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With the holiday season upon us and the year drawing to a close, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for all that each you have done for Diné College.

Together, we had a very busy and successful 2013; thanks to the significant contributions of our entire community. When I look upon our College, I see many outstanding examples of academic success and leadership demonstrated by our students, faculty and staff. I am proud to work with such brilliant and devoted individuals. We reached new heights in teaching and learning, and remain fully engaged in creative pursuits, athletics, student organizations and community initiatives on the Navajo Nation - ensuring a valuable campus experience for everyone.

Over this past year, we showcased our College through community outreach and outstanding student competitions. A few of our major initiatives include joining the Achieving the Dream network, a partnership with Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI), implementing the Dual Credit program and revamping the general education requirements. I am extremely proud to lead a College with such a daring vision for the future. Thank you for your participation in developing that vision - it is a foundation for building a great future together.

I look forward to another exciting and ambitious year in 2014. I am confident that working together, we will build on our successes and continue to advance and prosper.

Have a peaceful and safe winter break. I wish you and your loved ones much happiness and good health this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,

President Maggie George
Diné College employees celebrated the annual Christmas Luncheon at the Shiprock North Campus gym on December 5, 2013. Employees participated in fun activities such as a rodeo, dancing and singing.

Math Workshop for Local Instructors at Tsaile Campus

Diné College Math instructor, Dr. Henry Fowler and his team organized a math workshop at the Guy Gorman Sr. Classroom building in Tsaile on Saturday, December 7, 2013. The workshop was developed to promote excitement and interest for mathematics among educators. A total of 31 teachers attended the workshop from locations including Window Rock School District, Kayenta School District, Rough Rock Community School, Shiprock Associated Schools, Pine Hill Schools, Utah San Juan School District, and Chilchinbito Community School. Participants discussed the topic, “Common Core Standards for Math/Math Circles for Teachers” at the seven-hour seminar.

“It’s important to know how mathematics affect our daily lives, learning about it can help us to develop new perspectives and approaches to obstacles in our tasks. Providing such workshops helps our educators to explore new methods to implement into their curriculum,” said Dr. Fowler

The workshop involved professional math instructors who shared their own experiences in their specialized areas of mathematics. Maggie Cummings from the University of Utah and Dr. Blake Thornton from Washington University in St. Louis, MO assisted Dr. Fowler with the workshop and helped the participants increase their appreciation for mathematics.

The workshop consisted of four sessions. In sessions one and two, participants learned about division, the division algorithm, greatest common divisor and the Euclidean Algorithm. In session three, attendees learned about approaches to the "same math" from a "different" perspective, as well as middle school ratio and proportion, slope, and transformations. In the final session, participants studied rate of change, exponential and quadratic functions in geometric patterns, sequence tables, and graphs. Sessions included games and puzzles that related mathematical principles to Common Core mathematical standards.