Greetings from the American Indian Center! As the headline states, we are going with a new look as well as a new name for our monthly newsletter in honor of Native American Heritage Month. We have adopted the logo for the American Indian Student Organization to represent our newsletter and a new name, “Native Eagle Spirit”, to represent our Native students as well as the “Eagle” to represent their school and the “Spirit” that these fine young students have to continue their education for the betterment of themselves and their respective families and communities.

This newsletter was created to inform and promote Native American awareness and support for the students and community of Northern New Mexico as well as the Northern New Mexico College Campus.

Native Americans are the descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who were the original inhabitants of the United States. American Indian Heritage Day aims to highlight the relationship between the United States government and the Native American governments, as well as honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the US.

Native Americans have made distinct and significant contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art. Throughout history, Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, as well as scholars.

We would also like to make our newsletter more student orientated, information coming from them to have ownership in this newsletter such as “Student of the Month”, “Native Pride”, and “Native Words to Share”. We hope you enjoy the new change and welcome any comments or suggestions, thank you.

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**National Native American Heritage Month**

**Proclamation from President Obama**

**The White House**

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 30, 2009

**Proclamation**

The indigenous peoples of North America -- the First Americans -- have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

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This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forebears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than $3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over $17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA

NNMC SCHOLARSHIP DINNER 2011

October 10, 2011, Northern New Mexico College, Española, New Mexico

Drums and Buffalo Dancers; gifts of seeds for next year’s gardens; a raffle and an auction; students, faculty, and administration; VIP’s, donors, family and friends; a delicious meal for 500: thus concludes the Northern’s Foundation 16th Annual Scholarship Awards and Donor Recognition Dinner at Ohkay Casino Resort Saturday night.

Throughout the evening, several themes naturally emerged. President Barceló’s reference to gardens and the growth of our students connected to the student-produced video’s motif and title “The Place Where I Grow”; opening remarks emphasized the discovery of ‘who we are’ at Northern while keynote speaker and Northern graduate Claudia Delgado proudly proclaimed, “I succeeded, and Northern helped me overcome great obstacles.”

All of the Foundation’s 2011 scholarship recipients were invited to attend the event, and several dozen were introduced to their benefactors in a pre-dinner reception. Later in the evening, the students received recognition from President Barceló and the Foundation Board and the recipients were met with resounding applause.

In addition to the presentation of scholarships, new endowments were acknowledged, and new donors were honored and given gifts by the Foundation Board.

With the generous support of numerous donors, table sponsors, and Ohkay Casino Resort, this year’s event was a tremendous success in continuing the mission of the Foundation to financially support students attending NNMC. —Terry Mulert, Master of Ceremonies
American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the cultures, traditions, and histories of Native peoples. It is an opportunity to highlight the important contributions of Native peoples and the shared histories between tribal nations and other communities.

Native youth are charged with the responsibility of carrying on our traditions and adding their own chapters to our history. It is crucial that they receive the support, tools, and skills necessary to fulfill that important leadership role within our communities. In 2011, Heritage Month events and initiatives will aim to address the unique challenges faced by Native youth by collaboratively developing solutions and spotlighting the success of Native youth who hold leadership roles.

We at the American Indian Center would like to seize this opportunity to ask our Native Youth, “What are you doing in your community as well as your personal life to preserve Native Pride?” Take some time and really think about what you can do to be a mentor to our younger brothers and sisters as well as our elders. Just think of the possibilities if we work together and put aside differences for the common good our your community. What would you like to see change for the betterment of your respective communities?

If you would like to take this challenge, please respond on my Facebook page @ nnmc aiso, We will post responses on December’s Newsletter. You may also email me @ cpedominguez@nnmc.edu, thanks and remember to always hold your head high and be proud of who you are. Native Pride!!

Native Youth; Take a Stand and Promote Native Pride in your Community

Native Words to Share

Tewa Phrases:
Sengithamu: Good morning
Ha un an!: How are you?
Hiwo: I’m good!

Tewa Numbers:
Wi?: One
Wiyeh: Two
Poeyeh: Three
Yoenu’ Four
P’aanu’: Five

Navajo Phrases:
Ya at t’ eeh Shiki’s: Hello friend

Navajo Animals:
Lii: Horse
Dibe’: Sheep
Beel’gashii: Cow

Tewa Colors:
Black: Phendi
Red: Pi’ i
Blue: Tsawa
Green: Po See wi

Tewa Animals:
Bear: Kay
Turtle: OeKuu
Deer: Paa’
PIS 200 Intro to Pueblo Indian Studies, Dr. Matthew Martinez, M 1:00 pm - 3:45pm
Course description: You will survey academic approaches, such as history, linguistics, and anthropology, to the study of Pueblo Indians and their neighbors.

PIS 259 Indian Gaming (cross listed with BUS 258), Dr. Matthew Martinez, W 1-3:45pm
Course description: Students will survey public policy history that lead to the passage of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (1988). Students will also explore and debate the importance of political and economic development among Pueblo communities.

PIS 381 Spirit of Place, Porter Swentzell, M 6pm - 845pm
Course description: You will examine the meaning of place in your life and its particular importance to understanding Native identity and culture. You will focus on how to relate place with examples of how Native writers, poets, artists, storytellers, and other performers convey a “sense” or “spirit” of place in their work.

PIS 458 Advanced Research Methods, Dr. Matthew Martinez, TBA
Course description: You will further develop research techniques applied throughout PIS courses through a focused, individual research project.

PIS 488 PIS Senior Seminar, Dr. Matthew Martinez, TBA
Course description: This is your capstone course which is designed to bring Intergraded Studies students together in your final seminar for an intensive review of materials covered in your full course of study.

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Greetings, my name is William G. Trujillo (Will) and I am the new President of the American Indian Student Organization (AISO).

Welcome to all, as AISO President, I would like to invite you to celebrate our Native American Culture.

November 27th has been selected as Native American Day by President Barack Obama. That is the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day which is the original “Feast Day” of the American Indians and the Pilgrims. The following is a personal story on Native Pride and the wonderful culture we will celebrate this month.

I grew up in Ohkay Owingeh, learned the Tewa language, and participated in cultural events and ceremonies. I attended San Juan Day School, where the students learned to speak, read, how to count, and all the colors in Tewa, which at that age, I thought all schools did. Then I entered Public Schools and learned the many cultures of the Espanola Valley. During my life I moved around with employment, have lived in Southern New Mexico and Central Florida. I encountered people from around the world with diverse cultural backgrounds and languages. I never realized the beauty of our culture, the Tewa language, ceremonies and the peacefulness of Pueblo life. Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz said it best, “There is no place like home.”

To this day I am still learning my language and actively participating in our tribal ceremonies. As a Student of Northern, my cultural background has allowed for opportunities both academic and social and I am proud to be an American Indian Member of the Ohkay Owingeh Tribe.

So, as we celebrate this Month I would like to invite all to write a small story of the pride we share as Native Americans and the uniqueness of our culture and send it to me so we can publish it in the upcoming newsletters.

Email me at: williamtrujillo@nnmc.edu

Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving!!
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