Culture & Heritage Language Program

Culture and Heritage hires new language coodinator

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The Culture and Heritage Department finds its new Language Coordinator, Deanie Smith.

In this position, Smith will be monitoring grants, seeking additional funding for the program and making sure that the funding guidelines are met. While the position requires a background in financial knowledge, it also emphasizes on culture and a willingness to learn.

Smith comes to the program with Bachelors in Elementary Teacher Education from Haskell Indian Nations University and a Master degree in Teaching Leadership with an Emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Kansas.

When Haskell first opened up its four year program, Smith was one of the first recipients to graduate from the program and earn her bachelor's degree.

> *"Culture is not just for celebrations, but a way of life"* - Deanie Smith

Her background in education and passion to teach lead her to Culture and Heritage. She wants to put her degree to use and believes that the cultural aspect of the job will open up great opportunities.

Smith is both Chair of the Education Committee and the JOM Program. While in this position, one thing she wants to accomplish is making culture a part of the education process.

Smith offers her input by saying, "We can do this by adopting a holistic approach to education which includes the social, emotional, and spiritual aspect." By doing this she believes this will achieve a life of balance.

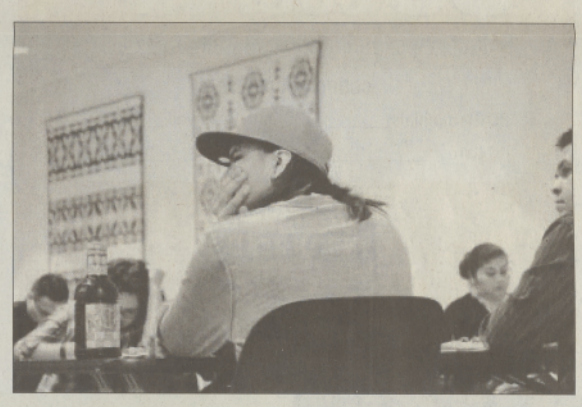
As far as the youth, Smith thinks that learning the culture is going to give kids a different perspective and purpose on life.

"My hope is that Culture will be the best part of something they live and not something they visit. Culture is not just for celebrations, but a way of life," says Smith.

She has already begun making headway with youth, as she collaborates with JOM to support the Rights of Passage.

Deanie Smith

Rites of Passage program focuses on youth and culture



Language Latchkey

Our Native Languages

(After School Program)

Numu Ichishkiin Kiksht

Monday - Kiksht
Tuesday - Ichishkiin
Wednesday - Numu
Thursday - Ichisshkiin

Contact Culture & Heritage: (541) 553-3290

January - May 2014
3:30-4:15pm
Education Bldg.
Training Room

Students from the elite Tuesday and Thursday group will be chosen to attend the language bowl 2014 to represent Warm Springs to compete for place and title in the Ichishkiin language. After 4:15 students can enjoy our ittitamasha Group or sign out for the day. This is a drop-in program with structure curriculum and events. Our students will be considered for other leadership activities throughout the year.

Language Program Staff

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