Sherree Henry from Naschitti, New Mexico has been chosen to be the outstanding student of the month. Sherree is currently pursuing her Bachelors' degree in Environmental Science and has a cumulative grade average of 3.0. She has played in a total of fourteen games within this season but had to sit out six games due to injury. She reached her high game of the season against Oklahoma Panhandle State University, in which she scored ten points, three rebounds, and shot 50% from the field and 3-point arc. She made this her field goal percentage of 31% for the season.

Her coach, Christina Jost, has this to say: “Sherree embodies what a true student-athlete is, in my opinion. She puts just as much hard work in the classroom as she does on the court. She expects nothing short of 100% of herself in both settings. Sherree's work ethic and discipline show through her play on the basketball court and more importantly, in her grades from her course work. She has a fight within her that she displays on the hardwood. Underized in the...”
Position that we asked her to play this season, she would find herself going up against other athletes that were 5-6 inches taller than her and maybe had 20-30 pounds on her. Yet her determination to fight for rebounds or go up strong inside, never deterred her from her much larger opponents. In fact, I think the challenge and size disadvantage motivated her more to perform to the best of her ability. I am extremely excited to see what these next two years bring for Sherree and our program on the court and even more excited to see her obtain her degree and walk across the stage at Northern’s graduation ceremony.”

Congratulations Sherree for making Outstanding Student for the month of April.

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**Are You Thinking About Law School?**

NA-PLUS Program is an academic summer program for Native American and Alaska Native students entering sophomore or junior year of college. The curriculum focuses on writing, critical thinking, and analysis using Federal Indian Law and other current Native American issues. In addition to the academic coursework, participants will explore the field of law through mentorships, professions development workshops and presentations, with visits to tribal, state, and federal courts, and law firms practicing Indian Law.

- NA-PLUS is hosted at University of New Mexico School of Law with apartment style dorm accommodations
- Up to 20 participants will be selected
- Applications and more information can be found at the NA-PLUS website:
  [http://lawschool.unm.edu/na-plus](http://lawschool.unm.edu/na-plus)

NA-PLUS is administered by the UNM School of Law in conjunction with the American Indian Law Center, Inc. and sponsored by the Law School Admission Council’s DiscoverLaw.org PLUS Programs.

**Run the Caldera Marathon**

Here’s a challenge for you! The sixth annual Run the Caldera Marathon, half marathon and a new 10k take place on Saturday June 11, 2011. These runs provide a great opportunity to run at over 8000 feet of elevation and see special areas of the Preserve. The courses follow old logging roads through the forest and up and down the mountains with some spectacular views.

During the marathon you will experience over 2,100 feet of elevation change. The half marathon will also have significant climbs and descents. The new 10k will run through forested areas in Banco Bonito. Aid stations have been strategically placed (approximately every 3 miles) to assist and encourage runners.

Each runner will receive an event t-shirt and all finishers will receive an award. The top three male and female finishers will receive an additional award.

Registration opens January 4, 2011 and closes on May 16, 2011. There will be no race day registration. You have the option to run the Marathon, 1/2 Marathon, or the 10K run. Entry fee varies from $25.00 to $60.00.

For more information and applications on the Run the Caldera Marathon, visit the website listed below:
Registration Has Begun!!

As of March 24, 2011, the new Summer and Fall Schedule of classes has been sent out via email. This is only for viewing purposes until April 11, 2011 when students can officially register for classes. Make sure that students make an appointment with your advisors to stay on target and graduate on time without any hitches like missing certain courses.

Students can also stop by the American Indian Center to schedule an appointment with Kimberly via phone or email (information on back) about upcoming semester classes or even with issues that are going on daily life.

Just remember that if students are degree-declared, it is a must that students check in with department advisors. If students do not know who department advisor are, please contact Paula Reid at (505) 747-2153 or stop in at the Advisement Center located in the Administration Building across the Game Room.

The website for the schedules is: http://site.nnmc.edu/page/calendars-course-schedule

Open House: Frito Pies and Door Prize Winners!!

The American Indian Center hosted a Frito Pie luncheon on March 10th and we had a very excellent turnout! We are planning on a couple luncheons possibly in the next coming months.

We decided to host this Frito Pie luncheon to give our office some exposure to both staff, faculty and students to let them all know that we are putting the students first. We have computers, printer, fax machine, and a scanner all for student use and also it gives you time to stop and talk to Kimberly about classes.

We would like to congratulate the winners of the door prizes that were given out. We had seven people who won, three students and four employees. The winners were: Marc Valerio (student); Matthew McKale (student); Amanda Martinez (student); Jeanette Padilla and Connie Manzanares (Financial Aid); Hilario Romero (E.O.C.); and Dr. Susana De La Peña (Humanities).

We would also like to send a big special thank you to our president, Dr. Nancy “Rusty” Barcelo for stopping by and having a bite to eat with us.

We had some good company, laughs, but the best part is we got to watch the Santa Fe Indian School Lady Braves play against Hope Christian to advance to the Final Round of the AAA Girls Basketball Championship and play against Shiprock to win their second consecutive title at the New Mexico Class AAA State Basketball Tournament.

Congratulations from our office to the 2-time State Champions the SFIS Lady Braves!!!

Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project—Petroglyph Pláticas

◊ Tuesday, May 31 at 6.30 - 8 pm.
Speaker: Paul Williams, BLM Archaeologist. "Mesa Prieta and Ojo Caliente: A Fourteenth Century Freeway"
Refreshments will be served. A donation of $5 is requested. We hope to see you there.

◊ Tuesday, April 26 at 6.30 - 8 pm.
Speaker: Dr. Glenna Dean. "Cochineal: A Local Source of the Color Red in Prehistoric Times"

American Indian Student Organization Update

The American Indian Student Organization (AISO) will be having another meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 12 noon.

We will be discussing the upcoming graduation and also events and activities for the 2011 Student Recognition Day in the month of May. We would like as many students as are able to attend to come to this meeting because we will able be discussing recognition incentives and awards to be given by the student organization. Lunch will be provided.

We will be going over this year’s Student Recognition Night in May. This year we may have a barbecue set up for all the students who will get recognized for their accomplishments of either graduating with a Certificate, Associates, or a Bachelors’ degree; or Dean’s List.

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“Ancient Pathways—Modern Leaders
Voices of Pueblo Leadership”

There is significance to the role of pueblo “heroes” in community life that is greater than self; leadership, an expression of pueblo values, is service to the greater community. In pueblos, spirituality and service are the basic qualities against which leaders are judged. Leaders are chosen for character, knowledge, and commitment to cultural survival. Individuals do not seek power or control, nor do they demand fame or authority. Leaders are not self selected, but nourished, encouraged and chosen based on the commitment and skills needed by a community at a given time. (American Indian Research and Policy Institute, 1999).

This documentary film—ANCIENT PATHWAYS—MODERN LEADERS—is a profound and stimulating glimpse into this model of leadership that has sustained a culture for more than a thousand years.

SILVER BULLET PRODUCTIONS invites you to the screening of “Ancient Pathways Modern Leaders” at Institute of American Indian Arts Library and Technology Building located at 83 Avan Nu Po Road on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 5:30 pm

Seating is limited—OPEN to the public at NO charge

Reception and refreshments to follow screening.

For more information, contact:
Silver Bullet Productions at (505) 820-0522
http://www.silverbulletproductions.com

or

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Calling All Artists, Students and Community Members: Mural Meeting

We will be having another Mural Meeting on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 10:00 am in the American Indian Center (AD 255). What we are asking is for more student involvement because this project needs a lot more input but also to have other students willing to put the time and effort to make a project that will last a long time on campus.

This is be a lengthy process but the more involvement we have, we can start putting ideas and words into actual drawings and get ready to present them to the Board.

For more information, contact:
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Financial Aid Night!

The American Indian Center will be hosting a Financial Aid night here on campus in our office (AD 255) on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6—8pm.

We will be having the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) staff help fill out FAFSA application and also to answer any questions concerning transferring to other schools or even questions about scholarships.

This financial aid night is to help the parents get their students on the right path of fulfilling their education.

Scholarship information will be available and the advisors will be able to let know what is involved with the degree course requirements.

Frito pies will be served the night of the event so we are asking that parents and students, please RSVP as soon as possible so we can accommodate the large crowd.

To find out what information will be needed in order to complete your FAFSA and to RSVP, please contact Ambrosha Baca at (505) 747-5405 or at ambroshab@nnmc.edu
Four Corners Education Summit

Please join us for the first Four Corners Education Summit, an event to build partnerships across our region in order to achieve a common vision of success for our students.

The event will be hosted in Gallup, New Mexico at the University of New Mexico-Gallup on **Friday, May 6, 2011** from 9:00am—5:00pm.

The outcomes of this summit will be:

- Build and strengthen partnerships across the region
- Increase awareness (across lines of difference) of issues, solutions, and the purpose of education in our communities
- Begin to create a shared vision for our local education system that incorporates the views of all community members
- Develop next steps aligned to improving education for our students

Speakers and facilitators include Mr. Quinton Roman Nose, TEDNA President, NIEA President-Elect and Mr. Robert Cook, Former NIEA President, appointee to the NACIE Board, and managing Director of Teach For America’s Native Achievement Initiative.

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“The Genizaro Experience: A Living Legacy”

"The Genízaros Experience—A Living Legacy and Celebration of History" a public symposium and reception recognizing the lives and contributions of Genízaros will be held on **Sunday, May 8th, 2011** at 1:00pm—5:00pm Abiquiu, New Mexico at the Joe Ferran Center.

The organizers of the “Genízaros Experience” panel discussion are interested in having youth participate by using the 2007 Legislative Memorial recognizing the Contributions of Genízaros to show through artistic expression what the Genízaros’ Experience was like over the past 300 years and into present time.

One or more submission will be the foundation for the Program Poster, which will be used to announce the May 10th event throughout the communities of Northern and Central New Mexico.

**Call for Young Artists**

**Who:** Youth who have a sense of the Genízaros’ Heritage and likely have a personal connection to that heritage.

**What:** Original images depicting the Genízaros’ Experience in New Mexico from 1693 to present day.

**Where:** All submissions meeting the deadline will be exhibited during the Genízaros’ Experience” panel discussion on May 10-2011 in Abiquiu, New Mexico.

**When:** Deadline Submission of final art is April 1, 2011 to be postmarked or hand delivered to:

Project Coordinator: Cynthia J. Gomez, 3525 Vail Ave SE #B Albuquerque, NM 87106 or Abiquiu, Library and Cultural Center, Abiquiu, New Mexico.

For more information, see link attachment:
http://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/07%20Regular/memorials/senate/SM059.html

Pueblo Indian Studies Summer Course

Northern New Mexico College is offering an eight-week course, Introduction to Pueblo Indian Studies (PIS 200) starting Monday, June 6, 2011—Thursday, July 27, 2011. The course will be taught by Dr. Matthew Martinez on Mondays and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm—8:45 pm.

This course will provide an introduction to the Pueblo experience of New Mexico by drawing upon historical contacts, literature and public policy. The class material will include lectures, films, guest speakers and site visits to important historical places and collections.

The textbooks required will be:

- **Pueblo Nations:** Eight Centuries of Pueblo Indian History by Joe S. Sando (ISBN: 9780940666078)
- **White Shell Water Place** by F. Richard Sanchez (ISBN: 9780865347878)

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### Important Dates To Remember

- **AISO Meeting in American Indian Center**: Wednesday, April 6
- **Mural Meeting in American Indian Center (10am—11am)**: Friday, April 8
- **Last Day to Withdraw from a Full-Term Course**: Sunday, April 10
- **Registration for Summer & Fall 2011 Begins**: Monday, April 11
- **FAFSA Night at NNMC (6-8pm)**: Wednesday, April 13
- **9th Annual Senior Honors Project at Santa Fe Indian School**: Friday, April 15
- **Tsay Corporation Job Fair at NNMC (11am—1pm)**: Tuesday, April 19
- **NNMC Closed (Good Friday)**: Friday, April 22
- **Think-o-de Mayo Poster Session at NNMC Rotunda Area**: Thursday, May 5
- **Final Exams**: Saturday-Thursday, May 7-12
- **Commencement Rehearsal**: Thursday, May 12
- **GED Graduation**: Friday, May 13
- **NNMC Graduation**: Saturday, May 14
- **Classes Begin for Summer 2011**: Monday, June 6

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