptop computers.
- Improve retention and student engagement by installing a LMS-based retention and early-alert system to identify and address retention and support needs, thereby increasing persistence and student success.
- Apply a portion of the grant to the “Opportunities in the Making” scholarship program.

*All Nations Assembly of God*

*Pastor Gordon Williams*

10:30 am..... Sunday Worship Service  
7:00 p.m..... Wednesday Bible Study

**Transportation is available**  
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## Apply Early For Tribal Funding!

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

**WHY APPLY EARLY:**

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

**GENERAL REASONS FUNDING MAY BE DENIED:**

- Missed deadline date
- Incomplete files
- Did not apply

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

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

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


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

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

- ALL students MUST apply with home funding agency first.

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

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# United Tribes Diversity Council



Say 'hello' to members of the newly re-constituted and re-named group concerned with culture on the United Tribes campus. Formerly known as the "culture committee," the Diversity Council focuses on the substance and delivery of cultural events and outreach to the campus and community. From left: Angelique Gillis, Christina Colon, Devero Yellow Earring, Kara Greenwood, Melvin Miner, Robert Fox and Jody Archambault.

## CAT on Campus

*You can "Catch the Cat" on campus!*

The Bismarck/Mandan bus system enters the college campus and stops at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center.

### SW Bismarck – Route B-2

Stops at 43 minutes past the hour:

6:43 a.m., 7:43, 8:43, 10:43,  
12:43 p.m., 2:43, 3:43, 4:43, and 5:43



### Cost to Ride:

\$1.25 .....one-way  
\$5 ..... day pass  
\$20 .... 30-day student unlimited ride pass

### Schedules and More Info:

[www.bismantransit.com](http://www.bismantransit.com)

# DRIVE SLOW



We ♥ Our Kids!

# Workshop encourages cultural games, hands-on activities to reach diverse kids

By Amy Sisk, Bismarck Tribune, *Reprinted with Permission*



Youngsters from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School revel in a hoop and stick game, watched by educators attending Project CEDAR's Smithsonian Associates workshop in June 24. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News

**A**ngela Buckley-Tochek had barely begun weaving a dream catcher-style web when she noticed a knot in the strand of sinew that trailed below.

She instantly thought of her grandmother, who long ago told her a tangle is the result of a spider up to no good. Sioux folklore says the spider is a trickster, and any knots he causes carry a message about the person weaving.

"Just take your time and be patient," Buckley-Tochek said. "Your heart's not in the right place."

She plans to pass this piece of her Native American culture on to her future students when she graduates from United Tribes Technical College. This week, she shared it with other education students sitting near her during a workshop put on by the Smithsonian Associates through a program called Project CEDAR.

The week-long workshop attended by UTTC education students and several teachers focuses on teaching culturally diverse children. It's the last in a series of seminars that have brought Smithsonian-affiliated scholars to Bismarck to inspire creative teaching methods among budding instructors.

While students like Buckley-Tochek



Angela Buckley-Tochek

worked on their webs, instructor Jeremy Red Eagle explained that the webs could be used for a game called "hoop and arrow." Two students roll their webbed hoops toward each other while another student tries to toss a stick through, he said, suggesting teachers integrate the game into their classrooms.

Native Americans throughout the continent played variations of this game, Red Eagle said. Those on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, for example, participated when someone became ill. Afterward, they laid the hoops to rest atop a hill far from the community.

"They believe it took that sickness with it," he said.

In the classroom, Buckley-Tochek believes hoop and arrow will teach kids patience.

"You have to be aware of your body and your hands," she said. "That's a thing a lot of kids are lacking."

Traditional tribal games also provide instruction in core subjects, Red Eagle said.

For example, a simple game known as "counting sticks" involves one player splitting a bundle of sticks in two. The other play-

er then guesses how many are in each hand. That teaches probability, Red Eagle said.

Laura Buchmann, a Beulah resident pursuing her associates and bachelor's degrees at UTTC, said she wished teachers where she lives had similar opportunities to learn and integrate cultural activities.

"Maybe you can reach a child using these games who you couldn't reach a different way," she said.

The stories behind the games also resonated with her — and others in attendance who grew up unaware of the history. Alicia Cuny said she asked family about her culture, but her grandmother had little knowledge to pass on because she grew up in a boarding school.

So Cuny embraced what she learned this week and hopes her future students will feel the same. One afternoon this week, students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School on the UTTC campus played hoop and arrow alongside Cuny and the other workshop participants.

"They loved it," she said. "Everybody was cheering everybody on."

*This story by Amy R. Sisk (amy.sisk@bismarck-tribune.com) appeared first in the Bismarck Tribune on June 25, 2015.*

# Addition Multi-use Trail Dedicated




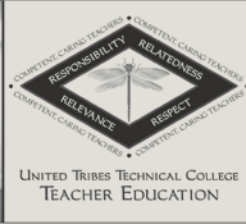

**RIBBON-CUTTING:** At center, United Tribes President Russ McDonald does the snipping honors August 5 to officially open the newest segment of United Tribes Trail. A stretch along Burleigh Avenue, paved over summer, completed the entire loop around the campus that is open to walkers and bicyclists from the college and community at large. The 1.5 mile route links to the extensive Bismarck/Burleigh trail system and provides visitors with an up-close view of the tribal college campus and its historic buildings that once served the military post Fort Lincoln. At the dedication event were

Bismarck Mandan Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, a representative from the funding agency the N.D. Dept. of Transportation, a representative of U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp, and members of the UTTC team from Land Grant, Facilities Management, Maintenance, and the Office of Public Information. Also included among those surrounding McDonald were a group of volunteers from the AmeriCorps, National Civilian Community Corps who helped tidy-up the campus for the official opening.  
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**Project CEDAR is funded by a personnel preparation grant from the Office of Indian Education of the U.S. Department of Education. Participants prepare to become licensed professional educators with bachelor degrees in Elementary Education. Upon completion, they meet the criteria for licensure as professional educators in the state of North Dakota. During the week of June 22-26, the last of five Smithsonian Institute workshops at United Tribes Technical College took place at the college's Science and Technology Building. More info: <http://projectcedar.blogspot.com/>**

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



**UNITED TRIBES  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

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

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

# Gathering for mom and child health

**SNUG-N-COMFY:** Five-month old Felicity is contented with her mom, BriAnna Wanner, during a symposium about maternal and child health at United Tribes Technical College. Wanner made a presentation about the "First Sacred Food" during the event titled: "Earth, Moon and the Sacred Stars." She represented the North Dakota Department of Health and its effort to promote breast feeding for all infants. The August 12-13 gathering was hosted specifically for Native families and Native-serving provider organizations throughout the region. It was sponsored by the American Indian Public Health Resource Center at NDSU in partnership with UTTC's Land Grant Extension programs and the March of Dimes North Dakota chapter.



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## Child Find Fair scheduled at United Tribes



Bowling fun at the 2014 Child Find Fair.

BISMARCK (UTN) – The tenth annual United Tribes Child Find Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the James Henry Community Building gymnasium on the UTTC campus.

The event provides fun activities and important information about early intervention services including screening, development, safety, parent resources, and nutrition.

United Tribes Technical College hosts the event and community organizations participate. Admission is free.

Child Find t-shirts will be provided for all children. Door prizes will be awarded. All campus-community families are invited to attend.

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It requires states to identify, locate, evaluate, and refer all children with disabilities who are in need of intervention or special education services.

By coordinating infant and toddler screening, Child Find provides the earliest possible identification of young children and their families who may benefit from early intervention or education services.

More info about Child Find: <http://ec-tacenter.org/>.

More info about the event at UTTC: Tamara Bitz, UTTC Child Find Coordinator 701-530-0677, Fax 701-530-0601.

### AT-A-GLANCE

10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**United Tribes  
Child Find Fair**

**Tuesday, October 27  
6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**James Henry Community Gym  
United Tribes Technical College**

# SAFETY/SECURITY NEWS

## Youth Bike Rodeo

United Tribes Technical College hosted a bicycle rodeo July 31 to teach and coach the skills and precautions of bicycle safety.

Many young riders new to the campus come from locations where they've not had the opportunity to learn about or understand bike safety and rules of the road.

That's why the bike rodeo started with the fitting of helmets, which were provided free to each participant.

A safety check was conducted on each bike by a technician from the local Scheeles Sports store. The checks and adjustments included air pressure in tires, proper brake settings, chain tension, seat height, and handle bar placement.

Youngsters were instructed by a Burleigh County Sheriff's officer in the proper hand signals for bicyclists before taking runs at a bike obstacle course with starts, stops, turns and signals.

A bicycle was given away during a drawing and lunch followed in the UTTC Cafeteria. The event was sponsored by the Safety/Security Dept., Safety Committee, Residential Life Dept., Strengthening Lifestyles Dept., Burleigh County Sheriff Dept., and the North Dakota Safety Council.

More Info: Savannah Peterson, Safety/Security Dispatcher, 701-221-1700, [speterson@uttc.edu](mailto:speterson@uttc.edu).

Bike Rodeo Planning Group: Savannah Peterson; Heather Demaray, Residential Life; Sam Azure, TJES; Deputy Rebecca Kopp, Burleigh County Sheriff's Dept.

– Savannah Peterson, Safety/Security Dispatcher

## AED's placed on campus

Thank you to members of the UTTC Safety Committee for helping raise funds to purchase AEDs for the Education building and Science/Technology building. Funds were raised by providing safety training to area employers and tribal organizations.

Thanks also to the Residential Life Department for partnering to help place AEDs in Sakakawea Hall and the COED Dorm.



During the bike rodeo, TJES 7th Grade student Isis Greywater is fitted with her first bicycle helmet by Connie Schwartz from Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia. The easy-to-use device is able to treat these conditions through defibrillation. The application of electrical therapy stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

The AED is simple to use for the layperson. AED use is taught in the First Aid and CPR/AED courses offered at UTTC.

UTTC Safety Committee members: Lynette Schaff, Erik Cutler, Jolene Decoteau, Jeremy Guinn, Wes Long Feather, Lori Brown, Steve Shepherd, Bud Andersen, Jon Keller, Dale Pletan. Ad Hoc members:

Dr. William Gourneau, Sam Azure, Kathy Johnson.

Thank you for helping to make the UTTC campus community safer!

## Location of UTTC AEDs



- Safety/Security Office
- Wellness Center: main hallway
- Skill Center: front entrance
- Education Building: first floor near front entrance
- Science/Technology Building: near front north entrance by stairwell
- COED Dorm: front commons area
- Sakakawea Hall: front entrance in hallway

– Joely Heavy Runner, Safety/Security Director

# Don't miss the Quantity Foods meals

## *Fine Dining Without Leaving Campus*

By Annette Broyles, Nutrition & Foodservice Chair/Instructor

The UTTC Quantity Foods class invites you to take-in some fine-dining when class members prepare and serve meals in October and November as part of their class curriculum.

Students and staff will serve on these Fridays: October 16, 23, 30, and November 6.

Meals feature the following entrees: Curried Red Lentil, Pumpkin, Bison Chili, Chicken Pocket Sandwich with Tomato Bisque Soup, Swedish Meatballs, and Turkey with Pineapple Salsa.

These enjoyable events take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Culinary Arts Classroom in the Skill Center (room 111F). Cost is \$5 per person.

Meal managers are Toni Shot, Peter Stone, and Deloris White; instructor is Annette Broyles.

Please save the dates on your calendar and watch for e-mails and posters announcing the full menu and details for each meal.

N-FS students will also help serve at First Nation's Day at the State Capitol on Friday, October 9 and during a Nutrition and Foodservice Holiday Open House in December.



Quantity Foods meals are a special treat for staff and students.

## Corn Pollination Workshop Hosted at United Tribes

By Linda Hugelen, UTTC Agroecology Extension Educator

A researcher from the Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society was the featured presenter during a corn pollination workshop July 22 at United Tribes Technical College.

Frank Kutka described the history and purpose of hand-pollinating corn during the event held at the UTTC research plots near the college's Dragonfly Garden.

Kutka demonstrated the corn breeding technique used on the Orchard Baby variety of sweet corn currently growing in the plots.

Twenty-six people attended, coming from as far as Gackle, ND and Fort Berthold.

UTTC Agroecology Technician Robert Fox gave an informative talk about the cultural significance of corn.

A corn taste-test was conducted using four of the 80 varieties planted and harvested in 2014.

Mini muffins were made using identical ingredients, with the exception being a different variety of corn for each of four batches. Qualities were rated for appearance, texture and taste. The Mandan Bride variety was rated top choice, while One Horn was the least favorite.



United Tribes photo Linda Hugelen

Frank Kutka and Robert Fox demonstrate pollination techniques.

# 'Thank You' to a Great Partner



From left, Angelique Gillis, Russ McDonald, Gerald Combs and Wanda Agnew. UTTC Land Grant photo

## *Land Grant Status Provided More than Money*

By Wanda Agnew, UTTC Nutrition & Foodservice Instructor

**S**ome partnerships become fruitful collaborations worth more than the sum of their parts. That's what United Tribes and other TCUs found in their alliance with Dr. Gerald Combs.

A group from UTTC had the pleasure of a warm-hearted visit July 2 with the outgoing director of the USDA Agriculture Research Service (ARS) Human Nutrition Lab in Grand Forks, ND.

On the eve of his retirement, Combs expressed his sincere pleasure at having worked with UTTC's Land Grant Program during its development years. The gathering was an opportunity to thank him for the successful partnership and reminisce about friendships and experiences formed because of the advent of 1994 Land Grant status for TCUs.

Among the progress achieved with Jerry's guidance was the creation of UTTC's Institutional Review Board (IRB) in 2003. UTTC Land Grant and ARS guided a policy that opened-up national internships

throughout USDA ARS to tribal college students. And he organized the first opportunity for UTTC to host training for the regional ARS staff to learn about tribal colleges and indigenous culture.

United Tribes President Russ McDonald also thanked Jerry for partnerships with Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Spirit Lake Nation, Fort Totten, ND. Under his leadership the ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Lab (one of only six in the U.S.) conducted and published the first North Dakota Hunger Survey, which provided data for grant writing that impacted many nutrition education efforts and programs in tribal communities.

Jerry was presented with one of Butch Thunder Hawk's ledger art pieces. And a current member of the UTTC IRB, Dr. Angelique Gillis, thanked Jerry on behalf of the board.

UTTC Extension will continue to partner with ARS and all USDA Divisions. Jerry's personal caring and professional manner in getting things done for the right reasons will be missed.

## *Earning Your Way*



**Nutrition and Foodservice**  
Associate of Applied Science Degree

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

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



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# Remembering...



## AL BORTKE



**F**riends in the United Tribes campus community noted with sadness the passing of Al Bortke, the retired University of Mary men's head basketball coach and the college's first athletic

director. Bortke was 78 when he entered the Spirit World Sept. 20 in Bismarck. In his 16 years coaching the Marauders, Bortke mentored many Native athletes from tribes in North Dakota. Once asked by a sportswriter "why do you take a chance on Indian players," he replied, "I don't take a chance on Indian players, they take a chance on me as their coach, they take a chance on me and our school." Bortke said he got an education about life, how to step out of stereotyped prejudices, and how to face people different from him. "I learned from Native American culture and you made me a better person," he said. <http://www.eastgatefuneral.com/obituary/Al-Bortke/Bismarck-ND/1545789#obit-services>.

## DAVID BRUNING

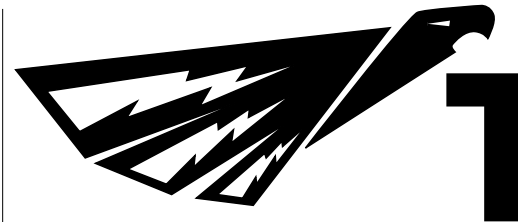


**A** former member of the United Tribes campus community Dave Bruning, Bismarck, passed away. He 62. His family said he was "granted his angel wings" June 14

at the Veteran's Living Center, Fargo, following a short but courageous battle with brain cancer. Following services, he was laid to rest at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan.

Dave grew up at Solon, ND; he was a U.S. Navy veteran and a family man with four children.

At United Tribes he stimulated the critical thinking and funny-bone of many students in his math classes. He is remembered by colleagues as an avid socializer and storyteller with a keen and ironic sense of humor. He had many friends, young and old. He was memorable in the diverse campus family.



## Entries Invite

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College invites American Indian student artists to create a new logo for the college's athletic teams.

The deadline is Friday, November 20 to submit entries in the Thunderbird Athletics Logo Contest.

The design selected will become a copyrighted image representing United Tribes Athletics. It will be used on uniforms, fan wearables and a wide range of branded athletic and college products.

The designer will receive a \$1,000 award donated by the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation, two of the college's governing tribes.

### BACKGROUND

Since 1984, United Tribes Technical College athletic teams have been known as the "Thunderbirds." Three previous designs have been used to represent the image of this respected symbol in the spiritual beliefs and oral traditions of Great Plains tribes.

The Thunderbird is a powerful and sacred figure in the culture associated with certain forces of nature – the rain, thunder, lightning and wind – that possess the dual ability to destroy life and at once renew and nurture it.

At United Tribes Technical College the Thunderbird is held in highest esteem as a guiding symbol of the spirit of those involved in the college's athletic programs.

### WHO MAY ENTER

Artists must be currently enrolled in high school or college and be a member of one of the five governing tribes of United Tribes Technical College: Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation or the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. A

## UTTC Black Hills Learning Center

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College suspended educational services and training in July 2015 at the UTTC Black Hills Learning Center (BLHC) in Rapid City, SD due to budgetary constraints.

BLHC was a site-based distance learning center opened in 2013 to assist and serve students in the Black Hills area taking online courses from UTTC. Also provided were on-site workshops and specialized training sessions.

United Tribes Technical College President Leander 'Russ' McDonald says he believes there is abundant and unmet training need

for workforce development, technical skills, and career-oriented among the Native American population in the Black Hills.

"We chose to focus staff time and resources on our primary campus location in Bismarck," said McDonald. "We regret any inconvenience that may have been caused for students by suspending BHLC services."

United Tribes Technical College continues to offer accredited online classes that students in the Black Hills region may take advantage of from the convenience of their homes or other online access locations. For information about registration, please visit the college website: [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu).



# THUNDERBIRDS

## Ad for Thunderbird Athletics Logo Contest

copy of the student's current class schedule must be included with the entry form.

### GUIDELINES

Colors used on entries must only be the school colors of United Tribes Technical College: red, black and white.

Artists may submit up to four different designs but the work submitted must be that of the artist submitting each entry. All sub-



missions must be vector art and be in pdf, eps, or ai format.

Designs may be submitted in hard copy or as electronic files via e-mail.

### JUDGING

Designs submitted will be judged on appearance, marketability and printability. The ability to reproduce the design in various formats and in various sizes will be a determining factor.

The design selected becomes the property of United Tribes Technical College. The college will retain ownership and copyright and may use the design in whole or in part.

### LEARN MORE-ASK QUESTIONS

For more information please contact Hunter Berg, United Tribes Athletic Director, 701-221-1361, [hberg@uttc.edu](mailto:hberg@uttc.edu).

## Thunderbird Athletics Logo Contest

Please provide the following information with each design submitted:

- Artist name
- Tribal Affiliation
- Address
- Phone
- E-mail Address
- Documentation of Tribal Affiliation
- Student's current class schedule

Submit by November 20, 2015 to:

Hunter Berg, Athletic Director  
United Tribes Technical College  
3315 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
[hberg@uttc.edu](mailto:hberg@uttc.edu)

Designs may be submitted in hard copy or as electronic files via e-mail

## Herbel is new women's basketball coach at UTTC

BISMARCK (UTN) – Say ‘hello’ to Kia Herbel, the new head women’s basketball coach at United Tribes. She’s been an assistant coach at the junior college level the past two years.

“We’re very excited to have Kia as part of our staff,” says United Tribes Athletic Director Hunter Berg. “We’re gaining a great worker who’s committed to recruiting and developing players at a high level. She’s already done a great job recruiting.”

Herbel served as a volunteer student-assistant coach at Bismarck State before joining the Thunderbird staff during the 2014-15 season.

Prior to coaching she had an outstanding career as a player, at Williston State where she was coached by Berg, followed by an All-American career at Dickinson State. After college in 2010 she played two seasons in

a professional European league for a team based in Portugal.

“Playing the game for so many years and still feeling the same passion made me realize that coaching would be an ideal opportunity to continue to experience the game and to pass-along knowledge to others,” says Herbel. “The excitement of sharing in a player’s growth and watching them develop is something you don’t get with other careers.”

Herbel is from New Town, ND and her Native heritage is Chippewa. Her connection with tribal players and the tribal game is a natural fit at United Tribes.

“Growing up in a reservation community, basketball provided me with many opportunities, academic and life experiences,” Herbel says. “I’m eager to share my story and assist in making the most of the skills

that students bring, and to open doors to their futures.”

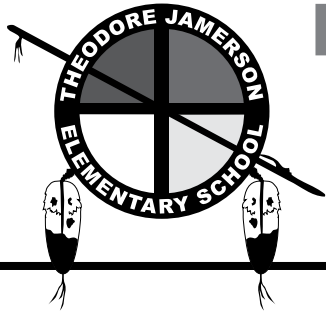
Bismarck State Head College Jason Harris says Herbel is a very good, upcoming coach. “United Tribes is getting exactly what any good program wants and needs, a strong leader with good basketball knowledge. UTTC will benefit from having her.”

Berg praised Herbel’s passion for the game and work ethic.

“From a player development standpoint, she’s done all of the things she’ll be asking our players to do,” Berg says. “Having personally witnessed her work ethic and improvement as a player, I believe her coaching career will parallel her playing career with hard work leading to continued success.”



# THEODORE JAMERSON ELEMENTARY



# TIDBITS

## Enrollment Opened

**W**ith the start of the fall term, TJES opened student enrollment in the K-7 elementary school to all Native American students in the Bismarck, Mandan and Lincoln communities. Previously enrollment was limited to youngsters who are the children of students attending United Tribes Technical College.

Youngsters are now eligible if their parents can document they are enrolled members of a U. S. federally recognized tribe or have documents that indicate they have ¼ DIB. Parents do not need to be UTTC students.

For more information, please contact Theodore Jamerson Elementary School: 701-255-3285 x 1840, 701-226-4710, [bjechort@uttc.edu](mailto:bjechort@uttc.edu) or [sazure@uttc.edu](mailto:sazure@uttc.edu).

## TJES Cross Country



The TJES Cross Country Team has begun their season with four local meets in September. All were sponsored by Bismarck Parks and Recreation. Front row from left: Sterling Cloud, Di'Ennis Blue Earth, Jessica Waln, River Jones, Parker Jones, Robert Stretches, William Red Cloud. Back row from left: Makyla McKay, Joran Waln, Shae Iron Cloud, Kolton Rattling Leaf, Taylor Greywater, not pictured John James Knight, CJ Hollow.

- Twilla Smith, TJES PE/Health

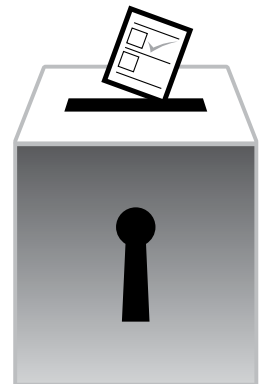
## Thunderbird Run



These TJES students participated in the 2015 Thunderbird Powwow 5k run held on September 12. From left: Natasha Little Wounded, John James Knight, Di'Ennis Blue Earth, Rebecca Rides Horse, Jreyna Big Eagle. Not pictured Taylor Greywater.

## TJES School Board Election

**A** TJES school board election was scheduled for early October. Look for results in the next edition of *United Tribes News*.



# How many angels can fit on a tree stump?



**RECESS PLATFORM:** The setting for this thought-provoking question is the table-top surface of what remains of a huge cottonwood tree on the UTTC campus that once towered over the elementary school playground. Eighty years had taken its toll and over summer the once mighty sentinel was judged a hazard and removed, leaving a 5 and ½ foot diameter, slightly elevated stage. What an opportunity! Youngsters from Theodore Jamerson School obliged on September 15 and piled-on for a moment. The non-the-

oretical answer is 20 for these angels, especially when the recess bell is about to ring and everyone splits for indoors. So it might be more and it's open for speculation. The big tree was removed by contractors and the college's maintenance staff following a campus tree census and evaluation conducted by Joel Nichols, community forestry specialist of the North Dakota Forest Service. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News



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# New Faces of UTTC Student Government



**NEWLY AUTHORIZED:** Members of the executive board of the United Tribes Student Government Association took office September 25 during a swearing-in ceremony conducted by UTTC's Resident Service Coordinator Heather Demaray, the group's adviser. From left, Treasurer Jaime Lawrence (Nursing); Historian Kimberlee Blevins (Pre-Environmental Engineering), Secretary Shanice Lambert (Criminal Justice), Vice President Kyle Mandan (Criminal Justice), President

Allison Renville (Criminal Justice), Heather Demaray, UTTC President Russ McDonald, and Parliamentarian/Sgt. Of Arms Talana Hale (Business/Office Technology). McDonald told the new leaders that their mission includes helping the college administration be more aware of student and campus needs. He offered an open-door policy on concerns and issues that arise during the academic year. DENNIS J. NEUMANN ♦ United Tribes News



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