

New website provides instant access to American Indian education news

MANCOS, Colo. – Accessing information about higher education issues in Indian Country just got easier. *Tribal College Journal* (TCJ) recently launched a new website that will give subscribers online access to news and information pertinent to American Indian higher education.

After months of planning, the dramatically redesigned website has come to fruition. The website, www.tribalcollegejournal.org, embodies the forward-thinking vision of TCJ and a commitment to the growing Tribal college movement.

With frequent updates, the site will give readers the best of *Tribal College Journal* magazine as well as exclusive web features that combine original reporting with the web's myriad of resources. Some of the new website's features include:

- Streamlined searching and navigation
- Full subscriber access to the latest Indian education news, resources, and more
- Online advertising opportunities
- Job opportunities
- Easy subscription and back issue ordering

The new website welcomes visitors with bold new colors, a dynamic layout and accessible articles. TCJ's current issue, focusing on food sovereignty, is featured on the homepage. This issue explores traditional foods and medicinal plants as well as the work of Tribal colleges on the forefront of issues surrounding food sovereignty, sustainability and local food systems.

The redesigned website is one of several steps TCJ is taking to support its print edition and expand its readership.

"Our goal is to provide information in the preferred format of our evolving audience and reach those who may not yet know about the work of the Tribal colleges," said Rachael Marchbanks, publisher of *Tribal College Journal*.

In the coming months, TCJ plans to add the full content of its 21 years of back issues.

About Tribal College Journal

Tribal College Journal is a nonprofit media organization operating under the auspices of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, an organization

of 37 Tribally controlled colleges in the United States and Canada.

TCJ strives to provide a primary resource of news, information and best practices in American Indian higher education for everyone with an interest or stake in the social, economic and educational development of American Indian Tribes and communities.

Tribal College Journal has covered the news, newsmakers and issues in the American Indian higher education movement for more than 21 years, earning multiple journalism awards from organizations such as the Native American Journalists Association, Association Media and Publishing, and Western Publishing Association.

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16th Annual Native American Health Sciences Institute in Pullman • June 20 – July 1, 2011

Native American Health Sciences Program
Washington State University – Spokane
College of Nursing 157
P.O. Box 1495
Spokane, WA 99210-1495
509-324-7440

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for American Indian high school students to experience the health science professions; to encourage American Indian students to pursue health science degree programs and prepare themselves for their future.

Participation: Invited American Indian male and female students who will enter the 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2011; only students who live in Washington, Oregon or Idaho unless your Tribe or family pays transportation if you live outside of these states.

Requirements:

1. Letter of interest and expectations of your camp experience
2. Immunizations: Hep A/B first shot started, TB test, yearly
3. Minimum of "C" average in math and science classes
4. Provide a copy of transcripts

Cost: Free – with interest in the health sciences, such as nursing, medicine, dental, pharmacy, physical therapy, speech and hearing, and exercise physiology.

Housing: Students will stay in a dormitory located at WSU-Pullman. Food and lodging are provided at no cost to all students in the Summer Camp Institute.

Transportation: Mini-vans will provide all transportation for students to all destinations during their stay at camp.

Deadline for application: May 2.

Topics to be covered: First aid, blood-borne pathogens, vital signs, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), traditional herbal medicine, job shadowing, science,

math and writing labs, critical thinking and team-building experiences.

Location of the institute: WSU, College of Nursing, 103 E. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99210-1495 and WSU Pullman Campus

For more information: Dr. Robbie Paul, director of Native American Health Sciences, at 509-324-7440 or e-mail paul@wsu.edu.

Notice of acceptance: Applications will be reviewed the week of May 3 and by mid-May a letter of acceptance will be sent to you. If you have not been accepted, a letter also will come noting the reasons of non-acceptance.

4th Annual Native American 5K National Championships & Community 5K Run

EVENTS

- 5k Runs (competitive)
- 1K Kids Race (12 & Under) (competitive)
- 1 & 2 Mile Fitness Walks (non-competitive)
- 400 Meter toddler dash (non-competitive)

All entrants in the toddler 400 meter dash receive awards

Awards in multiple age divisions

Goodie bags to all toddler and 1K runners

Post race refreshments included with your entry

Proceeds benefit SIPI Rodeo Club and SWTC

Time: 8:00 am

Race will be held on the campus of southwestern Indian Education Institute located at 4000 Coors Rd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The course is a flat paved 2-loop course and is considered one of the fastest courses at altitude. This course is designed for city fast times.

Register Early for HUGE discounts. Teams, families, clubs, organizations & businesses. Contact SWTC to discuss discounts for multiple entries.

For more information or to have a copy form sent to you, email SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com

Call: 505 710-3323

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

There will be a traditional Pueblo style throw after all the events have been contested

Many other activities are being planned for the participants enjoyment.

Legal Notice

Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by April 20, 2011.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by April 20, 2011. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more information:

1-800-961-6109

www.IndianTrust.com