The Adult Basic Education Program at the Shiprock campus was recently honored at the Annual 2013 New Mexico Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages and New Mexico Adult Education Association Conference in Albuquerque. Dr. Frances Bannowsky, State ABE Director, announced that both Catholic Charities of Albuquerque and Diné College of Shiprock won "ABE Program of the Year 2012-2013." Thomas Bennett, Learning Center Director at the Shiprock Campus, and his staff were surprised to hear of their accomplishment.

“We are surprised to receive this honor. This validates the hard work and excellent teamwork of our department,” said Bennett. He also noted that some of the students who successfully complete the GED program often enroll into college, including Diné College, to pursue a degree.

The criteria were based on data submitted to the State ABE Office. The state reviewed two areas of data, educational level gains and the number of students obtaining their GED diplomas. According to Cheril Carrington, Policy and Program Improvement Coordinator, Dine College had “the highest performing program in the state (for the past 5 years...)”. The ABE Program in Shiprock was "ABE Program of the Year" in 2008-2009.

Congratulations to Norman Phillips, Jervis Garfield, Alice Wagner, Carletta Lee and Sandra Begay for their dedication to providing quality educational services. The program is funded by the New Mexico Higher Education Department Adult Basic Education Division.
This week ground was broken for the construction of twenty new student residence units on the Tsaile campus. According to Leon Jackson, Construction Projects Director, the project is scheduled to be completed by February of 2015.

Student Success Center Open House

The Staff of the Student Success Center on the Tsaile campus hosted an “Open House” on October 23 at the Tsaile Campus. The center opened its doors six months ago and has since been in use providing academic and support services for students. Staff of the new facility provided information about the center’s programs, personnel and services. The open house welcomed everyone with a cake and punch reception. Students are encouraged to come by and learn more about how to utilize the new facilities.