Northern Navajo Fair

The 102nd Northern Navajo Nation Fair and Parade was another successful event for Diné College. Everyone who participated in the parade showed great enthusiasm and Warrior Pride. College promotional items including, T-shirts, flip-flops, and bags were handed out to enthusiastic parade goers.

Diné College’s Land Grant Office took part in Kid’s Day on October 3rd and made presentations to the children who attended the festivities. Benita Litson, Director of the Land Grant Office and her department members showed the children how to identify native area plants.

Shiprock Campus Director, Priscilla Weaver also held an open house for visitors at the Senator John Pinto Library on Thursday. Hats off to our food services staff for the wonderful food that was served at the Open House — it was almost too pretty to eat!

The President’s Corner - Guest

At Diné College, the English Department instructors teach all of the foundational reading and writing classes. In our department, we teach Eng. 101, Eng. 102, Creative Writing, and all of the literature courses.

Our department also oversees the Liberal Arts degree program, which is the College’s only interdisciplinary degree and is very popular among current students at the College. Preparing our students for four-year institutions and graduation is our priority for this program.

This year, we are doing a program review of the Liberal Arts Degree, and this is the first time instructors from four divisions of English, Humanities, Center for Diné Studies, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, will teach for the program. We want to ensure that students in the program fully understand the interesting connections among all of those disciplines. This dialogue bodes well for the future of the program.

This year, we also submitted a proposal to build reading modules for reading classes that will help students move through their courses in a self-paced fashion.

Finally, we will also be presenting a poetry speaker series this Fall and Spring. Renowned poets such as Sherman Alexie will be coming to Diné College to share their work. Take the time to join us as we celebrate these upcoming events.

Thank you,

Lisa Eutsey, Ph.D.
Diné College English Chair
Miss Diné College 2013 -2014
Megan Smallcanyon

On September 30, 2013, Diné College announced Megan Smallcanyon of Chinle, Arizona as the 2013-14 Miss Diné College. Her clans are Tó’aheediinii born for TóDích’ii’nii, her maternal grandparents clan are Dziltl’ahnii and her paternal grandparents are Kinyaa’áanii.

Ms. Smallcanyon is the daughter of Susie Jones and Elroy Smallcanyon, her maternal grandparents are the late Henry and Zonnie Jones and her paternal grandparents are the late Roy Smallcanyon and Sarah Smallcanyon. Megan currently resides in Chinle, Arizona and attends college at the Chinle Center and the Tsaile Campus.

Megan is majoring in Public Health at Diné College and will be graduating in the Spring 2014. In addition to earning her Associate of Science degree, she will be receiving a certificate in Public Health from the University of Arizona. She was excited to be selected as the ambassador of Diné College.

“I’m very honored to be the next Miss Diné College and I’m looking forward to representing our College,” said Megan. “I want to thank my family, friends, staff of Chinle High School and Diné College for their support and teachings.”

Megan’s platform as Miss Diné College is to promote K’e or Kinship –helping one another and volunteerism. She would also like to help young women to overcome stereotypes and break barriers that hinder success for young Navajo women.

Her predecessor Kolty Tso, Miss Diné College 2012-2013, crowns Megan Smallcanyon Miss Diné College 2013-2014.