The Kids Rock Project Proves Learning Geology is Fun

Diné College Geology Instructor Margaret Mayer interacts with Tsaile Elementary students during “Kids Rock” on Monday.

Third graders from Mr. Williams class and sixth graders from Mrs. Tsosie’s class at Tsaile Elementary School were given the opportunity to learn about geology at the Diné College Tsaile Campus Student Union Building.

The fun-filled event is known as the Kids Rock Project sponsored by Geology instructor Margaret Mayer along with Diné College Science students who also participated. They gave lessons on plate tectonics, topographic maps, minerals, rock types, and erosion.

Diné College students captured the imaginations of the kids through their presentations. “It is always a pleasure to see kids at such a young age become fascinated with geology, this helps them to understand the physical environment of which they are surrounded by,” said Margaret Mayer. “Diné College students were great in helping them to understand these lessons.”

The Kids Rock Project at Diné College was held to invite the Tsaile Elementary school students to learn about Geology and other related topics.

President’s Corner-Guest

As the Student Recruiter, my efforts are to spark an interest in potential students to attend Diné College. There are numerous events that have taken place on the Navajo Nation and Diné College was there to take part.

These included the Eastern Navajo Fair, Central Navajo Fair, Navajo Nation Fair, Utah Navajo Fair, Southwest Navajo Fair, Northern Navajo Fair and Western Navajo Fair. The Recruitment Office also collaborated with the Athletic Teams and Student Services at parades and Kids’ Day that were held at the Fairs.

The Recruitment Office is currently scheduling High School visitations with faculty from Center Diné Teacher Education, BASET Division and students from Associated Students of Diné College. Faculty and student representation at high school recruitment visits and efforts have immensely helped with the insight on-campus and in-classroom experiences.

We have visited high schools by targeting the AVID and College Readiness & Preparedness courses for juniors and seniors. The Recruitment Office is working on an ongoing schedule for high school visits.

Attended Events
- Tuba City Center Open House in Tuba City, AZ
- Western Navajo Fair in Tuba City, AZ
- Northwest High School in Shiprock, NM
- Rock Point High School
- Tse’ Yaato’ High School in Page, AZ
- Window Rock High School
- Many Farms High School
- Canyon de Chelly Lecture Series
- Luepp High School
- Red Mesa High School
- Diné College Song & Dance Fair in Tsaile, AZ
- Chandler School District Indian Recruitment Day

Winifred Jumbo, Recruiter
The Warrior Archery Team at Diné College is aiming at another successful season in 2014, signing on new talent to their roster. Head Coach, Fray Gray and Assistant Coach, Anthony Goldtooth recruited 13 Student Athletes to compete alongside returning archers to fill the 17-member roster.

The team will consist of new recruits; Dominic Becenti, Jordan Begay, Gerald Goldtooth, Roderica Goldtooth, Wade Hadley, Chantil Kee, Phlicia Muzzie, Patrick Tah, Boyd Teller, Diedra Tso, Keisha Yazzie, Kristy Yazzie, Mathew Yazzie, Audrey Youvella. They will join returnees; Leander Altsisi, Melvin Charley and Rebekah Johnson in the upcoming 2104 season. Coach Gray is optimistic his team will be highly competitive both on the field and in the classroom.

“This year’s team has the potential to exceed all the expectations that Coach Goldtooth and myself have set for them. The focus and patience they display is remarkable, they are definitely going to be ready for competition.” Coach Fray Gray said.

The team competes nationally among Division-1A teams such as Texas A&M in the United States Collegiate Archery (USCA). Over the years, the Warrior Archery Team earned their spot as one of the most recognized and talented team in the country. In his 6th season as the Head Coach, Fray Gray has produced numerous team titles and personal accolades. Earning the 2012 USCA Head Coach of the Year, Gray’s reputation as an exclusive coach helps him to recruit some of the best talent in the region. Student athletes gain valuable knowledge from Coach Gray and are highly motivated to gain an education while competing on a national stage.

Currently, the team is sharpening their skills in the male and female recurve competition and compound bow competition before they begin their regular season.