

Haskell celebrating anniversary

LAWRENCE, Kansas — Haskell Indian Nations University will host a 125th Commemoration Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 17.

As the school this year is marking its 125 anniversary, events are planned through the rest of the year.

School history

In 1884, the United States Industrial Training School was founded by Congressional action to educate American Indians and to assimilate these students into a largely agricultural economy.

Enrollment increased within one semester's time from 22 to almost 300 students.

In 1887 the name was changed to Haskell Institute. The school was named after Dudley C. Haskell, the Kansas Senator who essentially brought the school to Lawrence.

The early curriculum contained lessons in English, basic mathematics, and industrial training.

In the later years of the 19th century, the school expanded its academic training beyond the eighth grade to include "normal school."

Teachers were needed in the students' home communities. The work in the industrial departments was reorganized. The commercial department opened in 1895 with five typewriters. The first touch-typing class in Kansas was taught at Haskell.

The mission of Haskell and the Office of Indian Affairs remained the same: To give the American Indian child knowledge of the English language and to equip him or her to be come self-supporting as quickly as possible.

Indian culture and languages were not encouraged.

School changes

By 1927, the secondary curriculum had been accredited by the state of Kansas, and Haskell began offering post high school courses in a variety of areas.

For years, Haskell was the only government funded school for American Indians to offer a full four-year high school course of study.

Industrial training remained an important part of the curriculum in the early 1930s, and by 1935 Haskell began to evolve into a post high school vocational-technical institution.

The secondary program was gradually phased out and the last high school class graduated in 1965.

Throughout Haskell's academic history, federal policy dictated that the cultural education of the American Indian students should be ignored.

Indeed, the idea behind non-reservation boarding schools such as Haskell Institute was to take the American Indian children away from the reservation to avoid its influences.

Students were not allowed to

speak in their Native language or practice many of their traditional and religious customs.

It was not until the 1960s, with the impetus provided in part by the Civil Rights movement, that Haskell began exploring the integration of cultural education into its academic curriculum.

Haskell today

Today, Haskell continues to serve over a 1,000 students each year.

These students come from over 35 states and represent over 140 nations.

This year marks Haskell's 125th year educating American Indian and Alaska Native students.

There are several events planned through the year to commemorate the legacy of the school's students and progress.

One of these events will honor and recognize the sacrifice of the first students and their families in enduring the hardships and struggles in the early years of the school.

This event will be an outward act of restoration for all generations organized by the 125th Planning Committee and 120 Drums of Thunder.

You are invited to join us on this day of healing and restoration on September 17, 2009.

If you would like more information on this event, please contact Valerie Switzler at vswitzler@haskell.edu.

Or call her (785) 832-6663.

Museum planning Heritage Art Market

The Museum at Warm Springs will present the Native American Heritage Art Market beginning next month.

The market offers shoppers the chance to join in the

holiday spirit, and find local hand-crafted Native American original art work. The market will be in the lobby of the Museum at Warm Springs.

The first market is set for November 28, which is a Satur-

day. The market will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next market will be the following day, Sunday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call the museum at (541) 553-3331.

Flu shot clinics in Warm Springs

Influenza shots will be given at these locations:
Wednesday, Sept. 9: Community Center from 9 a.m. till noon.

Sept. 10: Early Childhood Education 10 a.m to 1 p.m.; and at the Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m.
Sept. 11: Community

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Sept. 21: Fire and Safety from 8 to 10 a.m.
Sept. 24: Corrections from 3 to 5 p.m.

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