



Southern Ute Education Department *Southern Ute tribal students of the month*

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



Adelle Hight

8th grade, Ignacio Jr. High
Parents/Grandparents: Danielle Hight/Sammy Burch

"I feel language and art are my strongest subjects in school, because I like to read."

Adelle likes to travel and her favorite place she has been to was Hawaii.

"I want to go to college and study marine biology because I enjoy the ocean and I am interested in learning about all the animals that live in the ocean waters."

Teacher comment: Adelle has a very positive attitude and always willing to laugh. She is a hard worker, has good focus, and has earned a lot of respect from teachers and students. She is a very "colorful person" in the way she acts and dresses. She is a super, awesome kid. Adelle is wonderful to have in class. Her teachers comment that she is a joy to be around.

"I have been nominated for the Southern Ute Student of the month because I help people feel better about themselves by talking to them and helping with their problems."



Natelle Thompson

12th grade, Ignacio High School
Father Shawn Thompson; Grandmother Lavara Thompson and Grandfather Bennett Thompson.

Mother Sophie Wilson; Grandmother Theresa Stokes and Grandfather Ramon Wilson.

"My strongest class would be Civics, because it is an interesting class."

"I believe I was chosen because I pushed myself as far as I could get my grades up so I could get my grades up so I could walk with my class. It was hard, and at one point I thought I wasn't going to graduate. But now I'm passing all my classes with A's and B's and don't have to worry about not graduating but I did it."

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y



Southern Ute tribal member Kayden Box will represent the Ignacio Intermediate School in the State Spelling Bee in Denver, on Saturday, March 10. Box, a sixth-grader at the school, is the first student from Ignacio in recent memory to earn this high honor. Box stands for a quick photo with spelling bee accolades in Ignacio on Thursday, March 1, prior to the competition.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: April 6 and May 4. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.

Education Dept. community class for April

• Dress and ribbon shirt workshop: Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m

Participants will learn to measure, cut out and sew a simple ribbon dress, or a ribbon shirt. Participants will receive the material and the ribbons to complete your project. Participants must know how to operate a sewing machine and have basic sewing skills.

For more information, and to sign up, call Luana Herrera at the Department of Education 970-563-0237.

Dorothy Gore Scholarship available

The Dorothy Gore Scholarship sponsored by PEO Chapter CS is available to any La Plata County graduating senior girl who has shown academic promise, leadership potential, serves her community and has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. This \$1000 scholarship honors Dorothy Gore, a retired, long-time Durango teacher. Although priority is given to applicants to Cottey College, all applicants to an academic college are considered. Cottey College is a two-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri, owned by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Applications are available at high school counseling offices or by requesting a copy from PEO Chapter CS Philanthropic Committee at jeaninegae@gmail.com. The application deadline is April 16.

Spring Break schedules

Ignacio School District: April 2 – 9

Southern Ute Indian Academy & Head Start: April 2 – 6

Bayfield School District: March 26 – 30

Ignacio School District schools will return on Tuesday, April 10



FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

• **OPTIONS FOR PROVING PROGRESS**
Elizabeth Shupe, Colorado Dept. of Education

• **THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE**
A New Metaphor for Rural Nonprofit Services.
Scott Baker, PRCLC.

• **DELIVERING "POST SECONDARY"**
to Working Adults in Remote Areas.
Virgil Caldwell, Utah State University.

• **HOW CareerReady® MIGHT AID**
English-language learners in the 21st century.
Chloe Wiebe, Colorado WorkForce.

Workshop or presentation proposals accepted until February 28, 2012. Sessions may vary from 1 to 2 hours each; technical resources are available. Share your ideas, initiatives, research, or coalition efforts with us!

CONFERENCE FOR RURAL ADULT LEARNING AND LITERACY

March 15-16, 2012: Ignacio, CO

Why is learning advancement so critical to the rural West? How will our local economies benefit from better trained, post-secondary level workers? Why are organizations competing or isolating when their uniqueness can actually enhance the other? How does our professional input itself matter for rural sustainability?

At this second annual event, community-based organizations from across the southwest will be sharing their experience and know-how for supporting and transforming rural lives. So, who's involved?

- Adult Educators
- Family Literacy programs
- Colorado WorkForce
- Public Libraries
- Regional Development councils

- Public Assistance agencies
- Immigrant Aid coalitions
- Conservancy education groups
- Health education networks
- Rural School associations
- College administrators
- Local Business associations
- County offices & Extensions

In bringing professionals from such diverse backgrounds to a common table, the Conference aims to deepen educational outcomes, clarify mutual goals and resources, and expand partnerships for broader public impact. We have so much to learn from each other: doing so means we can accomplish that much more.



2012 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

@
HANDEL
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Who should apply:

Native students studying business, technology, computer science or marketing

Internship options include:

- Software quality assurance
- Programming
- Network Management
- Marketing

Benefits include:

- Summer income
- Structred, mentored, real-world experience
- References for use in future career
- Experience in technology and software development

Applications accepted:

January 1, 2012–April 15, 2012

Where:

Handel's headquarters—Laramie, WY



Check for updates at
www.handelit.com

or Frances Clem
307-742-5555 ext. 110
frances.clem@handelit.com