The Impact of Diné College

Diné College opened in 1968 as "Navajo Community College," the first college established by Native Americans for Native Americans. The College was chartered by the Navajo Nation in 1968. This first Tribal College launched a tribal college movement that now includes 37 tribal colleges and universities nationwide. • Diné College’s Fall semester enrollment (Year-to-Year):

- 8 Bachelors Degrees
- 20 Associate Degrees
- 8 Certificates
- Land Grant Institution
- 92% of students receive financial aid

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• Alumni Impact

  Higher alumni earnings and increased business profit and ripple effects:
  1,047 Jobs supported in the region

• Student Spending Impact

  Relocated/Retained student spending and ripple effects:
  $301 thousand added regional income.

• Operations Spending Impact

  College payroll and other spending and ripple effects:
  $17.9 million added regional income
  409 jobs supported in the region

NAVAJO LANGUAGE REVITILIZATION

The Diné Bizaad (Navajo Language) Immersion Institute was created to help provide the resources necessary for schools across the reservation to research, create and implement successful Navajo immersion programs.

Contact our Recruitment Office

The Diné College Office of Recruitment is often the first contact a new student has with the College. Our job is to help you get situated and send you in the right direction for all your needs at Diné College. Among our many functions, we visit schools and provide information, conduct campus tours, assist with student applications, provide information about 8 Bachelors degree programs, 20 AA and AAS programs, 8 certificates, and residential life, among many other topics. We hold special information events/conferences, and attend recruitment events such as college/career fairs, fairs, bazaars, and more. Contact our office if you have any questions or would like us to visit your school or provide a tour. For more information visit: http://www.dinecollege.edu/recruitment

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Dr. Manley Begay, Jr.
at Diné College

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Dr. Begay is Navajo and a native of Wheatfields, Arizona. He holds a doctorate from Harvard University and is a member of the Navajo Community College (now Diné College) Class of 1975.

"The College was an important step to where I am now," Begay said recently. "I will always have fond memories of the College."

“My major specialization lies at the heart of issues pertaining to Indigenous Nation-Building: Sovereignty, Governance, Culture, Leadership, Education, and Economic Development. My recent work includes executive education sessions and research, with and relevant to First Nations and organizations in Canada and Native nations and organizations in the United States. I also pursue interests in expanding my work and research to include the Navajo Nation, Aborigines in Australia, and Maoris in Aotearoa (New Zealand). Further, I have professional interests in putting theory into practice regarding issues of Indigenous education, Navajo history and philosophy, and development," he concluded.
Diné College Graduate Overcoming Odds

“It was tough getting there,” Latanya Watson said after the May 12 graduation ceremony at Diné College. “I was a young mother and I have a lot of thanks for my mom and for my family for helping me get this far.”

After she started at Diné College in 2011, leaving school never entered Watson’s mind. Latanya’s daughter, Dakota Salway, 8, was an inspiration each and everyday that Latanya went to class.

The public health major said balancing parenthood and school was at times something akin to a high wire act. But faith, love and support gave Watson the direction and confidence she needed to see things through. Watson knows the long-term benefits of education will be worth the sacrifices.

“My mom was always there,” Watson, a Chinle High graduate, said. “My mom helped out while I went to class. My college diploma is as much hers as it is mine.”

Watson, 31, said she took some classes at the Chinle campus of Diné College and other classes in Tsaile. Having a bunch of caring instructors who understood her circumstances, also helped a lot with respect to finishing school.

Only 11 percent of non-traditional students complete a degree after five years, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

“(Latanya) is a very hard-working student,” Cathy Bahe, the Central Regional Director at the Chinle campus of Diné College, said. “She is a very smart and focused person. We’re all very proud of her.”

Latanya Watson and daughter, 8-year-old Dakota Salway.

The bi-lingual bi-cultural focus of the Education program reinforces what I want to teach to our Navajo children when I enter the field of Education.”

Brandon R. Dinæ

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