

# UNITED TRIBES

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### "Refocusing our mission"

Increased pressure is being placed upon tribal colleges to graduate more students in the health career professions. For example, many of our Indian students come to our institutions with high hopes of becoming nurses, health information technicians, nutritionist, dietetic technician, injury prevention specialist, and other related fields of study. It is common knowledge that in order to enter these fields of study, a student must fulfill certain math and science pre-requisites including general chemistry, algebra, biochemistry, anatomy, and physiology to name a few.

This past academic year, United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) conducted a student survey and I would like to share some of the findings to give you a better picture of the dilemma tribal colleges must confront as part of our overall mission. The students of UTTC are indeed socially and culturally diverse:

1. 91% are enrolled tribal members. 27 tribes are represented.
2. 26% are bilingual. 16 languages are spoken on campus.
3. Average age is 28 years. Average number of years between a student's last experience receiving any education and enrollment at UTTC is reported to be 6.5 years.
4. 68% are female.
5. 59% are single.
6. 45% are single parents.
7. Average number of dependents per student is 2.5.
8. 81% of dependents are grade school aged (44% are preschool aged).
9. 18% report their highest education achieved is a GED, prior to enrollment at UTTC.
10. 66% report being a first generation college student in their families.
- 93% report earning less than \$15,000 prior to college. 57% report earning less than \$5,000 annually. 58% indicate their source of income was from employment.

Nationally and across the northern plains region, there is a shortage of Native Americans in the allied health professions. UTTC is addressing this shortage by the allied health vocations offered. UTTC offers Associate of Applied Science degrees in the careers of Nursing, Health Information Technology, Injury Prevention, and Dietetic Technician. According to the American Health Information Management Association, only 93-credentialed health information technologists are Native American (less than .5%). The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports this field is growing at a 54% annual rate and the Indian Health Service is desperate for credentialed medical record professionals. It is a situation that does not promise to change rapidly. Data provided by the American Association of Medical Colleges shows that minorities, as a group, tend to score lower on admission tests such as the MCAT, making them less competitive for their credentialing examination.

As noted in the *Tribal College Journal* (Vol. 111, Winter 1992, No. 3) most Indian students learn better when we (educators) A) keep introductory mathematics and science class size small as possible in order to help beginning students meet the required academic standards, B) provide academic support and enrichment in order to bridge the gap for those students weak in mathematics and science and provide tutoring outside the formal contact hours, and C) present a strong American Indian perspective with emphasis on the relevance of such courses to contemporary American Indian concerns. Here at UTTC, we believe these can be achieved by setting up student mentoring programs for mathematics, science, and technology classes. American Indian student mentors will be able to connect with students and can act as role models.

In conclusion, UTTC is grateful for all of our stu-

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## Weekly Menu

### DINNER

**August 23 - 27**

- Mon.- Honey Roasted Turkey Sandwich, Soup, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk
- Tue.- Tortilla Hot Dish, Spanish Rice, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk  
Oven Baked Chicken, Rice, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Assorted
- Wed.- Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk  
Hamburger on a Bun, Baked Fries, Salad Bar, Assorted
- Thu.- Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk  
Chicken Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad Bar, Assorted
- Fri.- Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk

**August 30**

- Mon.- Croissant Sandwich with Turkey or Ham, Potato Salad, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk

### SUPPER

**August 23 - 27**

- Mon.- Baked Ham, Baked Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Salad Bar, 2% or Skim Milk
- Tue.- New England Dinner, Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Vegetable, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Wed.- Meat Loaf, Rice Pilaf, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Thu.- Shish-Ka-Bob Casserole, Wild Rice, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Fri.- Fish Platter, Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Salad Bar, Dessert, 2% or Skim Milk
- Mon.- Braised Beef over Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Fresh Fruit, 2% or Skim Milk

## Welcome

The United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Placement Office takes pleasure in welcoming all new and returning students.

The purpose of our placement office is to help students plan their careers; keep records; do job development for the areas of Cooperative Education and Student Graduation. We provide career development resources, and help students inquire about various opportunities.

The Placement Office is located on the main floor of the Education Building 31 & 32. On the main floor you will find the placement offices in Rooms 120 & 122. Shirley Iron Road is in Room 120 and at extension 226 and I am in Room 122 at extension 280.

In one wing of the building you will find job announcements in colored binders pertaining to all our vocations. These job announcements are from both the Public and Private Sectors (Nationally and Locally) in the areas of, Indian Programs, Indian Gaming, Federal Programs, North and South Dakota Job Services, and the alike. They are updated daily.

In another wing there is a rack containing higher education material along with journals, magazines and newspapers on career planning. We have about three bulletin boards in these areas. Two are placement bulletin boards that are used for local job announcements, national job announcements, internships, apprenticeships, fellowships and the like. Sometimes job announcements are posted in their corresponding areas.

We have a program installed on our computers called "Career Choices". This software helps our vocational students do Career exploration for opportunities throughout the nation. It is updated once a year beginning in the fall. Students are able to access this program in the placement office. Please make an appointment.

Placement news and job announcements will be provided in UTTC's Weekly Newsletter at least once a month.

Late coming students who were not at my orientation presentation are required to come into the placement office to fill out data base forms, Cooperative Education Enrollment forms and to receive placement information essential to your future.

Remember that you need work experience before you graduate to make your diploma more valuable. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION is a program designed to get the college student out into the work force before they graduate. Students who have work experience added to their degrees will be hired by employers over students

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who do not. A certificate and or associate degree isn't enough these days. The employers are looking for dependable, reliable people with education and WORK-EXPERIENCE. Your Cooperative Education experience will make the difference in finding the job you want after graduation.

If you are a new student, you are not eligible for cooperative education until your third semester. However, if you are a new student and are working in a job that pertains to your vocation, you will be able to BANK hours that are earned in your first and second semester. They will then become active in your third semester. Come and see me for more info on co-op and banking hours.

Students who are doing work-study, Peer tutoring and paid Injury Prevention Internships may also participate in the Cooperative Education program. They must be working in a position that pertains to their vocation and meet all eligibility requirements.

Summer 1999 Cooperative Education Students, your work-hours are due in my office by Friday, August 27, 1999, 5:00 PM. Hours not reported by the deadline time will be lost.

Returning students need to update their data base cards and to see if they are eligible for Cooperative Education Internships.

December 1999 Graduates are required to have three interviews with the placement office this semester. One to update your data card; another to review your resume and federal application forms 171 and 612 and exiting form by the 1999 Fall Mid-term deadline (TBA).

Please feel free to stop in and visit, your future is important to us.

Thank You.

Vince Schanandore,  
Placement Coordinator

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Students who do complete their programs and receive their A.A.S. degrees, however, we continue to lose far too many students who cannot "hit the ground running" in terms of their academic and social preparation. The BIA, tribal, and public schools must redouble their efforts in preparing our Native American students to develop their talents and abilities in all academic, social, and cultural areas. The UTTC survey reveals that Indian students desire to

continue their education in spite of the difficulties, burdens, obstacles, and risks involved. This should inspire all of us to do a better job particularly for those of us in the field of Indian education. If nothing else I implore my colleagues at the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels to refocus our mission and purpose to advance the cause of our Native American students who want more opportunities, a better life, a better future.

**ATTENTION  
ALL STUDENT IN GROUP #5  
YOUR NEXT MEETING  
WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 25, 1999  
AT 4:00 PM  
AT BUILDING #68  
(The Chemical Health Center)  
You are required to attend  
your Group Meetings.**

**Joe McGillis  
Home Group #6  
will meet on Thursday  
at 11:00 a.m. at Bldg. 68  
Chemical Health Center**

**Catholic Services  
Every Sunday at the  
Chapel - 10:00 AM**

## Orientation . . .

Reminder to new students regarding Home Groups. Home Groups are mandatory. September groups will meet every week.

This is your Group Number and Meeting Areas:

- Group 1: Rosie, Ext. 291 - Room 111E - SSS Computers
- Group 2: Marla, Ext. 342 - Room 107B - Police Science
- Group 4: Josette, Ext. 300/200 - Room 109 - SSS Class Room
- Group 5: Harriet, Ext. 268 - Room 117C - Carpentry
- Group 6: Joe, Ext. 274 - Room 111C - Bala's Computer Lab
- Group 8: Marge, Ext. 292 - Room 117D - Criminal Justice Room
- Group 9: Kevin, Ext. 361 - Room 117D - Criminal Justice Room
- Group 10: Suzanne, Ext. 247/289 - Room 112 - IVN Room
- Group 11: Vocational Counselor, Ext. 277 - Room 107  
Police Auditorium

**Mini Home for SALE**  
**20 ft. 1976 Chev. 350**  
**New Rebuilt motor. Tires Good.**  
**First \$3000.00 takes it.**  
**Call Ext. 302, Ask for Bud.**

## POWWOW SOUVENIRS

Each year Arrow Graphics has **STAFF/FACULTY/STUDENT Powwow Souvenir SALE DAY** where everyone on campus can purchase this year's Powwow Souvenirs at a reduced rate, with payroll deduction as an option for payment. (Students must be on pre-approved list from Financial Aid).

We are tentatively scheduling this years **SALE DAY** as Wednesday, September 1st. Read next weeks newsletter for exact time's, dates, and a list of items for sale.

## **POWWOW WORKERS NEEDED!**

Staff and Faculty are needed to work the Powwow - please sign up "voluntarily" - and become a part of this years event.

We realize all of us have personal lives and responsibilities outside of our work, but if we all work together and put in even 2-4 hours per person, it will help the next person out who ends up putting in 20-40 hours because of lack of help.

Staff/faculty working Powwow will receive "comp time" for hours worked if time is after normal 8-5 working hours.

Below are the areas where workers are needed and who you must sign up with:

**FRONT GATE:** Wanda Swagger, Arrow Graphics Building 51.

**ART EXPO:** Sandy Poitra, Art Gallery - Building 7.

**CAFETERIA:** LeRoi Laundreaux, Cafeteria

**SOUVENIR STAND** schedule is filled - no more workers needed.

Every year, Front Gate is the hardest to fill - please ... help fill this schedule as it is one of the most important functions of the Powwow.



# POWWOW ADVANCE WRISTBANDS

Any staff, student or faculty member wanting to purchase advance wristbands for the Powwow, **MUST** purchase them in Arrow Graphics **BEFORE** September 3rd. So, if you are planning on purchasing wristbands for your family, friends, relatives, etc., do it **NOW** before the deadline.

All UTTC students coming through the Front Gate with legal dependents ages 18 & under enter the Powwow **FREE** – as long as you provide a Student ID card and are on the Admission list. Other family members and/or relatives must purchase a wristband.

Staff and/or faculty who are **working** the Powwow receive a **FREE** wristband. (If you are working more than one area during the Powwow - you still only receive one wristband for the entire weekend.) Those of you who have signed up to work must pick up your wristband and button from the Powwow Committee person you signed up with. Please have your wristbands in advance before the Powwow to save all the confusion at the Front Gate. You may pick these up any time now through September 6th.

Buttons are "Souvenirs" only and do not act as admittance to the Powwow.



## ADVANCE WRISTBANDS COSTS:

- Seniors (60 & Over): \$4.00
- Adults: \$8.00
- Children (6-12): \$4.00
- 5 & Under: FREE

## – POWWOW CALLS –

Every years at this time, phone calls are coming in regarding the Powwow. Since we have hundreds of phone extensions on campus, many times calls are transferred several times before reaching the right person. To avoid this, we have compiled a list of the appropriate persons handling specific areas of the Powwow. Please keep this list posted close to your phones so calls are transferred appropriately the first time. They are as follows:

Powwow Advertising:	John Beheler	Ext. 266
Parade:	Pat Jensen	663-6404
Miss Indian Nations:	Brenda Beheler	258-8594
Golf Tournament:	Dave Archambault or Tom Kuntz	854-7246 854-3613
Art Expo:	Sandy Poitra	Ext. 331
Youth Day:	Julie Cain	Ext 272
Group Rates:	Wanda Swagger	Ext. 293
Advance Tickets:	Wanda Swagger	Ext. 293
Vendors (Food/Art & Crafts):	Red Koch	Ext. 301
Veterans:	Wendell White Eyes	Ext. 233
Specials/Memorials:	LeRoi Laundreaux	Ext. 311
	Joe McGillis	Ext. 274
Souvenirs:	Sandy Erickson	Ext. 293
Registration: for Dancers/Singers	Shirley Iron Road	Ext. 226
Softball: Womens	Joetta McLeod	Ext. 216
Softball: Mens	Bob Parisian	Ext. 261
	John Thunderhawk	Ext. 261
All Other Questions:	Arrow Graphics	Ext. 293