

UNITED TRIBES

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Class of 2000 marks UTTC's 31st year

Bismarck, ND - United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) graduation is scheduled for May 5, 2000 with 77 graduates from 20 different tribal nations who will receive the Associate of Applied Science degree or special certificates in 12 different fields. The graduation, where some 700 are expected to gather at the Lone Star Arena, will be at 1:00 pm (CDT) and will include tribal leaders, family members, faculty and staff, and special guests from throughout the Great Plains.

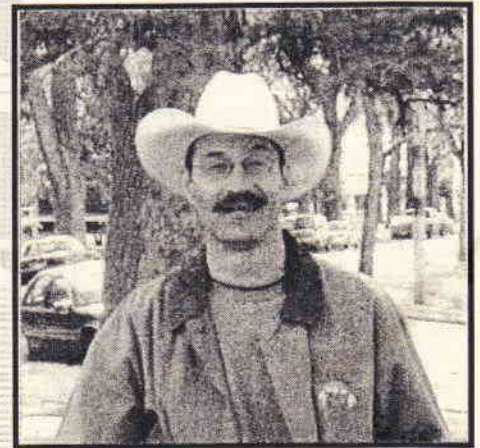
J. Kurt Luger will be the keynote speaker and is currently the executive director of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, Bismarck, North Dakota. Luger has a strong history of effectively managing tribal programs at the Cheyenne River Sioux, South Dakota, and the Quinault Indian Nation, Taholah, Washington. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, he has over 18 years of experience in working on tribal rights issues with such organizations as the National Congress of American Indians, and is an expert on gaming issues which impact the Great Plains Region with over 16 tribes from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska.

He will address graduates and their class motto of "If you dream it, you can achieve it. If you live it, you can become it."

Remarks will also be provided by Chairman Charles W. Murphy, UTTC Board, and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe located in North Dakota and South Dakota, along with comments from other attending tribal leaders and UTTC President David M. Gipp.

UTTC, which opened its doors July 1, 1969, was founded by tribal leaders to provide training and education in an American Indian setting and represents the first tribally controlled postsecondary vocational educational institution to be founded at an intertribal level. Over 10,000 students have been served by the school from as many as 40 tribes from throughout the nation.

Tribal owners are represented on a ten member board by the elected tribal chairman and one delegate from five tribes, including The Spirit Lake Dakota Nation, The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, The Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold, and The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.



J. Kurt Luger, was the keynote speaker for the United Tribes year 2000 graduates. Luger, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, is from Fort Yates, ND, and spoke on the challenges and opportunities for graduates as they enter the work force. Luger is the executive director of the North Dakota Indian Gaming Association, as well as the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association.



The College's graduations included the pre-school (pictured), ceremonial at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES), and the main college graduation on May 5, 2000.

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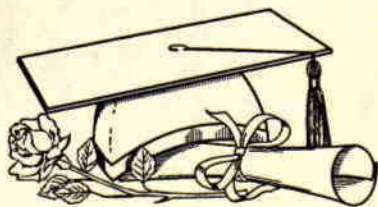
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In addition, UTTC will graduate its first class from the newly established Injury Prevention Program, a program designed to address the critical problems of injury in American Indian communities across the nation.

Mr. Richard Smith, Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Coordinator, Rockville, Maryland, will attend this historic occasion. UTTC offers the first undergraduate program among both two and four year degree granting institutions in the nation. Graduates represent a new and developing profession among tribal nations.

UTTC offers over 20 programs and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. A key part of the school mission is to focus on the education and development of the American Indian Family. Thus, the college provides early childhood services to dependents of the adults through two daycare centers and a K-8, Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, on the 105 acre campus.

A reception will follow at the UTTC cafeteria. For further information, contact the president's office at (701) 255-3285, extension 208.



Congratulations from the Chairman & President

May 5, 2000

Graduates, Students, Staff, Faculty, Family and Friends,

Greetings, and thank you for another successful year, I know that we would not be here without your hard work and commitment. As we celebrate another milestone for United Tribes Technical College and the graduating Class of 2000, we look back on the memories and moments of the past year. The enclosed newsletter captures several of the most recent events shared by our students, faculty and staff.

As United Tribes Technical College enters the new millennium, we embrace many challenges, more importantly, we seek new opportunities and methods of conveying excellence in academics, culture and services to the American Indian family and throughout Indian Country.

Today, we celebrate with the relatives and families of students that have become integral members of the United Tribes family. This shared vision of making life more meaningful for our students and their families represents the culmination of working together for the benefit of those graduating today. Today, we congratulate and commend your efforts for planting the seed and preparing future leadership for our tribal nations.

United Tribes continues to grow as a community, with projects slated for a Cultural Interpretive Center, new Student Life Center and additional housing for students. New academic programs including Computer Sciences and Tribal Management and new initiatives such as distance learning and teacher education represent new horizons. Today, we are thankful for this continued growth as well.

On behalf of the staff and UTTC Board of Directors, thank you for another successful year and have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Murphy,
Chairman, UTTC Board &
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Sincerely,

Dr. David M. Gipp
UTTC President

Congratulations

You did it!

~ Graduates ~ Associate of Applied Science

Art/Art Marketing

Kathryn M. Beheler - Yankton Sioux
Thomas T. Red Bird - Cheyenne River Lakota

Automotive Service Technology

Dale Michael Vivier - Turtle Mountain Chippewa
Nathan N. Thunderhawk - Cheyenne River Sioux

Construction Technology

William Joseph DeMarce - Fort Totten Sioux
Frank Eagle - Standing Rock Sioux
Deeken Blue Means - Cheyenne River Sioux

Criminal Justice

Cissandra Lee Christopherson - Turtle Mountain Chippewa
Chev M. Hackett - Cheyenne River Sioux
Francis S. Stricker - Yankton Sioux
Eugene W. Stump - Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux
* Dawn Louise Shields - Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
* Julie Ann McBride - Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
* Constance Myore - Northern Ute
• Anthony White Bear - Three Affiliated Tribes

Early Childhood Education

• Dean Gillis - Standing Rock Sioux
Eli Feather Earring - Pine Ridge
Ree Hosie - Three Affiliated Tribes
Dannelle Alexis McDonald - Winnebago
Monica Faye Nagel - Three Affiliated Tribes
Violet Y. Plenty Chief - Three Affiliated Tribes
• Ladeana Roberts - Eastern Shoshone, Wind River
Shelly Renee Simon
Erin J. Slides Off - Cheyenne River Sioux
• Robert Webster - Omaha Tribe
Delshay Louis Webster - Omaha Tribe
Wendy Weinzirl

Health Information Technology

* Stefanie Renee Goulette - Yankton Sioux
* Doreen Mavis Irwin - Three Affiliated Tribes
* Stan Long Tree - Fort Peck
* Roxanne R. Conger-Stricker - Yankton Sioux
* Rhonda Rae Yankton - Cheyenne River Sioux

Hospitality Management

Ethel M. Hall - Sioux Valley First Nation
• Genevieve Hollow - Standing Rock Sioux
Gary W. Standing Crow - Standing Rock Nation
David Rue Strange Owl - Northern Cheyenne

Injury Prevention

Sharon A. Clairmont - Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Minnie Ann Plenty Chief - Standing Rock Sioux
Sandy Summa - Ute Mountain Ute
Geri Delane Stewart - Crow Agency
* Tyson Lee Parisien - Turtle Mountain Chippewa

Office Technology

E. Maranda Beatus - Fairbanks
Troy William Blount - Fort Peck Sioux
Harriet R. Broken Nose - Pine Ridge
Mary E. Eagle Shield - Standing Rock Sioux
Melichi James Four Bear - Fort Peck Sioux
Claudia A. Four Star - Fort Peck
Malinda M. Geigle - Standing Rock Sioux
Michael Lawrence - Standing Rock Sioux
Renee M. Little Wolf - Northern Cheyenne
Janet L. McHugh - Three Affiliated Tribes
Tonya R. Morris - Omaha Tribe
• Debbie A. Painte - Three Affiliated Tribes
• Darla M. Red Hail - Crow Creek Sioux
Katherine Reiter - Standing Rock Sioux
Melanie M. Rivera - Standing Rock Sioux
Alan Joseph Spoonhunter - Northern Arapaho/Blackfeet
• Isabel Marie Tayler - Crow Creek Sioux

Practical Nursing

Lynn M. Azure - Turtle Mountain Chippewa
Cheron Lea Davis - Turtle Mountain Chippewa
Michael R. Haas
Donna S. Luger
Norma E. Rajme
Beverly Lavonne Tobacco - Northern Cheyenne
Lucy F. White Eyes - Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux
Lacy Jo Witt
Nancy L. Yells Eagle - Cheyenne River Sioux

Small Business Management

• Alvin Bull Bear - Standing Rock Sioux
• Kelli R. Davis - Standing Rock Sioux
Chad Gregory Pechtelt - Turtle Mountain Chippewa
Debra Jean RenCountre - Standing Rock Sioux
Reva SunRhodes - Northern Arapaho

• Indicates December Graduates and * Indicated Summer Classes

Certificate

Construction Technology

Julie A. Hopkins - Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux

Hospitality Management

Lisa Mae Chase - Three Affiliated Tribes
Julie A. Hopkins - Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux

Office Technology

• Darcy Morrison - Cheyenne River Sioux

Welding Technology

Virgil F. Chase Jr. - Three Affiliated Tribes

~ Fall 1999 President List ~

Kathryn Beheler
Donna Belgarde
Randi Belgarde
Crystal Black Cloud
Troy Blount
Sandra Boggs
Ivan Brown Otter
Robert Buechler
Alvin Bull Bear
Jean Chapman
Jason Davenport
David Derby
Gloria Dwelle
Jamie Enno
Leaha Fast Horse
Melichi Four Bear
Jaimie Fox
Kendall Fox
Deanna Gipp
Amanda Gunn
Fred Gunn
Ethel Hall
Dawnell Hettich
Lavae High Elk
Julie Hopkins
Cora Jetty
James Jetty

Jodi Johnson
Sandra Karlson
Thomas Keller
Allen Knows Gun
Donna Luger
Jackie Many Bears
Janet McHugh
Shannon Medicine Horse
Joel Middaugh
Tonya Morris
Darcy Morrison
Amy Moyle
Monica Nagel
Leslie Ortley
Debbie Painte
Ryan Parisien
April Perkins
Doris Red Bird
Darla Red Hail
Katherine Reiter
Debra RenCountrre
Ladeana Roberts
Shane Schriock
Linda Schultz
Debra Selland
Lisa Shaw

Shelly Simon
Erin Slides Off
Penelope St. Clair
Sheena St. Clair
Amelia Starr
Marilyn Stenseth
Deborah
Stevenson
Catherine Still
Day
Connie Stockert
Roxanne Stricker
Wanda Swagger
Isabelle Taylor
Karen Tjaden
Rubi Toledano
Torres
Wenelle Veit
Luis Verdecia
Wendy Weinzirl
Kathleen Weiss
Niche Wellman
Anthony White
Bear
Kay Williams
Denise Zenker

~ Fall 1999 Dean's List ~

Shari Armell
Elena Beatus
Harriet Broken Nose
Kenneth Buckley
Jenelle Canyon
Cissandra Christopherson
Cheron Davis
Dustin Davis
Bridgett Derby
Joseph Espinoza
Evelyn Evans
Roberta Finley
Michelle Flying Horse
Rhonda Foote
Leann Fox
Dean Gillis

Stephanie Goulette
Michael Haas
Lynn Hugs
Antoine Knife
Michael Lawrence
Antoinette Lester
Renee Little Wolf
Christopher Long Soldier
Wayon Luke
Dannelle McDonald
Alexis Mendez
Peggy Morgan
John Nelson
Erica Old Lodge
Mary Otter Robe
Gerald Packineau

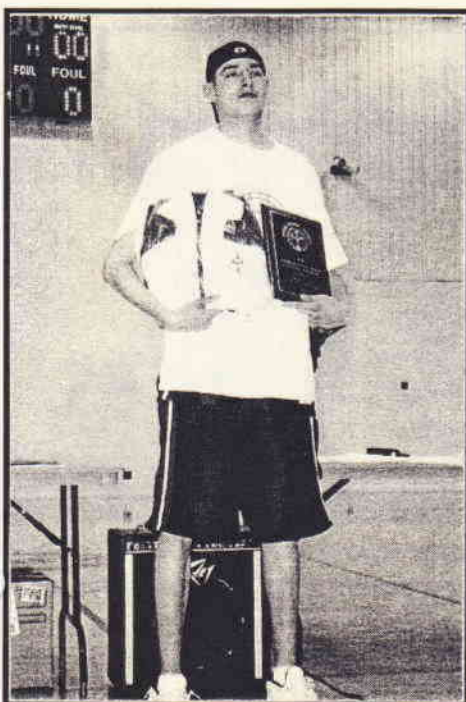
Tyson Parisien
Anthony Quick Bear
Kelly Quick Bear
Norma Rajme
Winston Sam
Dawn Shields
Alan Spoonhunter
Reva SunRhodes
Dale Vivier
Alma (Free) Walker
Delshay Webster
Wendell White Eyes
Arna Wilkinson
Lacy Witt
Denise Woodbury
Rhonda Yankton

Thunderbirds win another Championship

The UTTC Thunderbirds are champions of the AIHEC National Mens Basketball Tournament held April 1, 2000, and hosted at the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), Albuquerque, NM. They played overtime, defeating Salish Kootenai College 134-131. The women Thunderbirds took fourth place during the tourney.



AIHEC Tournament Champions. Left to Right: Percy Lussier, Coach Kevin Finley, Alan Spoonhunter, Joe Knows Gun, Anthony Quick Bear, Mel Four Bear, Troy Blount, Chev Hackett. Thunderbirds defeated Salish-Kootenai College in Championship Victory.



Joe Knows Gun, took All-Tourney MVP at the AIHEC National Tourney in Albuquerque, NM held April 1, 2000.



Bush Foundation visits College on faculty development



Bush Foundation Representatives visited UTTC Campus, April 28, 2000. Pictured here: Dr. David M. Gipp, UTTC President; Dr. Chandra Mehrotra & Dr. Wilbert H. Ahern, Bush Foundation; Dr. John Derby, Dean of Academics; Liz Miller, IVN Coordinator and Russell Swagger, Support Services Manager.



Student Senate Sponsors Fun Day Activities



The Student Senate held a special "Fun Day" on April 28, 2000. According to Student President Katie Beheler, this was a day to break the tension of study and finals. Activities included a staff-student softball game, a gunny sack race, a three-legged race, tug-of-war game and a water balloon contest. The activities were among the senate sponsored programs held throughout this past year.



Packineau gets a jump on other competitors during the Student Fun Day activities included a "gunny sack" race. From left to right: Referee Ivan Brown Otter, Gerald Packineau, Roger Buechler, Bobby Hill, Shauna Frazier, Geri Stewart and Rodney Reed.

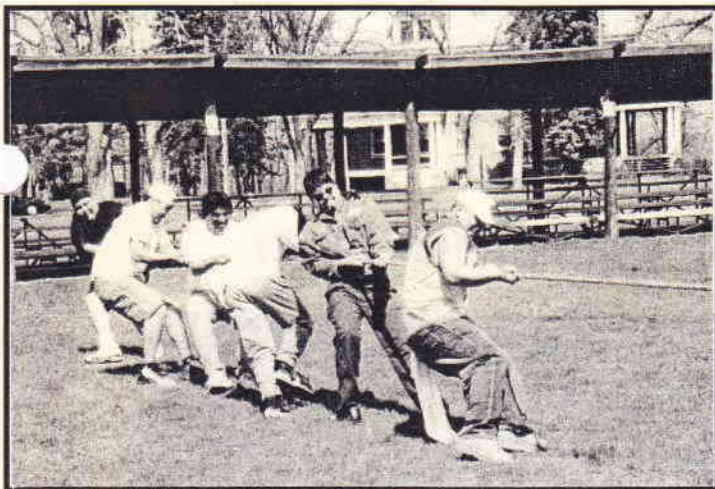


Leading . . . for now students reach the half-way mark of the race as they practice for the main event.

Student Fun Day Activities continued . . .



Ready . . . Get Set . . . Students partner up for the start of the three-legged race during fun day 2000.



Now thats TEAMWORK! No wonder they won.



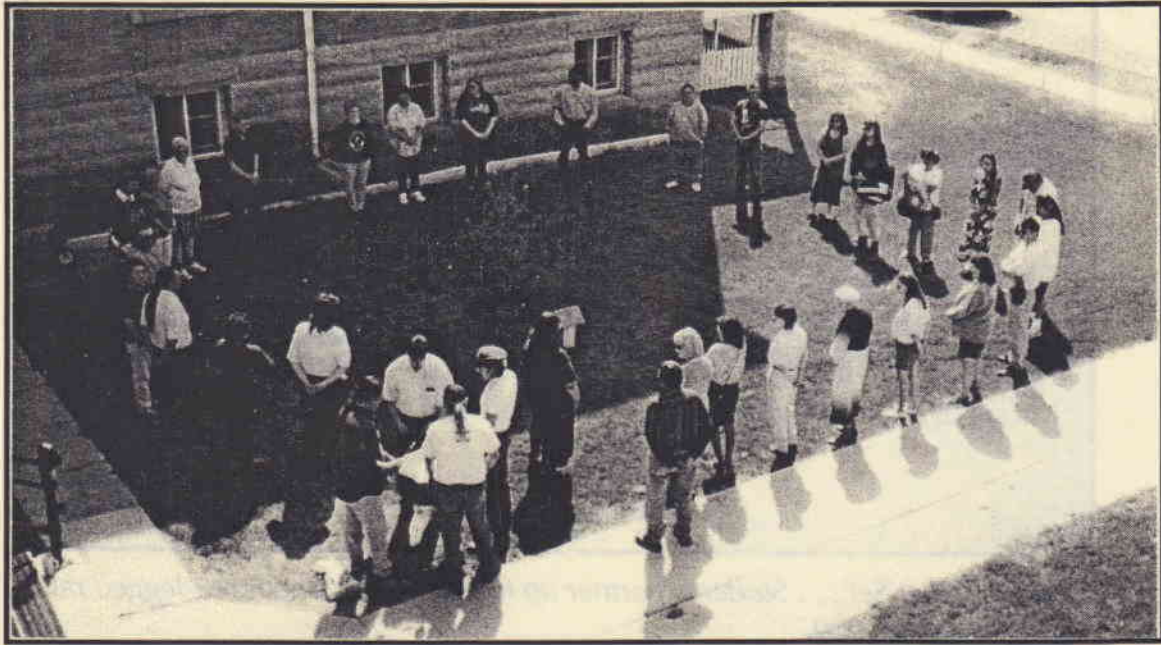
"If only the anchor helped, we would've taken it"



New van to assist students in Career Development

Pictured with the new Cooperative Education van provided through Carl Perkins funding. Left to Right: Geri Stewart, 1999 Student Senate President; Ivan Brown Otter, 2001 Student Senate President; Gerald Packineau, Indian Club President; and Katie Beheler, 2000 Student Senate President.

Office Technology dedicates a special tree at Main Education Building.



Office Technology Millennium Tree Planting Ceremony - Faculty, Staff and Students commemorate new beginnings with the planting of a tree. UTTC drum group provided an honor song for the occasion.

UTTC holds annual staff appreciation dinner



Faculty and Staff Recognition Banquet 2000. Left to Right: Donald Cain, Julie Cain, Marsha Azure, Beverly Derby and John Derby.