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# NEWS



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## Tribal Summit to host Pipeline Discussion



The camp near the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri Rivers conjures a feeling of tribal gatherings of long ago.

*UTN Photo DENNIS J. NEUMANN*

### United Tribes Planning for Big Powwow Event

BISMARCK (UTN) – Efforts to challenge construction of a section of an oil pipeline, to protect the water resources of the Missouri River and Lake Oahe, are on the agenda for discussion during the United Tribes Tribal Leader’s Summit.

The 20th annual gathering of tribal leaders from the Great Plains region and tribes around the country is scheduled for September 6-8 in Bismarck sponsored by United Tribes Technical College.

Standing Rock Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II and members of the Tribal Council will host a briefing and discussion about issues surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline on Tuesday, September 6 in Hall A of the Bismarck Event Center from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

An injunction filed by the tribe has halted construction on the project. Hundreds of Standing Rock citizens have been joined by many tribal and non-tribal supporters from around the country at an encampment near where the pipeline would cross the Missouri

River.

“We stand in solidarity with the peaceful demonstrations and leadership that are founded in prayer,” says Leander “Russ” McDonald, United Tribes Technical College president. “Our mission as an educational community within the city of Bismarck is to help our students recognize the importance of tribal sovereignty and leadership. We have an historic learning opportunity taking place right before us.”

Discussions at the Tribal Leader’s Summit will result in the formation and adoption of resolutions that guide policy-making in the region and throughout the country, says McDonald.

“One of the main purposes of the Tribal Summit is for leaders to arrive at consensus about policies and remedies for issues,” McDonald says. “Those raised by the pipeline – such as protection of water resources for all people, preservation of cultural sites, and working fairly and equitably with tribal governments – are vitally important issues in Indian Country and throughout the nation.”

The evening pipeline discussion on Sept. 6 hosted by Standing Rock is open to the public at no charge. The public is also invited to an entertainment show featuring Native comedians James and Ernie on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5:30 p.m., and to the North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

Registration is required to attend events on the summit daytime schedule.

### POWWOW TO FOLLOW

The Tribal Leader’s Summit precedes the United Tribes Technical College International Powwow, set for September 9-11. Preparations for the powwow are continuing. The 47th annual event promises to be a large celebratory gathering. Representatives of the encampment at Standing Rock have been invited to host information and education booths at the powwow and the summit.

For more information about the powwow and summit, please contact Sacheen Whitetail Cross, UTTC Events Coordinator 701-221-1796, [scross@uttc.edu](mailto:scross@uttc.edu).

47th  
Annual



UNITED TRIBES  
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# INTERNATIONAL POWWOW



## Home of the Champions September 9-11, 2016

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

### EMPOWERMENT THROUGH UNITY

#### GRAND ENTRY TIMES

Friday: 1 pm - 7 pm • Saturday: 1 pm - 7 pm  
Sunday: 1 pm

Point System Begins Friday at 1 pm Grand Entry  
No Switching Categories in Dance Contest  
All Categories are Gender Specific

#### ADMISSION: WRISTBAND PRICES

One Day \$10.00 • 3 Day Weekend: \$20.00  
65 & older FREE • 5 and under FREE

Weekend Bands purchased by September 4, 2016 are \$15.00  
Group Rates: Call Ella Duran at (701) 221-1714

#### HEAD STAFF

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**  
Lawrence Baker (ND)  
Hidatsa/Mandan/Rincon Band  
of Luiseno Mission Indians

Vince Beyl (MN)  
White Earth Ojibway

**ARENA DIRECTOR**  
Rusty Gillette (ND)  
Arikara/Hidatsa

**WOMEN'S DANCE JUDGE**  
Cassie Lasley (WI)  
Ho-Chunk Nation

**MEN'S DANCE JUDGE**  
Wylee Bearstail (ND)  
Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara  
Nation

**SINGING JUDGE**  
Frankie Graves (MN)  
Ojibwe Nation

#### DANCE CONTEST

Cash and Jackets Awarded to Dance & Drum Contest 1st Place Winners!

##### GOLDEN AGE CATEGORIES

(Ages: 60 & Over)

1st Place: \$1200 • 2nd Place: \$800  
3rd Place: \$600 • 4th Place: \$400

##### SENIOR CATEGORIES

Traditional, Fancy, Grass & Jingle  
(Ages: 37-59)

1st Place: \$1200 • 2nd Place: \$800  
3rd Place: \$600 • 4th Place: \$400

##### ADULT CATEGORIES

Traditional, Fancy, Grass, & Jingle  
(Ages: 18-36)

1st Place: \$1200 • 2nd Place: \$800  
3rd Place: \$600 • 4th Place: \$400

##### TEEN CATEGORIES

Traditional, Fancy, Grass & Jingle  
(Ages: 13-17)

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

##### JUNIOR CATEGORIES

Traditional, Fancy, Grass, & Jingle  
(Ages: 6-12)

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

##### TINY TOTS

(Ages 5 and Under)  
Day Money

COMMITTEE SPECIAL *Battle Royale*

CHICKEN DANCE SPECIAL *Sponsored by the Gillis Family*

#### SINGING CONTEST

Day money for all drum groups  
Point System Begins Friday Day Session  
1st Place: \$10,000 • 2nd Place: \$8000  
3rd Place: \$6000 • 4th Place: \$4000  
5th Place: \$2000

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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For more info go to  
[WWW.UTTC.EDU](http://WWW.UTTC.EDU)

#### BBQ FEED

SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
Sponsored by  
Chairman Mark Fox  
and the MHA Nation

#### FREE BUFFALO FEED

SUNDAY 4:00 PM  
Sponsored by Sisseton-  
Wahpeton Oyaté

#### EVENT CONTACTS

Arts & Crafts Vendors:  
(FRIDAY-SUNDAY)  
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(701) 221-1474

Food Vendors:  
(FRIDAY-SUNDAY)  
Robert at rfox@uttc.edu  
(701) 221-1384

Tribal Leaders Summit:  
(TUESDAY-THURSDAY)  
Sacheen at scross@uttc.edu  
(701) 221-1374

HS Basketball Tournament:  
(FRIDAY-SUNDAY)  
Pete at pconway@uttc.edu  
(701) 221-1361

Powwow Youth Day:  
(FRIDAY)  
Erik at ecutler@uttc.edu  
(701) 221-1769

Golf Tournament:  
(FRIDAY 1:00 PM)  
Sam at sazure@uttc.edu  
(701) 221-1842

Thunderbird Run:  
(SATURDAY 9:00AM)  
Brienna at bschwab@uttc.edu  
(701) 221-1367  
LEGENDS Softball  
Tournament:  
(FRIDAY-SUN)  
Steve at sshepherd@uttc.edu  
(701) 226-3987



# 47th United Tribes Technical College Powwow



## *Powwow Time In Bismarck: September, 9-11*

BISMARCK (UTN) – The 47th Annual United Tribes Technical College International Powwow is set for September 9-11 at Lone Star Arena on the college campus in Bismarck. The summer season's last, large outdoor event on the Northern Great Plains circuit is open to the public. Everyone invited; everyone welcome!

### **CONTEST EVENT**

Known as "Home of the Champions," this contest powwow offers over \$100-thousand in prize money to the top singing groups and dancers in two dozen competitive categories. Prize money for the top drum is \$10,000. Following three days of judging, champions are announced and prizes awarded Sunday, September 11. Day money provided for non-contest drums and tiny tots.

Upwards of 1,000 participants from the northern Plains, around the country – and across the border in Canada – make this one of the premier cultural events in North Dakota.

### **POWOW SCHEDULE**

The first grand entry is set for Friday, September 9 at 1 p.m. (Central Time). The point system is in effect.

Subsequent Grand Entries are Friday evening at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m.

and Sunday at 1 p.m.

A \$20 entrance fee guarantees admission for all three days. Daily admission is \$10. Seniors (65 and over) and children (5 and under) enter free.

Admission wrist bands may be purchased in advance through August 26 at the college's finance dept. Group rates provided for 10 or more. Contact Ella Duran 701-255-3285 x 1214, eduran@uttc.edu.

Camping may begin Tuesday, September 6. Space is available free of charge in designated locations on campus. Round-the-clock security is provided and access to facilities. No drugs or alcohol allowed and no pets.

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

### **HEAD STAFF**

Master of Ceremonies: Lawrence Baker (Hidatsa/Mandan/Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission) and Vince Beyl (White Earth Ojibway); Arena Director: Rusty Gillette (Arikara/Hidatsa); Head Singing Judge: Frankie Graves (Ojibwe Nation); Head Women's Dance Judge: Cassie Lasley

(Ho-Chunk Nation); Head Men's Dance Judge: Wylee Bearstail (Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation).

### **POWOW VENDOR FAIR**

Powwow vendors ring the dance arbor, creating a lively atmosphere catering to the needs of smart shoppers. Everything powwow is available from hides and antlers, to beads, finished clothing, bumper and window stickers and powwow collectibles.

The powwow food court offers a wide variety, from oriental and barbeque to the ever-popular 'Indian Taco.' Arts and Craft Vendors contact Donna Belgarde, dbelgarde@uttc.edu; Food Vendors contact Robert Fox 701-221-1384, rfox@uttc.edu.

### **YOUTH DAY**

Fourth grade school classes are invited to Youth Day at the Powwow. The event includes music and cultural presentations, singing and drumming, tribal dance and audience participation. Starts at 11 a.m. Friday, September 9. Chaperoned school groups admitted free. Contact Erik Cutler 701-221-1769, ecutler@uttc.edu.

### **TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT**

20th Annual United Tribes "Tribal



Leaders Summit” precedes the powwow September 6-8 at the Bismarck Event Center. Tribal, federal and state leaders gather for meetings and presentations and professional development and networking. The event also includes a trade fair. Summit and trade fair contact: Sacheen Whitetail Cross 701-221-1374, scross@uttc.edu.

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

“Teeing Off for Academic Excellence” benefit golf tournament starts at 1 p.m. Friday, September 9 at Apple Creek Country Club; proceeds go to student scholarships. Contact Sam Azure 701-221-1842, sazure@uttc.edu.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

High-school hoops action in the UTTC Gymnasium: Contact Pete Conway 701-221-1361, pconway@uttc.edu.

#### **LEGENDS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Legends Softball Tournament: all-

Indian and mixed competition; teams and spectators from around the country. September 9-11; double elimination in both women’s and men’s divisions. Contact Steve Shepherd 701-226-3987, sshepherd@uttc.edu, www.facebook.com/unitedtribesdiamondlegends.

#### **THUNDERBIRD RUN**

A 10K and 5K run/walk hosted for runners and walkers of all ages beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 10. Online and on-site registration. Contact Brienna 701-221-1367, bschwab@uttc.edu.

#### **BUFFALO FEED**

United Tribes honors you with the cultural tradition of a buffalo meal at 4 p.m. Sunday, September 11. Dancers, singers and visitors invited to partake free of charge. Buffalo courtesy of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, one of the college’s governing tribes.

Chairman Mark Fox of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation hosts a free BBQ feed Saturday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m.

#### **POWWOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Russ McDonald, UTTC President; Sacheen Whitetail Cross, UTTC Events Coordinator; Angelique Gills, President; Kathy Dye-Chapin, Vice-President; Ella Duran, Treasurer; Kim Reynolds & Margaret Landin Secretary; Charisse Fandrich, Fundraising Coordinator; Joelle Bearstail, Volunteer Coordinator.

The theme of the 2016 powwow is: Empowerment Through Unity.

#### **COLLEGE GOVERNING TRIBES**

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

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

Sacheen Whitetail Cross 701-221-1374, scross@uttc.edu.

Website: <http://www.unitedtribespowwow.com/>.

Lodging: [www.discoverbismarckmandan.com](http://www.discoverbismarckmandan.com)



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**“Empowerment Through Unity”**

# **20th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit & Trade Show**

*September 6-8, 2016*

Bismarck Event Center • Bismarck, ND 58504

*Early Bird Registration Deadline*

\$400 by July 15, 2016 • \$500 after July 15, 2016

*“Topics”*

- ◆ Behavioral Health
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Language & Culture
- ◆ Law Enforcement/Judicial
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Taxation
- ◆ Tribal Governance & Sovereignty



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## PRE-CONFERENCE

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**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

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**9:00-12:00 p.m. BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION LISTENING SESSION**

*Room: Prairie Rose 101*

**Facilitated by:** Ann Marie Bledsoe Downs, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education

This session will provide an opportunity for tribal leaders to discuss Indian education reform within their communities, share their thoughts on the Bureau of Indian Education's (BIE) recent activities regarding implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the establishment of a negotiated rulemaking committee to address an alternative accountability system within BIE schools, and other areas related to the improvement of education for American Indian students.

**9:00-12:00 p.m. CHILD WELFARE ROUNDTABLE**

*Room: Prairie Rose 105*

**Facilitated by:** Scott Davis, Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission and Chairman of the North Dakota Court Improvement Committee-Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Subcommittee.

Child welfare and safety issues are wide ranging and interrelated across a variety of providers and jurisdictions. The newly passed Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) regulations bring forth legally binding rules that have to be implemented within tribal and state systems. Resources for at-risk tribal youth are limited when we compare reservation and non-reservation communities although all youth are citizens of the state. Despite these challenges, resources are available to assist individuals and families heal from unhealthy circumstances that assist the overall community in becoming healthy. We hope to gather ideas and prioritize ideas for creating a safe and healthy environment for our children.

**Panelists:**

*Shanna Knight*, ICWA specialist, National Indian Child Welfare Association

*Anita Fineday*, Managing Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Foundation

*Melanie Sage*, Assistant Professor, Social Work Department, University of North Dakota

*Sandra Bercier*, Interim Director, Native American Training Institute

*Raquel Franklin*, SRST, ICWA Director



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## CONCURRENT AGENDA

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**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

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**9:00-12:00 p.m. TRIBAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

**"Voicing Our Priorities"**

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**Facilitated by:** Chance Rush, Founder and CEO of Cloudboy Consulting

This morning session will bring together our youth to develop ideas and discuss solutions for the most challenging issues facing their communities. This engaging event will empower Tribal youth on priorities, issues, and advocating for change. The culminating event will be a youth-led panel to Tribal leaders and UTTC Tribal Leaders Summit attendees.

**9:00-6:00 p.m. TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS WORKSHOP**

*Room: Prairie Rose 103*

**Facilitated by:** Clarence Greene, Spirit Lake Transportation Planner

Tribal Transportation updates from the FHA and Safety Information from the ND DOT. New Technologies in transportation and their effect on Tribes and information from the Center for Disease Control on needed improvements in Tribal Transportation Safety Culture. Tribal Transportation success stories will also be shared.

**8:30-12:00 p.m. TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- BREAKOUT WORKSHOP**

*Room: Prairie Rose 104*

**Facilitated by:** Emma Featherman-Sam, OST Transit

National RTAP review of Tribal Transit reporting requirements and an update by Emma Featherman-Sam on changes in the Tribal Transit Program.

**1:00-5:00 p.m. TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND BEST PRACTICES**

**5:00-6:00 p.m. NORTHERN PLAINS TTAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9:00-4:00 p.m. NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE TOURISM ALLIANCE (NDNTA)**

*Room: Prairie Rose 105*

**"Enhancing Tribal Tourism while Preserving Our Tribal Traditions & Sharing Our Own Stories"**

The mission of North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance is to protect, promote, preserve and educate the world about the culture, history and environment of our sovereign nations. The ND Tribal Tourism Alliance (NDNTA) will promote and educate through sustainable tourism while developing economically for our people and nations.

**2:00-3:00 p.m. PROTECTING NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS**

*Room: Prairie Rose 102*

**Facilitated by:** Matthew Campbell and Joel West Williams, Staff Attorneys, Native American Rights Fund

During this session, voting rights experts and participants will discuss common voting issues in Native communities, including voter ID, redistricting, polling place locations and barriers for indigenous language speakers. The presenters will provide information on identify voting rights violations and resources to empower tribes to achieve greater access to the polls.





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## CONCURRENT AGENDA

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Thursday, September 8, 2016

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9:00-6:00 p.m.

**TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS WORKSHOP**

*Room: Prairie Rose 103*

**Facilitated by:** C. John Healy, Fort Belknap Tribal Transportation

BIA Transportation Chief LeRoy Gishi review of the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), FHWA TTP Acting Director Brian Allen review of changes in the program. Updates from the Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA) and training by FHWA on the new electronic reporting system.

2:15-3:10 p.m.

**TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT – TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PANEL**

3:15-5:00 p.m.

**INDIVIDUAL TRIBE'S REPORT ON THEIR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

8:30-5:00 p.m.

**TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- BREAKOUT WORKSHOP**

*Room: Prairie Rose 104*

**Facilitated by:** Dennis Trusty, Northern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program

This session provides training on what is a good gravel road and how to develop and maintain gravel roads. – Break during Tribal Leaders Summit Transportation Panel.

9:00-4:00 p.m.

**GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S ASSOCIATION (GPTCA)**

*Room: Prairie Rose 105*

**Facilitated by:** Gay Kingman, Executive Director, GPTCA

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc. (GPTCA) is composed of the 16 elected Chairs and Presidents as representatives from the 16 Sovereign Indian Tribes and Nations within the Great Plains Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. All the 16 Tribes in the Great Plains have signed Treaties with the US Govt. and operate full-service Governments.

The Agenda for the GPTCA Meeting will include discussion and action on current issues: Law Enforcement/Education/Roads/Transportation/Appropriations/Protection of our Water, Land/Cultural/Registration & Voting, Trust Legislation/Legal Review & other Considerations.







# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Leaders Summit

## September 6-8, 2016



Bismarck Event Center Exhibition Hall  
South Fifth and Front Avenue, Bismarck, ND

*“Empowerment Through Unity”*

**TOPICS:** Community \* Tribal Governance & Sovereignty \* Language & Culture \* Economic Development  
\* Law enforcement & Judicial \* Education \* Community Health \* Housing \* Taxation \* Post-Secondary  
\* Education \* Transportation \*

## AGENDA

### Tuesday, September 6, 2016

**9:00 - 12 p.m. PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

**9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**  
Bismarck Event Center

**1:00 - 2:30 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES:**

Master of Ceremonies: *Frankie Graves*, Ojibwe Nation

**Invocation: Elder**

Flag & Victory Song: *Wise Spirit*

Presentation of Colors: United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Color Guard

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions: UTTC President Leander “Russ” McDonald

Welcoming Remarks: UTTC Board of Directors (BOD)

*Richard McCloud, Chairman*, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, UTTC BOD Chairman

*Jim Baker, Councilman*, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, UTTC BOD Delegate

*Mark Fox, Esq., Chairman*, Three Affiliated Tribes, UTTC BOD Vice-Chairman

*Mervin Packineau, Councilman*, Three Affiliated Tribes, UTTC BOD Delegate

*Dave Archambault II, Chairman*, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, UTTC BOD

*Frank White Bull, Councilman*, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, UTTC BOD Secretary

*Dave Flute, Chairman-Sisseton*, Wahpeton Oyate, UTTC BOD

*Kevin Roberts, Councilman*, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, UTTC BOD Delegate

*Myra Pearson, Chairwoman*, Spirit Lake Tribe, UTTC BOD

*Nancy Greene-Robertson*, Spirit Lake Tribe, UTTC BOD Delegate

**Dignitaries:**

*Honorable John Hoeven*, United States Senator, North Dakota (Invited)

*Honorable Heidi Heitkamp*, United States Senator, North Dakota (Invited)

*Honorable Kevin Cramer*, United States House of Representatives (Invited)

*Honorable Jack Dalrymple*, Governor of North Dakota (Invited)

*Honorable Scott Davis*, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

*Honorable Mike Seminary*, Mayor, City of Bismarck (Invited)

*Honorable Tim Helbling*, Mayor, City of Mandan

*Scott Meske*, President, Bismarck/Mandan Chamber of Commerce

*Sheri Grossman*, Executive Director, Bismarck Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Department of Interior (DOI) UPDATE**

*Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes*, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Dev





- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. USA FUNDS**  
*Anna Gatlin Schilling*, Vice President, National Engagement and Strategic Communications
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:15 - 5:45 p.m. TOPIC: LANGUAGE & CULTURE**  
**Moderator:** *Dave Flute*, Chairman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate  
*Sunshine Archambault Carlow*, Language & Culture Institute, SRST  
*Dakota Goodhouse*, Educator, United Tribes Technical College  
*Loren Yellow Bird*, National Park Service Park Ranger and Cultural Resource Specialist  
*Larus Longie*, Educator, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
- 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (NIGA) UPDATE**  
*Ernest L. Stevens, Jr.*, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)  
*Kurt Luger*, Executive Director, Great Plains Indian Gaming Association (GPIGA)
- 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. WELCOME RECEPTION**  
2016 Tribal Leaders Summit & Trade Show Kick Off event. Mingle with participants and vendors while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Door Prize Giveaways  
*Sponsored by Missouri River Resources*
- 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE (DAPL) UPDATE**  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman Dave Archambault II & Council

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

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- 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. REGISTRATION**  
Bismarck Event Center
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – TRADE SHOW AREA**
- 8:30 a.m. INVOCATION: ELDER**
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. WHITE HOUSE UPDATE**  
*Anthony Morgan Rodman*, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs
- 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. TOPIC: TRIBAL GOVERNANCE & SOVEREIGNTY**  
**Moderator:** *Mervin Packineau*, Councilman, Three Affiliated Tribes  
*John Echohawk*, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund  
*Danelle Daugherty*, Deputy Regional Director of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
*Heather Dawn Thompson*, Staff Attorney, UTTC
- 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:00 - 12:15 p.m. TOPIC: EDUCATION (PRE-K-12)**  
**Moderator:** *Nancy Greene-Robertson*, Secretary-Treasurer, Spirit Lake Tribe  
*Ahniwake Rose*, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)  
*Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes*, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education  
*Lucy Fredericks*, Director of Indian/Multicultural Education, ND Department of Public Instruction
- 12:15-1:45 p.m. LUNCHEON**  
“Voicing our Priorities” presented by the Tribal Youth Leadership Panel  
*Sponsored by North Dakota Indian Affairs*, Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and ND United
- 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. TOPIC: EDUCATION (POST-SECONDARY)**  
**Moderator:** *Dave Archambault II*, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
*Cheryl Crazy Bull*, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Indian College Fund (AICF)  
*Carrie Billy*, Executive Director, American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC)  
*Laurel Vermillion*, Vice Chairwoman, Board of Directors, American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC)  
*Jim Davis*, Chairman, North Dakota Association of Tribal Colleges (NDATC)







- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. TOPIC: LAW ENFORCEMENT/JUDICIAL**  
**Moderator:** *Kevin Roberts*, Councilman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate  
*Darren Cruzan*, Deputy Director, Justices Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
*Myra Pearson*, Chairwoman, Spirit Lake Tribe  
*Donovan J. Foughty*, District Judge, Northeast Judicial District, North Dakota  
*John Wilson*, Chief Prosecutor, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. SOCIAL – TRADE SHOW AREA**  
 Mingle with participants and vendors while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Door Prize Giveaways
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. COMEDY HOUR –JAMES AND ERNIE**  
 Comedy duo; James and Ernie from New Mexico, “Comedians of the Year” 2009 North American Indigenous Image Awards.

### Thursday, September 8, 2016

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- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – TRADE SHOW AREA**
- 8:30 a.m. INVOCATION: ELDER**
- 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) UPDATE**  
*Brian Cladoosby*, President, NCAI  
*Jacqueline Johnson Pata*, Executive Director, NCAI
- 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. TOPIC: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**Moderator:** *Richard W. McCloud*, Chairman, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians  
*Jacqueline Johnson Pata*, Executive Director, NCAI  
*Lillian A. Sparks Robinson*, Commissioner, Administration of Native Americans  
*Jamie Fullmer*, Chairman/CEO, Blue Stone Strategy Group, Yavapai-Apache Nation
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:45 - 12:00 p.m. TOPIC: TAXATION**  
**Moderator:** *Mark Fox*, Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes  
*Vernon Miller*, Chairman, Omaha Tribe  
*Brian Cladoosby*, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community  
*Wizipan Little Elk*, CEO, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO)
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON**  
*Max Finberg*, Director, AmeriCorps VISTA  
 Presentation from Sitting Bull College - Lakǰól'iyapi Wahóǰpi
- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. TOPIC: COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**Moderator:** *Frank White Bull*, Councilman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
*Jerilyn Church*, Executive Director, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board  
*Tami DeCoteau, PhD*, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, DeCoteau Trauma-Informed Care & Practice, PLLC  
*Representatives, Indian Health Service*
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION**  
**Moderator:** *Dennis Trusty*, Director, Northern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program  
*Leroy Gishi*, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
*Dave Kelly*, Director, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
*Jane E. Berger*, Programming Engineer, North Dakota Department of Transportation
- 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. BREAK**





3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

**TOPIC: HOUSING**

**Moderator:** *Jim Baker*, Councilman, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians  
*Sami Jo Difuntorum*, Chairwoman, National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)  
*Sharon Vogel*, Executive Director, Cheyenne River Housing  
*Edward Vaughan*, Native American Program Specialist, Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

5:00 p.m.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Retiring of the Colors, UTTC Color Guard

5:00 p.m.

**Social Hour  
and Feed**

**INDUCTEE CEREMONY**

ND Native American Hall of Honor Ceremony and Social Hour.  
*Sponsored by the North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor Committee, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission and the State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation*

6:00 p.m.

**Inductee  
Ceremony**

**Location:** North Dakota Heritage Center 612 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND





# United Tribes Summit set for September 6-8



BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College hosts the 2016 Tribal Leader’s Summit and Trade Show September 6- 8 at the Bismarck Event Center.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of tribal leaders from throughout the region attracts federal, state and local officials and precedes the ever-popular United Tribes Technical College International Powwow.

The agenda offers major sessions on Language and Culture, Tribal Governance and Sovereignty, Education, Economic Development, Law Enforcement and Justice, Community Health, Housing, Taxation and Transportation.

Registration includes conference materials, luncheons, tradeshow, continuing education units, social gatherings and entry to the powwow. Summit participants are also invited to attend the first induction ceremony of the North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor.

A detailed agenda is posted and participants are urged to register in advance online <http://summit.uttcc.edu>.

## PRE-CONFERENCES AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Two conferences will be held prior to the Summit on Tuesday at

the Bismarck Event Center: a Child Welfare Round Table and a Bureau of Indian Education Listening Session.

Concurrent sessions during the summit are the Tribal Youth Leadership Summit, Tribal Transportation Planners Conference, the North Dakota State Bar Association’s Indian Law Section, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association, United Tribes of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance.

## FEATURED PANELISTS

Briefings, talks and panels about Indian Country issues begin with the summit opening at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6 and continue through Thursday. Featured are federal, state and tribal officials and other



Loren Yellow Bird, center, with Revenant director Alejandro González Iñárritu (left) and Academy award winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio.

noted presenters, including Loren Yellow Bird, technical advisor for the Oscar winning blockbuster film, “The Revenant,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Yellow Bird, from the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation, is featured in the summit’s Language and Culture session.



NCAI President Brian Cladoosby

Other summit panelists include John Echohawk, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund; Kurt Luger, Executive Director of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association; Ann

Marie Bledsoe Downs, Acting Director of the Bureau of Indian Education; Donovan Foughty, ND District Court Judge; and Brian Cladoosby, National Congress of American Indians President.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Social entertainment is scheduled for all three days of the summit, beginning Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be available while attendees browse the Trade Show. Door prizes are drawn throughout. Featured on Wednesday is the comedic duo James and Ernie from New Mexico, who earned “Comedians of the Year” honors at the 2009 North American Indigenous Image Awards. This event is free and open to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**On Thursday, Sept. 8, all summit attendees are invited to the inaugural induction ceremony of the North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor beginning at 5 p.m. at the North Dakota Heritage Center. The event is free and open to the public. Honored will be Anthony McDonald, Spirit Lake Nation; Robert Eaglestaff, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Arnold Charging, Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation; Harriett Skye, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Marcellus Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe;**

Nathan Good Iron, Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation/Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and Richard Marcellais, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

**TRADE SHOW**

The Summit Trade Show in the Bismarck Event Center is open to vendors with a current North Dakota Sales and Use Tax Permit. To be a vendor, please register by September 2. Trade show opens at 1 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 6. More info: Sacheen Whitetail Cross 701-255-3285 x 1796, [scross@uttc.edu](mailto:scross@uttc.edu).

**POWWOW WEEK**

The Tribal Leader’s Summit takes place in conjunction with these United Tribes Powwow Week events in Bismarck: 47th Annual United Tribes Technical College Powwow, Sept. 9-11; Youth Day at the Powwow, Sept. 9; UTTC Legends Softball Tournament, Sept. 9-11; Basketball and Golf Tournaments, Sept. 10.

**SUMMIT INFO**

The United Tribes Summit is hosted by leaders of North Dakota’s tribal nations: It is sponsored and conducted by United Tribes Technical College, with additional funding from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Prior Lake, MN.

The summit begins Tuesday, September 6 at 1 p.m. with an opening ceremony. The theme is “Empowerment Through Unity.” More Info: Sacheen Whitetail Cross 701-255-3285 x 1796, [scross@uttc.edu](mailto:scross@uttc.edu)

# Fun-Filled Finish To Fund-Raising Event



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**COLOR DASH:**

Members of the UTTC staff topped-off months of successful fundraising for the American Cancer Society with a little fun. Clouds of color served-up smiles and joy during the campus mini-Relay-For-Life. The kids Color Dash concluded a public event April 23 when UTTC announced

the total support raised in the fight against cancer. UTTC teams held bake sales and silent auctions, conducted raffles, hosted concessions and chipped in their change to exceed the goal and raise \$11,589.40. The college’s contribution was presented during the Bismarck Relay-For-Life in June. The UTTC fundraising was coordinated by faculty member Leah Hamann.

## Health/Wellness Fair at United Tribes

**HEALTHY MEASURES:**

Former UTTC student Lonnie Wise Spirit, center, awaits the calculation of his body mass index during the United Tribes Health & Wellness Fair. Crunching the numbers are UTTC students Glendon Bruce (Three Affiliated) Bismarck, and Katie Little (Oglala Tribe) Pine Ridge, SD. The service was provided as part of their training in the college’s Nutrition and Food Service program. Also at the Feb. 25 fair were a variety of organizations offering free wellness services, resources and information.



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**LEARNING ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING:**

**SMOKING CESSATION GROUP**

WHEN: THURSDAYS 4:00PM-5:00PM  
STARTING 9/15/2016  
 WHERE: LEWIS GOODHOUSE WELLNESS CENTER [CHEMICAL HEALTH]  
 Contact Ashlyn at 701-221-1474 for more information.



UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE





# Youth Leadership Summit

**September 7th**

**9:00AM—1:00PM**

**Bismarck Event Center, Prairie Rose Room (Bismarck, ND)**



## Facilitated by Chance Rush Hidatsa/Dakota

Chance has passion for strengthening Native communities combined with his experiences led him to the development of Cloudboy Consulting.

Chance travels throughout the United States and Canada to work with Native communities in efforts to inspire, heal, motivate, and energize.

This session will bring together our youth to develop ideas and discuss solutions for the most challenging issues facing their communities. This engaging event will empower Tribal youth on priorities, issues, and advocating for change. The culminating event will be a youth-led panel to Tribal leaders and UTTC Tribal Leaders Summit attendees.

**Free Registration and T-Shirts to all Student Participants**

You can go online to register at:

<http://summit.uttc.edu>

If you have questions call Helen Hanley at (701) 328-2428 or Sacheen Whitetail Cross 701-221-1796

## #youthpriorities



# UTTC offers Native American tuition waiver



**PACKED HOUSE:** New students listen August 19 to a welcome from UTTC President Russ McDonald. College enrollment was up for Fall 2016 due to the Native American tuition waiver.

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BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College is making it easier for Native students to start college. Beginning with the current Fall Semester, UTTC will waive the tuition of Native students who are enrolled members of federally-recognized tribes.

Eligible are all qualified Native American college students who wish to attend the tribal college in Bismarck. The offering is a one-year pilot program that was approved in the spring by the college's governing board, whose members represent the five tribal nations in North Dakota.

## **Alternative to Student Loans**

"We serve a population that has the lowest annual income averages in the entire United States," says Leander "Russ" McDonald, UTTC President. "These are students from some of the most impoverished areas in the country. And we believe it's our obligation to offer realistic financial assistance to help them get started on a path that will change their lives."

UTTC ended its participation in the federal student loan program in May at the conclusion of the 2015-16 academic year.

McDonald says student loans do not work for families that are without savings accounts or access to credit, or have a low level of financial literacy. It's unconscionable

to expose them from the start to a system they have little experience with that has the potential for saddling them with sizable debt, he says.

"As a tribal college, it's our mission, first and foremost, to serve the education needs of tribes and tribal people," says McDonald. "To make higher education attainable, we've determined that it's necessary to do the financial piece in ways that do not exclusively rely on student loans."

## **Apply Early**

UTTC's Native Student Tuition Waiver has attracted a great deal of interest for Fall Semester 2016. Those eligible for the one-year trial program are new and current UTTC students. The deadline to submit a completed application was June 30, 2016.

New and stop-out students are required to file a completed admissions application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To be eligible, stop-outs must show satisfactory academic progress and file any appeal paperwork before the deadline. Returning students must meet the same requirements and also be pre-registered for classes.

## **Helpful Checklist**

The UTTC Native Tuition Waiver is based on unmet student financial need. It applies

only to tuition and not to other college costs such as housing, books, fees and meals.

The college has placed a helpful checklist of application requirements and a step-by-step application form under the 'APPLY NOW' section of the UTTC website, [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu).

Students seeking the waiver who missed the June 30 deadline, can be considered for enrollment as part of the college's regular admissions process and subject to UTTC tuition. The college's Admissions and Financial Aid department determines who has successfully met the application requirements.

## **Program Duration**

UTTC will offer the Native American Tuition Waiver for Spring Semester 2017 and Summer Semester 2017. It will be reviewed by the college in early 2017 to assess its effectiveness in making college accessible for Native students.

Other types of student financial aid are also available to qualifying non-Native students who attend UTTC. Non-Native students number between 10 and 15 percent of the student body.

For admissions information contact Donovan Lambert 701-255-3285 x 1741, [dlambert@uttc.edu](mailto:dlambert@uttc.edu).



You are cordially invited to the grand opening!



# Induction Ceremony

Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 5 p.m.

North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum



# United Tribes offering new programs



## FOUR-YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/RESEARCH DEGREE APPROVED

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes Technical College is offering four new programs in the fall of 2016, including one new bachelor's degree program.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of Chicago, IL approved UTTC's request to offer a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science and Research.

The four-year program will be taught at the new Science and Technology Center. The college began conferring bachelor's degrees in 2011 and currently has four baccalaureate programs.

Three other new programs will be offered as two-year, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees: Human and Social Services, Information Processing Specialist, and Information Technology.

Human and Social Services will provide a general education for employment in a variety of social service capacities. The degree plan is designed for graduates who wish to transfer and continue to a baccalaureate degree in social work or a related field.

Computer Information Processing and Information Technology are updated variations of former degree programs at UTTC. Both are among the top 25 AAS degrees in the country in employment projections and salaries.

The additions brings to 20 the number of programs at the college in Bismarck

governed by the five tribes located in North Dakota.

### Focus on Science Research

UTTC planned for the new bachelor's program by studying the job market for the needs of employers and the interests of potential students.

"There are a number of other tribal colleges in the region that offer BS degrees in Environmental Science," says Lisa Azure, UTTC VP of Academic Affairs. "The question was whether we could offer something different to be able to recruit students and fulfill needs in the communities we serve."

The answer came in the form of research.

"The faculty and students in our current Environmental Science program are doing research at a level that is rarely found in an associate degree program," says Azure. "And that's the unique quality about the UTTC program, and the reason the BS degree at UTTC is referred to 'Environmental Science and Research.'"

### Four-Year Enthusiasm

"Current students are thrilled at the potential for getting a bachelor's degree here," says Jeremy Guinn, chair of the UTTC Environmental Science program. "A high percentage are planning to roll right into the program."

The timeline and schedule of the current environmental science associate degree

plan was redesigned in May 2015 to make it more effective for students to finish in two years and "seamlessly enter the BS program," says Guinn. Students who began in fall 2015 or spring 2016 are currently working under the new plan.

"Students transferring into the program will find that many of their courses from other North Dakota colleges are common courses that will transfer easily," he says.

### Challenges Ahead

Receiving approval for the Environmental Science and Research bachelor's degree was a big hurdle.

Over the next year comes the challenge of moving students through the transition. Those who graduate in May with an associate degree will have a direct path into the bachelor's program. For transfer-students, the challenge is to assure they have the required courses in the appropriate sequence.

Teaching materials for the upper division courses will be finalized over the summer and into the fall semester as these will be new courses for UTTC.

It's an added workload but the department faculty has been preparing course guides and program reviews for a number of semesters, says Guinn.

"The faculty buy-in for the BS program really moved this forward," says Guinn. "We're preparing for engaging our students at a new level of learning science concepts. And that's exciting. We're strategically building our programs for the future."

### HCL Action

The HLC's Institutional Actions Council approved UTTC's institutional change request for the BS in Environmental Science and Research at a meeting in early February 2016. Substantial changes are considered only for institutions in good standing. A site visit was not required.

The college was notified in a letter dated February 12, which will be the effective date of the new status as listed in appropriate reports on the HLC's website <http://www.hlcommission.org/>. The new program will be included in the next scheduled HLC site visit in 2017.



## Campus Learning Environment

United Tribes Technical College is a member organization of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. The college serves Native and non-Native students with culturally-connected post-secondary education and training on-campus and via online courses and classes. The campus community in Bismarck is a family learning environment that offers housing, childhood education services, daycare, security, foodservice, health services, counseling and many student and family activities. For information about course offerings, financial aid or housing, or to schedule a campus visit or register for the upcoming term, go the website [www.uttc.edu](http://www.uttc.edu), or contact the UTTC Admissions Office, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504, 701-255-3285 x 3111, [admissions@uttc.edu](mailto:admissions@uttc.edu).

## UTTC Academic Programs

| Program   | CERT | AAS  | BS |
|---|------|------|----|
| Automotive Technology                             | X    |      |    |
| Business Administration                           | X    | X    |    |
| Business Management                               |      | X ** |    |
| Criminal Justice                                  |      | X ** | X  |
| Culinary Arts/Food Service                        |      | X    |    |
| Elementary Education                              |      | X ** | X  |
| Environmental Science and Research (BS Fall 2016) | X    | X    |    |
| Fine Arts   |      | X    |    |
| General Studies                                   | X ** |      |    |
| Graphic Arts                                      |      | X    |    |
| Health, Physical Education and Recreation         | X    |      |    |
| Heavy Equipment Operations (HEO)                  | X    |      |    |
| Human and Social Services (Fall 2016)             | X    |      |    |
| Information Processing Specialist (Fall 2016)     |      | X    |    |
| Information Technology (Fall 2016)                |      | X    |    |
| Medical Coding and Billing                        | X ** |      |    |
| Nutrition and Wellness                            | X ** |      |    |
| Practical Nursing                                 |      | X    |    |
| Pre-Engineering                                   |      | X    |    |
| Welding Technology                                | X    |      |    |

CERT - CERTIFICATE  
 AAS - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE  
 BS - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
 \*\* Available Online  
 - Lisa J. Azure, PhD, VP Academic Affairs/Teacher Education Chair

## Fall Calendar

### AUGUST

- 15-17 All-Campus In-Service
- 17 Dorms Check-In
- 17 TJES Starts
- 18-19 Fall Registration-Orientation
- 22 UTTC Classes Begin
- 26 Last day to enroll-register

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day (No Classes)
- 6-8 Tribal Leader's Summit
- 9-11 UTTC International Powwow
- 9 Family Day at Powwow (No Classes)
- 9 Last day to add or drop
- 12 Indigenous Day (No Classes)
- 16 U.S. Constitution Day
- 19-23 UTTC Spirit Week

### OCTOBER

- 7 ND First Nations Day
- 19-20 Midterm Exams
- 19 Career Fair
- 21 Midterm Grades Due

## Having Fun with Color



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**AIRING IT:** Fun and learning combined as the mission for students on a field trip during the Prairie Rose Summer Youth Camp through United Tribes Technical College. The July 25-29 camp was attended by Native students ages 13-14 who live on reservations. They learned the basics of air-brush painting at Impact Art Gallery

with instruction from the owner Wayne Pruse, UTTC's former Art/Art Marketing director. Other engaging activities and sessions covered science, technology, recreation, engineering and math. The camp was made possible with support from the Office of Indian Education, US Dept. of Education.



# UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT PRESENTS

# JAMES & ERNIE

*Everyone is Laughing!!*

at the Bismarck  
Event Center



**Wednesday,  
September 7th**  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
No Charge!



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



# LEGENDS Softball Tournament set for September 9-11

BISMARCK (UTN) – The annual United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) LEGENDS Softball Tournament is scheduled for September 9-11 at the Clem Kelly softball complex in Bismarck.

The event attracts teams from around the country and takes place in conjunction with the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual United Tribes Technical College International Powwow.

This is one of the last tournaments of the summer season where players and spectators can gather and cheer-on their favorite teams. The tourney is open to Native and non-Native players and teams. The public is invited and everyone is welcome.

## LEGENDS TOURNAMENT

Last year over 50 teams competed in the LEGENDS Softball Tournament. The 2016 line-up offers eight tournament divisions. Five are for teams on which players need not be Native American: Men's D, Men's Rec 1 and 2, and Men's Rec 3 and 4; and Women's D, and Women's Rec 1, 2 and 3.

The following three divisions are for teams comprised of ALL players who are Native American: Men's Upper, Men's Lower, and Women's.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

This year all teams are guaranteed to play three games. A homerun hitting



contest for men and women returns to the agenda. And a DJ will again provide music and make announcements throughout the three-day event.

Another feature is the option for teams to purchase one extra home run per game for \$10. Funds raised will go toward academic and athletic scholarships for

college students attending UTTC.

Individual awards in all divisions include: Most Valuable Player, Best Outfielder and Best Infielder. Team awards will be presented for first, second and third places in all eight divisions.

## HALL OF FAME

Four athletes will be inducted into the 2016 LEGENDS Hall of Fame: Margaret Gates and the late William (Bill) Helper, both of Standing Rock, and Mike and Jody LaFontaine, both of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate.

## GET INVOLVED

The LEGENDS Softball Tournament is a regional event open to all. Participants need not be Native American to play. The event promotes fair play, equality, community involvement and inclusiveness.

The deadline to register is 12 noon on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Steve Shepherd: 701-226-3987, [sshepherd@uttc.edu](mailto:sshepherd@uttc.edu) or go to <http://softball.uttc.edu/>.

Tournament volunteers please contact Leah Hamann: 701-221-1380, [lhamann@uttc.edu](mailto:lhamann@uttc.edu).



United Tribes News photo 5 DOUG QUINN

# Graduates Honored at United Tribes Technical College



Brad Hawk

BISMARCK (UTN) – Nerds of the world, if you keep on learning, your time to shine comes eventually.

That was the message to graduates of

United Tribes Technical College May 13 during the tribal college's spring commencement ceremony.

"There are benefits to being a nerd; I've figured that out now," said commencement speaker Brad Hawk, the Indian Health Systems Administrator for the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission in Bismarck. "I'm always learning."

Before joining North Dakota state government, Hawk worked at UTTC for over a decade, raising funds for student scholarships and college support.

He grew up on the Crow Creek Nation at Fort Thompson, SD, with 12 brothers and sisters and a large extended family with members who always worked, including his parents who had full time jobs.

"They also believed in education, pushed me to be educated; and they were

supportive," he told an audience of 300 in UTTC's James Henry Community Gymnasium.

Hawk said he was fortunate to have a family like that, and to grow up with friends that didn't get into trouble. They called themselves the 'Geek Squad.' Years later it's sort of a 'Revenge of the Nerds' to have success in life, he said.

Hawk earned a bachelor's degree in health administration from the University of South Dakota and a master's degree in business administration from University of Mary.

The one thing I love about this college, Hawk said of UTTC, is that it's a learning community where students and their families are supported with services that help you succeed. "Challenges are everywhere and you have to be ready for them."

He told the graduates they could adopt his motto as a theme for their lives: "Rise above challenges."

He congratulated the class of 2016, saying: "You've put in all the hard work, sacrifice and dedication. Remember that learning doesn't stop now. Be prepared to keep learning and strive always to achieve

your goals."

Academic Year End

The college academic year concluded with the commencement ceremony. The graduating class of 2016 represented 12 different tribal nations. Nine earned Bachelor of Science degrees, 29 Associate of Applied Science degrees, and 11 Certificates of Completion.

In addition to family members and friends, the event was attended by tribal leaders on the college's governing board, representing the tribes of North Dakota: Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara Nation, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Standing Rock Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

The drum group Wise Spirit rendered ceremonial and honor songs, and a traditional meal followed. Earlier in the day, a special ceremony was conducted for three graduates of the college's Practical Nursing program.

Honors were conferred on individual students during a student awards event May 12 that included academic and athletic awards, along with staff and faculty recognitions.

*All Nations Assembly of God*  
*Pastor Gordon Williams*

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

**Transportation is available**

Contact: 701-250-8797


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**Phone:** 701-250-8797





# United Tribes Technical College

## SPRING 2016 GRADUATES

Commencement Ceremony: Friday May 13, 2016, 1 p.m., Lone Star Arena



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Spring graduation at United Tribes Technical College.

**ART/ART MARKETING (AAS)**  
 Jacinta M. Ducheneaux (Standing Rock) Bismarck; Shacquia L. Zahn-Greene, Solen, ND; Cherikie Tillman (Easter Shoshone) Bismarck; SiMone Danielle Wilson (Lower Brule) Mandan, ND

**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AAS):** Philip A. Battese Sr. (Lower Brule) Lower Brule, SD; Robert W. Eagle Feather (Rosebud) Rapid City, SD; Bartlett D. Wanna (Uintah/Ouray) Bismarck

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (AAS):** Kirsten S. Clifford (Oglala Tribe) Kyle, SD; Michelle Marie Wise Spirit, Bismarck

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BS):** LaSheena Afraid of Hawk (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Martha A. Allery (Standing Rock) Bismarck; Francis B. Azure (Turtle Mountain) Mandan, ND; Melissa Jade Buffalo (Standing Rock) Bismarck; Jaime Dawn Chaske (Spirit Lake) Bismarck; Caressa L. Grooms (Fort Peck) Bismarck

**BUSINESS OFFICE ADMINISTRATION (AAS):** Chardell W. Shoyo (Eastern Shoshone) Ft. Washakie, WY

**BUSINESS OFFICE TECHNOLOGY (AAS):** Lisa M. Lee (Cheyenne River) Bismarck

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE (AAS):** Emily F. Connor (Three Affiliated) Bismarck; Kali J. Hale (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Jessica Faye Lindskov (Cheyenne River) Isabel, SD

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BS):** Tasha Lynn Bordeaux (Rosebud) Redmond, WA; Kimber L. Hilfer, Mandan, ND; Amber Louise Warman (Cheyenne River) Bismarck

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (AAS):** Rachelle M. Bergstram, Scranton, ND; Angela K. Buckley-Tochek (Standing Rock) Bismarck; Dakota Louise Eagle (Three Affiliated) Bismarck; Margaret A. Landin (Three Affiliated) Bismarck

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (BS):** Justyn Jade Lawrence (Cheyenne River) Bismarck

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAB TECH (AAS):** Connie Begay (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Bonita K. Claymore (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Marlee J. Finley (Three Affiliated) Bismarck

**NUTRITION & FOOD SERVICE/ CULINARY ARTS (AAS):** Peter D. Stone, Berry, KY; Delorise White, Bismarck

**NUTRITION & WELLNESS (AAS):** Toni L. Shot (Cheyenne River) Bismarck; Nathan A. Stayrook, Puyallup, WA

**PRACTICAL NURSING (AAS):** Alissa Ann Bass, Mandan, ND; Tynesha Roselynn Swagger (Turtle Mountain) Mandan, ND; Sharon Lee Stoltz, Mandan, ND

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (CERT):** Hubert D. Muller, Bismarck; Robert J. Snider (Three Affiliated) Lincoln, ND; Elijah Aaron St. Clair (Eastern Shoshone) Ft. Washakie, WY

**WELDING (CERT):** McKenzie Kay Bercier (Turtle Mountain) Rolla, ND; Joshua J. Chavez (Northern Arapaho) Bismarck; Anthony Gonzales (Three Affiliated) Fargo, ND; Clayton D. Steele (Oglala Tribe) Pine Ridge, SD; Vincent LaFountain (Turtle Mountain) Bismarck; Stephen Palmer (Navajo Nation) Fuitland, NM; Loren A. West (Cheyenne River) Bismarck





**2016  
Disc Golf  
Scramble**



UNITED TRIBES  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# **18 Holes Scramble**

**Date:** *September 4, 2016*

**Time:** *11:00 am tee off*

**Day of Registration starts at 10:00 am**  
**Registration opens: August 1st, 2016**  
**Pre-registration\* closes: September 1st, 2016**

***\$20 per team, 2-4 players per team***  
***UTTC Students are free!***

Contact Kara Greenwood at 701.221.1492 or

Chris Knoll at 701.221.1355

to get registration papers or for more information.

\*Pre-registration not required but guarantees shirt in your size

# UTTC students, coaches experience AIHEC Conference



UTTC students in the Parade of Colleges during the AIHEC opening session.

By Brian Palecek, UTTC English/Humanities Instructor

More than 1,100 participants from 34 tribal colleges gathered in Minneapolis at the Minneapolis Convention Center for the 2016 AIHEC Student Conference. This was the largest number of attendees ever in the long history of the conference. Seventeen UTTC students attended and engaged in various competitions, both academic and athletic. The group attended keynote speeches, the poetry slam, a banquet, workshops, visited booths, and explored the city, including the Mall of America. The conference started Sunday, March 13 and concluded with the evening awards banquet on Wednesday, March 16.

The competition at AIHEC was more challenging than any other in conference history because of the record-setting number of attendees. UTTC students stepped up to the challenge and placed in more competitions and finished higher than in years past:

Liz White (Standing Rock) & Jayde Bettelyoun (Oglala Lakota) 1st Critical Inquiry

Dawn Alkhafaji (Turtle Mountain) 3rd Science Oral Presentation

Davine Gilbert 3rd Division 1 (Textiles)

Amira Gunn 2nd Division 2 (Jewelry)

Amira Gunn People's Choice (Digital Design)

## NOTWORTHY

Students had strong finishes in two other competitions, even though they didn't receive awards. Mandi Hairy Shirt finished 5th out of 35 competitors in Informative Speech and the Hand Games team finished in 6th place out of 24.

UTTC's Kimberlee Blevins ended her term as Historian for AIHEC Student Government and as Miss AIHEC 2015. Ms. Blevins crowned Tada Vargas (Oglala Lakota College) as the incoming Miss AIHEC 2016 during the Awards Banquet.

## REFLECTIONS

UTTC students and coaches traveled home by bus. During the long ride home, through the snow and rain, each student was interviewed and asked to reflect on his or her experiences. The following are highlights from the students' perspectives:

"Bonding with other students and our own team in the Hand Games."

"Karen Diver's keynote speech. Her life story was inspiring."

"Knowledge Bowl was a new experience, being in a competition like that and meeting new people."

"The comedy group 1491. They made light of things that are not normally talked about."

"The Hand Games. People really got into it, cheering each other on. I was amazed how long it could go on."

"The banquet awards ceremony. The two top Hand Game winning teams showed seriousness and sportsmanship."

"Meeting all the new people, both from UTTC and the other schools. Normally I am in my own little world."

"Competing and winning in Critical Inquiry. Mike Wetsch (UTTC Criminal Justice), our coach, calmed us down and really supported us. What he did was even more important than us winning."

"Meeting people from other schools, getting to know the UTTC students."

"The archery was fun not just



competitive, I met new people.”

“The Hand Games brought us together and blended with other schools. We were bonded in a new way.”

“Networking, Karen Diver’s keynote, meeting new Native American people to look up to”

“I felt younger than most of the other students, also came close to being mugged in the street, but one of the high points was the entry of all the students on opening day.”

“The experience of Knowledge Bowl and playing Hand Games was the best experience. Not knowing what material to remember was tough but a great challenge. I loved it and would love to attempt it again.”

### HAND GAMES

The Hand Games competition was enjoyed by all of the students and coaches. Some students were on the front lines, as players in the games. Others and the coaches stood behind the team, supporting their teammates by moving their hands and arms to the beat of the drums or waving scarves to distract the opposing team. Considering that more than half the team learned the game within three weeks

of the competition, and some had never played before, their success and sense of camaraderie was remarkable. Many said that the Hand Games tournament was one of the most memorable events of the entire conference.

Mandi Hairy Shirt expressed the feeling when she wrote: “Why were the hand games such a big deal? I believe it was because even though we all are attending UTTC, we are all in different programs so none of us have ever really talked. When we did Hand Games, and we were winning, it brought us together and helped us support each other. It showed we could be united even though we were in different classes and programs. It brought good laughter because we didn’t think we could make it to the final six. It allowed us to develop friendships we didn’t have when we left home.”

### Students @ AIHEC

Austin Cree (Turtle Mountain)  
Information Technology  
Melarie Pretty Paint (Crow Agency)  
Nursing  
Stace Kabatay (First Nations, Canada)  
Health, P.E. & Recreation

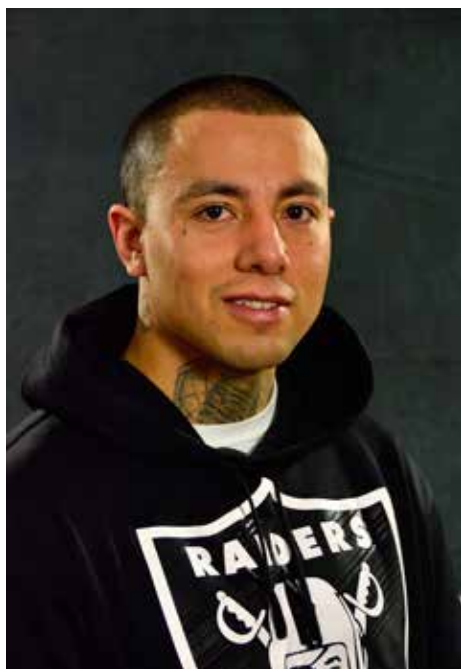
Lucas Nadeau (Turtle Mountain)  
Business Management  
Marvin Cree (Turtle Mountain) Business  
Management  
Kendrick Ruiz (Standing Rock) Business  
Administration  
Melissa Buffalo (Standing Rock)  
Business Administration  
Nikki Olson (Non-Native)  
Environmental Science & Research  
Amy Jackson (Navajo Nation)  
Environmental Science & Research  
Dawn Alkhafaji (Turtle Mountain)  
Environmental Science & Research  
Jayde Bettelyoun (Oglala Lakota)  
Criminal Justice  
Kimberlee Blevins (Three Affiliated)  
Pre-Engineering  
Mandi Hairy Shirt (Three Affiliated)  
Business Administration  
Jamie Lawrence (Crow Agency) Nursing  
Liz White (Standing Rock) Criminal  
Justice  
Jalen One Feather (Standing Rock)  
Health, P.E. & Recreation  
Randy Two Crow (Oglala Lakota)  
attended as UTTC’s Coca-Cola Scholar;  
Criminal Justice



**Holy cow, it’s Batman-** Official Batman impersonator Clint Young of CY Productions visited with would-be crime-fighters June 11 at UTTC. Youngsters were a big part of the audience when the college hosted the Batmobile for a fundraiser. Photos with Batman and rides in his cool car were provided, along with refreshments and musical entertainment.

United Tribes News photo DENNIS J. NEUMANN

# UTTC Student of the Year: Joshua Chavez



Joshua Chavez

BISMARCK (UTN) – Joshua Chavez is the American Indian College Fund “Student of the Year” for United Tribes Technical College.

Chavez is from the Northern Arapaho Tribe in WY. He was on the UTTC President’s List for Fall Semester 2015 and Spring Semester 2016.

He’s a member of All Nations Assembly of God Church in Bismarck and a regular volunteer for clean-up, social gatherings and events at the church that meets on the UTTC campus.

He was involved as a volunteer with the Northern Arapaho Council of Elders language revitalization program back

home and with the tribe’s youth program. Chavez said his educational goal at UTTC was to graduate with a certificate in welding, which he did on May 13.

“My objective was to work hard and make the President’s List,” he says. “I feel this is a high honor that will open more opportunities for me in the workforce.”

Chavez believes that completing his educational goal is an example for young people on the reservation.

“There isn’t a lot of opportunity in the Native community and higher education is limited,” he wrote in an essay for the College Fund award. “I believe that knowledge is power. As long as you are willing to dedicate yourself to attaining it, with time, effort and hard work, it is possible.”

“My younger siblings look up to me and by graduating and continuing to live a healthy lifestyle, I know I will inspire them to follow my lead,” he says.

Chavez is the son of Teresa Hughes-His Chase, a UTTC graduate, Gipp Fellowship recipient, and former UTTC staff member who now works for Arapahoe School District #38 on the Wind River Reservation.

About his future, Chavez believes that job opportunities in North Dakota are endless. “My goal is to be employed in the Bakken Shale region so I can gain experience necessary to further my career as a certified welder.”

“I would like to be an independent

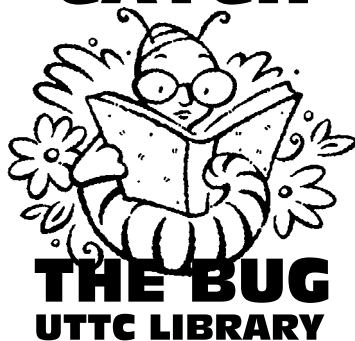
contractor for oil companies and eventually own my own welding company,” he says.

Chavez was selected for the \$1,000 scholarship from among students nominated by each UTTC academic department. Applicants were ranked based on GPA, community involvement and career goals.

Chavez expressed his thanks and appreciation to the College Fund. “This will help pay for my tuition, books, fees and living expenses as I work to accomplish my educational goals,” he said. “Thank you wholeheartedly. I’m truly humbled, blessed and thankful.”

For more information about scholarships and grants at UTTC, please contact UTTC’s Student Financial Aid staff: 701-255-3285 x 3123.

## CATCH



West Main Floor  
Education Building

Hours: Monday - Friday  
8 am - 5 pm

Books, Journals, Magazines,  
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If you or anyone you know is  
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stalking, help is always available.

Please contact:  
Donna R. Belgarde,  
UTTC Domestic Violence Advocate  
701-255-3285 x 1456  
[dbelgarde@uttc.edu](mailto:dbelgarde@uttc.edu),  
Wellness Center - Room 110A



# Thunderbird Classic

## 2016



UNITED TRIBES  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## criterium

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

Registration Opens at 8:00 AM  
Registration closes 15 minutes before the start of your race.

**Women's Beginner/Intermediate**

*9 a.m and is 20 min plus 3 laps*

**Women's Advanced**

*10:00 a.m and is 45min plus 3 laps*

**Men's Beginner/Intermediate**

*9:30a.m and is 20min plus 3 laps*

**Men's Advanced**

*11a.m and is 45 min plus 3 laps*

**Junior Race**

*(13 and under) 12 p.m and is 2 laps*

**\$10 ENTRY FEE**

**UTTC Students are FREE**

*Helmets are required to race*

*Beginner/Intermediate racers may use any wheel size.*

*Advanced racers must use 700c wheels*

# News reporting is storytelling

## Former TV network correspondent visits UTTC

By Alicia Hegland-Thorpe, United Tribes News



Hattie Kauffman

In the early 70's, Hattie Kauffman was a 17 year-old college freshman ready to change the world. She had ideas to explore, people to meet and stories to tell.

But she didn't know how to get started.

When she was a youngster, her family left their home Nez Perce reservation in Idaho. She and six other siblings grew up alone, without electricity and many times without water, in Seattle Public Housing projects.

"When you have alcoholic parents, bills tend to not get paid," she told a group March 10 at United Tribes Technical College.

But she learned to survive, and she believes it was those "survival skills" that enabled her become successful as a reporter.

# "When you have alcoholic parents, bills tend to not get paid"

### Would-be Drop-Out

Kauffman is a media icon and role model in Indian Country. She spent 40 years in television news and holds the distinction of being the first Native American to report a news story on one of the major TV networks.

Now, in a book and on the speaking circuit, she intertwines her experiences in broadcast news with her personal life, telling of lessons learned over the years.

Kauffman says she considered

dropping out of high school. But a Native community leader convinced her otherwise, saying, "Hattie we don't need more Indian *dropouts*, we need more Indian *graduates*."

Kauffman attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis because she followed one of her sisters there. At the time, the American Indian Movement was making headlines. She recounted that during a meeting of the American Indian Student Association, a radio producer asked if anyone might be interested in reporting "Indian news" on the college station.

When nobody raised a hand, she did. She was on the air the next day. And her reporting led to a scholarship and a job on WCCO Radio, the popular Twin Cities CBS affiliate.

### TV News

Though her broadcasting career started in radio, like many, her career path turned to television news reporting. She started in TV at KING 5 News in Seattle, where she won four Emmy awards. She became a network TV news correspondent and substitute anchor for ABC's Good Morning America and later worked at CBS. Her reports were carried on many nationally televised programs, including 48 Hours, Street Stories, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS Radio, CBS Special Reports, the Early Show, and the CBS Evening News.

### Story Telling

Kauffman says that Native Americans are, by nature, story tellers. Before retiring in 2012, she covered a wide range of stories from volcano eruptions, plane crashes, and presidential elections, to red carpet galas and backstage interviews with Hollywood stars.

Now, she spends her retirement traveling, speaking and attending book signings. She also paints. Her book is titled "Falling Into Place."

Find out more about Hattie Kauffman at [www.hattiekauffman.com](http://www.hattiekauffman.com).

United Tribes News photo Dennis Neumann



## 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:

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

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

### United Tribes Governing Board UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH DAKOTA

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# Standing Rock Public Transit – Rides for Everyone!

Standing Rock Public Transit offers rides for people of all ages and for any purpose.

Affordable fares

Medicaid accepted for medical rides

Passengers that require physical assistance may bring a companion along for free

Services available Monday thru Friday to and from Bismarck/Mandan and the following communities:

| North Dakota Communities | South Dakota Communities |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cannonball               | Bullhead                 |
| Fort Rice                | Dupree                   |
| Fort Yates               | Eagle Butte              |
| Huff                     | Kenel                    |
| Porcupine                | Little Eagle             |
| Selfridge                | McLaughlin               |
| Solen                    | Mobridge                 |
|                          | Timberlake               |
|                          | Wakpala                  |

Transit also offered two days per week to and from Bismarck/Mandan and the following communities:

**Selby, Gettysburg, Oneida, Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.**

**More info or to schedule a ride 701-854-8090**

Schedules and videos about bus rides at this link: <http://sittingbull.edu/sitting-bull-college/community/transport/>

## 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



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

### Schedules and More Info:

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# "SUMMER NIGHTS" - UTTC Student Awards



"Summer Nights" the theme for Student Awards

United Tribes News photo DENNIS J. NEUMANN

## United Tribes Technical College

### Student & Athletic Awards

May 12, 2016

Keynote speaker Kara Four Bear

### Academic Affairs Awards:

Community Service Volunteer Award:  
*Marlene Cook*

Community Service Volunteer Award:  
*Jen Desersa*

Community Service Volunteer Award:  
*Shotay Waters*

Community Service Volunteer Award:  
*Margaret Landin*

Community Service Volunteer Award:  
*Dakota Eagle*



Exemplary Academic Tutoring Services: *Tasha Bordeaux*  
Teacher Education Student of the Year: *Justyn Lawrence*  
AIHEC

Critical Inquiry, *Justyn Lawrence* was also selected UTTC Outstanding Student in Teacher Education by the ND Association

of Colleges for Teacher Education



First Place: *Jayden Bettelyoun*  
AIHEC Critical Inquiry, First Place: *Liz White*

Cultural Leadership Award: *Frankie Graves*

School Spirit Award: *Mandi Hairy Shirt*  
School Spirit Award: *Kimberlee Blevins*  
ND Chapter Wildlife Society Undergrad Student Award: *Nicole Olson*

Exemplary Representation of Welding Technology: *Joshua Chavez*  
ND Society of Range Management, First Place Poster: *Shannon Dunham*  
ND Society of Range Management, Second Place Poster: *Nicole Olson*



Margaret Landin, Jen Desersa, Marlene Cook



Liz White, Amira Gunn, Davine Gilbert



AIHEC Oral Presentation, Presentation Award Third Place: Dawn Alkhafaji  
Dedication and Growth in Art/Art Marketing: Simone Wilson  
Dedication and Growth in Art/Art Marketing: Cherikie Tillman

Mandi Hairy Shirt, Kimberlee Blevins



Exemplary Representation of Automotive Technology: Bartlett D. Wanna  
Dedication and Growth in Heavy Equipment Operation: Elijah St. Clair

Brian Palecek



Perseverance in Tribal Environmental Science: Richard Scott  
AIHEC Digital Art Competition People's Choice: Amira Gunn  
AIHEC Jewelry, First Place: Amira Gunn  
AIHEC Quilting, Third Place: Davine Gilbert

**Faculty/Staff Awards:**  
Civic Leadership Award: Leah Hamann  
Customer Service Award: Warren Horse Looking Sr.  
Customer Service Award: LuAnn Poitra  
Customer Service Award: Greg Messer  
Customer Service Award: Joely Heavy Runner  
Customer Service Award: Ramona Schell  
– Lisa J. Azure, PhD, Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Outstanding Faculty**

Brian Palecek

**Outstanding Staff**

Kara Greenwood & Jazalyn Corely

**Outstanding Student**

Margaret Landen  
– Nominated by and voted for by the student body

**Leadership Through Experience**

**Worker of the Year scholarship:**

Shadrack Toroitich

**Tom and Frances Leach Foundation scholarships:**

Kasa D. Hohenstein,  
Chance E. Poitra & Chantina Big Hair

**Athletic Awards Mon-Dak Academic All-Conference**

overall 3.0 GPA  
Women: Terae Briggs, Shelby Greeley, McKayla

Augustine Mathias



Peltier, Jessica Starr  
Men: Augustine Mathias  
**Mon-Dak All-Conference:**  
Terae Briggs, First Team  
Shawn Craig, Second Team

**Region XIII All-Region**

Terae Briggs, Shelby Greeley, Shawn Craig

**Region XIII MVP**

Terae Briggs

**NJCAA DII 2nd Team All-American**

Terae Briggs

**THUNDERBIRD TEAM AWARDS:**

Most Improved-Women: McKayla Peltier  
Most Improved-Men: Augustine Mathias  
Betty Ann Horn Award: Shelby Greeley  
John Thunder Hawk Award: Augustine Mathias  
Most Valuable Thunderbird-Women: Terae Briggs  
Most Valuable Thunderbird-Men: Shawn Craig

Kasa Hohenstein and family





# UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# POWOW



September 10th, 2016

Registration will open up at 7:30 am

10k starts at 8:00 am and cost is \$25 dollars  
5k Starts at 8:15 am and cost is \$15 dollars  
Kids fun run will start at 10:00 am and is FREE

All UTTC students are FREE  
All other Students the cost is \$5 dollars

<https://runsignup.com/Race/ND/Bismarck/UnitedTribesInternationalPowwow10kand5kRun>



# THUNDERBIRDS ATHLETICS



Region 13 and District F Champions, from left: Shelby Greeley, Sisseton, SD; Kaylea Skunkcap, Browning, MT; Jessica Starr, Twin Buttes, ND; McKayla Peltier, Dunseith, ND; Gia Davis, Belcourt, ND; and Terae Briggs, Pryor, MT.

## Lady Thunderbirds first time to Nationals

The 2015-16 UTTC women's basketball season went all the way to the NJCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championships. The Lady Thunderbirds made their first appearance ever in the national tournament March 15-19 in Overland Park, KS.



Craig & Shavehead

## Stars of the Night

Congratulations to Shawn Craig and Trevor Shavehead, on the nationwide acclaim they received from a wild double-overtime Mon-Dak Conference game on February 24. They were the lone Thunderbirds left after three of their five teammates fouled out, leaving them to battle two-on-five against the Dakota College at Bottineau Lumberjacks. The 'Jacks won the game 158-154 but Craig and Shavehead were the big winners, earning

widespread admiration and national recognition as 'Stars of the Night' on the cable TV sports network ESPN.

## Mon-Dak Choices

Two members of the 2015-16 Thunderbirds teams were all-conference selections: Lady Thunderbird Terae Briggs was selected for the Mon-Dak Conference Women's First Team and Thunderbird Guard Shawn Craig to the Men's Second Team.

## Higher Calling

Lady Thunderbird Terae Briggs is off to represent Native Americans on college basketball's largest stage. The 6'3" UTTC center will play for the University of Nevada Wolfpack. Briggs hails from the tiny town of Pryor, MT on the Crow Nation.

*United Tribes News photos DENNIS J. NEUMANN*



Terae Briggs

**MANY DRUMS**  
AA Meeting

Meetings will be held at the  
Wellness Center Healing Room

Thursdays - 7:00 pm

All Welcome

**DRIVE SLOW**

We ♥ Our Kids!

## 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".

# Family Fun Day

The Family Fun Day Committee would like to thank everyone who made the August 15 event at Bismarck's Sertoma Park a big success! 'Thank You' to A'viands for catering the delicious food. 'Thanks' to the MBDA Business Center for their generous donation of additional door prizes. And a huge 'THANK YOU' to all UTTC employees who helped with the setup and cleanup and assisted with Bingo.

– Family Fun Day Committee



Family Fun Day at Sertoma Park.



Tami Bornemann and Sam Azure

## UTTC Employee Awards

**Presented August 15, 2016 at Family Fun Day**

**5 YEARS** Jeremy Guinn, Tribal Environmental Science Chair/Instructor; Donovan Lambert, Director of Admissions & Recruiting; Ryanne Red Bird, Payroll Specialist

**10 YEARS** Colleen Bredahl, Graphic Design Instructor; Mary Meyer, TJES Kindergarten Teacher

**15 YEARS** Laura Hoerner TJES Grade 2 Teacher; Dean Schmitz, Maintenance Electrician

**25 YEARS** Tami Bornemann, TJES Grade 5 Teacher; Francis "Sam" Azure, UTTC Vice President of Early Childhood Services/TJES Principal

## Property/Procurement Mgr.

Congratulations to Melvin Miner, the college's Property and Supply Manager on having assumed the duties of UTTC Purchasing Agent. His new title is Property and Procurement Manager. Melvin now assures that employees and the college comply with all of the applicable federal, state and tribal regulations. Any questions or concerns, contact him: mminer@uttc.edu, x 1750, Building 51, east end of campus.

## Law Enforcement Transition

United Tribes said farewell to Savannah Peterson, who left UTTC's Safety & Security Program. She was also with the Wellness Programs as a Domestic Violence advocate the past few years. Savannah did a great job at Safety & Security. We're very proud of her and wish her the best in her law enforcement career!

– Joely Heavy Runner, Safety & Security Director

## UTTC New Employees

Greg Messer, IT Desktop Technology Technician

Sheridan McNeil, Career & Technical Education Director

Christopher Knoll, Health Promotion Specialist

Corrine Wells-Felix, Switchboard

Jackie Kills Plenty, Maintenance

Custodian

Camille Martell, Career Counselor

Derric Running Horse, Property

Management Specialist

Eddie Morris, Residential Life

Custodian

Rueben Alicia, Maintenance laborer

Shanna DeCoteau, Maintenance

Custodian

Michelle Wise Spirit, Women's RA

Michael Fiechtner, HVAC Maintenance

Allen Ashes, Men's RA

Tristen Ortiz, Security Officer

Michael Dunn, Security Officer

Myles Lewis, Men's RA

Francine McDonald, Admin. Assistant

Registrar

Alvonne Penola, Academic and Personal Counselor

Leah McCloud, Contracts and Grants

Wyman Gray, On Call Security Officer

Timothy Birk, Maintenance Custodian

Lynissa Green, Women's RA

Andrew Ferris, Residential Service

Coordinator

Ashtyn Andres, Addiction Counselor II

Trentten Keplin, Maintenance Carpenter

Travis Spitzer, Maintenance Electrician

Michelle Burns, Elementary Speech

Pathologist

Tyson Maxon, CTE Recruiter

Robert Leftbear, Men's RA

Cree Vu, Billing Technician

– Debra S. Hempler,  
Human Resource Assistant





## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City of Bismarck Welcomes UTTC Leaders Summit and 47<sup>th</sup> International Powwow**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Bismarck Mayor Mike Seminary extends a warm welcome to all who attend the 20th annual Tribal Leader’s Summit in Bismarck September 6-8, and the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Powwow, Sept. 9-11, sponsored by United Tribes Technical College, including all who are visiting the area asking for their voices to be heard.

“It is an honor to host this annual cultural event that brings a richness of culture, diversity and economic benefit to our community,” said Mayor Seminary. “Many people aren’t aware of how important the Tribal Leader’s Summit and International Powwow are to our community.” These events bring about 20,000 people to the community each year who shop, dine, camp and utilize local amenities that contribute to our local economy.

“We are very gratified that United Tribes Technical College hosts this premier ethnic event in our community each year, celebrating the diversity of the area. It is one of the most amazing and moving experiences I’ve ever been a part of,” said Mayor Seminary. “The City of Bismarck has a very profound relationship with UTTC and a deep respect for the cultural exchange and all they bring to our community. We will continue to build upon the strength of this relationship.”

The powwow has become one of the premier cultural events of North Dakota, receiving numerous awards over the years. A study of the college’s economic impact shows that the summit and powwow bring approximately \$1.8 million to the local economy in direct expenditures; United Tribes Technical College total direct impact on the local economy contributed approximately \$32 million in 2010.

For more information please visit [www.bismarcknd.gov](http://www.bismarcknd.gov).

# Native American Science Fair



Seventh grader Evelyn Jones placed first with her project: "Magnetic Oil Spills."

Story & photo by Alicia Hegland-Thorpe, United Tribes News  
Ten students from Theodore Jamerson Elementary School attended the 33rd Annual North Dakota Native American Science and Engineering Science Fair held in Bismarck. Over

100 youngsters competed from across the state, including groups from Turtle Mountain Elementary, New Town Elementary, White Shield Elementary, Cannonball Elementary, Ojibway School and St. Ann's Elementary.

From hovercrafts to lava flows, from grasping with straws to which colored candles burn the fastest, these students worked hard on their science projects and were proud of the work they had accomplished for this special day.

TJES students at the January 19 event were: Sterling Cloud, Makyla McKay-3rd Grade. Laila Hernandez, Kaitlin Betone, Tucker Keplin-4th Grade. Ashley Willow, Serenity Eagle Bull, Tashauna Collins, 5th Grade. Isis Gray Water, Evelyn Jones, 7th Grade. All had placed at the local level and advanced to state.

Each project was "Ready to Judge." Citations were labeled with name brands and photo credits before judging. Students were allowed photo boards with illustrations of how their project worked; they were not allowed to bring in any materials.

## TJES at State Science Fair:

3rd, Makyla McKay, 3rd Grade, "Grasping with Straws"  
Serenity Eagle Bull, 5th Grade, "Foamy Fountain."

2nd, Ashley Willow, 5th Grade, "The Fizzy Lava Lamp," Isis Grey Water, 7th Grade, "What color candles burn faster?"

1st, Evelyn Jones, 7th Grade, "Magnetic Oil Spills."

# Youth Works Art Contest



Giving Hearts Day artists Kaleo Shoyo and Serenity Eagle Bull.

Story & photo by Alicia Hegland-Thorpe, United Tribes News  
TJES students grades 4-7 were asked to participate in the first ever UTTC Community and Youth Works "Giving Hearts Day" Art contest. With the theme "hearts," the event coincided with the Giving Hearts Day campaign. The title of the contest was "What are you fighting for?"

Seventeen students submitted artwork. Youth Works Bismarck Director Melanie Heitkamp says "the decision was very hard to make, it was hard to pick one, so we picked three".

3rd place winner Kia Merrick, 4th grade, received a \$15 Walmart gift card. 2nd place winner, Serenity Eagle Bull, 5th grade, \$25 Scheels gift card. 1st Place winner, Kaleo Shoyo, 5th grade, received a \$100 Target gift card for his artwork called "Fighting for a better future". The winners were determined by Youth Works staff.

TJES students who didn't win weren't left out. They were rewarded with a pizza party!

Youth Works is a non-profit that helps homeless and at-risk youth. Learn more: <http://youthworksnd.org/donate-now/>.

# Fourth Grade Foresters

Fourth grade students at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School joined in the college's spring planting tradition May 9. Sixteen fourth-grade students planted Norway spruce trees as part of the "Fourth Grade Foresters" program in North Dakota. NDFS Community Forestry Specialist Joel Nichols instructed in how to plant a tree seedling. UTTC Agro-Ecology Technician Robert Fox said prayers for the new plantings that are located near the elementary school, where the students promise to watch over them. Other Land Grant staffers helped instruct during the planting.

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# Scholarship Students

## TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Congratulations to the UTTC Tribal Environmental Science (TES) students selected for “Building Sustainable Pathways” fellowships from the American Indian College Fund.

The four are: Tahnee Herrera, Marlee Finley, Bonita Claymore and Jonathan Holmes.

They were among 14 Native students selected who attend or have previously attended tribal colleges and universities in Montana, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, and Minnesota and are currently pursuing a 4-year degree.



Bonita Claymore



Marlee Finley

The award will assist them in obtaining a BS Environmental Science & Research degree at UTTC.

The fellowship provides significant financial assistance, an internship, student research opportunity, and faculty mentors. It provides \$5,000 per school year for two years to use towards a bachelor degree; a total \$10,000. The internship is a summer commitment of one-to-two summers depending on graduation date. An additional stipend of \$4,000 is provided for summer internship research projects. The total award is \$14,000.

The goal is to promote environmental sustainability in tribal communities that leads to systemic change. The awardees have demonstrated a vested interest in the sustainability of the environment as well as traditional ecological knowledge and practices.

To learn more about these and other College Fund awards, please contact Tanksi Clairmont, TCU Program Administrator: [tclairmont@collegefund.org](mailto:tclairmont@collegefund.org), 303-426-8900.

– Jeremy Guinn, PhD, UTTC TES Chair/Instructor

### COCA COLA SCHOLARSHIP



Randy Two Crow, UTTC Criminal Justice student, recipient of the Coca Cola Scholarship in 2016



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