Navajo Code Talkers Honored

Amidst sunny skies, a parade, military salutes, and speeches, the legendary Navajo Code Talkers were honored in Window Rock today.

While a bugle played taps, a wreath was laid at the foot of the massive bronze statue of a Navajo Code Talker transmitting a message on his radio.

Several hundred people attended the special recognition along with many surviving Code Talkers and their friends and relatives as well as veterans from all military branches of service.

A theme that resonated through each message given was that “We will never forget the incredible contribution these men made.”

“... a gallant group of men from the Navajo Nation utilized their language in coded form to help speed the Allied victory.

— President Ronald Reagan July 28, 1982

President’s Corner

Welcome back to Diné College Faculty and Staff.

I’m delighted to join you in the preparations being made campus wide as students make their way back for the Fall 2013 Semester. Our students come from all corners of the Navajo Nation and beyond to invest in an education that inspires and challenges. Diné College is one of the most vital engines of educational opportunity and economic growth on the Navajo Nation.

This semester promises to be equally busy and eventful. I’m positive our College will continue to strive forward with the contributions of a talented group of professionals working at the College. Across campus, we have already begun new student orientations and completed our faculty and staff meetings.

On August 19, 2013, the College will host the kickoff event for our selection into the Achieving the Dream network of schools. Please join in the excitement of promoting student success across the institution.

My gratitude and admiration goes out to our faculty and staff at all our campuses, you perform an incredible variety of tasks that support our College and students. I look forward to continuing our work together as we move Diné College to new levels of success.

Best wishes to all for a productive and rewarding year!
The exterior of the new Window Rock South Building now completed as of August 12th, 2013. There are two classrooms along with two offices for faculty/staff. The building sits in the same location as the old south building. Plans for a traditional dedication ceremony are pending.

Navajo Enterprises Diné College Begin Partnership Talks

Representatives from several of the Navajo Nation Enterprises visited Diné College on August 14, 2013 to discuss opportunities for students. Nathaniel Yazzie, CEO of the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Michelle Dotson, of Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (NNGE), Tom Arviso Jr., CEO of the Navajo Times, and Dwight Largie from the Office of Vice President of the Navajo Nation were in attendance for the roundtable discussion. Diné College department Chairs provided information on their departments and how their curriculum can align with job opportunities for students at the enterprises. The discussions centered around a new Bachelor of Arts degree in Business at Diné College and how the courses can be favorable to future employees at the enterprises.

“Students who attend Diné College will now have a real opportunity to obtain some professional skills in the classroom, preparing them for the local and global workforce,” said Vice President of Academics, Rebecca M. Benally. “The development of partnerships with various Navajo Nation enterprises and businesses give potential students an incentive to attend Diné College,” she concluded.