Welcome Back!

As the 2012 Fall semester kicks off, we at the American Indian Center extend a warm welcome to new and returning students. Northern New Mexico College is your home, and we are glad to know that you have decided to be a part of the NNMC family. It is good to walk around a lively, energetic campus filled with such determined and friendly students. As you begin this new chapter in your lives we welcome you all to take advantage of the resources available to you here at the College, specifically the resources at the American Indian Center. The Center is open to all students, and we encourage you to make the most of it. We are located in room AD 255 of the Montoya Administration building on the Espanola Campus. We hope you have a fun and productive semester, welcome.

Mesa Prieta Petroglyphs

September 5, 2012 - Dr. Matthew Martinez and his Intro to Pueblo Indian Studies class ventured out to the hills of Mesa Prieta, the location of the Mesa Prieta Petroglyphs. The students were immersed in the rich history that surrounded them as they explored the area. Dr. Martinez explained the rich history in depth, providing intricate details which put things into perspective. This article lays the foundation for future N.E.S. issues and articles in which we will provide testimonials from the students about their experience. Pictures to be featured in next month’s issue.
New at the American Indian Center

September 2012

New Administrative Assistant
Mark Rendon

Dear Readers,

My name is Mark Rendon, and it is an honor to inform you that I have recently been hired as the new Administrative Assistant for the American Indian Center at Northern New Mexico College. Though I am new to the AIC, and this position, I am no stranger to Northern. For over a year I was employed by Northern’s Title V Exito program as a Student Ambassador and Peer Mentor. Throughout this time I have met very many interesting and delightful people, from students to faculty and staff. I have learned about many of the resources that are available on campus and how to use them. I feel that these are assets that I can help share with any student that is willing to take advantage of them. I assure you that I will work very hard to do the best that I can for the AIC and any students that want to use this wonderful resource. This is your Center, get involved and take advantage of it. I would like to send a very special thank you to Dr. Matthew Martinez, and Kimberly Othole for the warm welcome and guidance they have provided for me in this new venture. I would also like to thank all of the individuals that I had the privilege of working with throughout my time as Student Ambassador. In closing, I encourage all students to come in and use the resources in the American Indian Center, we are here to support you in all of your endeavors, thank you.

Respectfully,
Mark Rendon

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Services Provided:

Academic Advisement
Scholarship Information
Internships
Employment Opportunities
Referral Services

Student Organizations
Tribal Education Liaison
Student Advocacy
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Scanner & Computer Lab
About Tewa Women United

Our Beginnings  TWU is a collective intertribal women’s voice in the Tewa homelands of Northern New Mexico. The name Tewa Women United comes from the Tewa words wi don gi mu which translates to “we are one.”

Tewa Women United (TWU) was started in 1989 as a support group for women concerned with various issues including alcoholism, suicide, and domestic and sexual violence. In the safe space women created, we transformed and empowered one another through critical analysis and the embracing and re-affirming of our cultural identity.

In 2001 TWU transitioned from an informal, all volunteer group to a formal 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Tewa Women United was incorporated for educational, social and benevolent purposes, specifically for the ending of all forms of violence against Native Women and girls, Mother Earth and to promote peace in New Mexico.

Our Vision  Sovereignty is living the truth from the heart. TWU’s vision is embodied in the Tewa words wo watsi the breath of our work. In other words, our path of life follows us into daily work.

Our Mission  The mission of TWU is to provide safe spaces of Indigenous women to uncover the power, strength and skills they possess to become positive forces for social change in their families and communities.

Our Values

Wina ta yay - We together will live these values
wowatsi - circle of life, what you give comes back, generosity, reciprocity, life affirming, living life as a prayer, purposeful living
kwee wa-sen - female and male
Wa vi tuu - ancestral knowingness
agin - respectful caring of self and others
nan ochuu kweeyo - Mother Earth, living as Tewa
seegi ma vay i - loving, caring for, and looking out for each other
Featured Event:

A PUBLIC EVENT
Gathering for Mother EARTH
Sept. 29 Sat.-Sun. 30th 2012
TEWA WOMEN UNITED 16th Annual

Youth Activities
Healing Arts
Craft & Info Booths
Children’s Peace Tent
Native Cultural Dances
Danza Moxka
Talking Circles
Workshops

Music/Good Vibes
Healing Earth Relay Run
Raffle every hour
Sat. Meal
Water Ceremony
Native Singers
National/Intl guests

“A Gathering For All Cultures Of All Ages”

Pojoaque, NM: Site is 1.8 miles on Hwy 502 West near Pojoaque High School from Hwy 285/84. Look for signs.

Natural laws honors Youth & Hearts breath
For community Spirit in a world anew

Tewa Women United & Network Sponsors call (505) 747-3259
For info: www.tewawomenunited.org
FAX: registration form to: 505-747-4067
In 1864 President Abraham Lincoln presented silver-headed canes to each of New Mexico’s nineteen Pueblos. Today these canes remain potent symbols of continuing sovereignty. Why did this war-weary president, a leader of an Indian policy that destroyed many tribal communities, choose this action? Canes of Power offers a glimpse into the connection between Lincoln and the Pueblos, and the authority the Lincoln Canes continue to hold. This documentary is part of an educational initiative by the producing organization to encourage Native youth to research their community history as well as to develop writing and filmmaking skills.

“Wherever we are, those canes guide us, lead us, and speak for us”

Producers: Pam Pierce and Nick Durrie
Associate Producer: Dr. Matthew Martinez (Ohkay Owingeh), Conroy Chino (Acoma)
Produced by Silver Bullet Productions
Narrator: Wes Studi (Cherokee)

To purchase a DVD, or a license for public use of any Silver Bullet Productions please contact:
Pam A. Pierce
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Canes of Power DVD + shipping = $25

See the trailer at: http://www.silverbulletproductions.com/video-Canes-of-Power-trailer.html
Welcome Northern New Mexico College Students to the Fall 2012 Semester! My name is William G. Trujillo, I am the 2011-2012 President of the American Indian Student Organization (AISO). As President I have to say it has been an exciting year. The Club has had 13 American Indian Students Graduate. We raised funds for club activities by having bake sales, a holiday raffle, and even a ping pong carney game, we also helped the students and community with a Holiday food drive. We participated in a Halloween candy distribution and the Club also attended a trip to the State Legislature which was very informative. We hope this year will be an even more eventful year.

Any interested students are welcome to join us. Our first A.I.S.O. meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at noon in the American Indian Affairs/ Pueblo Indian Studies Office (AD 255). At this meeting we will hold an Election of New Club Officers which will be exciting and we will also serve lunch. Hope to see you there!

**Meeting Agenda**

- Call to order
- Welcome new members
- Election of Officers
- Student Senate Rep.
- Discuss fund raising Marketing
- Open Forum
- Discuss next meeting
- Adjourn

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*September 2012*

MESSAGE FROM AISO
Save the Date

What: Historias de Nuevo Mexico Conference
When: October 12 & 13, 2012
Where: NNMC El Rito Campus

*For more information visit: www.tinyurl.com/nmhistorias*

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American Indian Center
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.

Visit: nnmc.edu/american-indian-center

“One Santa Clara Vote Counts”
Documentary Screening & Voter Registration Drive
Wednesday, October 3, 2012
12:30-1:30pm
Northern New Mexico College
AD 101-102
Sponsored by Santa Clara Pueblo and the Northern Pueblos Institute
For more information contact the American Indian Center at Northern New Mexico College 505-747-5405