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NTU President Dr. Elmer J. Guy Elected to the National Board for Education Sciences Member

Crownpoint, NM - On October 27th, 2022, United States President Joe Biden announced his intent to appoint a group of individuals to serve on the National Board for Education Sciences. NTU President Elmer J. Guy, an appointee, is now a National Board for Education Sciences member. Dr. Guy expressed his acceptance to the national board by noting the importance of STEM education and NTU’s goals to perpetuate its significance at the university.

Dr. Guy has served as the president of Navajo Technical University Since 2006. NTU is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). AIHEC is a conference that offers tribal colleges and universities an opportunity for their students to compete in a wide and diverse number of events. AIHEC consists of 37 tribally and federally recognized chartered higher education institutions. Navajo Technical University offers certificate, associate, bachelor, and master’s degree programs. Dr. Guy’s previous positions include serving NTU as Vice President of Academics, Dean of Instruction, and Dean of Student Services. For 2011 and 2012, Dr. Guy’s leadership led NTU to make the top 120 community colleges in the United States honored by the Aspen Institute’s College Excellence Program.

Click here to read The White House Statement on Dr. Elmer J. Guy: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/.../president-biden-announces.../>.

Congratulations, NTU President Dr. Elmer Guy, on his incredible accomplishments!



**Navajo Technical University President,
Dr. Elmer J. Guy**

NTU Men's Basketball Team keeps balling!

Crownpoint, NM – On November 15th, 2022, NTU Skyhawks traveled to Prescott, AZ, to play against Otero College in men's basketball at noon. The Skyhawks started unified with a firm press, causing the Rattlers to have several turnovers and easy buckets for the Skyhawks. The Skyhawks maintained a lead, having finished in the paint. The Skyhawks struggled from deep and began to foul, helping the Rattlers gain the lead. Finishing the half 28-33, the Skyhawks lost their lead. Coming out promising after the half, the Skyhawks had huge buckets from #11 Brady Ramon. Rattlers had plenty of fouls putting the Skyhawks at the line and helping the Skyhawks come to a close comeback but ultimately losing 71-61. The Player of the Game is Brady Ramon, with 15 steals, four rebounds, and eight steals.

The same evening, NTU faced Yavapai College at 7 p.m. in Prescott, AZ. With the lead, the Skyhawks came out with an aspiring mentality. The score fluctuated, with one basket separating the two teams. Unfortunately, after two tremendous AND 1 basket, Skyhawks #25 Jalen Gant went down with an ankle injury taking him out for the remainder of gameplay. The Roughriders dominated in the paint, helping gain their lead. The Skyhawks struggled with clean defense, ending in several fouls, only increasing Yavapai's lead and finishing the half with a score of 35-42. After the first half, the Roughriders continued to drain bottomless buckets, quickly increasing their lead. However, Skyhawks #0 Richard Serrano had helpful baskets with seven 3-pointers! Although it was not enough to save the Skyhawks. The final score was 75-92. The Skyhawks are now 2-3 for the regular season and still have three road games this week. The Player of the Game is Richard Serrano, with 29 points, seven rebounds, two assists, and two steals.

On November 17th, the Skyhawks then traveled to Eastern New Mexico University to play the Greyhounds in Portales, NM. Coming off a two-game loss in Prescott, AZ, the Skyhawks had something to prove as they began the game with a bang keeping an arm's length from the greyhounds. A seesaw match-up, with the lead, the Skyhawks were great with finishing in the paint as they had plenty of last-minute turnovers ending the half 48-35 with the greyhounds leading. Coming out hot after the half, the Skyhawks broke the lead down to 3 with the help of big 3 points shots from #23 Jose Miguel Jr. and classic finishes in the paint from #25 Jalen Gant. The score was down to the greyhounds with a 3-point lead, with the game going either direction. Greyhounds emerged as the victors with a final score of 70-80. The Player of the Game is Jalen Gant, with 20 points, ten rebounds, two steals, and one block, compared to Jose Miguel Jr. with 13 Points, 6 Rebounds, and two assists. Kane Kenyon had 13 Points and three rebounds.

The Skyhawks will travel to Las Vegas, NM, this evening at 6 PM to play New Mexico Highlands University with a vengeance to become winners.

Let's go, Skyhawks!

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Fall 2022 NTU Rodeo Team

NTU Rodeo Team Demonstration

Crownpoint, NM - On November 16th, 2022, the NTU Rodeo Team hosted a seminar about how the 'Sport of Rodeo Has Impacted Native Americans' inside the Wellness Center at 1 PM.

NTU Rodeo coach Nicole Pino welcomed 2x INFR World Champion Breakaway Roper - Bailey Bates. Bailey spoke of her youth in rodeo life and traveling to competitions. "Growing up on the reservation where there is a lot of oppression and depression, it's hard to stay on the right track, stay goal-oriented, and not get caught up in all the trouble in terms of drugs and alcohol," she said. "After winning and getting some recognition, I want to work to inspire the youth and show them that wherever you grow up, whatever your circumstances, they do not determine where you can end up," said Bailey Bates. Nicole gifted Ms. Bates with a bag full of goodies as she answered questions from the audience.

Each rodeo team member describes the formidable costs of owning horses and gear and traveling long distances by truck and trailer to events. Members of the rodeo all mentioned that it had brought them closer to family and friends. NTU rodeo team members did some live demonstrations on their areas of expertise.

Steer Wrestling demo – Matthew Jodie, 4th-year student
Goat tying demo – LaBelle LaFrance, a 2nd-year student
Saddle Bronc demo – Wade Brown, 1st-year student
Barrel racing demo – Amythiess Marvin, 1st-year student
Dummy Roping contest – Hiyo Yazzie and McKayla Jodie

The event follows COVID-19 guidelines. Facemasks are mandatory on campus.

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YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT WILL APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...



It's impossible to hum while holding your nose

The letter Q doesn't appear in any state name



Lemon floats, but lime sinks in water

Weightlifting Challenge

On November 7th, 2022, NTU student AJ Velasquez from the White Mountain Apache Tribe organized a successful weightlifting challenge inside the Wellness Center. AJ is a full-time student studying for his Human Psychology degree.

AJ expressed his reasoning for holding the challenge was to give back to the community. AJ would like to create a pathway for the weightlifters on campus. Weightlifting is a mental and physical sport that ties into Native American culture with our strength to overcome and persevere through every challenge—Roy Begay, from Farmington, New Mexico, is also a full-time student at NTU. Begay is studying for his Associate's degree in Computer Science and has assisted AJ with the event. Velasquez and Begay would like to thank the following: Dr. Diana Mullet, Levi Nimrod, Twila Largo, Mike McMillan, and the Student Senate. The duo hopes to have a weightlifting program soon here at NTU. Be on the lookout for more upcoming weightlifting challenges and competitions!

The winning participants for Monday, November 7th:
Male category:

1st Place: Shayne Tahe
2nd Place: Andre Beno
3rd Place: Randy Anderson

Female category:

1st Place: Autumn Salabye (Not pictured)
2nd Place: Romulus Cordova (Not Pictured)
3rd Place: Jannelle King (Not Pictured)

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Dr. Elmer Guy presents Elizabeth Roastingear a certification appreciation.

Celebration of NTU Students, Staff, and Faculty Veterans.

Navajo Technical University Student Senate presented a luncheon for all NTU Veterans inside the Wellness Center. Opening the Ceremony was Sherietta Martinez-Brown, First Year Experience Career & Academic Advisor, followed by the invocation by 2022 – 2023 Miss NTU, Adinidiin Jones.

Veterans and their families are significant; we should always care for them when they return home to their families and friends. Virginia Edgewater, NTU Disability Accommodations Specialist, is a guest speaker for the event. Virginia spoke to the vets and families that could be there; a soldier has gone through a lot and is still fighting in a war inside their minds when they come home to us. If you or someone has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from warfare, please contact your local counselor or healthcare provider.

Dr. Elmer Guy, Jerlynn Henry & Sherietta Martinez were honored to present our NTU Veterans with an award certificate, congratulating them on their success in being a part of the NTU family and furthering their education or career choice with us.

Dr. Colleen Bowman, NTU Provost, gave the closing statement of Operation: Appreciation to all who could and could not attend the event—followed by the Benediction presented by Virginia Edgewater.

Thank you to all the veterans for your service and sacrifice.



ACNAS & The National Diversity in STEM Conference

On October 27-29, 2022, Navajo Technical University students and faculty/staff attended the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Jasmine Charley, Katelyn Wilson, Layla James, Tionna Tapaha, Justin Platero, Jonathon Chinana, and former NTU students Breanna Thompson (Arizona State University) and Michael Nelwood (Harvard University) all presented their student research projects on Thursday, Oct 27, 2022, and Friday, Oct 28, 2022.

Three of the students received Student Travel Scholarship from the SACNAS Conference. NSF PREM VENTURES Grant also included Chelsie Whitewater, Brandon James, and Keanu Simpson for the conference to experience poster presentations from other students and attend a helpful session to gain knowledge for their student research projects. Harvard University Collaborators joined NTU students:

- Dr. Kathryn Hollar, Director of Community Engagement & Diversity Outreach;
- Sara Wenzel, Harvard SEAS Education Coordinator;
- Dr. Paula Booke, Harvard SEAS Assistant Dean for Diversity Inclusion & Belonging;
- Mo Sbai, REU 2022, an undergrad student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln;
- Dominique Pablito, REU 2018-2019, graduated from the University of Utah, now a graduate student at Brown University;
- Nadja Maldonado, REU 2018-2019, graduated from the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez, now a graduate student at UC Berkeley/UC San Francisco;
- Alvaro Sahagun, REU 2019, graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago, now a graduate student at MIT;
- Kyle Yoshida graduated from Harvard, now a graduate student at UC Berkeley.

NTU students in attendance are currently working under the NSF PREM VENTURES Grant as Student Research Interns with Dr. Thiagarajan Soundappan, PI, Dr. Abraham Meles, Co-PI, Dr. Monsuru Ramoni, Co-PI, Dr. Irene Ane-Anyangwe, Co-PI, Dr. Franklin Sage, Co-PI, and our collaborators at Harvard University, Dr. Jennifer Lewis, Co-PI, and Dr. Kathryn Hollar, Co-PI. Everyone involved helps these students prepare and research for presenting their posters at this conference. NSF PREM VENTURES would like to acknowledge every one of them. Congratulations to Justin Platero and Jonathon Chinana for representing Navajo Technical University at this world conference and being awarded at SACNAS 2022 Conference. We want to extend Congratulations to our former NTU Students, Breanna James and Michael Nelwood. They were NTU Student Research Interns with NSF PREM VENTURES in a well-done job representing their universities.

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Navajo Technical University students and faculty/staff poses for a group photo SACNAS Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico