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Happy New Year 2024

Sammy the Skyhawk and Navajo Technical University wish everyone a happy and safe New Year. NTU looks forward to the new beginning 2024 has in store for us.

Navajo Technical University's teachers are a guiding light and play a crucial role in shaping the students' minds and future. As NTU enters a new year, it is only fitting that the school expresses its gratitude and extend its warmest wishes to those who dedicate their lives to nurturing knowledge and fostering growth. NTU celebrates the teachers whose wisdom illuminates students' paths and whose encouragement propels them toward success.

A higher education closer to home is possible here at NTU.

GO SKYHAWKS! IT BEGINS FROM WITHIN!



Sammy the Skyhawk wishes everyone a Happy
and a safe New Year.

2024 Navajo Technical University Faculty Return

Crownpoint, NM - On January 9, 2024, Navajo Technical University is delighted to welcome back its faculty for the upcoming 2024 Spring Semester. The faculty members work together to create a curriculum that challenges students to think critically and prepares them for successful future careers. They are always available to answer any questions or address any concerns about the programs and studies.

Effective communication is crucial in education, and the university encourages its faculty members to inspire students to excel through their teaching. Navajo Technical University is committed to providing an outstanding educational experience in a supportive and culturally diverse environment, promoting intellectual, cultural, and economic growth for all members of the community.

For up-to-date information and interaction with students, faculty, and staff, visit the NTU website online today. Remember, it all begins from within!

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New and returning faculty members of NTU gathered at the SUB building in Crownpoint, NM.

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NM Mesa Middle School Workshops

Weekly from 8 AM - 5
PM on Tuesdays and
Thursdays from Feb. 6
to May 9 at the NTU
Wellness Center,
Crownpoint , NM.

Navajo Technical University vs California Miramar University

Over the weekend of January 13-14, 2024, the men's basketball team of Navajo Technical University played against the Miramar University Fighting Falcons from California in a doubleheader game. The Falcons traveled for ten hours to the Navajo Tech campus in Crownpoint, NM, to face off against the Skyhawk basketball team. To the cheers of the enthusiastic crowd, NTU's team emerged victorious with a score of 90-78.

It was a fantastic basketball game that united the community and entertained all. Both teams' sportsmanship and hard work on and off the court should be applauded..

Through the teachings of Nitsáhákees (thinking), Nahátá (planning), Tíina (implementing), and Sihasin (reflection), students acquire quality education in diverse fields while preserving cultural values and gaining economic opportunities.

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The NTU Men's basketball team emerged
victorious inside the Wellness Center.

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

I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...



The French-language Scrabble World Champion doesn't speak French.

The world's first novel ends mid-sentence.



The first commercial passenger flight lasted only 23 minutes.



Navajo Technical University vs Justice College

The men's NTU Skyhawk Basketball Team played an exceptional game against Chandler, AZ's Justice College, on Saturday, January 6, 2024, in Crownpoint, NM. Both teams displayed impressive defensive and offensive skills, resulting in a thrilling game from start to finish.

Although the score remained close, the visiting team emerged victorious with a score of 97 to 91. The student-athletes showcased their academic and athletic excellence, and their efforts should be applauded. NTU's cheers and encouragement will undoubtedly inspire them to put on an outstanding basketball display for their fans and community.



The NTU men's team showcased an impressive game against Justice College inside the Wellness Center, Crownpoint, NM.

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2024 Navajo Pearl Anniversary Appreciation Banquet

Flagstaff, AZ - On January 19, 2024, The Twin Arrows Navajo Casino proudly hosted the Navajo Pearl Anniversary Appreciation Banquet, which celebrated the 75th Navajo Nation Fair. The event brought together sponsors, community leaders, and contributors who played a crucial role in the success of the 2023 Navajo Nation Fair.

Miss Navajo Technical University attended the event and received recognition for her continued support of the Navajo Nation Fair. The Navajo Nation Fair Office appreciated sponsors for their significant contributions to making the 75th Navajo Nation Fair one of the biggest and most successful events in the United States. Brenda Jesus, Resources Chair, represented Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and expressed gratitude to sponsors associated with the Division of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, and individuals who consistently support Navajo Nation events.

The 75th Navajo Nation Fair, one of the most significant rodeo events in the Navajo Nation, featured outstanding performances by notable guest artists Megadeath, Ja-Rule, and Ashanti, who delivered live concerts for the Navajo people. Leo Watchman Jr, NNDA Department Manager, highlighted the challenges of organizing the Rodeo and celebrated the team's success in making it the best fair in which he has ever participated.

Fair Manager Ed Harvey shared his excitement about organizing the monumental event, including the parade and new details and events such as installing grass for the song and dance, pow-wow, and butchering contest. Intern NN Fair manager Kyron Hardy thanked all sponsors for their support in bringing the community together. In the closing address, Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley thanked everyone involved in creating a successful 75th Navajo Nation Fair. The Navajo Nation council was honored to host the BBQ and various events, witnessing attendees enjoy local and fair food while spending quality time with friends, families, and elders.

Initially established for harvesting, gathering, and showcasing the talents of the Diné People, the Navajo Nation Fair has evolved into a significant event that reflects the vibrant Navajo government and communities. The success of the 75th Navajo Nation Fair sets the stage for an even more significant 76th Navajo Nation Fair in 2024.



Miss NTU receives award for continuous support
toward the Navajo Nation Fair, at Twin Arrows,
Flagstaff, AZ.

The Strategic Plan 2025-2030 Listening Sessions

Crownpoint, NM – On January 24-25, 2024, Navajo Technical University outlined its goals for the entire university community, as it does every four years. To enhance the students' experience at NTU, listening sessions have been scheduled to receive feedback from the stakeholders.

The listening sessions were held in person and on Zoom. Participants included students, staff, and faculty members from instructional sites in Chinle, AZ; Kirtland, NM; Teec Nos Pos, AZ; and Zuni, NM. The purpose of these sessions was to collect feedback on the identified goals. Based on the information collected, the established priorities included the development of instructional sites, infrastructure, and financial services. The plan's significance was determined by considering the feedback received from the Crownpoint campus and the surrounding communities that NTU serves.

These sessions were conducted inside the Hospitality Center to discuss NTU's strategic plan and overviews. The University's administrators are committed to involving all stakeholders in updating its strategic priorities and setting an example of an inclusive planning process. This is a part of NTU's ongoing comprehensive strategic planning cycle.

This tactical plan has been formulated to strengthen the culture and integrity of NTU, promote diversity within the community, and enhance the university with a range of innovative programs that will provide guidance over the next five years (2025-2030).



NTU staff, faculty, and students held listening sessions to strengthen and diversify the experience at NTU for the next five years.

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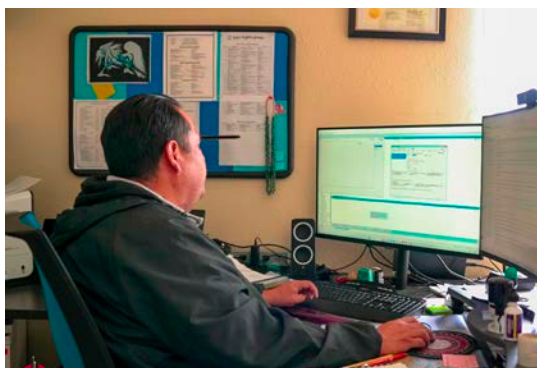
NTU Featured Staff/Faculty

Navajo Technical University would like to introduce this month's featured staff/faculty member, Kelly Chiquito. Kelly is from Pueblo Pintado, NM. He is the University Registrar at Navajo Technical University, the co-chair of the General Education Committee, and an active member of various higher education committees. He has an AA in Elementary Education from Diné College and a BAS in IT Computer Science from Navajo Technical University. Kelly is currently pursuing his M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

Mr. Chiquito works closely with the faculty, administration, and students to help them develop the best practices and school cultures that foster esteem and academic success at NTU.

He manages all student academic records, the approved curriculum, the creation and maintenance of course schedules, all student registration areas, and the recording and reporting of grades. As an employee working with important student information, compliance with FERPA regulations is a priority. He has years of experience in this department and is always ready to assist you with any questions.

Contact Kelly Chiquito, the Registrar, at kchiquito@navajotech.edu or visit www.navajotech.edu.



NTU Student Success Stories

AJ Velasquez is the president of Navajo Technical University's Weightlifting Club. He hails from the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Whiteriver, AZ, and is a full-time Psychology student. With the help of other club members, AJ successfully organized a weightlifting club that helps mentally motivate and to physically challenge the human body. The sport is closely tied to Native American culture, emphasizing the strength to overcome and persevere through every obstacle in life.

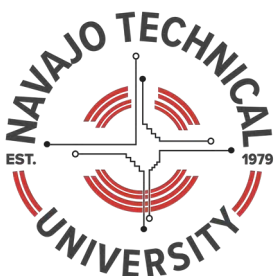
AJ's main motive behind creating the weightlifting club was to give back to the community and create a pathway for the weightlifters on campus.



Kyra Capitan is born into the Mexican and Sleeping Rock clans. Her maternal grandfather belongs to the Zuni clan, while her paternal grandfather is from the Water Flow Together clan. Kyra hails from Crownpoint, NM, and graduated from Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington, NM, in 2018. She is currently a senior pursuing a BS degree in Biology.

Under the guidance of Dr. Irene Ane Anyangwe, Kyra was fortunate enough to secure two summer internships at Harvard University. This opportunity allowed her to immerse herself in the world of renowned scientific researchers, which proved to be a transformative experience. Kyra was exposed to cutting-edge research and was able to interact with some of the brightest minds in the scientific community.

Kyra is also a member of the NTU Rodeo Team, where she competes in Breakaway and Team Roping. Her goals this year are to improve her timing in events, work her way up in the standings, and maintain good academic grades.



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