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Positive Changes at the Education/Library



Empowerment Staff:(left to right) Mike, Izzy, Tomas, Yoly, Erica, Priscilla, Anna, Toni, Yvette

The Tribal Empowerment Program is off to a fast start with many changes to better the tribal community. First off, the WIA and Education programs have been consolidated and moved to the Education/Library Center at the new reservation. Tribal members and descendants now can apply for training, education, and employment at one location. Next, the Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Center has opened a satellite career center at the Education Library Center to provide a whole range of employment services to the community. Come in and welcome Career Counselor Yvette Rios to YDSP. Finally, the

Tigua Achievement Center is now open. The Achievement Center offers courses in Computer Fundamentals, Intro to Word, Intro to Internet, E-mail and will soon offer courses in Adobe Photoshop and Excel. Izzy Aquiar was recently hired as the computer lab assistant and also teaches classes. Please see class list on the back page for the next schedule class dates. We invite the entire tribal community to come by and visit to see all the exciting changes that are taking place and give your input to better serve the community.

Michael Coulehan
Tribal Empowerment Director



Upper Rio Grande Workforce Board Opens Career Center at Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Library

Upper Rio Grande@Work has opened a historic career center on YDSP land to provide additional services to tribal and non-tribal Lower Valley customers. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-5:00, or by appointment after hours. There is more to getting a job than just education and/or training. For job seekers, The Upper Rio Grande Career Center offers career development information, registration in Work in Texas, job search resources, job referrals and job search workshops. The job search workshops which are in English and Spanish include; networking, filling out employment applications, self motivation and interview preparation to name a few.



Peter Andrade

Peter is enrolled at Western Technical Institute in the Automotive Technology Program. He is carrying a 4.0 Grade Point Average and will continue to pursue his Associate's Degree in January.

Congratulations, Peter and keep up the good work.
-WIA Staff

Congratulations to the WIA Program Graduates:

Student	Program
Monica Grijalva	Cosmetology
Francisco Hisa	Automotive Technology
Ruby I. Paiz	Medical Assisting
Daniel Senclair	Truck Driving (CDL)
Tomas Silvas	GED
Elizabeth Velasquez	Office Technology

"The WIA Program has helped me through education and has broadened my horizons. The program has pointed me in the right direction to better my life. If I can do it, anyone can do it."

Education

Are you interested in attending a tribal college or university... well here are just some of the tribal colleges that offer academic programs for Native American students:

Institute of American Indian Arts

- Creative Writing
- Studio Arts
- New Media Arts
- Museum Studies

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

- Advanced Technological Education
- Applied Vocational Technologies
- Business Technologies
- General Education
- Early Childhood education
- Extended College

Federal Application for Federal Student Aid

You must complete and submit a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* to apply for federal student aid and to apply for most state, college and tribal aid.

You will need 2007 federal tax information or tax returns for yourself and for your parents if you are providing parent information. As soon as you file your tax return make sure you complete and submit your FAFSA.

Please Note: High school seniors in the last semester of school must fill out a FAFSA to determine eligibility for financial aid.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

What is the REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM?

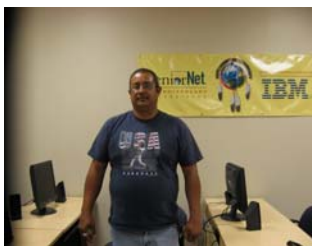
The Reimbursement Program was implemented in September 2003 to provide financial assistance to employed tribal members/descendants who wish to attend an accredited non-traditional higher education institution and to encourage academically deserving students to continue their education.

What are the eligibility requirements for the REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM?

- Be a permanent resident of the El Paso/Hudspeth Counties of Texas or Doña Ana County in New Mexico.
- Attend an accredited non-traditional higher education institution (i.e. Park University, University of Phoenix).
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher per term.
- Must not establish an unmet need.
- Submit all program requirements within 30 working days of completing term.

Education Program	Additional Services
Tutoring	Tutoring assistance is provided throughout the academic year in various subject areas. Tutoring is available for students in grades Pre-K - 12.
Academic Monitoring	Assistance in monitoring student's grades, attendance, and behavioral problems.

Tigua IBM Achievement Center



Tigua Achievement Center Student Of the Month

Rick Senclair (pictured to the right)

"I came to learn more about computers and how to work on them, the class has been helpful to me in knowing how to get into the internet. The course has been helpful to me"



Volunteer of the Month
Ruben Carrillo
(Above)

"I enjoy putting what I've learned in the computer field to good use by teaching tribal members"

Tribal Empowerment welcomes the following new employee's.



Dezira Senclair



Izzy Aquiar



Erica Hernandez



Michael Coulehan

Community Health Center

We are planning to add few programs and would like your input. We will be sending flyers with more details. For more information please call 858-1076.

- **HPV vaccination:** This is a vaccination to prevent cervical cancer. This is offered for females between the ages of 9 to 18. It is free for tribal members and it is only \$10 for Tribal descendents.
- **Prostate Cancer Screening:** This is for males over 50 years old. We may offer it for non-tribal spouses for a small cost.

- **Blood Lead Level:** The environmental department has a grant to evaluate the blood lead level. This is for both tribal members and descendents. We are targeting kids under six years old but will see kids up to 18 years old.
- **Reminder:** To help us serve you better please use the direct line for the following departments.

Social Services and Substance Abuse Departments : 860-6118
Contract health services : 860-6145
Juanchido Center : 860-6135

In the spirit of the Holidays, once again Tribal Council is graciously distributing a turkey to all Tribal Enrolled Heads of Household in the El Paso/Las Cruces area. You are welcome to pick up your turkey at the Recreation and Wellness Center (11200 Santos Sanchez) on:



1:00 pm- 6:00pm.

Please make necessary arrangements to have an updated Census Card at the time of distribution.

On behalf of Tribal Council Happy Thanksgiving to one and to all.

If you have any questions reference the distribution please call Tribal Records Office 859-7913

TURKEY DISTRIBUTION

November 15 and 16 from 8:30am- 12:00pm and

Achievement Center Upcoming Classes

Course Name	Date	Days	Time
Computer Fundamentals	11/12/07 - 11/21/07	M W	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
(Beginning Computer Class)			
	12/11/07 - 12/20/07	T/TH	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Introduction to Email	11/26/07 - 12/05/07	MW	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
	11/27/07 - 12/06/07	T/TH	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Introduction to Word Processing	12/10/07 - 12/19/07	MW	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Summer Internships Available in Albuquerque for YDSP College Students with the Department of Energy



U.S. Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



Sandia National Laboratories

Tribal Energy Program - Summer Internship Program

Application Postmarked: February 22, 2008

**Location: Sandia National Laboratories
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Internship Duration: 12 weeks

Apply to:

**Sandra K. Begay-Campbell
Sandia National Laboratories
1515 Eubank SE, MS 1110
Building 6585, Room 1905**

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123

Telephone: (505) 844-5418

skbegay@sandia.gov

Background: The Tribal Energy Program promotes tribal energy self-sufficiency, economic development and employment on tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Eligibility: Current college upper-classmen and graduate students, who are familiar with Native American culture and tribal issues, are needed to support the Tribal Energy Program efforts with technical project tasks. Students are needed to assist a cross-disciplinary team to perform specific tasks. Interactions will be with Sandia's renewable energy staff, Native American tribes interested in renewable systems and Sandia's American Indian Outreach Committee. Instant immersion in these activities is offered in working directly with experienced and internationally recognized peers. Travel will be required, including field visits to renewable energy projects.

Required: As authorized by the Tribal Energy Program, the student applicant must be a US Citizen and be a Native American as defined as a member of a recognized Federally-recognized Tribe, Alaska Village or Alaska Corporation (not state-recognized, not bands or groups, or first peoples of Guam or Hawaii). Specific interest in renewable energy is required. Applicants must pass a pre-employment background check.

Application deadline February 22. Call Mike@872-8648 for more information and application materials.