Students Enhance Professional Awareness at “MockTail” Event

The Student Success Center hosted their first “Mocktail Social” on Tuesday November 19th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event was held at the Ruth and Bob Roessel Archive building to prepare students on proper etiquette while networking in a professional atmosphere. Coordinators of the Mocktail Social invited faculty and staff to support students with their self-presentation at occasions that may occur as they pursue higher education or professions.

“It’s important that our students learn about proper etiquette, oftentimes they attend events such as the AIHEC Conference, academic seminars, and our student athletes attend sports banquets.” said Career Specialist, Davina Morris. She also indicated that the students would be able to take these new skills with them as they enter universities or professional careers away from home.

The event was well attended with approximately thirty students, one faculty member and eight staff members. Diné College’s Head Chef, Franco Lee and his team at Aramark, provided delicious hors d’oeuvre complemented by sparkling water and sparkling cider. The students were given a short lesson on etiquette, how to properly hold a drink and plate while eating at an event that required decorum.

As part of the “MockTail Social,” Career Services encouraged students to build their professional networks at Diné College. Networking tips were shared and students learned about effective and appropriate conversation topics. Faculty and staff on campus have a wealth of experience to share, and the Career Services department invites them to engage with the students as they navigate their professional development.

President’s Corner

Yá’át’ééh,

As we near the end of the 2013 fall semester, I’m appreciative for the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff. The faculty at Diné College is doing a remarkable job in providing our students with the tools to be successful in the pursuit of their desired professions. Our staff is equally engaging and is delivering quality services for our students and community.

Our students are gaining a lot and remain actively involved in our community; their enthusiasm to participate is outstanding. Some of our student organizations were seen doing some volunteer work in the community; others were representing our institution at conferences. It is exciting to see these students exceed their own expectations; their success reflects the commitment we have to their educational goals.

Once again, I thank each of the students, faculty and staff for your continuous support to our College. Good luck to our students on their final exams and to those who are preparing to enter their final semester in Spring 2014. Keep up the good work and lets remain steadfast.

Sincerely,

Maggie George

President George
BOSTON, MA — The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) hosted their Annual convention on Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. LaFrenda Frank, English Instructor at Diné College presented at the convention on her work titled; “Locally Responsive Pedagogy: A Conversation with Tribal College English Faculty.”

Paul Zolbrod, and Christie Tolth, also instructors at Diné College, were among thousands of elementary and secondary educators, college faculty, and administrators from around the world attending the event.

“This was an exciting opportunity for me to present my work and to share the experiences I’ve had with my students at Diné College,” said Frank who was the only Native American on the panel.

Other college English faculty presented a study of "locally responsive" writing pedagogy at their institutions. In addition to reporting study findings, panelists discussed the pedagogical knowledge and culturally relevant teaching methods they are using in their classrooms, and how participating in this research study has influenced their teaching practices.

Each year, the NCTE Annual Convention draws thousands of educational professionals from around the world to participate in four days of professional learning.

The National Council of Teachers of English, with 35,000 individual members worldwide, is dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education.