As we close out the Fall 2012 semester, we at the American Indian Center would like to take the time to recognize and congratulate those students who will be receiving their degrees at the end of the semester. We realize that the road has not always been fun or easy, but you made it. You persevered through the good and the bad, proud and disappointing moments along this path. We wish you the very best as you continue your journeys.

We acknowledge and congratulate the following Native American graduates:

Janice Baca (Santa Clara Pueblo)
AA -- Business Administration

Shoshanna Dez (Navajo)
AA -- Criminal Justice

Allison Jones (Tesuque Pueblo)
BBA -- Project Management

Linda Mirabal (Taos)
BBA -- Business Administration Management

Congratulations to Mark Rendon, American Indian Center’s Administrative Assistant, who will graduate this fall semester with a BA in Business Administration!
Final exams are approaching on college campuses around the world. Finals can be stressful, even for the most prepared students. Here are some tips to help you succeed:

Preparing for the Final
1. Find out what your entire fall 2012 exam is so that you’ll know how many finals you will have on each day.
2. Prepare a written schedule for yourself indicating when you will study for each test. Leave some time in your schedule for exercise and relaxation, too.
3. If the professor offers a study guide, use it.
4. If the professor offers a review session for the exam, go to it.
5. If you study well in groups, form a study group.
6. Know if the final is comprehensive (covering everything since the beginning of the semester or quarter).
7. Find out what kind of exam it will be. You’d study differently for a multiple-choice (Scantron) final than an essay (blue book) one.
8. If the final will be taken online, find out if you have to go to a specific computer lab on campus at a specific time, or if you’ll be allowed to take the final on your own computer. Also find out how many chances you will have to take the final. Assume it’s just one chance unless you hear differently from the professor.
9. If you have your previous exams available, scour the exams for things that you think will be on the final. Flag your notes by highlighting or using Post-It notes.
10. Don’t pull an all-nighter. (Though some people are successful with studying all night and then taking a test with no sleep, I wouldn’t recommend you try it for the first time on a final exam.)
11. Calculate your grades in the class. Determine what score you will need to get the grade you’re hoping for in the class. You may discover that you can’t possibly get an A, no matter how well you do on the final, but to get a B, you only need to get a few questions right.
12. If you’re an auditory learner, record yourself reading your notes aloud, then play the recording back several times.
13. If the exam is an open-book exam, this does not mean that you don’t have to study at all. In fact, one of the most challenging exams I ever took as an undergrad was an open-book essay exam. Flag your textbook based on where you believe the questions will come from.
14. Consider creating a detailed Final Exam Battle Plan. (continued on pg. 5)
Start Something BIG!

Be a part of helping a youth in your community change their life for the better, forever. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern NM, with the support of the Pueblo of Pojoaque, Nambe, Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh is offering our program to these Pueblo communities. BBBS offers professionally supported one-to-one youth mentoring programs. We are currently seeking Native American mentors, we call them “Big’s”, that are willing to mentor a Native American youth, “Little’s”, living on Pueblo land. The commitment is simple: a minimum of one year mentoring your “Little”, and spending time with your “Little” at least twice a month for a total of 6-8 hours.

Our Mentoring Programs Work

Studies prove when youth are matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister for at least one year, the youth is:

- 46% less likely to begin using illicit drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to hit someone

Start Something Today

Be a part of helping a youth in your community change their life for the better, forever. For more information call Kenna Chavarria at 505-699-6267, or Rose Montoya at 505-614-4231. You can also check out our website at: www.bbbsnorthernnm.org.
Nuu Phaa in the Pueblos
(Christmas)

Poeh Arts Annual “Nuu Phaa”
Faculty & Student Exhibition

December 7, 2012 - March 9, 2013

Opening Reception
December 7, 2012
4pm to 7pm
TIPS ON HOW TO STUDY FOR FINAL EXAMS
(continued from pg. 2)

On the Day of the Final
1. Eat a meal and drink water.
2. Don’t overdo it with the caffeine.
3. Know what to bring with you to the final. Do you need a blue book? A Scantron? (And if you need a Scantron, which specific type do you need?) A pencil? A pen?
4. Are food and drinks allowed in the classroom where your final will be? Sometimes, the rules are different for exam days than other days.
5. Even if you don’t usually wear a watch, take one with you to the final. It’s unlikely you will be able to look at your cell phone to check the time during the final.

During the Final
1. For a paper-based exam, read through the entire final exam before you start answering any questions at all. This way, you will know what you’re facing.
2. If the final is an online exam, find out if you can revisit questions, or if after you click past a question you cannot go back to it again.
3. If you’re using a Scantron and you skip a question to finish later, make sure you’re answering your questions next to the correct answers. (When I took my GRE to get into grad school, I skipped a question on the first page of the booklet, but never skipped a number on the Scantron. When I realized it, I only had 10 minutes to go back and put the answers with the correct questions. Talk about stress!)
4. Keep a close eye on the time you have allotted.
5. Some students benefit from answering the most difficult questions first, while others do better completing all the easier ones. Do what works for you!

Summer 2013 White House Internship Program

The White House Internship Program provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. This hands-on program is designed to mentor and cultivate today’s young leaders, strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office and prepare them for future public service opportunities.

The White House Internship Program’s mission is to make the “People’s House” accessible to future leaders from around the nation.

The application for the Summer 2013 White House Internship Program is now open.

To apply for the White House Internship Program, visit:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/11/26/open-today-summer-2013-white-house (internship-program-application)

Please read application FULLY prior to applying. Questions should be directed to the White House Intern office and NOT the FEB.
Introduction to Pueblo Indian Studies PIS 200
Monday & Wednesday
12:30-1:45pm
Instructor: Dr. Matthew Martinez
CRN 21729

Special Topics in Tribal Languages:
Tewa Language PIS 245
Tues & Thurs 6:00-7:45pm
Instructor: Patrick Aguino
CRN 23226

Spirit of Place PIS 381
Monday & Wednesday
11:00-12:30pm
Instructor: Porter Swentzell
CRN 22874

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**News at Northern**

**DECEMBER 2012**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE**
**FAROLITO FESTIVITIES ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 7, 2012**
**LIGHTING OF FAROLITIOS @4:00PM**
**CAROLING @5:30PM – DINNER SERVED @6:30PM**
**SANTA WILL BE ARRIVING @6:45PM**
**ENTERTAINMENT @7:00PM**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!**

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**YOUR FUTURE**

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Thank you all who attended "A Good Day to Die" film screening as part of Native American Month! We were excited to see such a large attendance from students and community members. Please continue to check our upcoming newsletters for spring programming. If interested in hosting a screening at your school or community organization, see below for ordering information:

"A GOOD DAY TO DIE" DOCUMENTARY:
PURCHASE DVD for 24.95

DOWNLOAD for $14.95 (Worldwide, English only)

OR...

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Contact Mallory Jacobs at: mjacobs@kinolorber.com

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American Indian Center—Fall 2012

Student Reminder!
♦ The computers at the American Indian Center are for the use of all students, take advantage!
♦ AISO meeting: Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, 2:30 at the American Indian Center, AD 255

Our Mission
Our mission is to create and implement a safe and empowering learning environment that prepares native students to contribute to the well-being of themselves and that of their respective communities. We are here to provide students with access to safe spaces to succeed in their environments.

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