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## New Mexico Military Institute Basketball Classic

Crownpoint, NM - On December 2nd, 2022, the Skyhawks Men's Basketball team participated in the New Mexico Military Institute Basketball Classic in Roswell, NM. The Skyhawks battled against the Adam State Grizzlies JV team after a tough nine-game losing streak. Upholding the league, the entirety of the game, the Skyhawks had a tough time closing out the deal, leaving the Grizzlies behind them, and ending the first half 38-24 with the Skyhawks leading. Continuing throughout the game, the Skyhawks kept a steady pace and were able to close out the game with a win! The final score was 66-57.

On December 3rd, 2022, The Skyhawks were fired up and ready for game two. The men's basketball team played against a good Trinidad State Junior College team. The team started slowly, with difficulty finishing at the basket and wide shots. With the help of a united, solid defense, the Skyhawks were able to get some steals and easy buckets off to put them on the board. As the first half came to a close, the team still struggled with finishing on point, getting shots from the Trojan's defense, and ending the half 28-40 as the Skyhawks trailed. Beginning in the second half, the Skyhawks team came out with urgency. With strong presses and quick feet, the Skyhawks could baffle the Trojans and get the ball into their own hands. With a remarkable comeback and strong clutch from #15 Rasheed Govan, the Skyhawks were able to soar and put the Trojans behind them, ending with a final score of 73-68!



## Two Big Wins For NTU Skyhawks At The NM Military Institute Basketball Classic!

## Former NM Governor Bill Richardson Donates Shoes at NTU

CROWNPOINT, NM - On Friday, December 16th, 2022, Former Governor Bill Richardson visited Navajo Technical University (NTU) for the 2022 Fall Commencement held inside the Wellness Center - Main Campus. The Honorable Bill Richardson later delivered shoes to students who attended Na' Neelzhiin Ji'Olta - Torreon Day School in Cedar Hill, NM, and Lake Valley Navajo School. Language preservation is a priority for tribal nations. Students had presented Richardson with dozens of thank-you notes written in the Navajo language. Navajo Technical University staff who assisted Bill Richardson in the charitable event were: NTU Board member Gloria Grant, Student Services Coordinator Jerlynn Henry, and Dr. Elmer J. Guy.

Governor Richardson, who also served as U.S. Secretary of Energy, said he was impressed by NTU's Fabrication Laboratory. Where students train in cutting-edge technologies to research, test, and fabricate airplane and satellite parts, medical instruments, prosthetic devices, hearing aids, or replacement parts for old windmills. The lab houses unique 3D metal printing machines for advanced manufacturing.

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**Former NM  
Governor Bill  
Richardson Poses  
with NTU**



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## NTU 10th Annual Research and Competition

Competition Date:  
March 2, 2023  
9 AM - Wellness Center

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March 4 - 7, 2023

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## NTU Class of 2022 Fall Commencement Ceremony

Crownpoint, NM – On December 16th, 2022, the NTU community, friends, and family celebrated a momentous occasion as graduates received their respective program certificates, Associate's, and Bachelor's degrees. The NTU staff and volunteers helped usher in the graduate's commencement in which they coordinated. Raymond Redhouse sang songs and prayer as NTU began gathering for the ceremony inside the Wellness Center.

Adinidiin Jones, Miss NTU, started by speaking about celebrating with family and supporting her classmates and graduates as they pursue their careers. Dr. Elmer J. Guy welcomed guests and local dignitaries, including Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren from Red Mesa, AZ, Special Guest Speaker the Honorable Bill Richardson, former Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, and many of the people directly involved with the project's graduation committee. The IT department along with Mr. Dody Begay broadcast the event via Livestream on NTU's YouTube channel. KCZY 107.3 FM and Cuyler Frank and his broadcast operations.

Jasmin Charley, Student Senate President, and a graduate Biology student, concluded with congratulatory remarks along with former Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez.

NTU congratulates each of the graduates for their achievements and encourages them to reach new heights of success. A special thanks to the security team and Navajo Nation Police Department for orchestrating the circumstances that allowed the graduates to celebrate with family while adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

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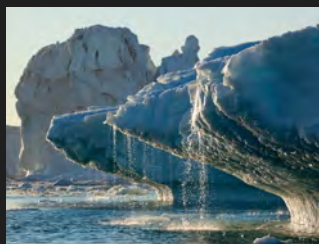
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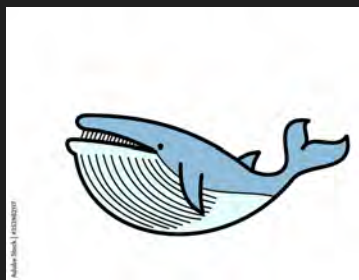
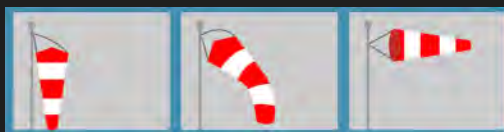
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## I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

Glaciers and ice sheets hold about 69 percent of the world's freshwater.



The fastest gust of wind ever recorded on Earth was 253 miles per hour



A whale can use songs to map out the ocean floor

### HeartBeat Music Project 2022 MUSIC CAMP

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Crownpoint, NM – On December 19th, 2022, NTU is welcomed to the sounds of violins, guitars, saxophones, and piano as students and alums from The Heartbeat Music Project gather inside the NTU Hogan. The HeartBeat Music Project provided a one-week music education for Navajo (Diné) K-12 students living on the Navajo reservation while cultivating a safe space for our students to thrive and gain confidence in themselves, their abilities, and their local and global potential.

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## HLC Offers NTU Three New Programs

## HLC approves NTU to offer Three New Programs

CROWNPOINT, NM - On December 27th, 2022, Navajo Technical University (NTU) continues educating its Navajo Nation community and beyond. Recently, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved NTU's request to offer three new programs. NTU provided additional detail and information about grants from the American Indian College Fund and the Bureau of Indian Education. This response helped approve the programs from the IAC.

NTU is at multiple locations, including Zuni, NM; Kirtland, NM; Chinle, AZ; Teec Nos Pos, AZ; and Crownpoint, NM. Assistance Tuition is available for tribal members and non-tribal members. For more information about the Degrees and Certifications, please visit [www.navajotech.edu](http://www.navajotech.edu).

1. A Bachelor of Arts degree in Law Advocacy
2. An Associate of Applied Science degree in Geology
3. An Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity

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