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NTU Student Awards Day

Crownpoint NM - On May 1st, 2023, students on the Dean's and President's lists from Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 got to be recognized by the registry inside the Wellness Center.

Colleen Bowman gave the opening address to the event- "It has been an honor to work with and alongside our NTU Students." Dr. Bowman introduced speakers that will present to these successful students and give out well-deserved awards for their outstanding accomplishments. The Presidents and Deans list students were not the only ones to receive awards but also recognized AIBL, the Rodeo Team, Cycling, and participants in this past AIHEC event for a successful semester.

Erny Zah, Director of Communications at Navajo Transitional Energy Company, was the keynote speaker at this event. Mr. Zah spoke on various topics in his background, starting as a reporter and working his way up to where he is today. Speaking of self-stories of hard times, he has taught our Staff, students, and faculty how it is crucial to follow your dreams and never give up and maybe one day of telling your own story to encourage others to go forward and be successful.

Jerylynn Henry, alongside Dr. Bowman, called out student names who made a list and had them come onto the stage to give them their certificate of recognition. Students would then receive their credit with congratulation and proceed to go forward. Navajo Technical University would like to congratulate all students, Staff, and faculty for a wonderful semester, and we hope to see everyone soon.

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Dean of Student Services, Jerlynn Henry (Right), NTU Provost, Dr. Colleen Bowman (Left), and Mr. Erny Zah (Center) pose together.



NTU First-Year Student Recognition

Crownpoint NM - On May 2nd, 2023, Navajo Technical University students received recognition for their academic success from Fall 2022 due to their Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) inside the Wellness Center from 6 – 7:30 PM.

Adinidiin Jones, Miss NTU, blessed the ceremony and spoke on various topics to encourage others to succeed. A welcome address from Jerlynn Henry, Dean of Student Services, thanked everyone for being with us as we honored the students. Dr. Colleen Bowman is delighted to welcome those of you who have been with NTU for a long time and who are new.

Wilbur Tso and Sherietta Martinez hosted the ceremony, called out student names who made a list, and had them come onto the stage to give them their certificate of recognition. Students would then receive their award with congratulation and proceed to go forward. Navajo Technical University would like to congratulate all students, staff, and faculty for a wonderful semester, and we hope to see everyone soon. Rooster's Grill and Catering catered for the event from Coyote Canyon, NM.

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**Dean of Student Services,
Jerlynn Henry (Left) and NTU
Provost, Dr. Colleen Bowman
(Right)**



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Navajo Technical University SkillsUSA Club Spring 2023 Semester.

Last Meeting for SkillsUSA Spring 2023

Crownpoint NM - On May 2nd, 2023, Skills members met last to discuss what happened this semester while accomplishing the Skills competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 13-15, 2023. At the same time, members stated their experiences in the club, new friendships, and plans for what will come next. Dedication and volunteering for this club make it successful. Starting with a few members and ending strong with competing Skills, the club began with thirteen dollars and ended with over three thousand dollars in fundraising for them to use for future student Skills events and travel. NTU would like to congratulate the Skills Officers on their successful semester on keeping and moving the club forward into a bright future.

The National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) on June 19-23, 2023 – in Atlanta, GA, showcases career and technical education students. More than 19,000 people, including students, teachers, and business partners, participate in the weeklong event. Before the conference technically begins, experiences for students and advisors include Activate, Leverage, and Engage. Intense and rewarding, these three events cover individual, group, and interactive leadership training.

Let's go, Skyhawks!

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The world's first animated feature film was made in Argentina.

German chocolate cake was invented in Texas.



The first person processed at Ellis Island was a 15-year-old girl from Ireland.

Steamboat Woodworks Creates One-Of-A-Kind NTU Podium

Crownpoint, NM - on May 5th, 2023, Navajo Technical University (NTU) appreciated Coydelayne Begay, a Navajo-owned business based out of Steamboat, Arizona, for designing and creating their new podium.

Coydelayne Begay, the founder of Steamboat Woodworks, designed and built the podium to meet the university's requirements. The podium is a custom front sign made from Arizona walnut and features a customized logo of NTU, including the Four Sacred Mountains. The stunning razor stand is beautifully handcrafted and finished from hand-poured alumilite resin and stabilized wood/resin hybrid blends, each with its unique look and shape.

"I appreciate NTU for trusting me to build their new podium. It is unique for universities to work with small businesses such as myself. I thought I'd be making my woodwork with just ordinary individuals. It feels great that this podium will be put to use." said Coydelayne Begay.

NTU values and supports Navajo-owned businesses and their contributions to the community. The university believes that this collaboration with Coydelayne Begay's industry will help to promote Navajo entrepreneurship and uplift the Navajo Nation.

"We are grateful to Coydelayne Begay and Steamboat Woodworks for designing and building our new podium. This unique collaboration between NTU and a Navajo-owned business showcases the strength of our community and our commitment to supporting local businesses," said Dr. Elmer J. Guy, President of Navajo Technical University.

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Elmer J. Guy, President of Navajo Technical University stands in front of NTU's new constructed podium.

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Kansas City National Security Campus Visits Navajo Technical University

Crownpoint, NM – On May 10, 2023, the National Security Campus out of Kansas City, MO, visited Navajo Technical University. Touring the Electrical Engineering department on our campus, Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering Dr. Sundaram Arumugam and Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Dr. Peter Romine discussed past and future projects the department is involved in around the Navajo Nation. While taking a gander around the laboratory, the NCS talks about wanting to work with NTU on internships at their facility in Albuquerque; This will mean jobs for the Skills and STEM students in construction and welding along with the Engineering Department.

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Dr. Sundaram Arumugam and Dr. Peter Romine along with the National Security Campus from Kansas City, MO.

Beef Quality Assurance Training

Crownpoint, NM – On May 5th, 2023, the Navajo Technical University Land Grant Program hosted a training certification seminar inside the Student Union Building for new members or people updating their certificates to produce beef from the cattle they raise. The program certifies cowboys and cowgirls to commit to following New Mexico and Arizona's BQA principles. Participants learned about the goals and objectives of ensuring consumers that all cattle shipped to a beef company are healthy for consumption.

Beef and dairy products management is handled in a safe and wholesome manner where all sectors of the industry must take responsibility for proper animal care and have knowledge of the importance of carcass quality traits, animal handling, biosecurity, management practice, record-keeping, and other topics that with BQA guidelines.

Dr. Marcy Ward of New Mexico State University and the University of Arizona's Grey Farell Jr presented for this seminar. The certification is valid for up to three years, and a requirement must be to continue with education to maintain certification. The institution is an equal opportunity provider, and if you want to know more, don't hesitate to contact the Land Grant program through the NTU Vet Tech clinic; we will be happy to assist you.

NTU's Veterinary Technology program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The AVMA accreditation will enable the NTU Veterinary Technician graduates to qualify for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE).

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**NMSU Dr. Marcy Ward (Center),
U of A Grey Farell Jr. (Right), and
Sharie Begay (Left), NTU Vet Tech
Office Manager.**



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NTU Employee Appreciation Luncheon!

We want to extend our gratitude to all the fantastic employees who contribute to the success of our institution. On May 18, 2023, the NTU HR Department hosted a spectacular Employee Appreciation Luncheon at the Multi-purpose building. It was a great event that brought together our incredible team to celebrate their hard work and dedication. Special thanks to our HR Department team, Wanda Cooke (NTU HR Director), Rebecca Vicenti (HR Administration Assistant), and Wilbur Tso (HR Training Coordinator), for organizing such a memorable occasion. We truly appreciate your efforts!

We were honored to have Dr. Elmer J. Guy, NTU President, join us to present the prestigious awards. It was a privilege to have him recognize the outstanding achievements of our employees.

Here are the deserving individuals who received awards for their great years of service:

30+ Years:
Philip Quink

25 Years:
Brenda L. Tom, Rena B. Tom, James W. Tom, and Ophelia Descheny-Burnside.

20 Years:
Jason Arviso, Marcella Begay-Jim, and Harold S. Halliday.

10 Years:
Tony K. Johnson JR, DeWayne Benally, Judy A. Yazzie, Frank A. Stomp, Wilson Gilmore, Christanna Platero, Geraldine Coan, Dody P. Begaye, Rachel Pacheco, Robert Yazzie, Roland Begay, Renee Damon.

5 Years:
Melanie Herbert, Dallas Larson, Briason Bebo, Rebecca Vicenti, Lorencita Biliman, Brian Connolly, Dianna Mullet, Lydon K. Ellsworth, Lora T. Natay, Cheryl D. Atine, Mohamed Faiz A. Illafe, Sharon Noel, Frank Todacheeny, Irene N. Ane Anyangwe, Walter Cloud, Henry H. Fowler, Aanor Louis, Aaron M. Huber, Kelly Chiquito, and Brenda Yazzie.

Congratulations to all the award recipients! Your dedication and commitment to NTU are genuinely inspiring. Your contributions are crucial to our success, and we are grateful for your unwavering support!

**Dr. Elmer J. Guy (Center) stands along
with NTU Line Cooks Marleen Nelwood
(Left), and Ada Yellowhair (Right).**



Congratulations, Navajo Technical University Class of Spring 2023!

Crownpoint, NM – On May 12, 2023, Navajo Technical University (NTU) proudly celebrates its accomplishments and recognizes many of our graduates who have demonstrated incredible perseverance and dedication.

NTU graduates, staff, and faculty gathered inside the wellness center to celebrate the 2023 Spring Commencement. Master of Ceremony, Dr. Henry Fowler, introduced Miss NTU Adinidiin Jones as she blessed the occasion by singing the National Anthem in traditional Navajo. At the same time, Dr. Colleen Bowman welcomed guests and dignitaries. Commencement speaker Dr. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren is the First Lady of the Navajo Nation. She is proud of our students with the education, tools, and resources necessary to achieve their academic and career goals. “We are proud of all our graduates and know they will continue to make a difference in their communities and beyond.”—said Wilbur Tso, Human Resources Coordinator, benedict, at the end of the service.

The IT department broadcast the event via Livestream on NTU’s YouTube channel with Mr. Dody Begay. KCZY 107.3 FM and Cuyler Frank and his broadcast operations. Thank you to everyone that contributed to making this event possible, especially the graduating class of spring 2023. Without you, we would not be here celebrating success at its finest and sending a massive shout-out to the NTU Staff, Faculty, and volunteers for such a detailed celebration for our student campus. NTU would like to thank lead usher Sherietta Martinez-Brown, First Year Experience advisor, and her entire team.

“Graduates, Congratulations! Navajo Technical University provides an excellent educational experience in a supportive, culturally diverse environment enabling all community members to grow intellectually, culturally, and economically.” Dr. Colleen Bowman, University Provost.

“Take pride and honor in the accomplishments you have endured while striving, succeeding, and progressing more as you make your goals and dreams come true. We will reflect on this day as proof that our students can accomplish anything they set their minds to and walk that stage to pass that gate to independence.” -Dr. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, First Lady of the Navajo Nation.

NTU congratulates each of the graduates for their achievements and encourages them to reach new heights of success. Our faculty, students, and staff for their outstanding support in hosting the commencement ceremony. Thanks to our 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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