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# APRIL NEWSLETTER



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## >>> SUNNY DAYS

BY McKayla Yazzie

We are almost there to the end of the semester and finals are coming up! TRIO/SSS wants to remind you that we are here to help and that we have many workshops that can assist you in preparing for your exams. Remember, you are not alone in this journey. Our workshops cover various topics in writing, math, and mentoring. We understand that this can be a stressful time, but with the right support and resources, you can succeed. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need guidance or have any questions. Together, we can finish the semester strong and achieve your academic goals. Best of luck with your finals!

## IMPORTANT DATES <<<

- **04/08-** 2024 Summer/Fall Registration Opens
- **04/08-** Solar Eclipse
- **04/09-** Diamond Art & Burritos Mentor Workshop
- **04/08-04/12-** Student Worker Appreciation Week
- **04/12-** Graduate Info Session
- **04/12-** UNM HPS Trip -Staff out at 1:30pm
- **04/22-** Navajo Sovereignty Day (Campus Open)
- **04/22-** Earth Day
- **04/23-** Dr. Buu Nygren Campus visit
- **04/23-** Final Writing Workshop
- **04/24-** Final Math Workshop

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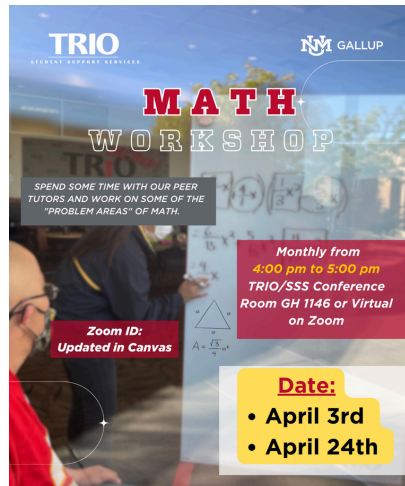
# APRIL EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

BY McKayla Yazzie

### 2024 SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION OPENS <<<

A quick reminder that Registration will commence on April 08, 2024. If you haven't had a chance to review your courses with your Advisor, you can schedule an appointment with Donovan or Sophia through Lobo Achieve. Appointments will be open from April 1st, Make sure to consult your advisors to prepare for registration.



### >>> ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS MATH AND WRITING

This is the final month for our math and writing workshops this Spring Semester. Feel free to attend if you require help in these subjects, especially with finals approaching.



### MENTOR WORKSHOP <<<

We have a mentor workshop scheduled for April 9, 2024. This workshop will involve diamond painting and spending quality time with our mentors. Join us on April 9th for a fun and engaging session.



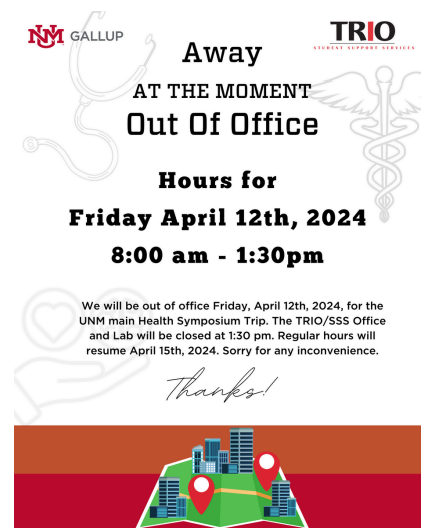
### >>> GRADUATE INFO SESSION

Congratulations to all the recent fall 2023, upcoming spring & summer graduates! Don't forget to attend the Graduation info session on April 12th at 2:00 pm in SSTC 200. You'll receive important details about graduation day, transferring, and other relevant information.



### STAFF OUT OF OFFICE <<<

Our team will be attending the UNM Main Health Symposium on April 12th, 2024. During this event, tutors and staff will be unavailable from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm Friday, April 12, 2024. TRIO/SSS Office and Lab will be closed at 1:30pm. Regular will resume April 15, 2024.





# OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS

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## >>> ONNSFA



### 2024-2025 Academic Year Application

The online application for the 2024-25 Academic Year is now live. The deadline to apply is June 25, 2024, at 5 p.m. MDT. Remember to print the checklist.

## >>> Aianta Tourism & Hospitality Scholarship



Aianta is proud to offer the **Tourism & Hospitality Scholarship**, which provides American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students with financial assistance towards a degree or certificate in hospitality, tourism, recreation, culinary arts or related fields.

Each year, Aianta awards five individuals who have met all scholarship application criteria.

Deadline is April 26, 2024.

## >>> NTUA Scholarship



The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Scholarship Program is now accepting scholarship applications for the

Academic Year - Fall Semester 2024 - Spring Semester 2025

It is the policy of NTUA to encourage Navajos to pursue studies that lead to either a bachelor's or master's degree in fields relating to the multi-service utility industry.

## >>> Education Forward Arizona



The application for the Freeport-McMoRan Native American College Scholarship and the Freeport-McMoRan Navajo Code Talkers Scholarship will be open from February 1 – June 1, 2024.



# OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS

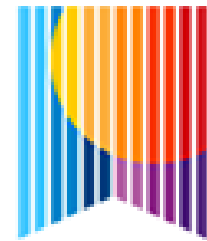
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## >>> CATCHING THE DREAM

They recognize and reward outstanding student achievement. This supplemental award is intended to help Native American Indian students who are  $\frac{1}{4}$  or more degree American Indian, and an enrolled member of a U.S. tribe. "U.S. Tribe" is defined as federally recognized, state recognized or terminated. All awards are based on merit, academic achievement and ambition. Students must attend a college or university on a fulltime basis, seeking a BA or higher.



## >>> NATIVE FORWARD

Native forward is a website that has many scholarship resources available. The provide many links to different opportunities and some deadlines for those scholarships are approaching this month.

## >>> NATIVE FORWARD: WELLS FARGO AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate (juniors and seniors) and graduate students pursuing degrees full-time at an accredited institution. The maximum amount of an undergraduate award is \$2,500 and the maximum amount of a graduate award is \$5,000 per academic year. This opportunity is a need-based award.

## >>> AISES



AISES helps students move forward in their educational journeys by providing a wide range of programs and scholarship opportunities. AISES scholarships help students acquire skills and training that will help them meet the unique STEM needs of our communities. We highly encourage you to apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for! To apply, you must be an [AISES member](#).

## >>> SWNAF

The Southwest Native American Foundation (SWNAF). Our scholarship program is open to applicants interested in attending four-year colleges, graduate schools, community colleges, vocational schools, art schools, and other educational institutions. If your application makes the case that you are talented and serious about continuing your education in any form, we are serious in trying to lend a hand. If you are in high school and are interested in a summer program that you feel will help prepare you for your education after high school, we also encourage you to apply.





# NAVAJO SOVEREIGNTY DAY

APRIL 22ND, 2024 (CAMPUS OPEN)

By McKayla Yazzie

## APRIL 1992 NAVAJO NATION GAINED INDEPENDENCE FROM THE U.S.

In April 1992, a significant milestone was achieved as the Navajo Nation gained independence from the U.S. This momentous event marked a new chapter in the history of the Navajo people, showcasing their resilience, culture, and sovereignty. With this newfound independence, the Navajo Nation was able to govern itself, preserve its traditions, and protect its land and resources for future generations. The journey towards self-determination was a testament to the strength and unity of the Navajo community, highlighting the importance of honoring and celebrating indigenous rights and autonomy. You can read more about the Navajo Sovereignty with a document that the Navajo Nation government made available online. You can click the link in the description below or the image to the right.

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE NAVAJO SOVEREIGNTY DAY?

Navajo Sovereignty Day is a significant day for the Navajo Nation to celebrate and honor their unique history, culture, and identity. It is a day dedicated to recognizing the sovereignty and self-governing rights of the Navajo people. This special day allows the Navajo Nation to reflect on their past struggles, triumphs, and resilience as a sovereign nation. It is a time for unity, pride, and celebration of the Navajo heritage, traditions, and contributions to society. Navajo Sovereignty Day serves as a reminder of the importance of honoring and preserving the rights and autonomy of Indigenous communities.

### Recognized Sovereignty

The United States of America recognized the indigenous tribe's sovereign status in a legal and formalized manner when the United States Constitution was developed and ratified.

Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 of the US Constitution (Repealed by Section 2 of Amendment XIV)

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and **excluding Indians not taxed**, three fifths of all other Persons.

Amendment XIV (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment) to the US Constitution

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and **subject to the jurisdiction thereof**, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of **citizens** of the United States; nor shall any state deprive **any person** of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to **any person** within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, **excluding Indians not taxed**. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state.

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and **with the Indian tribes**.

Article VI, Clause 2

This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and **all treaties made**, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

## NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT

**DR. BUU NYGREN**

will be doing a campus visit on  
April 23rd, 2024, in SSTC 200 from  
2:00pm - 5:00 pm



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**KATELYNN**  
*Wilson*

**ADRIAN**  
*Yazzie*

**RAYSHAWN**  
*Chee*

**DEION**  
*Ramero*

**TEHYONNA**  
*Nakai*

**JESSICA**  
*Jimenez*

**DARREL**  
*Watchman*

**SARAH**  
*Patterson*

**JADE**  
*Cly*

**JERRICA**  
*McCray*

**STAR**  
*Williams*

**BRANDON**  
*Stevens*

**MCKAYLA**  
*Yazzie*





# SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

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Interviewed By McKayla Yazzie



## HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH?

“I was very shocked and surprised when I heard that I was scholar of the month. I am honored.”

## DO YOU HAVE ANY STUDENT HABITS YOU WOULD RECOMMEND TO OTHER STUDENTS? WHAT ARE THEY?

“Be serious and focused on what you want, encourage yourself, don’t procrastinate, and having a planner also helps a lot.”

## SURAYA NURUDEEN

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TRIO/SSS?

“My favorite thing about TRIO is the Advisement sessions that we have, the support they give, the resources they have, and the information they provide like scholarships.”

## 5 FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

- I love Soccer
- I love working out and going to the gym
- I love binge watching reruns of soccer
- I enjoy spending time with family and sisters
- I am the president of two organizations called the SMILEY foundation and TASSAQUD foundation

## WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER AFTER GRADUATION?

“I plan to continue my education at UNM main campus and start my career.”

## I AM THANKFUL FOR...

“My parents, my sisters, my advisors, and an awesome coworker.”





# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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## TARA PLATERO

Your hard work will always be rewarded.

You did it! Your late nights of studying, attendance in class, and timely submission of all assignments paid off. You can now relax and look forward to the future with more optimism and confidence. Celebrate your success and use it to motivate you to continue to strive for excellence. Congratulations on achieving your academic goals! I am very proud of you. Go Lobos!

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**

**Nelson Mandela**

**Believe in yourself and strive to do your best!**

## ELIZABETH YAZZIE

**"Hold the vision, trust the process and above all trust yourself"**

**"It always seems impossible, until it is done."**

**"DON'T MAKE IT EASY, MAKE IT WORTH IT."**

**KEEP GOING  
YOU ARE  
ALMOST  
THERE**

## SURAYA NURUDEEN

You are allowed to scream, you are allowed to cry, but do not give up! If you get tired learn to rest and not quit. Everything you don't know is something you can learn. Always remember that... *You is kind. You is smart and You is important.*

**YOU CAN AND YOU WILL!**

**KEEP PUSHING!**

**TRIO WORKS!**

