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## NTU Welcomes Mr. Eugene Hult

Navajo Technical University is pleased to introduce Mr. Eugene Hult, who will teach Creative Writing, Literature, Composition, Humanities, and Cinema classes at Navajo Technical University – Chinle Instructional Site. Gene Hult is the writer of more than 125 published fiction and nonfiction books under the pseudonym J. E. Bright (jebright.com). His children's books relate to official DC Comics, DreamWorks, Nickelodeon, and Marvel characters. He has two published books of poetry and a graphic novel. Gene has worked on scripts for plays, movies, TV shows, interactive toys and websites, and video games. He has a BA in English/Writing from New York University and an MA in English/Writing from the University of Denver.

As an Executive Editor, Eugene Hult worked for publishing houses, including HarperCollins, Scholastic, and Simon & Schuster, for more than 20 years. Originally from New York City, where he lived most of his life, he moved to Houston in 2017 and taught Composition and Humanities at San Jacinto College there. Gene moved to Chinle in early of January 2023 with his dogs, Henry and Arthur, and is thrilled to be teaching at Navajo Technical University.

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Mr. Eugene Hult - Assistant Professor of Creative Writing

## NTU Courses in the Creative Writing/New Media Program

Although open to all interested students, NTU offers multiple Creative Writing classes for various curricula requirements including:

- ENGL 2310 Introduction to Creative Writing  
Students will review the different types of nonfiction, poetry, and scripts.
- ENGL 2320 Introduction to Fiction Writing  
Students will focus on reading and writing imaginative, fantastic, and realistic fiction in short stories or novel excerpts, digging deeper into the process, skills, and craft of storytelling and narrative.
- ENGL 2330 Introduction to Poetry Writing  
Students may focus on many different kinds of poetry worldwide, concentrating on language, imagery, personal expression, and classic, modern, and experimental poetic forms.
- ENGL 2340 Introduction to Creative Nonfiction  
An overview of the multiple uses of nonfiction narratives, personal essays, blogs, documentaries, and other forms of telling (mostly) true stories.
- ENGL 203 Beginning Writing for Stage & Screen  
Students will read and work on different scripts, including writing for TV, film, video, animation, graphic novels, radio, stage, and video games. We will also watch the material made from existing scripts to analyze the adaptations.

## NTU Rodeo Presentation at Crownpoint Elementary

Crownpoint, NM - On January 30th, 2023, NTU Rodeo Coach, Nicole Pino, presented to students inside the Crownpoint Elementary Gymnasium.

Nicole Pino welcomed students (2nd to 5th grade) and staff as she brought rodeo to the classrooms at Crownpoint Elementary. Nicole explained the technique behind the saddle and the competitive sport of the rodeo discipline to throw a rope with a loop around the head, horns, or legs, based on the size and age of the animal, and prevent it from moving.

Crownpoint students roped the dummy and also learned the different types of roping, such as: calf roping, breakaway roping, and team roping.

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**NTU Rodeo Coach Nicole Pino poses with Crownpoint Elementary Staff**

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**AIHEC**  
March 4 - 7, 2023

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## Navajo Technical University Partners with TimelyMD to Improve Student Health and Well-being

Crownpoint, NM- Navajo Technical University has partnered with TimelyMD, the leading virtual health and well-being solution in higher education, to offer students free and equitable access to medical and mental health support through the TimelyCare platform.

TimelyCare serves as a 24/7 virtual extension of campus health and counseling center resources, intending to improve student well-being, engagement, and retention.

Through TimelyCare on their phone or other device, NTU students can now select from a wide-ranging menu of virtual care options from licensed physicians and counselors in all 50 states – at no cost and without the hassle of traditional insurance – including:

- \* On-demand medical care
- \* Appointment-based medical care
- \* On-demand mental health support (TalkNow)
- \* Appointment-based mental health counseling
- \* Psychiatric support
- \* Health Coaching
- \* Digital self-care content

Additionally, faculty and staff have access to support that empowers them to guide students to TimelyCare resources to help students achieve a sense of well-being, live healthier lifestyles, and improve their mental health.

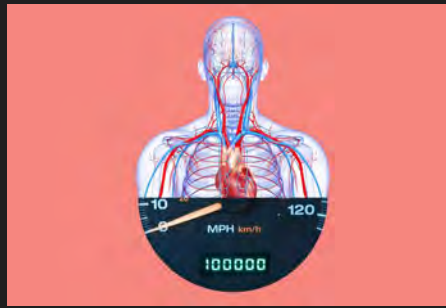
The partnership with TimelyMD allows Navajo Technical University to deliver a hybrid model of care in collaboration with on-campus resources. Benefits to students include:

- \* Convenient 24/7 care – Physical and mental health issues often present outside regular business hours. TimelyCare makes seeking support or treatment as easy and convenient as making a video or phone call. Nationally, about 40% of mental health care visits through TimelyCare occur after hours.
- \* Reduced wait times – Typical consultations for on-demand services through TimelyCare begin within 5-10 minutes – less than the time it takes to walk across campus.
- \* Diverse provider network – Besides being from diverse backgrounds, TimelyMD providers train to be culturally competent. For example, more than 60% of mental health providers identify as BIPOC. The platform also offers professionals who identify as LGBTQIA+, speak multiple languages, and have various religious and spiritual beliefs. Students can meet with a specific provider or select the first available.
- \* Peace of mind – TimelyCare is a safe, secure, and HIPAA-compliant platform that follows campus-specific protocols to facilitate care coordination and follow-up to ensure continuity of care. Integrations with leading learning management systems to ensure students have even more on-ramps to in-the-moment support whenever they need it.



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

The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long.



Armadillo shells are bulletproof.



That tiny pocket in jeans was designed to store pocket watches.

The need for 24/7 access to high-quality care has never been more necessary. According to the American Council on Education, student mental health is the top concern of college and university presidents. It's also the number one reason students leave college. A recent report by Gallup and the Lumina Foundation found that three out of four students in bachelor's degree programs who considered dropping out cited emotional stress as their reason.

"There is no greater priority than the health and safety of our students. TimelyCare's ease of use, convenience, and immaculacy make it easier for our students to get the help they need when they need it," said Navajo Technical University President, Dr. Elmer J. Guy. "TimelyCare enhances campus resources by making care more readily available to students when they need it, limiting the spread of illness, reducing the stigma of mental health issues, and granting peace of mind to students and their families."

Sixty percent of all students who have sought mental health support through TimelyCare said they would have done nothing if the service were not available. Founded in 2017, TimelyMD is trusted to serve more than a million students at more than 200 campuses nationwide.

"Meeting the need for equitable, on-demand access to care is a critical challenge that extends beyond campus boundaries. TimelyCare allows colleges and universities like NTU to solve problems rather than treat symptoms," said Luke Hejl, TimelyMD CEO and co-founder. "Our mission at TimelyMD is to improve the health and well-being of college students by making virtual care accessible anytime, anywhere. Through TimelyCare, we are proud to deliver best-in-class health and well-being solutions to help students thrive."

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About Navajo Technical University - Navajo Technical University, like all tribal colleges and universities, grew out of a prayer in the 1960s that envisioned all tribes moving toward self-determination by expressing their sovereignty and establishing higher education institutions. As a result of this movement, NTU began as the Navajo Skill Center in 1979 to meet the immediate needs of an unemployed population in the Navajo Nation.

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## NTU 2023 Spring Semester Club Drive

Crownpoint, NM— On January 25th, 2023, NTU Student Senate hosted a successful Club Drive from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM inside the Wellness Center. Students, staff, and faculty had the opportunity to see NTU's clubs. The Club Drive is also a fantastic opportunity for our students to join a club. All clubs will promote activities and collaborate with various educational resources to benefit our communities on the NTU campus and surrounding areas.

### NTU Clubs (chartered and non-chartered)

- NTU Sustainability Club
- American Indigenous Business Leaders (AIBL)
- NTU AIHEC Basketball Club
- BiCeps Club
- NTU Weightlifting Club
- SkillsUSA Club



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NTU SkillsUSA Club  
2023 Spring Semester

## Traditional Perspectives and Philosophy

Crownpoint, NM - On January 20th, 2023, The NTU Environmental Science and Natural Resources program had a presentation on Traditional Perspectives and Philosophy in Dine' Culture by Dr. Perry James inside the Science and Technology building with instructors Steven Chischilly and Dr. Abhishek RoyChowdhury.

Students listened as Dr. Perry James briefly explained spiritual beliefs and holistic learning on specific cultural values of the Ecology, Fire, and the Earth's four seasons and sacred elements. His work on worldview context creates a sense of holy place, story/song, ceremony, history, ecological sustainability, and philosophy essential to the survival of the Navajo. Students participated in speaking about the building of fire in Navajo culture, from the incipient (beginning stage) of fire from growth to fully developed and then decay (smoke). Fire is used multiple circumstances for ceremonial purposes such as pow wows, the heating of rocks for sweat lodges, and other traditional prayer/song purposes.

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NTU Environmental  
Science Class along with  
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Since the first AIHEC Student Conference in 1980, this annual event has grown from a few dozen participants to over 1,000 students, faculty, and staff coming together each spring to compete in academic, cultural, and artistic exercises; share stories and best practices; participate in workshops and plenary sessions; and celebrate the Tribal College Movement.

Aaron Francisco is a student who will represent NTU in the AIHEC Poetry Slam. Twenty-five students entered the Tribal College Journal Student Writing Contest. Tribal College Journal (TCJ) will present awards to the winners at the AIHEC banquet on March 7, 2023.

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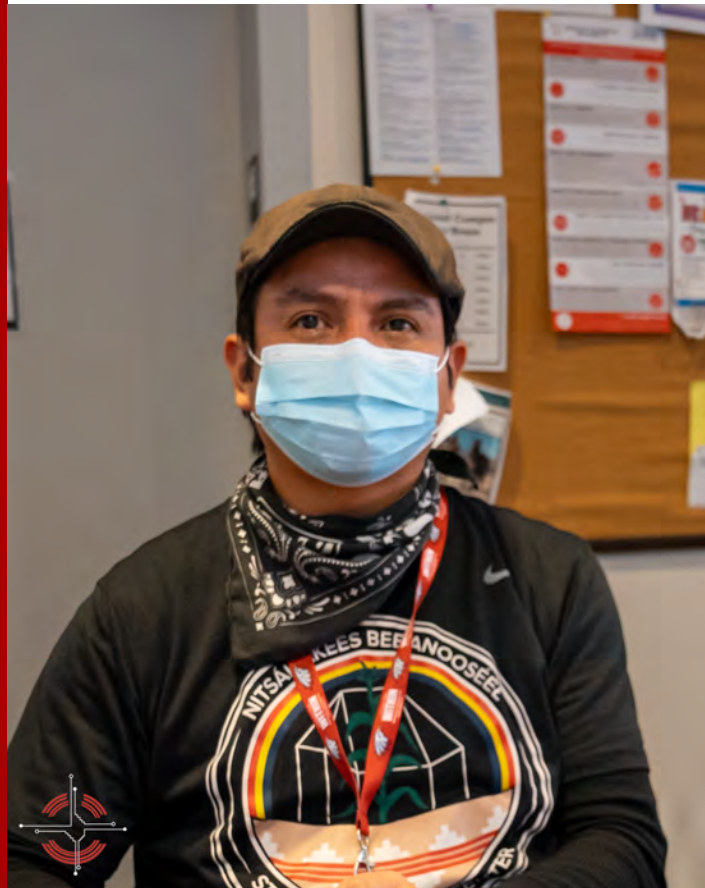
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