Diné College Joins with “Navajo Kentuckians” in Vermont

Students, staff and faculty from Window Rock High School and Diné College attended a “Cultivating Food Literacy” symposium at Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vermont on October 5, 2013. President Maggie, George and Debra Robinson, Instructor at Diné College represented the College at the event. The mission of the symposium was to promote food related themes in facilitating the development of an interdisciplinary curriculum that enhances classroom learning.

“What really excites me is the opportunity to implement the Navajo Kentuckian model at the college level,” said Robinson. “developing interdisciplinary, cross-cultural programs between Diné College and Middlebury College.”

In the spotlight were the Navajo Kentuckians; high school students from Window Rock, Arizona and Louisville, Kentucky, participated in a joint writing program. Window Rock students visited Louisville and their students spent time on the Navajo Nation.

Future plans for the “Cultivating Food Literacy” program include an expansion of the curriculum to college level courses. This will promote better understanding of food systems and also create new communities across cultures.

For more information on the Navajo Kentuckians go to:
http://navajokentuckians.com

President’s Corner

Ya’at’eeh,

The mid semester has officially passed and our students continue to make positive strides towards success. Student athletes have also competed in their respective events for the fall semester.

The Cross Country team competed at the Mesa Thunderbird Classic this past weekend and showed some impressive competition from individual runners. Ronald Hicks finished in the top 8 helping the Warriors to finish in 5th place. For the women, it was Tatiana Johnson who crossed the finish line in 5th place. The women's team also came in 5th as a team. They will be traveling to Syracuse, New York to compete in the USCAA Championships on November 7&8, 2013.

The Rodeo Team competed in three rodeos this season in the Grand Canyon region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Currently, the team is in 6th place and will resume competition during the 2014 Spring Semester. The archery team will begin their season in the spring. Congratulations to all our student athletes this year.

The Associated Students of Diné College (ASDC) elected their officers for the 2013-2014 school year. The participation from all our students in the election was remarkable and I'm positive they have selected a strong leadership to represent them.

Finally, the faculty at our College continues to make significant contributions to our student’s success. They deserve a lot of credit for their efforts and I would like to extend my gratitude to them-Ahé hee! Keep up the good work everyone, and show your Warrior Pride!

Thank you,

Maggie L. George, Ph.D.
President, Diné College
Pennsylvania College Students Explore Culture at Diné College

This mural painted on the walls of the Guy Gorman Classroom building by student artist, Albert D. Begay, II, depicts Barboncito (1821–1871), a famous Navajo political and spiritual leader.

Archery Team Aiming High

This year the Warrior Archery program is aiming to shoot above the competition by adding some new faces to their roster. The team returns seven archers from the previous season to lead the 17-member squad.

The season has not officially begun, however, the team will be honing their skills at the "Warrior Shootout" this Saturday October 19, 2013. Coach Fray Gray is optimistic about his team and the upcoming season.

"Every year is more and more promising and I always look forward to meeting new archers and watching them progress through the season," said Coach Gray. "Each individual brings something to the competition and we harness those skills to produce a highly competitive archer."

Head Archery Coach Fray Gray works with his team shown in a photo taken last spring.

He also noted the 2013 – 2014 archery season to be an eye opener and just as successful as the previous years. Coach Gray’s mission for his team is to build student athletes who will be capable of succeeding anywhere their endeavors may take them. His passion to support and promote the Navajo culture through archery is important in his coaching methods. During his coaching career, he learned that Navajo students on his team had natural abilities in the sport, earning awards and notoriety in the USA Conference.