“Historias de Nuevo Mexico” Conference

On January 6, 1912, New Mexico became the 47th State in the U.S. This year communities statewide will commemorate one hundred years of New Mexico statehood. Although this mark of statehood is significant, we know that our diverse cultures and histories statewide exist far beyond the last 100 years. It is with this spirit that framed the planning of the upcoming Historias de Nuevo México conference to be held on the El Rito campus, October 12-13, 2012.

Our conference highlights include a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Sanchez who is superintendent of the Petroglyph National Monument and the Spanish Colonial Research Center at the University of New Mexico as well as a reading by Dr. Arturo Madrid from his new book, In the Land of Empty Crosses. In addition, the conference will have a series of plenary sessions addressing the themes of contesting, celebrating and cultivating our homelands. The ancestral puebloans lived in the El Rito area known as sapawe and continue to (continued on pg. 3)
New AISO President: Jennifer Denipah

My name is Jennifer Denipah, I am the new president of The American Indian Student Organization and proud mother of my four year old daughter. I am from Ohkay Owingeh and am attending NNMC, majoring in Environmental Science with a focus in Agriculture. I am inviting anyone who wants to participate this year in the American Indian Student Organization to please come to the American Indian Center at Northern New Mexico College, AD 255, for more information.

Newly Elected Officers!

The American Indian Center would like to congratulate the newly elected officers to the American Indian Student Organization. We are sure you will do great things.

President — Jennifer Denipah
Vice President — Emma Loretto
Secretary — Frank Cruz
Treasurer — Austin Martinez

We would also like to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done.

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States.” Still, a Native American man or woman living on a reservation in New Mexico could not vote.

Native American veterans returning home from World War II were no exception. Young men who were considered capable enough to fight for their country, if they returned to their reservation, still weren’t considered worthy to vote in the elections that shaped the very country they had served.

It took one Isleta Pueblo man to force the state to change. Miguel Trujillo was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. In his post, he saw many young Native American men sign up to ship out, some never to return. It wasn’t until 1948, when Trujillo made the trip from his home in Isleta to register in Valencia County and was denied, that the vote came within the grasp of the original peoples of New Mexico. Trujillo filled a lawsuit against the state and Trujillo v. Garley, the case that would decide once and for all if New Mexico’s Native Americans could vote, was born.

It is particularly critical to not only think about the best qualified presidential candidates on the ballot but also to consider voting for legislation that will have tremendous implications at the local level. With no tax increase the passage of Bond C will contribute $2 million dollars toward Northern New Mexico College’s much needed safety and security projects. This election year it is important to honor the legacy of leaders like Miguel Trujillo by getting out to vote. It took one individual to make a historical impact and pave the way for future generations. You too can make such an impact!
October 2012

Historias de Nuevo México
Histories of New Mexico

An Academic & Community Conference

October 12–13, 2012
Northern New Mexico College
El Rito Campus

CONFERENCE INFO  www.tinyurl.com/nmhistorias
remain connected to such a homeland. We too envision this conference to be a continuum of stories reflecting the crossroads of communities along the Rio Chama and Rio Grande rivers.

This conference is sponsored by Northern New Mexico College, the Northern Pueblos Institute, the NNMC Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies Research Center, and Espejo. Registration and conference information can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/nmhistorias or contact: Northern New Mexico College American Indian Center 505-747-5405.

CAMP Advisor Katie Cadena Priebe, is organizing a planning committee to celebrate Northern’s first Dia de los Muertos display of alters. We invite students, faculty, staff, and departments to create their own altar, which will be on display in the AD Commons area. We will have a contest and give prizes for the best three alters.
The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is a national private 501(c)(3) non profit headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico providing fellowships to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students throughout the United States. Established in 1969, AIGC has disbursed more than 15,000 graduate fellowships with the support of the Bureau of Indian Education, corporate and foundation partnerships, and our generous alumni and private donors.

In 2001 AIGC Scholars was incorporated as a partner in the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, to help native communities successfully access the prestigious GMS scholarship, and to provide financial and academic support to the 1500 American Indian and Alaska Native students who earn this award through 2020.

Mission:
"Build, promote, and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education and leadership."

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NOVEMBER 6, 2012
Higher Education Bond C is a bond issue on the 2012 general election ballot that allocates money to help improve the aging facilities of New Mexico colleges and universities.

Important Dates:
Absentee Voting — Oct. 9 — Nov. 2, 2012
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In-Person Voting (Election Day) - Nov. 6, 2012 (7a.m.—7p.m.)

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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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