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NTU and CHIERS Leadership Convene for STEM Competitions

Crownpoint, NM - On February 2nd, 2023, Navajo Technical University and the Consortium for Hispanic and Indigenous Education on Robotics in Space (CHIERS) forged a cooperative agreements to assist faculty and students in research projects. The occasion included STEM related activities that involved the participants closely interacting with emulated NASA missions.

The event featured the Zero Robotics Programming Competition aboard the International Space Station. The contests challenged the students in areas of leadership methods and training, mathematics proficiency, programming, strategic techniques, and robotic information. The event granted the middle school and high school students accessibility to the International Space Station and the opportunity to take their final exam in a near-zero gravity environment.

The event also highlighted teams that started online, challenging them to create, edit, save, simulate, and submit codes for the free-flying robot called the Astrobee. The robot was designed for outer space labor. The Astrobee system is installed with three cube-shaped bots attached with perching arms to help astronauts maneuver on construction missions on the moon or in deep space.

NASA Minority University and Research Education Project MUREP awards fellowships and grants to participating minority serving institutions, historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander serving institutions, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions, and American Indian tribal colleges and universities. Learn more at <https://www.nasa.gov/stem/murep/home/index.html>

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Members of NTU and CHIERS pose for a group photo.



NTU Veterinary Teaching Hospital Hosts the USDA Pathways Internship Training Event

Crownpoint, NM – On February 8th, 2023, the USDA training event provided many opportunities, such as finding summer internships, applying for internships, one-on-one resume reviews, and mock interviews. The value of this resource will benefit students' future in any career path.

Geeriee B. Lewis, Human Resources Specialist from the main USDA Human Resources Office, critiqued resumes and did mock interviews with students that participated in this outreach training event. Through this, each student will build a stronger resume while learning tips and tricks to answer interview questions and obtain an internship or employment with Pathways and USDA.

Dr. Germaine Daye, Director of the Veterinary Technology & Land Grant Program of NTU, presented to the students her experience and how she started with the USDA program early in her career. Dr. Daye gave insight into many opportunities a student could take in working and traveling as a professional USDA employee. This training event was a an informal opportunity for those who participated in wanting to be accepted by USDA and other government agencies as well as to work in different states or around the world.

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**Dr. Germaine Daye, Director of the
Veterinary Technology (far left) &
Land Grant Program of NTU**

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NTU Automotive Toyota Hybrid Synergy Drive Vehicle Training

Crownpoint, NM – On February 10th, 2023, Navajo Technical University received its first hybrid vehicle, a Toyota Prius C. Thanks to fuel-saving technology, the Toyota Hybrid Synergy Drive system automatically switches between electric and conventional engine power. Hybrid Synergy Drive will adapt according to driving conditions as it controls the energy coming from both sources and informs the vehicle how to combine them.

NTU students will receive hands-on experience from Steven Kollas, the Automotive Technology program instructor, who got first-hand training from Andy Tirado, Senior Training Specialist of AVI On Demand. Andy was glad to have had this experience of helping to understand more about this type of vehicle, pointing out possible flaws that may be experienced close to home in rural areas. AVI (Automotive Video Innovations) is dedicated to presenting current technical information to the automotive aftermarket. The content aims to educate today's shop owners, technicians, vocational/technical schools, and colleges.

“Students can now have the opportunity to train on this modern-day transportation. The NTU automotive tech students’ next teaching and training steps are hybrid and electric vehicles. Through these teachings, our students will problem-solve and develop new inventive ideas to help communities move forward into the future.” – Steven Kollas.

To learn more about the program and to find out what is next for the future, contact:

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NTU Automotive Instructor, Steve Kollas and AVI Senior Training Specialist, Andy Tirado

I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...



Your brain synapses shrink while you sleep.

The MGM lion roar is trademarked.



Irish bars used to be closed on Saint Patrick's Day.



NTU Student Senate Hosts Meet & Greet with NTU Collegiate Athletes

Crownpoint, NM - On February 9th, 2023, NTU Student Senate hosted a meet-and-greet with NTU Athletic Programs, which include Archery, Cross-country, Basketball, Rodeo, and Cycling, inside the NTU Wellness Center. This was an excellent opportunity for students to have a one-on-one experience with coaches and players and learn the insights and what it takes to be a part of a team.

Each sport holds unique traits of a hands-on learning experience for students to be the best they can become while attending their academic classes. The NTU Athletic Department strives to develop programs while creating opportunities for students and will have more programs available in the future.

Here is a list of coaches and their departments along with contact info:

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NTU Athletic Program Head Coaches

NTU Host A Delegation With New Mexico Tech

Crownpoint, NM – On February 27th, 2023, Navajo Technical University hosted a delegation with New Mexico Tech. NTU and NMT have a collaborative project funded by the prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, in which the company funds research and education in STEM and economics. As part of this project, NTU is helping NMT to create an inclusive campus environment for their Native American students.

NTU showcased our student support systems and culturally relevant activities to NMT administrators, faculties, and students. Abhishek RoyChowdhury led NMT guests into the hogan for a welcoming prayer by Virginia Edgewater. Sharon Nelson of Ganado, AZ, briefly described the Dine' Philosophy of Education program while preparing blue corn mush.

The tour commenced as Mr. Richard Begay, from St. Michaels, AZ, presented the arrowhead-making process inside the Student Union Building lobby. Mr. Begay told stories of how every culture has some relevance to an arrow figure. Words of encouragement were delivered from Skyhawk Central as NMT listened to Sherietta Martinez-Brown and Kyle Arviso from our academic advisors regarding admissions/registration matters. The Student Union Building/Wellness Center and NSSC introduced each of their department staff, tutors, and mentors.

This is great news for NTU and is expected to promote equality in education, foster creativity, and teach collaboration.

Go Skyhawks!

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NTU and New Mexico Tech Administrators

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NTU vs. ICP Inglewood College Preparatory

Crownpoint, NM - On February 25th, 2023, the NTU Men's Basketball team triumphed over ICP College Prep from Inglewood, CA. NTU Head Coach Robb Floco and his student-athletes are committed to competing at the collegiate level this year and living an active lifestyle. Working together and practicing their communication levels will improve performance on and off the court, leading to more wins.

At halftime, the Thoreau Cheer Tots put on a show, and continued to cheer on the Skyhawks the rest of the way. Congratulations to the Skyhawks for demonstrating great sportsmanship. The team hopes to compete in the national AIHEC basketball competition at the USMCC National Championship in Richmond, VA. Thanks to all who attended.

Final score:

NTU – 107

ICP Prep - 69

Go Skyhawks!

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NTU Men's Basketball and ICP College Prep
along with Thoreau Cheer Tots