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RIVER TRIBAL COLLEGE

Wind River Tribal College

Sky Dancer News

Message From President Spoonhunter

Wohei hi nenii teeno'

We would like to wish all of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribal members a very Happy and Wonderful New Year! The Wind River Tribal College will be beginning the second semester for the school year 2006-7, on January 22, 2007.

The majority of the students who completed the fall semester did very well. We had an overall GPA average of 3.4. I would like to commend these students for attaining some of their educational goals and wish them continued success. We would like to encourage anyone who is interested in attaining an AA degree or Level I or Level II Gaming Certification to

come and sign up for classes. Potential students must have a high school diploma or GED. be a transfer student from another higher institute of learning, and have the initiative to complete their educational goals. As a tribal community we would like our adults to become role models for our younger generations and making them aware that education is an asset for ones life. As we attain our degrees and certifications we become better prepared and qualified to be a positive contributor to the work force or educational setting. Once we attain our degrees and certifications they are ours and no one can take them away from us. If you are between the ages of



Marlin Spoonhunter, President

18-100, plan on getting an education as we are lifelong learners and sign up at our tribal college. Hohou!

English to Arapaho Words

<u>Asleep</u>	nókohu	<u>Handgame</u>	koxouhtíít	<u>Oatmeal</u>	kohyé'eek
<u>Banana</u>	nóóhousóó	<u>Instructor</u>	hiixoohoo3i3éíhii	<u>Pencil</u>	wo3onóhooé
<u>Cheerful</u>	hónobéíhi	<u>Job</u>	niisí3oó	<u>Quarter</u>	cebeenííhi'
Dragonfly	cíí'owoyéíhii	<u>Ketchup</u>	bóó'oowú	<u>Road</u>	towóoxéisé'
Evening	hi3óú'uunhi'	<u>Lotion</u>	xo'éyoó	<u>Saturday</u>	hoxóbetiiníísi'
<u>February</u>	heneene3ebeihit	<u>Mirror</u>	hesoohobetíít	<u>Tooth</u>	3oxookútee
<u>Goldfish</u>	nihoonbei'ci3einowo'	<u>Notebook</u>	wo3ónohóe	<u>United</u>	wóóhon

Fall 2006 President's Honor Roll Addison, Holly Blackburn, Melvin Bradley, Cory Brown, Dawn Carpenter, Grace Guina, April Haas, Elizabeth Harris, Jean Hirchak, Katherine Mondragon, Shirley Moss, Rebecca Pongah, Randee Tafoya, Mary Wagner, Virginia Washakie, Glenda Washakie, Natasha Yellowplume, Michael CONGRATULATIONS!

Spring 2007 Course Schedule									
Course #	Title	Instructor	Day	Time	Cr.	Location			
TBA	American Indian Literature	H. Penny	TTH	4:30-6pm	3	C3			
TBA	American Indians in Film & Literature	L. Olsen	Т	2-5pm	3	C2			
TBA	Tribal Law & Treaties	S. Maldonado	TTH	4:30-6pm	3	C1			
TBA	Criminal Justice	S. Maldonado	MW	4:30-6pm	3	C2			
ARAP 1010	Arapaho I	T. Jen- kins/E.Ridgely III	TTH	4:30-6:30 pm	4	C3			
ARAP 1020	Arapaho II	T. Jenkins	TTH	10am-12pm	4	C3			
ARAP 2030	Arapaho III	W. C'Hair	MW	4:30-6:30pm	4	St. Stephens			
BIOL 1002	Ecosphere in Crisis	A. McDonnel	Т	5-8pm	4	C2			
	*Lab	A. McDonnel	W	5-6pm		WIHS			
CMAP 1680	Using Computers (Gaming)	R. Tucker	TTH	1-2:30pm	3	Computer La			
CMAP 1680	Using Computers	R. Tucker	W	5-8pm		Computer La			
ENGL 0620	Foundations of English	B. Evans	W	4-7pm	3	C4			
ENGL 1010	Composition I	L. Olsen	W	9am-12pm	3	C2			
ENGL 2050	Creative Writing	L. Olsen	W	1-4pm	3	C2			
COMM 1010	Speech	B. Evans	TH	5-8pm	3	C4			
MATH 0600	Basic Math	A. Silva	MW	2-3:30pm	3	C1			
MATH 1000	Problem Solving	A. Silva	MW	5:30-7pm	3	C1			
MATH 0900	Algebra	A. Silva	TTH	9-10:30am	3	C1			
PSYC 1000	General Psychology	S. Hill	See Instruc- tor		3	WRTC			
PSYC 2300	Developmental Psychology	S. Hill	See Instruc- tor		3	WRTC			
UNST 1000	Reading & Study Skills	B. Evans	TH	4-5pm	1	C4			
	American Government	M. McDuff	TBA	TBA	3	WRTC			



FINANCIAL AID REMINDER Students:

Get a head start on your Financial Aid! Fill out your FAFSA on the Web and locate other resources now to avoid the last minute rush. See JEAN in the Registrar's Office today for more information. Ask about our <u>Gaming</u> <u>Certification</u>

Courses!
Coming
Soon!

Anyone can apply!!

Spring 2007 Calendar

January 12: Admission Deadline

January 17: Registration Deadline

January 22: CLASSES BEGIN

January 26: Last Day to Add/Drop

Heart, Mind, **Spirit**

Psychology News

What Do Psychology and Sociology Have To Do With Gaming?

What does a casino mean to a health and wellness of a community?

- Findings from other tribally owned casinos
- Positive outcome
- Minimizing risks
- Using a public health model to understand the issues
- Tribal and non-tribal organizations that are studying these issues

Health and wellness issues for casino workers

- **Findings**
- Resources for employees
- Wellness building skills

Customer Service

- Professional communication
- Handling difficult interactions
- Understanding group differences Learn more in our Gaming Cert.

GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) Event

January 23-26, 2007 8 am - 4 pm Best Western Inn at Lander TOPICS:

Awareness, Youth Suicide, Violence and Bullying Prevention

* For more information, contact Dr. Susan Hill at 335-8243



A.J. Silva, WRTC Math Instructor

Math Department Offering 3 Courses for Spring

Basic Math is a course designed for students who may have had difficulty with math in high school or who have been out of school for several years and whose math skills are "rusty". The course covers math basics including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and divisions. We tackle fractions and those dreaded ratio and percentage problems! Near the end of class, I slip in a little bit of algebra at no extra charge! Our focus here is on learning basic mathematical operations so that the students is prepared to take higher level math requirements. The class meets on Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

class that prepares students to take college algebra. This semester will be the first time this class is offered at WRTC. It is designed to teach students the basics of algebra in preparation for taking college algebra. If you have good basic math skills and have never taken algebra, or if it has been years since you had algebra, then this class is for you! The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. This class will be more fun than Christmas morning-come and join us! Problem Solving is a college level class and meets the math reguirements for a number of degree programs. As its name implies, the class is designed to Algebra is an introductory algebra teach students analytical and

problem solving skills. We do that by learning a number of skills that you will find useful both at your future job and in your personal life. We learn how to read and interpret graphs, the basics of statistical analysis, calculate income taxes, skills used to manage our personal finances and we'll even teach you how to calculate the odds and probabilities in case you should ever find yourself in the casino. Gee, maybe the class needs a field trip!

If you have any questions about these classes, want to take a look at the textbook, class syllabus, or stop by and see me in the loft at WRTC.

A.J. Silva, Math Instructor



Did You Know....

WRTC offers seven degree programs.

The seven AA degree programs are designed to meet the educational needs of students on and around the Wind River Reservation. The degree programs are: Business, Eastern Shoshone Studies, Elementary Education, Environmental Studies, General Studies, Northern Arapaho Studies and Social Work.

Be on the look- out for more degree programs in Spring 2007.

WRTC is for EVERYONE!

Anyone, regardless of age, sex, religion or background, including tribal members and non tribal members, may attend WRTC. The essence of both the Vision and Mission Statements is to serve the Wind River Indian Reservation and surrounding communities. providing courses and support for persons interested in gaining the skills and knowledge that higher education offers. WRTC wishes each and every individual success in learning.

You can earn up to \$1,200.00 by making the grade at WRTC.

Depending on your credit hours and grades earned, you may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,200.00 at the end of the semester. It pays to attend class and do your best. For more information, see Veronica, Jean or Patrick in the Registrar's Office.

WRTC courses ARE accred-

In April 2005, WRTC signed an agreement with the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. With this agreement in place, WRTC students can earn credits toward a degree program since the credits are transferable.

*Does not include readiness courses.

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VISION STATEMENT

Wind River Tribal College prepares students and communities academically, vocationally, technically, and culturally to become self-sufficient while maintaining balance in our changing world.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Wind River Tribal College Board of Regents is dedicated to the preservation, continuation and protection of Tribal self-determination, language and culture.

The Wind River Tribal College exists to provide education, innovative programs, services, and activities to create an environment of learning and success.

- The Tribal College provides, maintains, and operates a post-secondary institution on the Wind River Indian Reservation that includes educational, vocational, cultural and technical programs.
- The Tribal College provides expertise in skilled and knowledgeable personnel.
- The Tribal College prepares students to be self sufficient in a rapidly changing world.
- The Tribal College provides an opportunity for people to become productive members within families, communities, and tribes through economic development on the Wind River Indian Reservation.
- The Tribal College sustains the sovereignty of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes.
- The Tribal College facilitates language and cultural revitalization.



Teresa Hughes, NACOE Administrative Assistant and Eugene Ridgely, Jr., NACOE Coordinator, spreading holiday cheer at Wind River Tribal College.

Notes from NA Council of Elders

The office of the Northern Arapaho Council of Elders has moved to a new location. Previously located at WRTC, the office is now located at the Black Coal Senior Citizen Center. NACOE employees may be reached at the following numbers:

Eugene Ridgely, Jr., Coordinator: 1-307-851-0724 Teresa Hughes, Administrative Assistant: 1-307-349-4626

Donna Gambler, Liaison: 1-307-349-4625

NACOE is still in need of elders to serve as mentors in all of the learning institutions serving Northern Arapaho students, especially in all early childhood and daycare settings! We are trying to assist the younger generations in reaching the goal of becoming conversational speakers by the time they are in second grade and evolving into fluent speakers by the time they graduate from high school. This goal is attainable, but cannot be reached without your dedication, involvement, and sincerity. Hohou!

Our 2007 Calendars are in and we have set aside one for each NACOE member. NACOE members may pick up the calendars at our new location in Arapahoe. Additional calendars are available at the cost of \$3.00 each and may be purchased from either NACOE or WRTC staff. Profits from the sales will be used for the AIHEC Student Conference. Wohei, Hohou, heetce'noohoobeenee.





