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Wellness classes underway at United Tribes



United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

WORKOUT WISE: Instructor Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua resets the elliptical exercise machine for Practical Nursing student Chasity Baker (Spirit Lake) during a wellness class at United Tribes Technical College. UTTC offers wellness classes for students and the staff. Read more on page 4.

UTTC restored to budget

BY DAVID M. GIPP, United Tribes Technical College President

WASHINGTON – United Tribes Technical College has learned that its federal funding has been restored as part of the executive budget. Official confirmation came during a meeting March 17 of the Department of Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Budget Advisory Council in Arlington, VA.

United Tribes is now part of the current Fiscal Year 2009 budget request by

the Obama Administration. This breaks an eight year cycle of being excluded from the Interior-BIA budget.

I was delighted to receive this good news.

It represents a long-absent affirmation of the value of United Tribes in training and educating Tribal people.

It means that we can proceed into the

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TC Presidents attend Clinton Global Initiative event



COLLABORATION: Three tribal college presidents from North Dakota represented a tribal and higher education world view during a Clinton Global Initiative meeting in February in Austin, TX. Seen visiting with Clinton are: TC Presidents Cynthia Malla, Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten; David Gipp, United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck; and Laurel Vermillion, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates. The former president started the non-profit, non-partisan initiative in 2005 through his foundation. According to its website, it reflects the former president's belief that governments need collaboration from a variety of sectors to effectively confront the world's most pressing problems. Striving to "turn ideas into action," the initiative says it has created nearly 1,200 specific, measurable commitments valued at \$46 billion, which have impacted more than 200 million lives in 150 countries. For more information visit: www.clintonglobalinitiative.org.



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T	Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes	Hamburger & French Fries	T French Dip w/ Au Jus & Chips	Sloppy Joe & Tator Tots
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Donors registered at United Tribes

BY SUZANNE SHIELDS, RN, UTTC Student Health Center Director

Bone marrow donor drive is successful

The United Tribes Student Health Center conducted a registry for the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) March 4 at the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center on the UTTC campus.

Fifty new donors were registered during a day-long effort that was staffed by Student Health Center staff: Director Suzanne Shields, RN; Lucie Gall, LPN; Charmelle Fuchs, LPN; and Andi Gladson, a trained volunteer who works as a graphic designer at the campus print shop, Arrow Graphics.

The donor registry steps were simple. Participants received information about the national program, provided a brief health assessment, and completed a donor form.

Four separate swabs were collected from the cheek area inside the mouth. Information was also provided about how individuals are asked to participate if they become a type match. Participants also received a donor NMDP identification card for being listed as a volunteer donor.

It was a good learning experience for everyone involved.

More than 6,000 men, women and children search the National Marrow Donor Registry daily for a life saving match. Some have Leukemia, lymphoma and other life threatening diseases that can be treated by a bone marrow transplant.

Race and ethnicity matter in tissue matches because tissue types are inherited. Patients are more likely to match someone from their own race or ethnicity.



UTTC Student Health Center Nurse Charmelle Fuchs, LPN, describes the National Marrow Donor Program to a participant during a registry campaign on March 4 at United Tribes Technical College. United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

Although donors of any ethnic background were registered, the United Tribes effort was aimed at increasing the number of American Indians in the registry.

The UTTC drive was directed by: Kevin Meyer, District Manager, NMDP Central Region Recruitment, East Lansing, MI; Pastor Gary Heaton, Med Center One; and Pastor Rebecca Aardahl, Heart River Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND.

Morning and afternoon snacks and beverages were offered and door prizes awarded to the following participants: Julie Cain (UTTC coffee mug); Jackie Benson (UTTC mouse pad); Opal Bear Ground (picture); Jessica Martinez (UTTC t-shirt); Donna Ruiz (book); Michael Hernandez (Standing Rock Land Tenure DVD); Christy Garreaux (UTTC sweatshirt); Sierra Two Bulls

(UTTC t-shirt); Steve Fischer (UTTC mouse pad); Emanuel Red Bear (UTTC t-shirt); Stacey Grant (UTTC mouse pad); Leah Hamann (painting); Hope White Bear (UTTC t-shirt); and Denise Fourhorn (UTTC t-shirt).

This marrow donor drive will help keep the circle of life strong by raising awareness and educating the United Tribes campus community about the need for more donors of American Indian heritage.

Thank you to all of the students, staff, faculty, and off campus visitors who arranged their busy schedules to donate their time, money and tissue to provide hope to those in need. The creator has greatly blessed them.

Caught in the act - of doing good

Wonder if you would help in recognizing college staff people when they've done something good. Often we don't know when individuals among us have received an award, been selected for an honor, or recognized for an accomplishment.

As part of the college's professional de-

velopment program, Business and Office Technology Instructor **Tyler Stumpf** is collecting these interesting bits of information about UTTC staffers. Please shoot him an e-mail (tstumpf@uttc.edu) with information and/or photos about you or others - professional or personal.

Of course, nobody likes to toot their own horn, so department heads are especially encouraged to share the good news and information about your employees.

United Tribes has a great workforce. Please help in bringing deserved recognition to staff members!

Wellness courses offered

BISMARCK (UTN) – United Tribes students and staff members have had a convenient way to work off the winter blues and get credit for it at the same time. During spring semester, two wellness courses have been offered as part of the college's ongoing wellness program.

"Introduction to Wellness" is a general education, two credit elective course open to students in all of the colleges' 14 different programs. The class was added to the curriculum several years ago and 192 students are enrolled for the spring semester.

"Wellness in the Workplace" is a new offering. The independent study course is for employees to use their daily one-half-hour wellness break granted by the college. Each can earn the equivalent to four CEUs and 127 employees are participating.

Both courses require daily wellness activity, such as walking or working out in the college's new fitness center and gymnasium, observing healthy lifestyle choices and eating habits, or practicing spiritual health in the center's healing room. Another requirement is to keep a daily journal of one's wellness activities.

The classes are instructed by Ruth A. Buffalo-Zarazua, coordinator of the college's Strengthening Lifestyles Program in the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center. Buffalo-Zarazua is a Certified Wellness Program Coordinator (Level 1) and a Certified Wellness Program Manager (Level 11).

Staff members in the college's Student Health Center, Chemical Health Center, Center for Student Success and Strengthening Lifestyles Program pitch in with training and assistance on topics in their field of expertise. The approach in both courses embraces a broad definition of wellness, including mental, emotional, spiritual, physical, social, occupational, and environmental wellness.

"One of the goals is for the campus community to become a healthier place to work and study," said Buffalo-Zarazua. "Worksite wellness programs need to focus on the total individual."



WORKSITE WELLNESS: Wanda Agnew, PhD, far right, presented a talk February 24 at the United Tribes Wellness Center attended by college staff and students in the wellness classes. Agnew is a Licensed Registered Dietician with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health. From left, United Tribes employees Carol Walker and Anita Charging, and two UND Dietetics student interns: Christa Anderson and Breanna Bjerke. United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

During the fall 2008 term, Buffalo-Zarazua and the Healthy Lifestyles staff coordinated a successful seven-week campus walking club program that tallied nearly 950 miles from 64 participants.

"We felt it was important that we build on that success and keep the momentum going," said Buffalo-Zarazua. "The Wellness in the Workplace class started with a strong focus on walking. Physical fitness is certainly important but in our view there are other dimensions. We expanded the scope of this class to include things like spending time with a loved one, cooking a healthy meal for your family and friends, beading, quilting, hunting, laughing, and a long list of other activities that encourage participants to find a healthy balance in their lives."

The offering for staff focuses on raising awareness about the importance of pursuing wellness while at work. An emphasis for the staff is to understand the relationship between wellness in the workplace and the improvement of employee health. Among the assignments is to study social science research into the affect wellness programs have on employee productivity and the use of health care insurance.

Another dimension is for participants to connect contemporary wellness with the wellness of tribal people in the past and understand the similarities and differences.

Especially important in both classes is to understand how proper nutrition, exercise and regular physician checkups will help lower health risk factors.

Both students and staff members take part in discussion forums that are posted on the colleges intra-net. At the end of the course, one of the objectives is for the participants to create a personal wellness plan consisting of daily practices that are supported by the instruction and research.

"What we've found is that encouraging others to make behavioral changes is always a challenge," said Buffalo-Zarazua. "And it's especially important that we work on preventing those health disparities such as Type 2 diabetes. We have a lot of great resources here on campus that make for a successful worksite wellness program."

For more information about the United Tribes wellness courses contact: Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua, 701-255-3285 x1357, rbuffalo@uttc.edu.

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David M. Gipp

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Fund



To honor his 30 years as college president, United Tribes has established the David M. Gipp Scholarship Fund as part of the "Opportunities in the Making" Student Scholarship Campaign. With the support of generous individuals and businesses in Bismarck-Mandan, this successful campaign has provided support for the education of 280 students in the past two years. Your contribution to the David M. Gipp Fund will help it grow, providing additional scholarship support. Please take this opportunity to recognize and honor David and help in his life's work.

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Student Senate Election

Voting is online for first time

BY JESI SHANLEY, Career & Leadership Development Director

Votes will be cast online by United Tribes Technical College students for the first time ever in the college's Student Senate Election on Tuesday, April 14.

Students may vote from 12 a.m. until 11 p.m. that day by accessing the "my uttc.edu" web page. It requires a student ID number and password to log on.

In case of problems, students are asked to contact their advisor.

Up for election will be these Student Senate positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian/St. at Arms, and Historian.

Students who would like to run for a position are asked to contact me, Jesi Shanley, in the Education building lower level, east side.

A candidate public forum will be held Thursday, April 2 at 2 p.m. in the James Henry Community Building. The candidates will be introduced and answer questions.

We look forward to fresh ideas, positive attitudes and students interested in learning about leadership.

Caught in the act - of doing good

TYLER STUMPF ACCEPTED

TYLER STUMPF has been accepted into the MBA-American Indian Entrepreneurship program at Gonzaga University. He will start the program in the summer of 2009. Tyler started working at UTTC in January 2008. He is a graduate of North Dakota State University and spent time in the Peace Corps in Micronesia before joining the UTTC faculty.

— Kathy Aller, Business & Office Technology Instructor

IMPORTANT WORK TO BE DONE

UTTC instructor and General Education Department Chair DR. BRIAN PALECEK AND HIS SPOUSE BONNIE have been honored by the Abused Adult Resource Center as Volunteers of the Year for 2008.

The Paleceks were recognized for their volunteer work in organizing and managing the book department at the Seeds of Hope book store in Bismarck. Seeds of Hope is a branch of the Abused Adult Resource Center and is managed by their daughter, Sarah Harper.

"We love books and literature, so it's fun to see and touch all these books," said Pal-

ecek, when asked about why they spend so much of their time volunteering at the store. "We learn a lot about what people are buying and reading. I love to see that certain classic writers like Jane Austen, Homer, and Shakespeare keep on selling because people keep on reading them."

The Paleceks also started a recycling program at Seeds of Hope.

"Not all books will sell, so we have organized a program in which volunteers prepare books for the recycling process. I like something that President Obama said, 'Everywhere you look, there is important work to be done.' Recycling books and raising funds for a shelter program is something that is worth doing."

CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

RENEE BECKER, chair of the UTTC Exact-Med Medical Transcription Program, recently received certification renewal as a CMT (Certified Medical Transcriptionist). The certification was issued by the Association for Health Documentation Integrity (AHD-I). The renewal praised Renee's continuing professionalism and her command of industry competencies in medical transcription.

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April UTTC Calendar

April 1	April Fool's Day
April 3	UTTC 40 th Anniversary Silent Auction, Wellness Center
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 14	Student Senate Elections (Online)
April 13	Easter Monday (No Classes)
April 14-17	Pre-Registration Summer/Fall 2009
April 16	Thunderbird Athletic Banquet, Wellness Center
April 28	Summer Session Admission Applications Due

UTTC SELF-STUDY

United Tribes Technical College is currently conducting a self study evaluation. A written report of its findings will be produced for its NCA reaccreditation visit. The NCA comprehensive visit will take place in 2010-2011. If you have questions or comments regarding UTTC's self-study experience, please send them to: ncaaccreditation@uttc.edu. To learn more about the NCA accreditation process, visit the website: <http://www.ncahlc.org>

I loved your heart sculpture

Keep up the good work!

Please share this with the United Tribes Art/Art Marketing students who did the snow sculpture in front of St. Alexius Medical Center: Stacey Grant, Emanuel J. Red Bear, Sara Young Bear-Brown, Lisa Casarez, Brenna Ashburn, Kristina Kalenze, and Temajin Poorman.

I LOVED your heart sculpture!

I was driving back to work from lunch and caught a glimpse of the heart. Since I work at the Mid Dakota Clinic I don't always know what is going on at the hospital. I looked over their website, inquired from a few friends if they knew about this and told multiple directors to get over and take a look at it. It was awesome (not that it was going to melt soon or anything), but that it was really something extraordinary.

Then it all clicked when I saw the *United Tribes News* and pieced together who those artists were.

It brought back memories for me from life in Anchorage, Alaska. My husband and I lived and worked there for a little over a year some 20 years ago. During that time we got to experience the Iditarod and Fur Rendezvous (a winter carnival plus). Part of the rendezvous was a snow/ice sculpture park where different organizations did this very thing for prizes and marketing. Life size sculptures of busses, monster trucks, dog sleds, etc. were done. I took multiple pictures for my photo albums and plan to add this little clip to it of our local talent, YOU.

Your sculpture was very well done, very professional and I am in awe of your heart. It warmed mine. My husband died last year so these memories are precious and so is your talent. Keep up the good work!

— Cheryl Anderson, Administrative Assistant, Mid Dakota Clinic

Gift of appreciation



LIKNESS OF THE PRESIDENT: Glen Belgarde (Spirit Lake) presented United Tribes Technical College President David M. Gipp with a drawing of himself February 18 as a gesture of gratitude. Belgarde said he is grateful because he has been allowed to continue working as a custodian in the college's maintenance department as he undergoes dialysis treatment and awaits a kidney transplant. The pencil, pen and ink drawing was done by Belgarde's father, Dallas Dogskin, Fort Totten, ND, from one of the college president's favorite photographs of himself. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

College Goal Sunday

BY MARILYN CROVATIN, UTTC Financial Aid Advising Coordinator

Help provided on those student financial aid forms

United Tribes Technical College was one location on a Sunday in February for a program aimed at getting those required forms filled out for student financial aid.

"College Goal Sunday," as it was called, was a free program to help students and their parents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The form is required when applying for state and federal aid.

North Dakota Governor John Hoeven had proclaimed Sunday, February 22 as the day and 11 sites across the state were set up to help students apply for and submit the applications.

At UTTC, 15 volunteers from colleges and lending agencies assisted students in getting their FAFSA filed. They met with a total of 43 families over a four hour period.

Typically the FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible after January 1 because many types of aid are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

In North Dakota, March 15 is the priority deadline for filing to receive all the aid available. Even after that deadline, everyone should still submit a FAFSA to receive aid.

Families that participated in this event

at the UTTC Jack Barden Center were very positive about the experience. There were enough financial aid professionals and lenders to ensure that no one had to wait to find out about their educational and financial aid opportunities.

All student participants received a flash drive as a bonus for early filing. And potential college students were entered to win a \$500 scholarship or a laptop computer. These prizes were sponsored by Bank of North Dakota, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bremer Bank of Grand Forks, Education Assistance Corporation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Education Department, and Student Loans of North Dakota.

This free event was provided through the collaborative efforts of the North Dakota Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NDASFAA), TRIO, and other volunteers and sponsors.

College Goal Sunday began in Indiana in 1989 as a joint project of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association and the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana, with funding from the Lilly Foundation. The Lilly Endowment has attracted support from the USA Group and its affiliates, to fund and serve as CGS volunteers in a small group of states. Since 2001, the Lumina Foundation has provided funds and helped establish College Goal Sunday in other states.

Hands On Learning

BY ANNETTE E. BROYLES, UTTC Nutrition and Foodservice Instructor/Dept. Chair

Nutrition and Foodservice Program

The Nutrition and Foodservice students had several opportunities during spring semester to participate in experiential learning situations:

- Field trip to the newly opened Med Center One Care Center in Mandan on February 19 to tour the new building and its unique set up: Bonnie Vetsch, Certified Dietary Manager, facilitated the tour while explaining her role as Dietary Manager of the facilities. Students enrolled in the Nutrition and Foodservice Vocation will have the opportunity, if they choose, to take the Certified Dietary Manager's Exam upon completion of five required courses.
- Professional Development Day session "Quick Family Meals": Community Nutrition students assisted instructors and Land Grant staff with the cooking session offered to staff and students.
- The 13th Annual Healthcare Seminar on January 20, at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck: The Seminar included speakers on budget busters – identifying key culprits, food trends and recipes, and how to help employees achieve in a changing environment. Students visited educational vendor round tables showcasing a variety of products available to foodservice institutions, and networked with professionals in the foodservice health-care field.
- Nutrition and foodservice practicum (field experience): Four students are currently working on their practicum,



UTTC Nutrition and Foodservice students during a tour at Med Center One Care Center, Mandan, from left: William Broken Leg, Vania Bighorn, Levi Miner, Delett Siegfried, Kathleen Brown, Josiah Jacobs, Shannon Dionne, Allison Albers (Community Health), Almona Oakie, and Jamie Cameron. United Tribes News photo Annette Broyles

which is required to complete their degree. Students in the Foodservice major, Cassandra and Sarabeth Eagle, are completing their 150 hours at the UTTC cafeteria working in the kitchen under the direction of LeRoi Laundreaux. Students in the Nutrition and Wellness major are completing their hours in nursing home settings working with the dietary manager and dietician. On campus student, Whitney Hosie, is working at St. Vincent's Nursing Home in Bismarck with Faye Doan. Marilyn Sandland, just completed her hours at The Golden Living Center in Mobridge, SD working with Donna Meyer. As an online student, Marilyn works at the Standing Rock Diabetes Center and uses her personal days to commute 90 miles to Mobridge working four, ten hour days per week on her practicum.

- After School Cooking Club: Students in the Community Nutrition course as-

sist Land Grant Extension Coordinator Pat Aune with cooking and offering nutrition education to 5th graders from TJES.

Upcoming learning experiences include preparing and serving an afternoon snack for the Advancing Indian Country's Workforce Conference at UTTC on April 1; preparing and serving a lunch for the Nutrition and Foodservice Advisory Board on April 2; and a field trip to Standing Rock to tour the IHS Hospital, Diabetes Program, Middle School Foodservice, and Prairie Knights Casino and Lounge Foodservice. In the past, students have also helped with the David M. Gipp scholarship dinner in early May.

For more information about the opportunities in this vocation, please contact the Nutrition and Foodservice Department: 701-255-3285, Annette Broyles x 1406, abroyles@uttc.edu; or Jill Keith x 1234, jkeith@uttc.edu.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the United Tribes family – colleagues, students and staff – for your prayers and condolences during the time of sorrow at the loss of my sister. It was greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

– Dorvin Froseth

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Ideas and topics for cafeteria Committee meets weekly

BY PAT AUNE, Cafeteria Committee Member

More veggies on the salad bar, nutrition information, and portion sizes are several topics that have been discussed by a new campus committee set up to advise the United Tribes cafeteria staff.

The UTTC Cafeteria Committee is scheduled to meet every Friday morning

sha Azure, Policy Analyst; and Russell Swagger, Vice President of Student and Campus Services.

Suggestions and questions from students, faculty and staff are welcomed by committee members.

A recent topic prompted by a facul-



Cafeteria Supervisor LeRoi Laundreaux and Renee Connell recognize a favorite item on the stockroom shelves during a tour by the Cafeteria Committee on March 6. At rear is committee member Pat Aune. United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria. Cafeteria Manager LeRoi Laundreaux works with the committee to discuss ideas relating to cafeteria offerings and service.

Committee members include: Dave Raymo, purchasing officer; Renee Connell, TJES representative; Jill Keith, dietitian and Nutrition and Foodservice Program instructor; Eveleen Cook, Resident Life director; Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua, Strengthening Lifestyles Program director; Barb Strikes the Enemy, Early Child Development Center director; Josiah Jacobs, Student Senate representative and Nutrition and Foodservice student; and Pat Aune, Land Grant Extension Program coordinator and food safety educator. Advisors to the committee are Mar-

ty member was the appearance of unfair treatment when paying for meals. Faculty members are expected to pay for their meals while many staff and others in the foodservice line seem to get free meals.

The discussion clarified that youngsters in the childcare centers and the elementary school receive free meals because UTTC is reimbursed for their meals through the North Dakota Department of Education. It was also explained that some shift workers receive a meal during their shift as a benefit. Apparently the checking of identification and collecting money is inconsistent. The cafeteria staff and the committee will be reviewing procedures.

After School Cooking

BY PAT AUNE, Land Grant Extension Program Coordinator

“What can I eat?” is a familiar phrase when kids get home from school. The “After School Cooking” class is an opportunity for the students to make their own healthy snacks and an occasional family meal.

guava, and passion fruit.

Participating students have been Averie Jeanotte, Shirley Redday, Mariah Baker, Tyrese Bell Rock, Draven Medicine Horse, Marlaysia Cloud, Karah Cuny, Katherine Nickaboine, Cinnamon Arpan



FRUIT FRIENDLY: TJES students attending the February 25 After School Cooking session at the Nutrition and Foodservice kitchen. United Tribes News photo Jill Keith

Each week, eight TJES students walk to the Nutrition and Foodservice teaching kitchen and spend one hour learning about healthy food choices and cooking methods.

The February 25 topic was unusual fruit, so students prepared and sampled pineapple, kiwi, star fruit, mango, papaya,

and Josie Bettelyoun.

Jenn Barnhardt with the Century 21 Program has the sign-up sheet for the After School Cooking program. Peggy Candler, NDSU Extension Family Nutrition Program, and Pat Aune, UTTC Land Grant Program, have been teaching the weekly classes.

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future with certainty as we strengthen our educational role and assist our populations and tribal governments in overcoming poverty and developing appropriate, reservation based economies.

At the advisory council meeting I found it particularly heartwarming to receive congratulations from tribal leaders who have consistently helped us with motions of support and testimony.

Among those who offered a congratulatory handshake were Comanche Nation Chairman Wallace Coffee and Osage Nation Chief Jim Grey.

National Congress of American Indian's President Joe Garcia noted that Tribal Colleges and Universities, and especially UTTC, had “passed a severe test of rigor

and now could join-in with full and better participation in the role of leading Indian people toward self-determination.”

Indeed, we look forward to a more successful effort as an intertribal postsecondary institution.

It is also good that our colleague institution, Navajo Technical College, Crownpoint, New Mexico, is in the new Administration's budget as well.

Thank you to all of our friends and supporters – among the tribes, in our home city of Bismarck, at the state government level, and within the federal government – who never lost faith in the successful work of United Tribes.

Pilamayayelo!

40 Years

Those who shaped UTTC's Education Programs

BY DR. PHIL BAIRD, Vice President of Academic, Career & Technical Education

Reflecting on the United Tribes 40th anniversary, I got to wondering about those folks who served in academic leadership positions over the years. Some talented individuals have helped guide UTTC from a job training center to the accredited institution of postsecondary education it is today.

The United Tribes Employment Training Center was established and began offering programs in July 1969 in the areas of vocational training, personal development and adult basic education. This training format was introduced by the Bendix Field Engineering Corporation, which was contracted by the Tribes to organize initial job training activities. There were several supervisors for each of the three program areas like Harlan Smith and Dave Gull Massey.

When Bendix turned over training operations to tribal control in July of 1971, Rocky Mountain College graduate and Three Affiliated Tribal member Dale Little Soldier was hired for a short stint as Center director. Little Soldier was followed by Warren Means (Oglala Lakota) who assumed his responsibilities in February 1972.

According to a 1972 annual report, Means began some program reorganization for UTETC and hired Bob Cartwright as “senior vocational supervisor.” There were other personnel overseeing the center's operations including Human Resources officer Thelma Stiffarm of Fort Belknap, Montana.

Along with vocational training programs, other educational projects and programs were initiated and/or operated by the cen-

of Academic Leadership

ter. In the early 1970s, Dr. Jim Davis, the current president of Turtle Mountain Community College, served as the initial director of the American Indian Curriculum Development Project. He was followed by Carl Whitman, former Three Affiliated chairman. The work was later picked up by Fort Berthold educators Angelita Felix and Mary Baker.

Long-time UTTC employee Anne Kuyper recalled being involved in the American Indian Adult Education Project. Dennis Huber was the first Johnson-O'Malley education director when United Tribes assumed control of this program from the state of North Dakota. Dr. Jim Shanley, now president of Montana's Fort Peck Community College, followed Huber as JOM director and was a founder of the N.D. Indian Education Association.

The college's current Wellness Center director, Sheri Baker, mentioned that her dad, Leonard Bearking, was involved with the college at one time in the 1970s. Bearking is known for work that culminated in the important Indian education report, *An Even Chance*, published in the late 1960s.

When the center changed its name to the United Tribes Educational Technical Center in October 1975, Mike Ward of Eureka, California was selected as the new "education dean." These and other developments appeared to mark the transition from short-term training to more traditional academic programs.

It was at this time that Warren Means and the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education initiated a study about American Indian voca-

tional education. The effort attracted the attention of U.S. Congressmen Al Quie and Mike Blouin, who visited the Center and eventually sponsored federal legislation to support Tribal colleges.

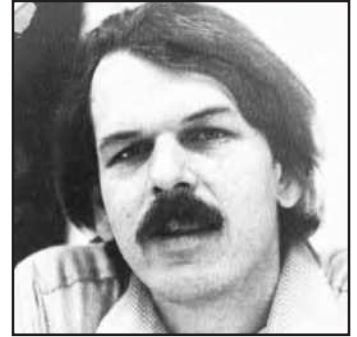
In July 1977, following David Gipp's arrival as Center director, Dr. Jisjat Minhas of Bunjab, India was hired as the assistant academic dean. He eventually served as the chief academic officer. Minhas, and later Mary Baker, guided the college's initial accreditation benchmarks in 1982 and 1987.

Another Fort Berthold educator, Bennett Yellowbird, provided academic leadership into the 1990s following Baker's tenure. After he left for graduate school, there were two others who subsequently served as academic dean for brief terms: UTTC graduate and basketball standout Val Finley and his successor, Dominic Silletti.

During the latter 1990s, Sisseton-Wahpeton educator Dr. John Derby assumed responsibilities as academic dean. Among his prior professional activities, he worked at the Indian education office of the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Derby left UTTC in 2002 to become an administrator of the Sioux Falls, S.D. Indian education office.

For four decades, some talented professional Indian educators, mostly from North Dakota's Indian Tribes, have shaped UTTC's academic programs and education projects. Their contributions deserve to be acknowledged.

We invite these individuals and other staff along with student alumni to contact the college and share your stories during this anniversary year of United Tribes Technical College.



Mike Ward



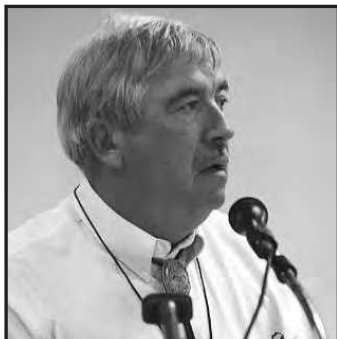
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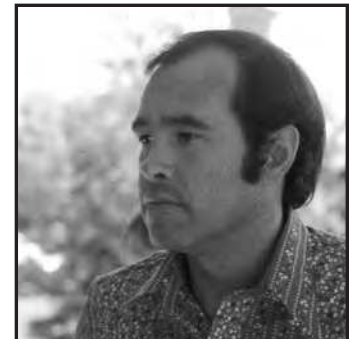
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Tribal Arts students



United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

CREATIVE FOCUS: Students in the class, Tribal Arts I - Native American Studies, focused on the details of making a parfleche case during a working session in the Tribal Arts classroom in late January. From left: Michael Alex Sr. (Spirit Lake) Small Business Management; and Cassandra and Sarah Eagle (both Standing Rock) both Nutrition and Foodservice. The Tribal Arts Program is directed by Butch Thunderhawk.

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BY SCOTT J. DAVIS, UTTC 40 Planning Committee Chair

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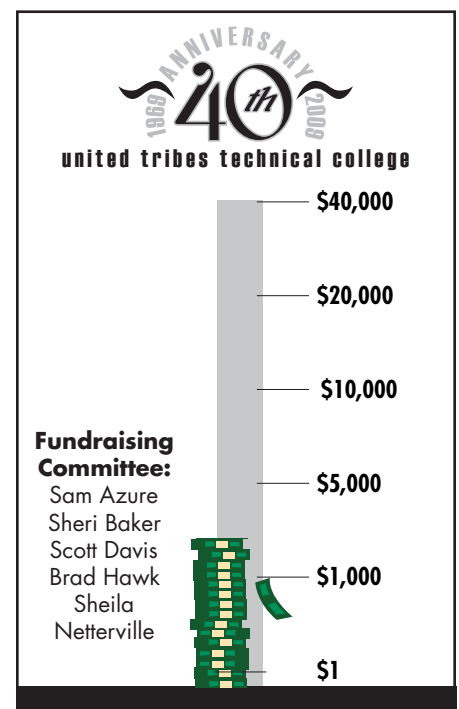
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AUTOMOTIVE APPAREL: Posing in front of a classic "war pony" are three students in the United Tribes Automotive Technology program who received program jackets. From left, Vincent Kills Plenty, Jesse Baker and Brandon Marshall. Can you identify the year of that classic pony car? United Tribes News photo Marcel Gierszewski, Automotive Technology director.

Small 'Hog' is a winner



Caught in the act - of doing good

UTTC Automotive Technology instructor and department chair **MARCEL GIERSZEWSKI** won an award for his 1961 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Marcel's 165cc, two-stroke Harley Hummer took first place in the 'Under 500cc' division at the Iron Stallion Bike Show February 28-29 in Jamestown, ND. The show was sponsored by Stutsman County Harley-Davidson and Buff Bar of Jamestown.

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Leadership initiative launched for North Dakota nonprofits

Assistance from Bush Foundation

FARGO – The Impact Foundation has announced a statewide capacity-building initiative that will benefit nonprofit organizations across North Dakota, the organization said in a February release.

Assisted by a \$2 million grant from the St. Paul-based Bush Foundation, the Impact Leadership Institute will provide training, education and resources to increase nonprofit efficiency, reenergize nonprofit boards, improve communication strategies, increase revenues and diversify nonprofit funding streams. Impact estimates about 800 nonprofit executives, board members and staff will be trained through this initiative.

Jim Davis, president of Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt, will chair the Institute Ambassador Network.

“A major component of the initiative

will be establishing a new nonprofit leadership center for board members and executive directors,” said Davis. “Leadership Advanced North Dakota (LAND) will produce and network more capable leaders, highly effective management and strong governance that will improve the societal impact of nonprofits statewide.”

The LAND program will be led by David La Piana, founder of La Piana Associates, Emeryville, CA. La Piana is a popular speaker and teacher, and a regular contributor to the national dialogue on nonprofit leadership and foundation effectiveness.

The Impact Leadership Institute has contracted with the North Dakota Association of Nonprofits to coordinate training and education throughout the state.

Student award for reaching goals

Kimberly Rhoades (Standing Rock) received the University of North Dakota 2008 Nontraditional Student Award for her “commitment, leadership and personal challenges she has overcome while reaching her personal and academic goals.” The recognition was noted in the February edition of the *Serpent, Staff & Drum*,

the quarterly publication of the UND Indians Into Medicine (INMED) program. Rhoades transferred in 2006 from United Tribes Technical College to UND after several years working as a nutrition assistant in the Standing Rock Diabetes Program. Her study at UND is a nutrition and dietetics.

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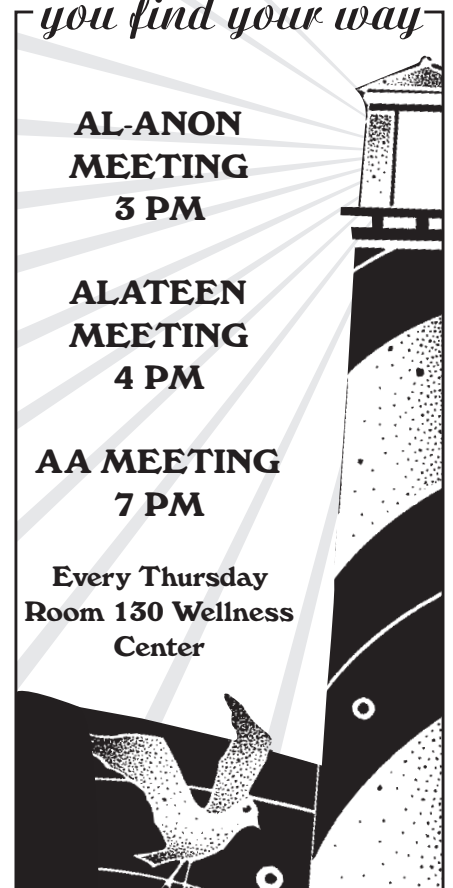
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Student Awards

BY JESI SHANLEY, Career & Leadership Development Director

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nominations will be accepted from the faculty and staff through Friday, April 3 for the 2008-09 Student Awards.

The nomination process will be conducted online. Please log into your "my.uttcc.edu website." Click on the "Employee Info" tab, then click the link on the left-hand menu labeled: "2009 Awards Banquet Nominations." Remember, you must be logged into the site to access the page.

Note that two items are to be filled out by Athletic Staff only. Please vote only once. If you made an error or need help, please contact me.

The awards will be presented during the Student Senate Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Multi-purpose room of the Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center.

STUDENT AWARDS CATEGORIES

1. Most Dedicated Community Member
2. Most Active Vocational Club
3. Most Empowering Student in the Community
4. Most Active Promoting Diversity in the Community
5. Best Attitude on Campus
6. Best Sportsmanship (Male) –
(Nominations by Athletic Staff only)
7. Best Sportsmanship (Female) –
(Nominations by Athletic Staff only)
8. Student of Year
9. Lifetime Achievement Award

Other awards presented at the banquet will include: Perfect Attendance; Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges; Recognition for Honor Students – President's and Vice President's List; and several scholarship awards.

A meal will be provided. All students are encouraged to attend, not just the graduates.

For information, contact me: Jesi Shanley, Career and Leadership Development Director, x 1280, jshanley@uttcc.edu.

Celebrating with family & friends



WARMEST WISHES: Margaret V. Halsey-Teachout's sons were foremost among family and friends who gathered to celebrate her 90th birthday March 1 at United Tribes in Bismarck. From left, Gerald Gipp, Robert Gipp, and David Gipp. Born March 3, 1919, Margaret is the only remaining person of her generation in the family of Christine Iron Eyes Halsey and Louis Ambrose Halsey. She grew up at Fort Yates, attended public and boarding schools, earned a college education, and became a college library director and taught Lakota/Dakota language and cultural history. She is an admired, respected and beloved elder of the Standing Rock Tribe. Her Lakota name is Tate-Topa Win, Four Winds Woman. United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

Business grad enters education business

ALUMNI NEWS

Sylvester Thomas, a 2007 United Tribes Small Business Management graduate, has accepted a position as assistant business manager at Crazy Horse School, Wanblee, SD. The school is K-12 and located on Pine Ridge.

Sylvester was the UTTC-AIHEC Student of the Year in 2007. While at UTTC Sylvester worked full time at Sykes and graduated with honors. He continued his educational career at Dickinson State University and will graduate from Dickinson State University in May 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

His wife Nicole and two daughters are with him in South Dakota.

Congratulations Sylvester!

– Carol Anderson

Harvard No Tuition

Harvard University has announced that undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. The policy applies to families earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school. No tuition and no student loans.

To learn more visit Harvard's financial aid website: www.fao.fas.harvard.edu



Indian Youth Leadership Academy outlined



SPARK OF INTEREST: Success stories have been emphasized as a group of "youngish" American Indian professionals promoted the revival of an Indian youth leadership program to the North Dakota Legislature over the winter. Organizers are, from left, Blaise Reagle, Bob Parisien, Karla Davis, Royce Irwin, Chad Kramer, Erik Cutler and Scott Davis. They aim to revitalize a North Dakota Indian Youth Leadership Academy for teens that would be similar to one that some of them attended when they were younger. Before that effort ceased in the 1990s it kindled leadership interest in many Indian young people. An appropriation of \$40,000 would help operate two, week-long academies during the next biennium. Participating organizations are United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck State College, and University of Mary.



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NCAI hears Administration focus

CONFIDENT IN COMMITMENT: Jody Gillette (Standing Rock), newly appointed Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, joined other members of the Obama administration in providing a briefing March 4 during the NCAI Executive Council's winter session in Washington, DC. Gillette, at left, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Tribe, is seen here with JoAnn Chase (Three Affiliated). Gillette said she is confident in the administration's commitment to Indian Country. "I will listen to your concerns. You're not going to have to convince me of what the needs are. I am a part of Indian Country," Gillette said. "We are already past the introductions. We need to move forward and get some work done." The session focused on Indian Country legislative goals and included remarks by Cabinet Secretaries and other key personnel in the Obama Administration. *United Tribes News photo David M. Gipp*



UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE



MISSION

United Tribes Technical College is dedicated to providing American Indians with postsecondary and technical education in a culturally diverse environment that will provide self-determination and economic development for all tribal nations.

VISION

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

VALUES

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

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

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

April Wellness Activity Calendar

1	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center	17	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
	6pm Beading-Multi Purpose Rm		7pm Movie Night-Multi Purpose Rm
	6pm Billiards League-Rec.Lounge	18	3pm Frisbee Golf-FROLF-On Campus
	7-9pm Womens Wellness-Fitness/Sauna area	19	3pm Subs & a Movie-Multi Purpose Rm
2	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center	20	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
	6pm Relaxation Techniques-Healing Rm		6pm Handgames/Open Drum-Multi Purpose Rm
	7pm Freestyle Dancing-Multi Purpose Rm		7pm Mens Wellness-Healing Rm
3	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center	21	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
	7pm Movie Night-Multi Purpose Rm		12pm Circle of Parents-Wellness ClassRm
4	1pm Easter Egg Hunt (ages 2-12)-Dakota Zoo		5-9pm Employee Night-Fitness/Sauna/Whirlpool
5	TBA.....		7pm Aerobics/Pilates/Taeko-Multi Purpose Rm
6	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center	22	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
	6pm Handgames/Open Drum-Multi Purpose Rm		6pm Beading-Multi Purpose Rm
	7pm Mens Wellness-Healing Rm		6pm Billiards League-Rec.Lounge
7	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center		7-9pm Womens Wellness-Fitness/Sauna area
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm	23	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	12pm Circle of Parents-Wellness ClassRm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
	5-9pm Employee Night-Fitness/Sauna/Whirlpool		6pm Relaxation Techniques-Healing Rm
	7pm Aerobics/Pilates/Taeko-Multi Purpose Rm		7pm Freestyle Dancing-Multi Purpose Rm
8	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center	24	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
	6pm Beading-Multi Purpose Rm		7pm Movie Night-Multi Purpose Rm
	6pm Billiards League-Rec.Lounge	25	1-3pm Gateway to Science-Frances Leach High
	7-9pm Womens Wellness-Fitness/Sauna area		Prairie Arts/Science
9	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center		6pm Community Bingo-Multi Purpose Rm
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm	26	3pm Hiking/Camp Neche
	6pm Relaxation Techniques-Healing Rm	27	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
	7pm Freestyle Dancing-Multi Purpose Rm		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
10	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center		6pm Handgames/Open Drum-Multi Purpose Rm
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		7pm Mens Wellness-Healing Rm
	7pm Movie Night-Multi Purpose Rm		9pm-12am Computer Lab Extended Hours
11	2pm Easter Egg Hunt-Bowery on campus	28	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
12	CLOSED..... Easter Sunday		4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm
13	CLOSED..... Easter Break		12pm Circle of Parents-Wellness ClassRm
14	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center		5-9pm Employee Night-Fitness/Sauna/Whirlpool
	4:30pm Youth Activity-Multi Purpose Rm		7pm Aerobics/Pilates/Taeko-Multi Purpose Rm
	12pm Circle of Parents-Wellness ClassRm		9pm-12am Computer Lab Extended Hours
	5-9pm Employee Night-Fitness/Sauna/Whirlpool	29	12pm/4pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
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	6pm Beading-Multi Purpose Rm		7-9pm Womens Wellness-Fitness/Sauna area
	6pm Billiards League-Rec.Lounge		9pm-12am Computer Lab Extended Hours
	7-9pm Womens Wellness-Fitness/Sauna area	30	12pm Daily Walking Club-Wellness Center
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LEAH HAMANN, MS, and *LISA AZURE, M.ED.*, presented at the North Dakota Child Care Providers, Inc. annual conference held in Bismarck on March 14. The presentation, "Multicultural Activities for Young Children", provided numerous examples of practical age-appropriate activities that can be used to help young children learn about the diverse world in which they live. Participants received a wealth of activity ideas, strategies and technology resources. Conference attendees included child care providers, preschool teachers, foster parents, and other persons involved in the care and education of young children.

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Handling the chores

Caught in the act – of doing good

Instructors in the Nutrition and Food-service vocation salute **PATAUNE**, Land Grant Extension Program coordinator, for shouldering extra job duties following the resignations of two employees in the department. She is handling the chores very well, with a smile on her face and a great attitude everyday!

Pat serves on a number of campus committees: Facilities, 40th Anniversary (including 2 subcommittees), Gipp Scholarship Dinner, Professional Development, and the Cafeteria Committee. She manages several grants and provides programming and training for on-campus employees and students as well as off-campus participants on food safety and ServSafe.

Another big project Pat has taken over the winter is the After-School Cooking Club with 5th graders from TJES.

Pat is a food safety resource to the students (and faculty) at UTTC and offers her expertise in Nutrition and Foodservice classes.



WHEW - SOME NASTY LOOKING STUFF: In her role as food safety instructor Pat Aune, center, examines bacterial growth in a Petri dish with students in a SafeServe workshop class. United Tribes News photo Dennis J. Neumann

In addition to all of the wonderful work Pat is doing, she is also a surrogate “grandma” at work for little Alex Keith. Alex comes to work with Jill Keith every day and Pat is the first to pick him up for a cuddle or a walk to see the sights if he needs some entertainment.

Pat is a great employee and a great asset to the UTTC community. We would love for her to be recognized for the tremendous job she does and the positive way in which she does it!

— Jill Keith and Annette Broyles

FACE Program receives national recognition

BY ANNETTE MUÑOZ-BEYER, FACE Adult Educator

FACE programs from around the country received a resounding vote of confidence when Ken Salazar, newly appointed Secretary of the Interior, recently spoke before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. He mentioned the FACE program as one of the remarkable success stories coming out of Indian Country.

FACE (Family and Child Education) is a program administered through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) at 44 sites around the nation, including the program on the campus of United Tribes Technical College.

Salazar pointed out that participation of children in the FACE program “reduces the need for school-age special educa-

tion by 50 percent.”

Much of that success can be tied to the FACE vision of supporting parents as their children’s first and most influential teacher.

FACE promotes lifelong learning by offering home-based services through the weekly visits of parent educators to families of children pre-natal to age three, and through center-based services that serve both children, ages three-five and adults.

The center includes an Early Childhood Room and an Adult Education Room. The adult education portion offers GED preparation, job skills training and support in college classes.

All aspects of the program strive to

promote life-long learning through literacy; promote early identification and services to children with special needs; to increase parent participation in children’s learning; and to support and celebrate language and culture.

For information call 255-3285 x 1541, 1542, 1543, and 1544, or visit the FACE Center located in Building 36 on All Nations Circle on the UTTC campus. Team members include Program Administrator Sam Azure; Parent Educators Cyndee McLeod (1542) and Bernadette Dauenhauer (1544); Early Childhood Educators Melanie Redwater and Crystal Horse Looking (1543); and Adult Educator Annette Muñoz-Beyer (1541).



Sweet Grass Project

INNOVATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

TEACHER TRAINING

United Tribes Technical College seeks applicants for a new project to prepare American Indian personnel for teacher certification. The **Sweet Grass Project** is a four year teacher education program at United Tribes from 2009 to 2012. This project is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

TRAINING and PREPARATION:

- Engage in teacher education coursework while maintaining a 2.5 - 3.0 GPA
- Graduate with a bachelor degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education with an Early Childhood Special Education endorsement
- Complete the requirements for teacher certification
- Provide a service obligation (agree to teach in an early childhood special education setting) in exchange for the OSEP sponsorship

COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

Limited to 25 students

Participants who are selected will begin coursework during fall semester 2009 on the UTTC campus in Bismarck. Preference for the OSEP sponsorship will be given to students who already have a two-year degree and successfully complete the Praxis I exam, a test of basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. Praxis exam costs are paid.

All **Sweet Grass Project** courses are offered on the campus of UTTC, with 300 and 400 level course credits granted through Sinte Gleska University, Mission, SD. **Sweet Grass** is similar to the recently completed Prairie Alliance for Special Education program. Participants in that program have been exceptionally successful with both Praxis I and II and are already certified teachers with teaching jobs in schools throughout the region!

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

This teacher preparation program requires a high level of commitment from participants. The academic preparation is intense and may feel overwhelming at times. But you will be supported by advisors and mentors who will guide you toward success. When you reach your goal of being a certified teacher, your sense of accomplishment will make everything you go through worthwhile!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2009

MORE INFORMATION or APPLY:

Lisa J. Azure, **Sweet Grass Project** Director
UTTC Teacher Education Department
lazure@uttc.edu, 701-255-3285 x 1407

Thank you for your interest!



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All-Class reunion set for nurses

BY EVELYN ORTH, Practical Nursing
Program Director

United Tribes Grads

The UTTC Nursing Program will host an all class reunion in conjunction with the college's 40th Anniversary celebration.

The reunion will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 during the United Tribes International Powwow.

Events will take place from 1 – 5 p.m. in the college's Nursing Department in the main Education Building near the powwow dance arbor.

In preparation for the event, nursing graduates are invited to submit the following information: name, current address and contact information, year of graduation, a summary of your nursing career, and perhaps a memorable story of your education at United Tribes.

All United Tribes nursing graduates are invited. Please help spread the word and let us know if you will attend. The nursing faculty would appreciate attendance information in advance for planning purposes.

Please submit your information to:
Evelyn Orth, UTTC Nursing Chair
3315 University Drive
Bismarck, ND 58504
701-255-3285 x 1371
eorth@uttc.edu



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United Tribes Technical College

Saturday, September 12, 2009
During the United Tribes International Powwow

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Nursing Department, main Education Building, near the bowery

All United Tribes nursing graduates are invited

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Attendance information needed for planning purposes.

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Join us for a fun reunion!

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Regularly Scheduled Noon Luncheon Meetings

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More information:

Tamera Marshall, Strengthening Lifestyles Family
Specialist, 701-255-3285 x 1492





UNITED TRIBES LADY THUNDERBIRDS

Lady Thunderbirds Finish Best Season Ever

Second place in regional tournament

BISMARCK (UTN) – Congratulations to the United Tribes Lady Thunderbirds basketball team for their second place finish March 2 in the NJCAA Region 13 playoffs in Bismarck.

The Lady Thunderbirds ended their best season ever with a 14/18 record.

Among their most satisfying wins were two victories over cross-town rival Bismarck State, one of which came during the first round of the regional tournament, giving the team its first-ever post-season victory.

The Lady Thunderbirds were coached by **Daryl Bearstail**, assisted by **Ruth Buffalo-Zarazua**.

Members of the team are: **Nevada Allen**, Cannonball, ND, Elementary Education; **Sekoya Bighorn**, Rocky Boy, MT, Elementary Education; **Tami Miller**, Bismarck, ND, Nursing; **Carolyn Morrison**, Crow Agency, MT, Criminal Justice; **Kami Otter Robe**, Rock Creek, SD, Art-Art Marketing; **Jenna Skunk Cap**, Browning, MT, Elementary Education; and **Lynda Wolf**, New Town, ND, Nursing.

Three were singled out for recognition by the Mon-Dak Conference and the NJCAA Region.



Jenna Skunk Cap



Tami Miller



Sekoya Bighorn

2009 MON-DAK CONFERENCE HONORS

Jenna Skunk Cap - 1st Team All-Conference

Tami Miller - 2nd Team All-Conference

Sekoya Bighorn - Honorable Mention All-Conference

2009 REGION 13 HONORS

Sekoya Bighorn - All-Tournament Team

Tami Miller - All-Tournament Team; All-Region Team

Jenna Skunk Cap - All-Region Team

THUNDERBIRD ATHLETIC BANQUET

Thursday, April 16 • 6 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center
United Tribes Technical College

Students shape words into CONCRETE POEMS

Images made in tribal language

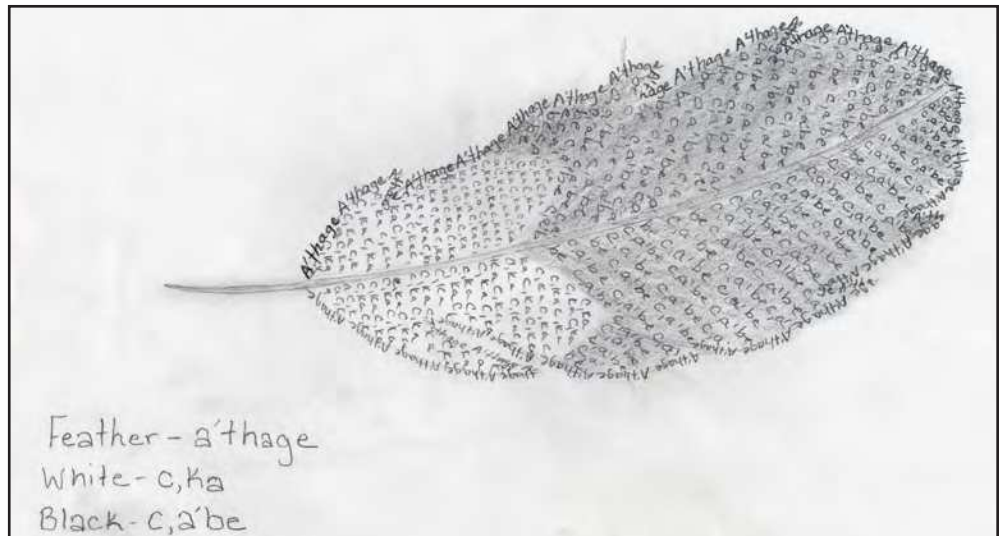
These concrete poems were created by students in my spring 2009 Native American Literature course. In a concrete poem, the writer shapes the words of the poem to represent the meaning of the poem. To emphasize diversity, the students were required to research a Native American language that is not their own. They reached out to fellow students and staff people or explored internet sources or books in the UTTC library.

- Brian Palecek, United Tribes General Education Instructor

FEATHER

By Opal Alden-Bearground, Crow Agency, MT, Health Information Technology

Words in the Osage language



APPLE

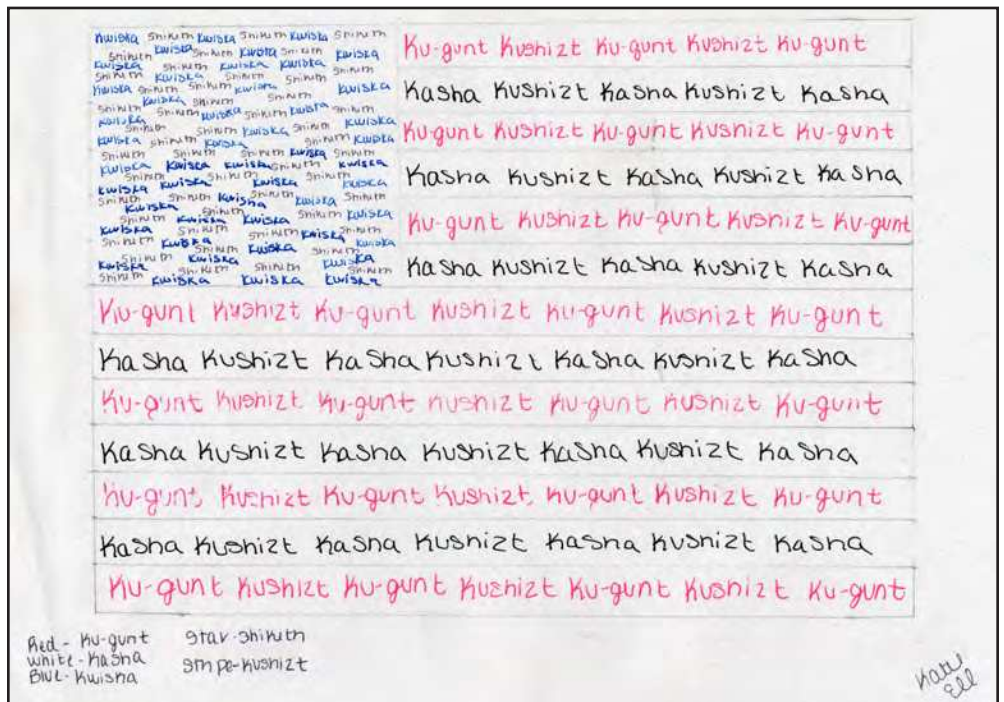
By Lana Straub, Bismarck, Practical Nursing

Words from the Keres/Pueblo language that Lana learned from another UTTC nursing student, Mary Calabaza

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By Kathryn Ell, Bismarck, Practical Nursing

Words from the Keres/Pueblo language that Kathryn learned from another UTTC nursing student, Mary Calabaza



Recalling the first class of LPNs at United Tribes



CAP WAS SYMBOL THEN: The first group of Licensed Practical Nurses graduated 30 years ago this month at United Tribes during a capping ceremony. The group of ten included one male, who received a pin instead of a cap. To indicate acceptance into the nursing profession today, nursing programs conduct pinning ceremonies. The next United Tribes pinning ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 9. The college's Practical Nursing Program will host an All-Class Nursing Reunion on Saturday, September 12, 2009 during the United Tribes International Powwow. See details inside on p. 21. Standing from left, Instructor Susan Grosz; Gerri Bear Stops, Eagle Butte, SD; Barbara Lafontaine, Belcourt; Cheryl Belgarde, Belcourt; Deborah Bordeaux, Rosebud, SD; Sharon Martin, Belcourt; and Instructor Donnita Cutler. Seated from left, Karen Chase, New Town; Margaret Eagle Chief, Pine Ridge, SD; Amelda Grant, Belcourt; Harlan Horned Eagle, Wagner, SD; and Hazel White Eagle, Fort Yates.

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