

Northeast student travels to Wayne State to teach at Macy

Galynn Chavarria of Northeast high school was one of 50 Nebraska high school students chosen to attend Nebraska Teacher World at Wayne State College this past summer.

Nebraska Teacher World has been recognized as a national pre-collegiate model for high school students. Sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Education and WSC, Nebraska Teacher World is an activity-oriented program designed to recruit and motivate talented high school students into the teaching profession.

The mission of the Teacher World program is to motivate high school

students to become creative teachers and leaders who believe that all children, in a culturally diverse society, can learn at high levels and will make positive contributions throughout the world.

A few highlights include Nebraska teacher of the year for 2002 and Lincoln East High School English teacher, Dr. Anne Cognard as a speaker on The Power of Teaching, a performance by the All Nations Improv Group with Garam Coons, Wayne State student from Winnebago and an opportunity for Teacher World students to teach a lesson at the Umo-N-Ho N Nation School in Macy, observe traditional songs and dances of the Omaha People and interact

with tribal leaders before returning to write about their visit.

Galynn and her team of teachers built a lesson plan that focused on teaching as a team and learning in a community setting by demonstrating a hand clapping game where everyone works together to make a project work. "Coordination was an important part of achieving our goal", Galynn said. "I had a lot of fun. I enjoyed staying on campus, but the best part was being able to teach in Macy!"

Scholarship Announcements

Scholarship Announcement for Native American Natural Resource Students

The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing higher education in Natural Resources.

How much:
-\$1800 for college students
-\$1200 for graduating senior high school students

What you need to apply:
-Letter of Application demonstrating (1) an interest in Natural Resources (2) a commitment to education, community/culture (3) academic merit (4) financial need. The letter may be up to 2 pages in length.
-Resume
-Three letter of reference
-Validated enrollment in federally recognized Tribe of Native Alaska Corporation, as established by the US government.

Please provide documented proof of application to an institution of higher education to study in the area of Natural Resources along with school grades.

College Students: If you are currently enrolled in a higher education program please provide documented proof of study in the area of Natural Resources, along with school grades.

All information must be received by the close of business April 1, 2005 to be considered. This information can also be found at our website- www.itcnet.org. Inquiries and applications should be directed to the Intertribal Council Office: Intertribal Timber Council ATTN: Education Committee 1112 NE 21st Avenue Portland, OR 97232-2114 Phone: (503) 282-4296

High School Students:

Character for Life Essay Contest

Must be a current junior or senior in a Lincoln Public School to participate. Each student must write a 300-500 word essay following rules set forth; see your English teacher for details. The deadline is October 22. Submit essays to English teachers or to Counseling Department.

City Champion - \$1,000
School Champion - \$200
School Second Place - \$100

The Gus Swanson Communications Scholarship

This scholarship is in the amount of \$500 for any Nebraska college or university. The candidate applying must graduate with minimum 3.25 GPA; must be enrolling in one of the following majors: advertising, marketing, mass communications (print or broadcast), public relations, journalism, graphic design/desktop publishing. The deadline is March 11. Applicants will write a 3-5 page essay as set forth in the application. Notify your school counselor for application and further information.

Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship

This scholarship is for juniors who have a minimum 2.75 GPA; must demonstrate accomplishment in three of these four areas: 1) special talents, 2) leadership, 3) obstacles overcome, or 4) community service. This scholarship will be accepted at any accredited post-secondary institution. There will be nine state awards of \$2500 each and nine national awards of \$25,000 each. Deadline: January 7. More information is available at: www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm or at www.aasa.org/discover.htm

Search for many more scholarships

To conduct your own search of national scholarships visit one of the following sites: www.fastweb.com or www.educationquest.org

Congratulations Mr. Wright!

Larry Wright, history teacher at North Star High School, has been named 2004-2005 Outstanding Social Studies Educator for Congressional District One by the Nebraska State Council for Social Studies. Larry is a member of the Ponca Tribe and serves on the Tribal Council Board. Congratulations, Larry!

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First Annual Native American Student Leadership Conference

Indian Education's First Annual Native American Student Leadership Conference was a monumental success thanks to the help and cooperation from the Nebraska Department of Education, Southeast Community College, LPS Multicultural Offices and UNL's UNITE.

Indian Education would also like to thank every high school faculty member who believed in and volunteered to support our conference. Many lasting friendships were created and have grown as a result of this event between students and between students and faculty members.

The conference was designed to encourage and promote student scholars and provide an opportunity for students and others to discuss the issues that affect Native American individuals on a local, national and international level.

The conference raised the awareness of the history, culture and contemporary concerns of Native students while developing and building student leadership. Galynn Chavarria was moved by Lincoln High teachers, Greg Keller and Shaunna Meyer's presentation about Columbus Day. "Columbus Day was the best, I thought LPS didn't recognize Indian students. Now it seems like we are really here."



Mark Awakuni-Swetland

In recognition of a strong tradition of spirituality among many Native students, the conference also addressed the spiritual growth and needs of our students through its workshops, presenters, speakers and

entertainment. Arnold Thomas's personal message stirred emotion in many students. "The speaker really



Arnold Thomas motivates his audience

showed us about his life story, what he was going through when he was a teenager and what he tried to do. But I think it wasn't right to do something like that even if you are going through a hard time. You shouldn't take your anger out on yourself." said Celeste Phillips. Thomas was chosen to be the keynote speaker by a panel of high school students, many of which have heard his message before and felt it would be an inspiration to other students.

The Conference brought together professionals, community members and students from throughout our community to share and shape the Native American experience in the United States and our community. "We have never had anything like this before, it is cool!" many students said as they talked to students from other schools in the hallway.

Chance Rush, a reservation comic, whose subject of interest is 'Rezology 101' made a real and humorous impression on the kids who are familiar with reservation life as well as those who aren't. "I really liked Chance Rush. The students really communicated with him, and I think we should have it next

year." said Ashley Denney. Lillian Baxter believed the conference "had a really great turn out. I was surprised at how many students showed up. I especially liked Chance Rush, the comedienne, he was awesome." Many students were not aware that there were Native students at every high school. One student said, "It was great to be with other Native Americans. I thought there were only Native Americans at Northeast and Lincoln High."

More than just a conference, it was actually, fun! Every student we have talked to cannot wait to do it again. We welcome anyone who would like to be involved in next year's planning. We would like this to be a community event where everyone can come together and build friendships and share knowledge.

Very special thanks to all the presenters: Arnold Thomas, Chance Rush, Richard Marshall, Myron Longsoldier, Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Matthew "Sitting Bear" Jones, Phyllis Stone, Greg Keller and Shaunna Meyer. Your messages touched many who will carry your words with them for a long time to come, thank you.



Myron Longsoldier gives the Blessing

Highlights of the Native American Student Leadership Conference

LPS Indian Education currently has 133 Native American students they serve in the Lincoln Public Schools. 96 students attended the conference. We are proud to say that this is the largest gathering of Native students we have had since the program began.

These photos are courtesy of Greg Keller, Lincoln High's English instructor and sponsor for their newspaper, 'The Advocate'. He and Shauna Meyer sponsor the Native American Student Journalism Conference in South Dakota each year. Thanks, Greg!



Student proudly wears conference t-shirt while listening to Arnold Thomas



Chance Rush entertains the students



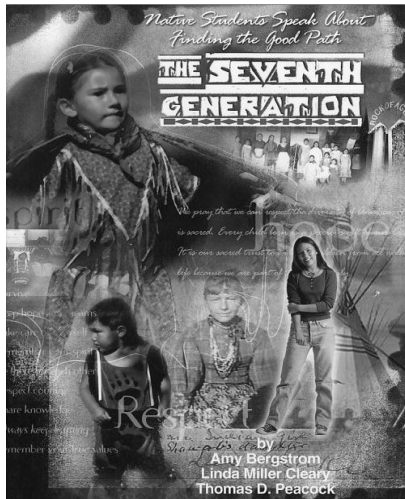
Joe Rousseau, teacher at Mickle and IPAC member, teach students a game



Bill Waters from UNL's UNITE teaches students Native American games



Book Giving Voice to Native Youth gains National Honors



The Seventh Generation: Native Youth Speak About Finding the Good Path has found the path to distinction. The book features interviews with Native youth about how they develop strong identities, reach goals and cope with troubles, received the 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Education Publishing, given by the Association of Educational Publishing.

Thomas D Peacock, one of the three authors and researchers for this book said he was impressed with the "collective strength" of the teens voices, "Even those that are very troubled have dreams." In fact he found that dreams of the 'gang students' differed very little from the dreams of the 'good students'. In general the difference was that those students who were doing well had a plan, they could more clearly see how they could go from where they are now to

Nebraska history teachers tour the Southwest

Fifteen Nebraska history teachers learned a real lesson on how the southwest tribes once lived. In June, the US department of Education continuing education grant sent the teachers on a two week journey to the Four Corners area, according to the Omaha World Herald. During the tour, they met with experts and members of the Apache, Hopi, Navajo, and Ute tribes. They visited historic places including Second Mesa, home to the ancient Hopi. Tom Scott, a Valentine Rural High School Teacher that participated, told the World Herald that he is taking what he learned back to his classroom.

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Southeast Community College – 8800 O Street
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Activities Assistance Club

Any student in the Lincoln Public Schools who is in good standing is eligible for a gift of money to purchase necessary items in order to participate in an activity. Every application is considered on its own individual need. Your application will be kept as confidential as possible. Enclosed with this newsletter is an application form. A parent of guardian must fill it out, sign it and return it with a photocopy of last year's income tax form to the Activities Office or call 436-1815.

Mosaic display

"Mosaic," the largest display of multicultural literature in the area, is scheduled Oct. 25 through Dec. 3 in the center hallway of Lincoln Public Schools District Offices, 5901 O St. This annual exhibit includes hundreds of multicultural books which illustrate the variety of multicultural literature available to teachers, families and members of the general public. Books on display are targeted at preschoolers; elementary, middle and high school students; as well as young adults and professional people. The display highlights various cultural areas, including African, African American, Asian, Asian American, European American, Hispanic, Hispanic American and Native American. The display is open 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on week days, Monday through Friday. For more information, or to schedule special hours, call 436-1841, or e-mail smallum@lps.org.

Bubba's Closet

The annual "Bubba's Closet" clothing exchange will be held 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Hartley Elementary School, 730 N. 33rd St. Any elementary student, accompanied by an adult, may come on that morning and choose appropriate items of clothing to adopt and use. The event is a Lincoln Public Schools project, sponsored by the LPS elementary school principals, offering warm clothing to grade school children. Lincoln citizens and LPS employees can join the cause by donating elementary-age winter clothes -- winter coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts and jeans -- to help clothe and warm the community's children. Clothes can be dropped off at any Hanger's Cleaners outlet from now through Nov. 5. Hanger's will clean the clothing. LPS will help transport the clothing to the Bubba event. For more information contact Pam Sedlacek at Huntington Elementary School, 436-1144.



Columbus Day?

This year in many cities, Native Americans did not celebrate Columbus Day like other Americans would. In Denver, about 600 protesters blocked a Columbus Day parade for an hour before police moved in and made about 230 arrests. Meanwhile, educators and students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln staged a quieter protest of their own.

With the theme the same as the Denver demonstration, those who took part in UNL's protest nevertheless presented a powerful message. Their message was: Columbus was a murderer of Native people and should not be remembered as the "discoverer" of America, a land already populated when he accidentally found it while searching for the East Indies.

The group United Native America continues to circulate petitions by the tens of thousands asking that Columbus Day be replaced by a national holiday for Native Americans.



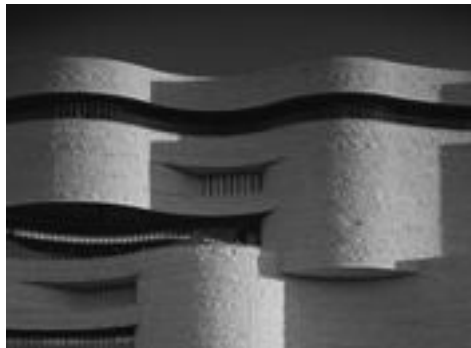
Native Americans protest Columbus Day Parade in Denver

The first recorded celebration of Columbus, who is believed to be of Italian descent, occurred Oct. 12, 1492. Organized by the Society of Tammany, also known as the Columbian Order, it commemorated the 300th anniversary of Columbus's landing.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Oct. 12 as Columbus Day, a national holiday; in 1971, President Richard M. Nixon set the second Monday in October as a federal public holiday. Tempers have been flaring since.

Meanwhile, at the Museum of the American Indian, a steady, 20,000-year-old beat goes on and around the country protests that beg America to recognize all of its people continue.

Historic opening of the National Museum of the American Indian



National Museum of the American Indian in D.C.

Immediately following the Grand Opening ceremony, the museum commenced a major six-day festival paying tribute to some of the most beloved and prominent Native American musicians, dancers, and storytellers. More than 300 singers, dancers, and storytellers, representing 30 to 40 Native communities from throughout the hemisphere, performed traditional and contemporary programs of contemporary Indian blues, rock, reggae, jazz, and more, representing Native communities in North, South, and Central America.

The First Americans Festival commemorated the historic opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

With an anticipated attendance of more than 600,000 visitors from the around the world, this festival of "living arts" gave participants of all ages the opportunity to experience Native cultures first hand. "Visitors will leave this museum experience knowing that Indians are not part of history," said the museum's director, W. Richard West Jr., who is of Southern Cheyenne extraction. "We are still here and making vital contributions to contemporary American culture and art."

Community Events

Native American veteran calendars

18 month calendars featuring Native American veterans of war will be available from the Winnebago Housing Authority. Please contact Donna Bendall at 402-878-2241 or Fax: 402-878-2240 if you or your organization would like to purchase one or many. Calendars will be \$10. All proceeds are going toward a good cause!

Fundraiser dinner

Sue Bad Moccasin invites you to a fundraiser dinner for the Native American Church at 30th and Starr on the 19th and 20th of October. Two traditional style meals will be served!

Halloween Party

The Indian Center is hosting a Halloween Party. Contact Collette at the Indian Center for more details.

2nd Annual Omanisa Wacipi/ North Platte Traveler Pow-Wow

2nd Annual Omanisa Wacipi/ North Platte Traveler Pow-Wow The Mid-Plains Community College, McDonald-Belton campus, North Platte, NE Event is hosting "Honoring our Elders" Contest Pow-Wow, Singing Contest, "Princess" contest. Vendor space is available, call or email for an application today! Everyone is invited to attend! Contact: Char, phone: (308) 532-4040, email: char@nptraveler.com



College entrance preparation and student opportunities

Lincoln Area 2004 College Fair, visit 100 Colleges in a day!

Sunday October 24th from 1:00- 3:30pm at Southeast Community College 8800 O Street. This event is sponsored by the EducationQuest Foundation and NACRAO. Over 100 Colleges will be on site to help you choose a college or answer any questions about college or financial aid you might have. Financial Aid sessions will be held at 1:30 in room B-7 and 2:30 in room B-7. Information booths will be located throughout the building.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Multicultural Day

On October 25th, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is hosting an Open House Multicultural Day. All high school juniors and seniors are welcome to register for this all-day (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) open house event. Students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and current students, receive scholarship and financial aid information, learn about the Office of Academic Support and Intercultural Services, and explore involvement in multicultural and other student organizations.

There is an \$8 fee for the day that will include morning refreshments and lunch. There is also an overnight option for a \$12 fee. This would give students the opportunity to stay overnight, October 24, 2004 with a current student in a residence hall. This option begins at 6 p.m. and may include games, movies, time at the Campus Recreation Center and spending time with the 2004 class of Melvin Jones Scholars. Registration forms will be mailed to prospective students or students can register on line at www.admissions.unl.edu.

Leadership Lincoln

This program is for juniors and sophomores. Leadership Lincoln is taking applications until 5:00 p.m., October 18, 2004. Two informational sessions are scheduled for October 3rd and 12th at the Leadership Lincoln Office at 920 O Street. For more information visit the website at www.leadershiplincoln.org

College of Hair Design Open House

The College of Hair Design in Lincoln is hosting an Open House for juniors and seniors on Wednesday, October 27 from 10:30 until 2:00. There will be career presentations, a free lunch, salon job fair and prizes. To register, please call 477-4040.

Nebraska Young Artist Awards

Attention Juniors! The applications for The Nebraska Young Artist Awards have arrived. This is a great opportunity for students who would like to be recognized for their creative talents in art, music, dance, theatre, or film and new media. Interested students can contact their counselors for an application or visit the web site: <http://www.unl.edu/finearts/YYA.html>. The deadline is Dec. 10, 2004.

Midland Lutheran College Teacher Education Day

Midland Lutheran College Teacher Education Day
If you are interested in Early Childhood, coaching, Elementary or Secondary Education, this day is for you. Program will be held on Friday, October 22, 2004 from 8:30 until 2:30. Meet professors, students and alumni who are working out in the classrooms right now. R.S.V.P. at www.mlc.edu/admissions/educationvisit or call (402) 941-6501.

Doane College Lincoln Visit Day

Doane College will host a Lincoln Visit Day on October 27, 2004. Lincoln area high school students are invited to visit Doane College from 8:30 until noon. Students will have the opportunity to visit with current students from Lincoln and hear about their Doane experience, a guided tour of the campus and a chance to talk with faculty and coaches will also be included. Register online at www.doane.edu/visitation

Technology Careers for Women Day SCC

Southeast Community College at Milford is hosting a Technology Careers for Women Day on October 31. Participants will have the opportunity to tour every program and have a chance to earn a scholarship. Registration deadline is October 4, 2004.

SCC Student Leadership Symposium

SCC Student Leadership Symposium Southeast Community College-Lincoln is hosting a Student Leadership Symposium on October 22, 2004 from 10:00 until 4:00. Students are invited to participate and learn more about leadership skills. Registration deadline is October 13th.

SCC-Beatrice Open House

Southeast Community College-Beatrice Campus is holding an Open House on Sunday, October 17 from 10:30 until 3:30. There will be demonstrations, displays, tours, door prizes and scholarships.

College Planning Calendar Senior Year

October/November

- Register for ACT tests
- Line up teacher recommendations
- Work on application essays
- Begin searching for scholarships

December

- Take ACT Tests
- Pick up FAFSA forms and be sure your family saves pay stubs to estimate their income

January

- Take ACT tests
- Submit the FAFSA form before financial aid deadlines

February

- Apply well before priority deadlines to receive the most financial aid

March

- Look for a summer job, internship, volunteer position, or learning program

April

- Read admission decisions and financial aid award letters carefully and note reply deadlines
- Review financial aid packages with your parents and counselor
- Choose your college!

May

- Send thank you notes to people who wrote you letters of recommendation

June

- Have your final transcript sent to your college

July/August

- Notify your college's financial aid office of any scholarships you have been offered

Start Packing!!