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Navajo Technical University Walks with Diné College at the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade

Shiprock, NM - On October 4, 2025, Navajo Technical University (NTU), known for its strong partnerships with many programs and organizations, joined Diné College at the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Parade to celebrate this year's theme, "Families Are Our Strength."

NTU brought its signature energy and community spirit to the parade, walking alongside Diné College representatives and engaging with families along the route. The NTU team passed out giveaways, shared program information, and encouraged future students to apply for Spring 2026 enrollment, now open at all NTU sites—including the Kirtland site, which proudly joined the parade.

This collaboration reflected NTU's ongoing commitment to building meaningful partnerships that strengthen educational opportunities and cultural pride across the Navajo Nation. As a leader in fostering community connections, NTU continues to expand its outreach throughout the Four Corners region—helping students start their journey close to home and build their future with NTU.

Go Skyhawks!



Reclamation of Abandoned Mines in the Navajo Nation

Crownpoint, NM - On October 10, 2025, Navajo Technical University hosted the Western Alliance for Reclamation Management inside the Student Union Building to raise awareness and train the next generation of mining and environmental professionals.

Guest speaker Luke Danielson provided valuable insights into the ongoing challenges posed by abandoned and active mine sites across the Navajo Nation and surrounding regions. His presentation highlighted critical issues such as water contamination, land degradation, and the lasting impacts these hazards have on public health and local communities.

One example discussed was the radioactive spill in Church Rock, New Mexico, which remains one of the most significant environmental disasters in the area's history. This initiative aims to inspire students and community members to take part in efforts to remediate abandoned mines and prevent future environmental harm.

The presentation emphasized the urgent need for continued reclamation efforts—not only within the Navajo Nation but across the world, where countless abandoned sites continue to threaten ecosystems and human health.



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NTU Cross Country Invitational 2025

Crownpoint, NM - On October 10, 2025, the Navajo Technical University Cross Country team hosted its home meet, organized by Coach Leonard Lee, featuring a 5K run. The event began with participants signing in at the Student Union Building lobby.

Runners started amidst the beautiful NTU campus and community, perfect for trail running in the fresh air. NTU staff accompanied the runners along the trail back to the SUB. The team demonstrated outstanding teamwork and dedication by promoting a healthy lifestyle through their routine.

"The experience was great, I just embraced myself and ran with an open mind. We are ready for nationals, our team and coaches are behind us every step of the way," said Telicia Tom, a Biology major.

The NTU Cross Country team welcomes these runners and wishes them success in their studies and future races. Navajo Technical University offers a supportive, culturally diverse environment that encourages growth in all areas—intellectual, cultural, and economic—for everyone in the community.

"I had fun, but I kept running toward the end because my friends and family came to watch. I want to thank my coach; he runs with us when we do our stretching and warmups," said Sean Ashley from Diné College.

Participants received certificates, along with a motivational speech from Coach Lee, emphasizing perseverance and daily running. His goal is to develop a strong Navajo Tech running team that inspires others and leads by example. After the race, Diné Head Coach Wyatt Davis and his team—Elliott Silversmith, Ivan Chee, Stacielynn Davis, Sean Ashley, and Milton Chee—offered valuable exposure and experience for future NTU students, fostering pride and competition.

NTU also thanks Diné College for promoting teamwork at the cross-country meet! Both schools can work together to benefit every student.

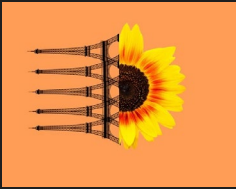


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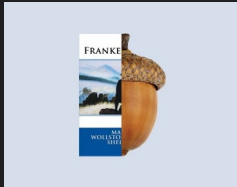
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The Eiffel Tower can grow taller during the summer.

Glitter was discovered by accident.



Frankenstein's monster is a vegetarian.

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Sticky Note Inspiration Event

Crownpoint, NM - On October 10, 2025, NTU Marketing Hosts "How NTU Inspires Me" Student Event as a fun and creative student engagement event, inviting students to share how Navajo Technical University inspires them.

Participants wrote their messages on colorful sticky notes and posted them on a large inspiration wall, filling the space with positive energy and school pride.

There were three ways to win: the student with the best inspirational quote, the one who could post the highest note on the wall, and those who completed a short survey about NTU.

A special thank-you goes out to Kami Morgan and the NTU Bookstore for donating items that made the event even more exciting and rewarding for our students.

Students showed incredible school spirit and creativity throughout the event, celebrating what it means to be part of the NTU Skyhawk community.



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Ganado High School tours the NTU Main Campus

Crownpoint, NM – On October 14, 2025, Ganado High School students visited the Navajo Technical University (NTU) main campus for an engaging and informative campus tour. Over 30 students made the trip from Ganado, Arizona to explore academic programs, student life, and career opportunities.

The visit began at the NTU Wellness Center, where students were welcomed by tour leaders Malorie McKerry and Kory Begay. Following a brief introduction, the group was divided into two smaller groups to allow for a more personalized and interactive experience.

Each group, led by either Malorie or Kory, toured various departments and student service areas across campus. Highlights of the visit included stops at the Culinary Arts Program, Electrical Trades, Automotive, Welding, the Fabrication Lab, Registration Office, the Student Union Building, and the dormitory.

At the dormitory, students got a first-hand look at on-campus housing and learned more about residential life at NTU. Throughout the tour, they were able to observe live classes in session, interact with instructors, and ask questions about academic programs and career pathways. The tour concluded with lunch at the NTU cafeteria before the school departed campus.

If your school or organization is interested in touring the NTU main campus, please fill out our Skyhawk Walk request form. Our team will be happy to accommodate your group and provide a personalized campus experience.



Roadrunner Food Bank Distrubition

Crownpoint, NM - On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, the NTU Peer Navigators, in collaboration with the Roadrunner Food Bank, once again hosted a food distribution event at the NTU main campus. The event took place inside the Wellness Center and offered a wide variety of food items, open to both NTU students and the local Crownpoint community.

Attendees had access to an abundance of fresh produce, including pineapples, watermelons, cantaloupes, grapes, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, corn, and peaches, along with a range of other fruits, vegetables, and shelf-stable products. The distribution began at 10:00 AM and continued until 12:00 PM. Upon arrival, participants were asked to complete a short survey before entering the distribution area, where they were welcome to take as much food as they needed.

The NTU Peer Navigators expressed their gratitude for the ongoing support and monthly donations from the Roadrunner Food Bank, which help make these vital services available to both students and the wider community.



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NTU Organizes Navajo Energy Resilience Workshop

Crownpoint, NM – On October 10, 2025, Navajo Technical University hosted a community workshop at the Hospitality Center, sponsored by the US Department of Energy, to discuss how power outages impact homes and businesses.

Experts from various universities across the nation shared insights on energy resilience, working with NTUA, Diné Chamber of Commerce, and faculty from The Ohio State University. Topics included defining and measuring resilience, as well as examining how hazards physically affect the grid.

The team aims to initiate new research to improve the resilience of the electric power grid for Navajo reservation residents. This project encompasses community engagement, engineering modeling, and survey data collection and analysis.

Ultimately, this research seeks to turn the challenge of power outages into an opportunity for socioeconomic growth, resilience, and increased investment through affordable renewable energy technologies.



NTU's Faculty Impact at the 56th Annual NIEA Convention & Trade Show

Spokane, WA – From October 8 to 11, 2025, faculty from Navajo Technical University (NTU) participated in the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) annual convention and trade show. The 2025 theme, “Empowering Sovereignty: Our Legacies, Our Futures,” emphasizes the importance of culture, language, and community at every stage.

The convention serves as a vital platform for Native educators to exchange best practices, network, and advocate for policy changes. It provided NTU faculty with opportunities to collaborate with educators and policymakers, fostering partnerships that support the preservation and growth of Native languages and cultures.

Students can also spearhead efforts to create AI systems that incorporate Indigenous values, offering insights into alternative technological futures. Major topics covered included the advantages of AI for Native American students and the necessity of ethical considerations to ensure AI benefits their communities.

These collaborations are essential for influencing policies at local, state, and federal levels, ensuring Native students learn in ways that respect their cultural heritage. For students in remote or under-resourced tribal areas, AI tools can provide personalized support in areas where local teachers are scarce.



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Navajo Technical University Engages with the Community at the 2025 Western Navajo Nation Fair

Tuba City, AZ — On October 18, 2025, Navajo Technical University (NTU) was proud to be part of the Western Navajo Nation Fair this past weekend, connecting with community members and sharing opportunities for higher education. NTU representatives enjoyed meeting visitors, answering questions, and helping raise awareness that anyone—regardless of background—can pursue a college degree and achieve their dreams.

NTU's mission remains focused on empowering individuals to achieve their goals through education, personal growth, and career success. NTU remains dedicated to supporting students in their journey toward a brighter future and a path to happiness. Visitors at the fair learned how to become part of the NTU community, where innovation, culture, and education come together. With campuses and instructional sites across the Navajo Nation, NTU is always creating, learning, and moving forward—because, as we proudly say, “It begins from within!”

Thank you all for coming out to support one another.



University of Arizona and UNM Collaborate with NTU

Crownpoint, NM — On October 17, 2025, Navajo Technical University (NTU) welcomed representatives from the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico (UNM) to its main campus for an engaging visit with students, faculty, and community members.

Serving as a platform for collaboration, the engagement strengthened academic partnerships and expanded opportunities for Indigenous students pursuing a higher education. Representatives from the University of New Mexico’s Indigenous Design Studio and the Indigenous Design and Planning Institute (iD+Pi) presented their initiatives focused on recruiting and supporting Indigenous students in Landscape Architecture and Design. Their work emphasizes culturally rooted approaches to community planning, sustainability, and environmental stewardship.

Matthew Tafoya, NTIC Director, led the visit to share updates, tour the campus, and identify potential sites for new Student Life spaces and workshops. The project aims to transform Navajo Technical University and its campus, blending modern education and technology with a reconnection to tradition by incorporating water harvesting, native plants, restored drainage, and community spaces. This material palette offers tools to reflect that balance in the built environment, combining modern construction with indigenous materials to harmonize with the surrounding landscape. These spaces are designed to encourage interaction, engagement, and a stronger sense of community among NTU students.

Through its collaboration with the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico, Navajo Technical University (NTU) is advancing its mission to promote sustainability, academic excellence, and meaningful community engagement. Together, these institutions are working to build a greener, more resilient future rooted in the values, innovation, and cultural strength of the Navajo Nation, while inspiring and preparing the next generation of Indigenous scholars and professionals.

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NTU Marketing Department Free Coffee Event

Crownpoint, NM — On October 21, 2025, the NTU Marketing Department hosted a free coffee event at the Student Union Building on the NTU main campus, offering students a chance to relax and jumpstart their day with a little extra energy. The event began at 10:00 AM and continued until supplies ran out around 11:30 AM.

The event drew a strong turnout from the NTU community, with students lining up even before the official start time. To receive a drink, participants were asked to complete a brief survey before choosing between an iced coffee or a frappe. The event was led by Meriel Simpson, the department's graphic designer, who developed the drink menu and organized the initiative.

In addition to the Marketing Department, other campus departments, including Registration and Recruitment, were also present in the SUB lobby to engage with students. With the 2026 spring semester registration now open, the Marketing Department is actively encouraging early enrollment. As part of this campaign, the first 30 students who present their spring class schedule and student ID at the Marketing office will receive a free NTU t-shirt.

The NTU Marketing Department extends its thanks to all who attended and helped make the event a success, including the various departments that participated and showcased their services to students.



2025 Fall Career Expo

Crownpoint, NM – On October 21, 2025, the NTU Office of Career Services hosted its annual Fall Career Expo on Tuesday inside the NTU Wellness Center. The event aimed to connect NTU students with employers and organizations offering potential job and internship opportunities after graduation. The expo ran from 10 AM to 2 PM and saw a strong turnout from both students and visiting professionals.

Numerous companies and organizations made the trip to NTU’s main campus, setting up booths and sharing valuable information with interested students. Among the attending organizations were Tetra Tech, the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office, FBI Jobs, CoreCivic, and many others.

The expo was organized by Career Services Coordinator Shawna Begay, who plays a key role in planning these events each fall and spring semester. She encourages any interested employers or organizations who would like to participate in the upcoming Spring Career Expo to reach out. NTU students appreciate having access to opportunities both locally and nationally.

In addition to the expo, the Career Services office will host a series of career development workshops on Wednesday, October 22, which will be held in person at the Student Union Building, Room 231, and also available via Zoom. Zoom details will be shared with the NTU community via email.

Shawna and the entire Career Services team extend their sincere thanks to all the participating employers for their time and dedication to NTU students. They look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Spring Career Expo.



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Navajo Technical University vs. Eastern Arizona College

Chinle, AZ— On October 22, 2025, the Skyhawks men's and women's basketball teams faced off against the disciplined and experienced Gila Monsters from Eastern Arizona College. This highly anticipated game was vital for the Skyhawks, who have faced each other for the fourth year in a row.

The Lady Skyhawks competed strongly against Eastern Arizona, with NTU women's coach Aanor Louis expressing confidence in the team and its efforts to develop the program. They combined talent and experience, blending skill with extensive knowledge, but unfortunately lost to EAC. The players showed remarkable passion and sportsmanship throughout the game, identifying critical areas for improvement that will be essential as they gear up for the season.

The Men Skyhawks played energetically, exchanging baskets and scouting each other's weaknesses early in the game. However, the Skyhawks initially struggled to play cohesively, allowing EAC to build a lead that both teams wanted to avoid. This game highlighted critical areas for the Skyhawks to improve in offense and defense.

Despite their determination, EAC remained disciplined and secured the win for both the men's and women's teams. The game at Chinle attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd, demonstrating strong support for both teams. Competing against their first collegiate opponent, the Skyhawks gained significant experience and insights for future performances.

NTU and Chinle Athletics would like to thank both teams for their sportsmanship.



NTU Bookstore Manager Kami Morgan Appointed as Trustee of the Southwest College Bookstore Association

Stillwater, OK — On October 23, 2025, Navajo Technical University (NTU) is proud to announce that Kami Morgan, Bookstore Manager at NTU, has been appointed as a Trustee of the Southwest College Bookstore Association (SWCBA). Morgan was officially sworn in on Monday, October 20, 2025, during the SWCBA Regional Meeting 2025 held at Oklahoma State University.

The Southwest College Bookstore Association (SWCBA) is a professional organization representing members from Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas (with plans to continue expanding to additional states). Its mission is to promote high standards of business methods and ethics among its members; unite individuals and firms engaged in providing products and services to campus communities; promote the common interests of those in the industry; and support professional growth by disseminating ideas and information among members.

“I am honored to join the Southwest College Bookstore Association as a Trustee,” said Morgan. “This opportunity allows me to connect with bookstore professionals across the region, exchange valuable insights, and strengthen my skills to serve the NTU community better. I am committed to upholding the SWCBA’s mission and contributing to the continued success of both the organization and our campus.”

Morgan’s appointment as Trustee reflects her dedication to advancing excellence in campus retail operations and her commitment to student and community service at NTU.

About the Southwest College Bookstore Association (SWCBA): The SWCBA is a regional association dedicated to enhancing the quality, efficiency, and ethical standards of college bookstore management and related services throughout the Southwest. Through conferences, training, and networking, the SWCBA supports members in promoting the academic and business missions of their respective institutions.

Congratulations, Kami!



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NTU vs Benedictine University Basketball Game

Crownpoint, NM – On October 24, 2025, the NTU Women's and Men's Basketball Teams kicked off their regular seasons at home against Benedictine University–Mesa Redhawks!

Navajo Technical University hosted Benedictine University from Mesa, AZ. The NTU Lady Skyhawks started the game united, but the Redhawks pressed aggressively, disrupting the Skyhawks' offense and leading to numerous turnovers and easy points for BU.

The Men's Skyhawks played with great energy, showcasing impressive shots and solid defense, but still fell behind. In the second half, they struggled to finish at the basket and were unable to close the gap.

Despite close calls and exciting plays, the Skyhawks couldn't secure the victory. From tense buzzer-beaters to powerful drives, NTU is ready to improve and meet the challenge. This game offered both the men's and women's teams a valuable chance to refine their skills and identify areas for growth. Most importantly, it united the NTU community in support of our athletes.



Halloween 2025 Michael Myers Challenge

Crownpoint, NM – On October 28, 2025, the NTU Marketing Department hosted a thrilling “Unlock the Door” Challenge featuring Michael Myers, where the “victims” must get the door unlocked and get inside before Michael reaches them. The stalker’s slowness makes the challenge difficult and suspenseful!

Students, staff, and faculty joined in for a chance to win a Navajo Tech T-shirt while learning about campus support programs, including Victim Advocacy, Student Counseling, and the Navajo Division for Children and Family Services. A fun way to stay active, engaged, and connected at NTU!

We appreciate everyone who showed up, cheered, and took part. Special thanks to the Wellness Center staff and our volunteers for helping everything run smoothly. Congratulations to our prize winners and to all who gave it their best!

Your energy, teamwork, and school spirit made the event a success. Go Skyhawks!



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Site Tour/Briefing Visit from Navajo Nation Vice President Richelle Montoya

Crownpoint, NM – On October 31, 2025, Navajo Nation Vice President Richelle Montoya visited Navajo Technical University to discuss NTU's strategic plan and overviews at the President's office inside the Empowerment Center.

As part of NTU's ongoing comprehensive strategic planning cycle, administrators seek to include all stakeholders in updating the university's Strategic Priorities and in continuing to set a precedent for an inclusive planning process.

This strategic plan is designed to strengthen NTU's culture and integrity, increase our community's diversity, and enhance the University through a breadth of innovative programs.

Students, staff, and community members provided feedback on the identified goals. The sessions' priorities focused on developing Instructional Sites, Infrastructure, and Financial Services.

Navajo Nation Vice President Richelle Montoya also visited the Fabrication Lab, which allows students to engage in projects and research in fields like Advanced Manufacturing, Metrology, and Engineering. She also visited the new Academic Building to inspire and support students in pursuing their dreams and goals. Thank you, Madam Vice President, for helping make this event a significant milestone.



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CHINLE INSTRUCTIONAL SITE

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat 2025

Chinle, AZ - On October 30, 2025 Navajo Technical University's Chinle site had a super fun Trunk or Treat! Lots of families and students came dressed in awesome costumes and got tons of candy. Everyone laughed, played, and had a great time celebrating Halloween together.

NTU wants to say thank you to everyone who came out and made the night so much fun. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween!



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NTU Featured Staff

Dr. Jason Arviso grew up in Window Rock, Arizona, and graduated from Window Rock High School. He then attended Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio, earning a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems. While in Ohio, he worked as a System Administrator at Lucent Technologies and later as a Software Verification Tester, focusing on network-based applications developed by Lucent and the Bell Labs Innovation Network Fault Management group.

After returning to the Navajo Nation with his wife, Dr. Colleen Craig Arviso, the current Director of E-Learning at NTU, he was appointed Director of Information Technology. When his role expanded to Director of Information Technology/Chief Technology Officer, he completed his Master's in Management Information at Capella University.

In 2023, he received his EdD in Leadership for Change from Fielding University after becoming NTU's Vice President of Operations. In this capacity, he oversees all operational units of the university, including Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Marketing and Communications, Support Services, the Innovation Center, Auxiliary Services, and Sponsored Programs. He is also involved in economic development initiatives aimed at increasing businesses and high-skill, high-wage employment opportunities for the Navajo community.

"As Navajo people, we have a special opportunity," Jason stated in an interview. "Navajo Technical University is at the forefront of transforming that opportunity into reality. We get things done here. We developed one of the world's most advanced wireless networks at that time, called 'Internet to the Hogan.' Our students earn doctorates or degrees from some of the world's most prestigious universities, including Harvard. Our labs in Crownpoint and Chinle are as advanced as any in the Southwest. We have successfully completed numerous projects. Navajo Tech doesn't just talk; we act. The Navajo community can shape its future, and we must make that happen."

He has delivered notable presentations at major national forums like the SuperComputing Conference in Seattle, the TeraGrid Conference in 2007, and the Educause Conference in 2010. He has also contributed to Navajo Nation efforts to improve internet connectivity, cybersecurity, and data sovereignty through active participation on various committees.



NTU Featured Alumni

It is with great pleasure that Navajo Technical University presents Edwina Leslie, an exceptional student within the esteemed Electrical Engineering Program. A proud member of the Todich’ii’nii clan and born for the Haltsooi clan, Edwina hails from Kintitsosinil (Church Rock), NM. As a trailblazing first-generation college student, she is wholeheartedly dedicated to creating a lasting, positive impact for future generations.

Edwina’s remarkable commitment is reflected in her groundbreaking work, which focuses on developing a portable cooling system to facilitate the delivery of medicine to remote areas within the Navajo Nation.

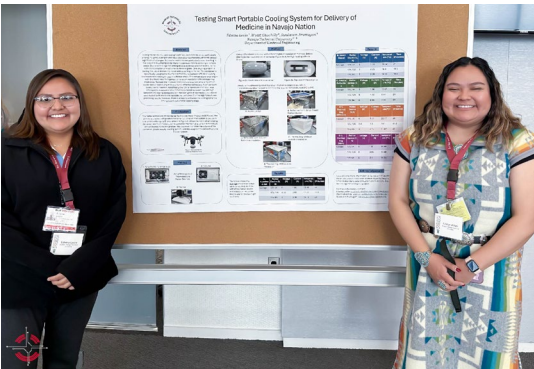
Excitedly, Edwina narrated, “I presented my groundbreaking project, ‘Test Smart Portable Cooling Systems for Delivery of Medicine in the Navajo Nation,’ during a visit to Bismarck, North Dakota. This enriching trip allowed me to connect with diverse companies, businesses, and other Tribal colleges, fostering potential collaborations.”

Edwina presented this cutting-edge device at the 10th Annual Tribal College Research Symposium in the Spring of 2024. The Styrofoam container comprised with aluminum siding and NATGAI Adhesive rubber foam, designed to transport essential medicines to patients in remote regions efficiently.

The meticulous process of determining the device’s optimal weight, particularly with the addition of the Peltier cooling device, proved pivotal to the project. Through her thorough experimental methods, Edwina obtained valuable data, culminating in her presentation’s conclusive findings that test C yielded the most favorable results, ensuring the system’s optimal functionality.

“The overwhelmingly positive outcome yielded invaluable feedback, enhancing the system’s technical aspects and possible application in Tribal lands across the US. My journey at NTU has been exceptionally enriching. Before my enrollment, I had limited exposure to 3D printing and advanced technology. The hands-on experience I gained has been immeasurably valuable,” Edwina stated.

Edwina’s outstanding academic achievements earned her a spot on the Dean’s Honor List for the Spring and Fall 2023 semesters! Moreover, she achieved her goal of obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering and successfully graduated in the Spring of 2024. Currently, she is an intern at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) through the Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program, part of the esteemed Advanced Manufacturing Network Initiative (AMNI) consortium.



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NTU Featured Student

Navajo Technical University welcomes Shanoah Platero, a proud member of the Naakaai Dine' e' (The Mexican People), born for To' Baazhni'azhi (Two Who Came to the Water People) from Chichiltah, NM.

Shanoah is excited to pursue an Associate of Applied Science in nursing at NTU and continues her passion for basketball. The nursing program has attracted many students interested in nursing careers.

"I'm very excited to attend NTU. My mother graduated from here with an associate's degree in nursing. She inspires me, and I look forward to following her path and building my nursing career," Shanoah said with enthusiasm.

She previously attended New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM, in 2023, where she studied Nursing and participated in Women's Cross Country. During high school at Miyamura High in Gallup, NM, she wore jersey number 23 for the varsity girls' basketball team. Shanoah also played for America's Team (USA) in Milan, Italy, where they went undefeated and won the championship.

Supported by her mother and under Head Coach Aanor Louis, Shanoah joined the women's basketball team at Navajo Technical University for the 2024-2025 season, providing her with a great opportunity to showcase her skills and succeed.

