

IPAC/Student and Family Spotlight



COMPOSER LIBRETTIST
Anthony Davis / Yusef Komunyakaa

Wakonda's Dream

March
Orpheum Theater in Omaha
Wednesday 7th @ 7:30
Friday 9th @ 7:30
Sunday 11th @ 2:00

(Sung in english with text projected above the stage)

Wakonda's Dream is about a contemporary Native American family, impacted by the historical events that occurred in Nebraska in 1879 that changed the legal status of American Indians to that of "human beings under the law" for the first time in U.S. history. The opera is the story of a mother, Delores, a father, Justin, and a son, Jason, struggling to find their place as American Indians in contemporary society. Young Jason "sees things, feels things, knows things," which terrifies his mother. Proud of her Ponca past, Delores keeps the history of their people alive for her son. This only intensifies Jason's ghostly connection to the long-dead Chief Standing Bear, whose legacy is revealed in a choral rendering of the famous 1879 trial. As Jason grows from childhood to manhood, Standing Bear remains his spiritual guide, while Jason's dismissal of his Indian birthright leads to tragedy and, ultimately, redemption.

Wakonda's Dream Events

The Smithsonian at the Joslyn: American Indian Art

Wednesday, January 17, 6:30pm |
Joslyn Art Museum,
2200 Dodge Street | Omaha
Dr. Richard West, Jr., Director of
Smithsonian Institution's National
Museum of the American Indian,
presents a slide lecture on American
Indian Art. Included in the evening is
a tour of the Joslyn Art Museum's
Bodmer Collection of 19th century
drawings and watercolors of American
Indian life and the Museum's collection
of contemporary American Indian Art.
Co-hosted by Joslyn Art Museum's
Bodmer Society and Contemporary Art
Society.

From the Trial of Standing Bear to Indian Country Today

Thursday, January 18, noon | Nebraska
State
Capitol, Warner Chambers | Lincoln
John Carter, Senior Research Associate
at the Nebraska Historical Society; Joe
Garcia, President of the National
Congress of American Indians; and
Charles E. Trimble, Native American
advisor to Wakonda's Dream, address

the history behind the opera, habeas
corpus, the trial of Standing Bear, and
issues facing American Indians today.
Judi M. gaiashkibos, Executive Director
of the Nebraska Commission on Indian
Affairs, welcomes and introduces the
speakers.

Wakonda's Dream Poetry Workshops

Sunday, February 18, 3:00pm | Bess
Dodson Walt
Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street
| Lincoln
Matt Mason, Editor of PoetryMenu.com
and local poet, leads two free public
poetry writing workshops. These
workshops are part of Opera Omaha's
Wakonda's Dream Poetry Competition.
For the competition, the public is
invited to submit original poetry utilizing
the Wakonda's Dream theme—dreams,
creative and inspirational. For more
information about the Wakonda's Dream
Poetry Competition,
please contact Tara
Cowherd at
402.346.4398, ext.
217.

Brain Benders at The Children's Museum

Thursdays and Saturdays
10:30 - 11:30 am

Brain Benders are hands-on activities
for the whole family to enjoy. There is
something for everyone and every age.
Help your children explore and discover
new objects, skills, and concepts through
these activities. Come engage in themes
such as; Flexercise, How Does It Work?,
You Be the Artist, What Happens Next?,
Kitchen Science, and Twenty Questions.
Come play, create, discover, and learn!

Contact Information:
1420 P St., Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 477-4000

A personal invitation

Hey all,
I'd like to invite you all to consider
attending and spread the word on the
University of Nebraska College of Law's
American Indian Legal Education
forum. The AI Legal Education forum
will be next month (February 22-23,
2007) at the UNL College of Law in
Lincoln, Nebraska. It's a great
opportunity to learn about applying
for law school and any questions you
may have about it. It's very important
to me PERSONALLY that there's a huge
turnout.

The program starts on Thursday night
with a banquet (I believe it's at the
Holiday Inn Downtown) followed by a
busy Friday program at the law college.
To top it all off, there will be a speaker
on Friday afternoon from ASU's
College of Law.

If that isn't incentive enough, I'll be
around to give tours and answer
questions and whatnot. I'll show you
where my locker is as well as the best
place to study in the library.

So, please pass this information on to
any Native college or high school
student that you think would be
interested. PLEASE get this info out
quickly!

I hope to hear from you soon!
~Jennifer Bear Eagle

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"My hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow from mine will be of the same color as yours. I am a man. The same God made us both."

-Chief Standing Bear

Honor Roll

Lincoln High

Amber Morse – 11
Promise Canby – 12

Northeast

Mackenzie Smallfoot – 10

North Star

Alan Eckhout – 11
Nia Bickert – 12
Anthony Yelm – 12

Southwest

Amanda Brown – 9
Angel Geller – 11

Culler

Britanyann Bearce – 8
Lila Byron – 8
Seth Marshall – 8
Kathryn Masters – 8

Dawes

Haleigh Gerlach – 6
Dylan Lamb – 6
Annalyssa Fountain – 7
Linsey Madsen – 7

Goodrich

Keenan Bearskin – 6
Mihusa Flores – 6

Irving

Corrine Lakota – 6
Cherish Mallory – 6
Lauren Stricker – 7

Lefler

Cheyenne Gottula – 6

Mickle

Shanna Wolff – 6
Merissa Smallfoot – 8

Pound

Abby Bro - 6

IPAC reminds students to apply for scholarships

Indian Education and the Migrant Education Program were proud to sponsor our Second Annual College Fair Event. This two day event was open to all ELL, Migrant and Native American High School Students and their families. Both events were held in the south wing of the Lincoln High School Building (Randolph St. entrance of the building) on Thursday December 21st from 6-8 pm and Wednesday January 31st from 6-8 pm. We were able to help answer your questions on requirements, scholarships, grants and applications for admittance to college.

The event will featured speakers from Education Quest, UNL, SCC and three Indian Community Colleges. We also provided computer access to initiate the online application of FAFSA, as well as had staff available to walk you through the long and sometimes arduous task of college admission forms.

This event was geared towards families who are new to the college application process as well as families who would like a refresher course on the new requirements to various colleges. Interpreters were provided for families who wished to use these services. Food was also provided for all of those in attendance.

As many of you seniors and juniors know, scholarship and college application deadlines are fast approaching. IPAC encourages all of our native students to apply for as many scholarships as possible to fund your college career.

Listed next to this article are some places to get you started. **Again, deadlines are very near so please complete as many scholarship applications as you can and turn them in before their deadlines.** This is very important! Good Luck! Please be aware of many scholarships available through the LPS Foundations office. These are local and easily accessible through the LPS website and through your counseling centers at your schools. **Please contact your counselors for any assistance you may need. That is what they are there for!**

The American Indian College Fund

Provides scholarship support directly to each tribal college annually. We also administer several scholarship programs offered to American Indian students attending both tribal colleges and selected mainstream universities.

American Indian College Fund
8333 Greenwood Blvd.
Denver, CO 80221

Toll Free: (800) 776-3863
Phone: (303) 426-8900

LPS Foundation Scholarships

The LPS Foundation administers more than 120 postsecondary and undergraduate scholarship opportunities for students in Lincoln Public Schools. Information on establishing or applying for a scholarship at:

www.foundationforlps.org

EducationQuest

Free college planning services, outreach services, need-based scholarship programs, and college access grants. **In Lincoln! 402-475-5222**

Multicultural Advantage

Opportunities include scholarships, awards, grants, and more!
www.multiculturaladvantage.com

The Posse Foundation

Identifies, recruits and selects high school student leaders for multicultural teams called "Posses", which go through an intensive college prep program and receive 4-year scholarships.

www.possefoundation.org

American Indian Scholarships

4520 Montgomery Blvd. N.W.
#1B

Albuquerque, NM 87109
Scholarship Amt: Varies
Requirements: Write for information (supported in part by Bureau of Indian Affairs)

More scholarship information in this newsletter.

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Lincoln Action Program: Increasing Economic Independence

One of the keys to achieving economic independence is education. The more education an individual has, the greater his or her earning potential.

Most individuals who use Lincoln Action Program's services are employed. They work at low-paying jobs trying to meet immediate financial needs. Even when they manage the rigors of living from paycheck to paycheck, life circumstances that place additional demands on their limited incomes, such as family dissolution, health problems, or even vehicle breakdowns, can cause unmanageable debt. They may move from one low-wage position to another, but without the education or skills necessary to obtain a higher paying job, find it very difficult to improve their financial situation.

At Lincoln Action Program we provide education and job-training skills that help individuals increase their employment income. LAP program participants earn GEDs; complete training for construction and janitorial work; obtain computer skills (ranging from basic keyboarding to website design); receive instruction for starting, operating, or expanding a viable business; and become trained medical and legal interpreters. LAP AmeriCorps members participate in on-the-job training and receive funds for post-secondary education.

But our work doesn't stop there. We help individuals find jobs based on the skills they have attained through our services. We create living wage jobs in the community. And we help people purchase their own homes and small businesses.

We help individuals and families participate more fully as consumers, producers, workers, and citizens—all of which are important in their personal financial security and the larger economic well being of our community.

Contact Information:
Lincoln Action Program
210 O St
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-4515

Chief Standing Bear Scholarship

Chief Standing Bear's contributions towards Civil Rights have left a lasting impression on Nebraskans and have had an impact on all Americans.

In commemoration of his efforts, the Chief Standing Bear Scholarship Committee is offering four \$500 scholarships to American Indian students who are enrolled in a tribe and who will be attending a higher-education institution (e.g. four-year college/university, community college, technical school, etc.) in the fall.

The scholarship will be distributed directly to the student

Looking for a role model?



Kiauna and Terrell

Kiauna Canby (Omaha), freshman at Lincoln High attended the 3rd Annual Indian Education Native American Leadership Conference and found a good place to start with Terrell Hill (Wichita and Kiowa), a proud Indian man who spoke at the Leadership Conference on the importance of leading a drug and alcohol free life.

Terrell attended Carnegie High School in Okalahoma, where he was named Outstanding Art Student. He won first place at the SWOSU art contest and placed second at the Indian Art Show and Mooreland Contest. At 6"7" he also played a lot of basketball. He was in the top-10 all-time in Oklahoma High School history in scoring and a McDonald's All American Honorable mention. He went on to play basketball in college at University of Texas, Pan American (UTPA) and major in Kinesiology.

Lincoln Education Outreach Services

Lincoln Education Outreach provides one-on-one tutoring, academic support, mentoring, vocational exploration, recreation, and other services for youth grades 6-12.

Please contact Chad Epperson for more information at cepperson@lincoln-action.org or contact Lincoln Action Program, 210 O St, Lincoln, NE 68508 or phone (402) 471-4515.

President signs Native Language Bill into law

President Bush signed the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Act of 2006 into law December 14, 2006. The bill authorizes competitive grants through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish Native American language "nests" for students under the age of seven and their families.

It supports Native American language survival schools. It will help to preserve all the indigenous languages that are still being spoken, and increase the support for Native American language immersion programs to create fluent speakers, and allow tribes and pueblos to develop their own immersion programs

in two equal payments of \$250.00 (August and January).

The August payment will be provided upon receipt of enrollment in the higher-education institution. The January payment will be provided upon receipt of the student's first semester grades and registration of classes for the next semester/quarter.

Eligibility Requirements

- 1.) The applicant must be an enrolled tribal member and able to provide proof of tribal affiliation.
- 2.) The applicant must submit the scholarship application, scholarship essay, and letter of reference by 5:00 p.m. March 1, 2007.

see scholarship opposite page



Events, Announcements, Scholarship Opportunities

SNAG (Seventh Native American Generation)



SNAG (Seventh Native American Generation) magazine seeks submissions from Native Americans 24-years-old and under. Writing, poetry, painting, drawing, and many more talents are welcome.

For more information, email: snagmagazine@yahoo.com

Hyde Observatory

Volunteer astronomers offer programs and assist volunteers as they observe the sky through three powerful telescopes. Call 441-7895 for more information Open Saturdays. September-October, sunset-11pm. November-December, 7-10pm. Admission is always free.

Americorps Members Needed!

300 hours for juniors and seniors in high school. Provide direct service to children. **Education Award: \$1000.** Contact Deb Buckman at 441-4907 for more information.

Bright Lights

Bright Lights delivers summer learning adventures that stretch and challenge youth's interests and hobbies. Developed for elementary and middle school students, the Bright Lights' program emphasizes "hands-on, minds on" learning. Interesting educational activities are provided in intensive, three-hour daily blocks of time, allowing students to pursue focused interests beyond the nine-month classroom. Teachers are chosen for their ability with kids and their passion to engage students in their field of expertise.

Registration begins April 1st annually, and class choice is first-come, first-served. Bright Lights is a Lincoln, Nebraska-based organization established in 1987.

Contact Information:
420-1115
info@brightlights.org

IPAC

Scheduled Meeting Locations

Meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 12:30pm-2:30pm. Please call 436-1963 or 436-1988 for additional information.

Lincoln Children's Museum Admission

Not every admission to the Lincoln Children's Museum is a paid admission. Limited-income families and groups can enjoy the Museum at no charge via the Museum's Have a Heart program, giving them the same Museum experience as those youngsters who can afford to pay for their admissions. Contact the Children's Museum for more information.

General Information Line:

402-477-4000

Administrative Offices:

402-477-0128

Kids Day Off

This is a supervised play day for kids when LPS is not in session. Activities include: games, crafts, field trips, and more. Children should bring a snack lunch and wear tennis shoes. An afternoon snack is provided. \$25/day. Sliding fees available. Call 441-8480 for more information.

VALENTINES DAY DANCE

Indian Center Inc. Youth Program

Indian Center

Wednesday, February 14th
6-10pm

- Opportunity for youth and adults alike to have fun and interact with others
- Music provided by DJ Chris Lee Vance
- Refreshments
- Youth 18 and under will be admitted free
- \$2 suggested donation for adults 18+

Valentines Dance Auction
Bid for a chance to dance with Executive Director Clyde Tindall, Will, Cal, Linda and others!

For more information,, please contact 438-5231 ext. 114 or e-mail: director.youthprogram.ici@gmail.com

Lakota Language Class

Tuesday Nights
Indian Center
6:30-8:30pm
Lakota Room

Contact the Indian Center for more information at 438-5231.

Want your announcement to appear here?

contact Kate @ 436-1963

Virtues: The Gifts Of Character

Ongoing and continuous, weekly classes for children with games, activities, and fun!!

Middle School, Fridays: 6-7pm

Elementary, Thursdays: 4:30-5:30pm

Indian Center

For further information about The Virtues Project call 436-9446.

Sponsored by the Virtues Connection

Parks and Recreation Athletics Office

Contact Information

233 S. 23 Street, Lincoln NE 68510
441-7892 Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Email: Youth Sports:
jjacox@lincoln.ne.gov
tlange@lincoln.ne.gov

Website: lincoln.ne.gov
keyword: sports

American Indian Heritage Foundation Scholarship

6051 Arlington Boulevard
Falls Church, VA 22044-2788
(603) 237-7500

Deadline: No

Requirements: Write for more information

Arrow Supplemental Scholarship Program Arrow, Inc.

1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 401
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 296-0685

Deadline: No Requirements: Write for more information

National Basketball Association Scholarship

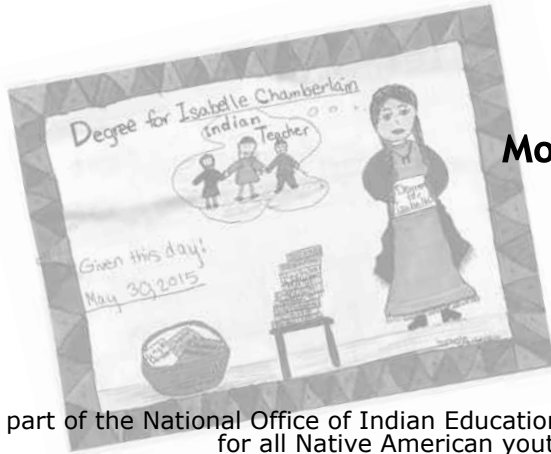
645 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Deadline: Write for application in mid-November Scholarship Amt: \$1000
Requirements: Academic achievement, extracurricular activities, ACT/SAT, high school transcript, 500-word essay. Good for any DeVry curriculum (not an athletic scholarship)

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2007 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ART COMPETITION



Indian Center
Monday, February 19th
8am-3pm
K-5 grades



As part of the National Office of Indian Education in Washington D.C. we are proud announce an all day art celebration for all Native American youth enrolled in K-5 grades in Lincoln Public Schools.

LPS Indian Education has joined forces with the Indian Center to invite children and their families to take part in our all day Art Workshop on Monday, February 19th.

The day will be based on the theme, Education: A Gift Without Boundaries and will include special outdoor activities as well as workshops and activities indoors at the Indian Center. All the events are free and include a snack and lunch.

All artwork created on this day will have the opportunity to be submitted to the OIE's National Art Competition courtesy of Indian Education Staff. The winner's of the OIE's Art Competition will win scholarships and national recognition. Parents will be required to fill out the quick application that will be on hand at the Indian Center so we can submit your child's work on-line.

All parents who plan on having their child attend please contact the LPS Indian Education Office at 436-1963. Please leave a message. See the reverse side for Rules and Regulations of the competition. You may also visit the OIE's website for past winners at indianeducation.org.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Scholarship Recipient Requirements

- 1.) The recipient must be accepted into an accredited program of higher education. Proof of enrollment must be provided before receiving the first payment.
- 2.) The recipient must provide proof of the first semester grades to a confidential designated member of the selection committee and registration of classes for the next semester/quarter.

Please Note: All Applicants will receive a response from the Scholarship Committee by April 14, 2007. Scholarship winners should plan on attending the Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast on Friday, May 11, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located at 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska where the awards will be announced. Cost of the breakfast will be waived for each scholarship winner and one guest per each recipient.

SUBMISSION:

Completed applications (including the essay) are to be submitted by e-mail or regular mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2007.

- Electronic (e-mail) applications must be e-mailed to jmkibos@ncia.ne.gov
- Please type "CSB 2007 Scholarship" in the subject box.
- Regular Mail: Mail applications to...

CSB 2007 Scholarship
Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs
PO Box 94981
Lincoln, NE 68509-4981

For Questions: Contact the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs at 402- 471-3475 or by e-mail at jmkibos@ncia.ne.gov

APPLICATION INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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2007 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ART COMPETITION

Rules and Guidelines

1. The competition is open to all American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled in Pre-K through Grade 12 during the 2006-2007 school year.
2. Entries should relate to the theme, Education: A Gift Without Boundaries and reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth.
3. One entry is allowed per person. Entries will be divided into six subcategories:
 - Preschoolers Ages 4 & 5
 - Kindergarten through Grade 2
 - Grade 3 through Grade 5
 - Grade 6 through Grade 8
 - Grade 9 through Grade 10
 - Grade 11 through Grade 12
4. An entry may take the form of:
 - Painting (acrylic, oil, water color, gouache, casein, tempera, etc.)
 - Drawing (pencil, ink, pastel, charcoal, crayon, etc.)
 - Printmaking (lithography, intaglio, etching, silkscreen, woodcut, etc.)
 - Mixed Media (collage, ledger art, etc.)
 - Photography (film or digital; black and white or color)
 - Computer Art (artwork created with software on a computer, including heavily manipulated photography)
5. The entry cannot be larger than 11 by 17 inches and must be two-dimensional.
6. The entry must be unmatted (unless the matt is part of the artwork).
7. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Originality/Creativity
 - Relationship of work to the theme, Education: A Gift Without Boundaries, and the importance of pursuing an education for American Indian/Alaska Native students
 - Composition
 - Control of materials/media
8. All submissions must be postmarked on or before March 14, 2007 and mailed to:
2007 Student Art Competition
Kauffman and Associates, Inc.
1900 L Street, NW
Suite 710
Washington, DC 20036
9. Winners will be announced by April 16, 2007.
10. All submissions must be clearly labeled with the artist's name on the back of the artwork.
11. All entries must include a fully completed Application and Release Form, including all necessary signatures. Entries received without the form or with an incomplete form, will not be accepted and returned to the student.
12. All participants must be the artists and owners of the works submitted to the competition. No copyrighted material may be submitted. All entries become the property of the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education. The Office of Indian Education reserves the right to use, publish, or otherwise display the work or permit the work to be used by others.
13. Kauffman & Associates, Inc. will not be responsible for any damage or loss of any entry, although due care and precaution will be taken to ensure its safety.
14. For more information or questions, contact Paula Arevalo with Kauffman & Associates, Inc. at (888) 747-4994 and (202) 775-3980 or email parevalo@kauffmaninc.com.



2007 CHIEF STANDING BEAR SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly. If necessary, please attach an additional sheet of paper to complete the application. **PLEASE INCLUDE A LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM SOMEONE WHO CAN DESCRIBE YOUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone #: _____

- A.) Briefly describe your major area of academic interest and career or vocational plans and indicate how you will use this scholarship to continue your education.
- B.) Please write a 500 to 600 word essay responding to the following question. Feel free to use additional pages if necessary:
“Describe the exemplary leadership and character traits of Ponca Chief Standing Bear and how those traits will help you achieve your own educational goals.”