

THE AIHEC QUEST

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Program:** Social and Cultural Dimensions of Health
Agency: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Deadline: January 3, 2007 & Multiple Receipt Dates - See Full Announcement
Contact: Ronald Abeles, 301-496-7859 or abeles@nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-029.html>
Description: The goal of this program is to encourage the development of health research that integrates knowledge from the biomedical and social sciences.
- Program:** Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS
Agency: NIH & National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Deadline: January 5, 2007 & Multiple Receipt Dates – See Full Announcement
Contact: Robert Freeman, 301-443-8820 or rffreeman@mail.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-036.html>
Description: This opportunity solicits applications from institutions that propose to investigate the effectiveness of structural interventions that reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use.
- Program:** Community-Based Participatory Research at NIMH (R01)
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: January 5, 2007 & Multiple Receipt Dates - See Full Announcement
Contact: Beth Bowers, 301-443-3776 or bbowers@mail.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-133.html>
Description: Supports partnerships between community-based, clinical/services settings and research institutions to reduce the burden of mental illness, behavioral disorders, and HIV/AIDS through research on mind, brain, and behavior.

Program: Health Services Research on the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: January 5, 2007 & Multiple Receipt Dates - See Full Announcement
Contact: Edith Davis, 301-443-6710 or edavis1@nida.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-119.html>
Description: This announcement (FOA) solicits health services research on the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse. Proposed research might emphasize any of the following: (1) Factors that affect the delivery of drug and alcohol abuse intervention and related services (2) Dimensions of drug and alcohol abuse intervention and related services; (3) Processes of blending science-based practices into community-based provision of drug and alcohol abuse prevention services; and (4) Research tools to facilitate higher quality health services research on drug and alcohol abuse.

Program: Research on Pathways Linking Environments, Behaviors and HIV/AIDS
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: January 5, 2007 & Multiple Receipt Dates - See Full Announcement
Contact: Christy Leake, 301-496-1305 or leakec@mail.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-143.html>
Description: This announcement solicits grant applications for research studies on the relationships among social environments, individual behaviors, and the incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS in populations.

Program: Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers
Agency: National Science Foundation
Deadline: January 5, 2007, Preliminary Proposal Due (*Required*)
Full Proposal Deadline: May 10, 2007
Contact: Sylvia James, 703-292-5333 or sjames@nsf.gov
Link: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07514/nsf07514.htm#elig
Description: ***NOTE: Although the focus for this funding opportunity is on middle and high school students, there are plenty of partnerships between TCUs and their feeder schools that could provide the basis for an ITEST project. TCUs are encouraged to apply.*** Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) is designed to increase the opportunities for students and teachers to learn about, experience, and use information technologies within the context of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including Information Technology (IT) courses.

Program: Tribal Educational Outreach on Lead Poisoning of Tribal Children's Existing and Potential Exposure and Risks Associated with Lead
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Deadline: January 12, 2007
Contact: Darlene Watford, 202-566-0516 or watford.darlene@epa.gov
Link: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/tribal_rfp_2006.pdf
Description: This RFP supports activities to develop and conduct organized outreach efforts to educate Tribal families about the dangers to children from exposure to lead-based paint hazards.

Program: Facilitation and Management of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics
Agency: Environmental Protection Agency
Deadline: January 18, 2007
Contact: Margaret Sealey, 202-624-3662 or msealey@sso.org
Link: www.epa.gov/opptintr/tribal/pubs/fostta.htm
Description: Applications are being solicited for financial assistance from eligible parties to facilitate and manage the activities of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics.

Program: NEH Implementation Grants for Special Projects
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: January 23, 2007
Contact: Peter Scott, 202-606-8446 or pscott@neh.gov
Link: www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=11131
Description: Special Project grants support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public forums, hands-on learning experiences, a discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia.

Program: CISE Pathways to Revitalized Undergraduate Computing Education
Agency: National Science Foundation
Deadline: January 23, 2007
Contact: Harriet Taylor, 703-292-7973
Link: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06608/nsf06608.htm
Description: Successful CPATH projects will be systemic in nature, address a broad range of issues, and have significant in potential in contributing to the transformation and revitalization of undergraduate computing education on a national scale. CPATH will support four types of projects: Community Building; Evaluation, Adoption, and Extension; Transformation; and CISE Distinguished Education Fellow Grants.

Program: Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions
Agency: US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women
Deadline: January 25, 2007
Contact: 202-307-6026
Link: www.usdoj.gov/ovw/currentsolicitations.htm
Description: The purpose of the Tribal Coalitions Program is to build the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women's organizations, and victim services providers to form nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.

Program: State Education Award Program **Deadline:** January 25, 2007
Program: National Education Award Program **Deadline:** February 15, 2007
Program: Indian Tribes Program **Deadline:** February 15, 2007
Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service - AmeriCorps
Contact: Amy Borgstrom, 202-606-6930 or aborgstrom@cns.gov
Link: www.americorps.org/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp
Description: Tribal colleges are eligible to receive monies from both a state education and a national education award grant at the same time.

Program: NASA-AIHEC Summer Research Experience Grant
Agency: NASA and AIHEC
Deadline: January 29, 2007
Contact: Al Kuslikis, 703-838-0400, x121 or akuslikis@aihec.org
Link: <http://stemrc.aihec.org/NASASRE/default.aspx>
Description: AIHEC is recruiting teams of 2-4 Tribal College faculty and students from up to 10 TCUs to participate in the NASA-AIHEC Summer Research Experience, an 8-10 week placement at a NASA research center during the summer of 2007. This program provides a unique opportunity for participants to be part of a project team led by NASA researchers, find out what a NASA/STEM research career involves, and generally broaden their horizons. Faculty and students at all AIHEC colleges (regular members in good standing) are eligible. Preference is afforded to STEM faculty and students, but non-STEM applicants are also welcome to apply. For more details, please visit the link above.

Program: Higher Education Challenge Grants
Agency: USDA
Deadline: February 1, 2007
Contact: Gregory Smith, 202-720-2067 or HEC@csrees.usda.gov.
Link: www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/07_hep_challenge.pdf
Description: Projects will: (1) address a state, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support.

Program: National Leadership Grants
Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services
Deadline: February 1, 2007
Contact: Martha Crawley, 202-653-4667 or mcrawley@imls.gov
Link: www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nationalLeadership.shtm
Description: Projects should enable libraries and museums address current problems in creative ways, develop and test innovative solutions, and expand the boundaries within which cultural heritage institutions operate. Categories include Advancing Learning Communities, Building Digital Resources, Research and Demonstration, and Partnerships with Museums.

Program: Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)
Agency: Health Resources & Services Administration
Deadline: February 2, 2007
Contact: Madhavi Reddy, 301-443-0754 or mreddy@hrsa.gov
Link: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=A5577F88-5C14-4791-99F5-B03EF2C285FD>
Description: LEAH programs develop and improve family-centered, community-based care for adolescents by providing interdisciplinary training of health professionals and by working with state and local health, educational, and social service agencies and providers-public, private, and voluntary.

Program: Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST)
Agency: National Science Foundation
Deadline: February 5, 2007, Letter of Intent (*Required*)
March 7, 2007, Full Proposal Target Date
April 9, 2007, Full Proposal Due Date
Contact: Victor Santiago, 703-292-4673 or vsantiago@nsf.gov
Link: www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07526
Description: This program funds the enhancement of research capabilities for MSIs through the establishment of centers that integrate education and research. CREST promotes the development of new knowledge, enhancements of the research productivity of individual faculty, and an expanded presence of students historically underrepresented in STEM.

Program: Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: March 27, 2007
Contact: 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov
Link: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Digital_Partnership.html
Description: These grants support collaborations among libraries, museums, archives, universities, and other cultural organizations.

Program: Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: April 3, 2007
Contact: 202-606-8401 or dhi@neh.gov
Link: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html
Description: The grants will result in plans, prototypes, or proofs of concept for long-term digital humanities projects prior to implementation.

Program: Planning Grants
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: September 5, 2007
Contact: Division of Public Programs, 202-606-8269
Link: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-planning.html
Description: Planning grants support the refinement of the content and approach of projects prior to implementation. Public humanities programs promote lifelong learning in history, literature, comparative religion, and philosophy.

Program: Consultation Grants
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: September 5, 2007
Contact: Division of Public Programs, 202-606-8269
Link: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-consult.html
Description: Consultation grants help museums and libraries develop a new public humanities project or chart a new interpretive direction of an existing program. They support the costs of conferring with a team of advisers to help identify key humanities themes and questions during the early stages of a project's development.

Program: Alcohol Education Project Grants
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: Multiple Rolling Deadlines
Contact: Judy Fox, 301-443-4704 or jfox@mail.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-001.html>
Description: This FOA identifies three health education activities that will be considered for award: 1) K-12 Science Education and Undergraduate/Graduate Education; 2) Health Professions Education; and 3) Public Health Education. Individual applications are expected to focus on one of these three educational areas.

Program: Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: Multiple Receipt Dates - See Link to Full Announcement
Contact: Judy Fox, 301-443-4704 or jfox@mail.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-063.html>
Description: This announcement solicits applications that propose to identify and characterize the role of alcohol, drinking behaviors, and drinking environments in the epidemiology and natural history, prevention, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS.

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

TCU Specific

Meeting: AIHEC TCU Presidents Winter Meeting
Date: February 6-8, 2007 (does not include travel days)
Location: Embassy Suites-Old Town, Alexandria, VA and Washington, DC
Contact: Meg Goetz, 703-838-0400, x.111 or mgoetz@aihec.org
Description: **USDA-AIHEC Leadership Group:**
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
USDA Headquarters, 12th & Independence NW, Washington, D.C.
For USDA-AIHEC Leadership Group members only.
AIHEC Capitol Hill Preparatory Briefing and Reception:
Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 2:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel, Old Town Alexandria, 901 Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA.
Reception at the AIHEC Office: Following the Briefing
121 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA.
Capitol Hill Meetings: Individual Congressional delegation meetings on Capitol Hill will be scheduled for Wednesday-Thursday, February 7-8 and could occur any time between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on either or both of those days.
Room Reservations and Block Rates: AIHEC has reserved a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites Hotel - Alexandria-Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA, which is conveniently located near the Yellow Line Metro. To make your reservation call 1-800-EMBASSY (1-800-362-2779) ask for the "American Indian Higher Education Consortium" rooms. Room block rate: \$199 plus tax. Cut-off Date for Room Block: JANUARY 5, 2007

Meeting: The 2nd Annual National Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference For Minority-Serving Institutions: Teaching and Learning for Empowerment
Date: January 14-16, 2007
Location: The Crowne Plaza, Atlanta – Airport Hotel, Atlanta, GA
Link: www.cau.edu

Meeting: 2007 American Indian Studies (AIS) Association Conference: *Decolonization of American Indians in Art, Politics and Nationhood*
Date: February 8-9, 2007
Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Contact: Carol Lujan, 480-965-6977
Description: This conference will focus on issues critical to the American Indian Studies Topics include technology and sovereignty; AIS curriculum development; strategies to strengthen AIS programs/departments; tribal colleges/university partnerships; and university and tribal nation's partnerships.

Meeting: AIHEC Spring 2007 Board of Directors' Meeting
Date: March 21-23, 2007
Location: Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota, 605-343-8550
Description: Details to follow in the near future.

Meeting: AIHEC Spring 2007 Student Conference: Coordinated by the South Dakota Tribal Colleges & Universities
Date: March 24-28, 2007 AIHEC Spring 2007 Student Conference
Location: Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota
Description: For details, go to www.olc.edu/~lbroberg/aihec/.

Meeting: CONAHEC's 11th North American Higher Education Conference "Rethinking North America: Higher Education, Regional Identities and Global Challenges"
Date: April 25-27, 2007
Location: Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
Contact: Francisco Marmolejo, 520-621-9080 or fmarmole@u.arizona.edu
Link: <http://conahec.org> and www.conahec.org/conahec/Conferences/Quebec2007/english/EN_Description.html
Description: The purpose of this conference is to discuss collaborative linkages with higher education institutions from Canada, the United States and Mexico. The conference is organized by the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration and co-convened by many organizations including: American Council on Education, American Association of Community Colleges just to name a few.

Other Events of Potential Interest

Meeting: The 5th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education
Date: January 6-9, 2007
Location: Waikiki Beach, Hawaii
Contact: 808-949-1455 or education@hiceducation.org.
Link: www.hiceducation.org

Meeting: 28th Annual UNC-CH School of Public Health Minority Health Conference
Date: February 23, 2007
Location: William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education, Chapel Hill, NC
Link: www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/2007/
Description: If you cannot attend, the keynote, by Dr. David Malebranche of Emory University School of Medicine, will be taped and broadcast at 2:00pm EST, with a live call-in question-and-answer period until 3:30pm EST.

Meeting: Harvard Graduate School of Education 5th Annual Alumni of Color Conference
Date: March 2-3, 2006
Contact: alumniolorconf@gse.harvard.edu
Link: www.gseacademic.harvard.edu/~aocc

Meeting: Navigating the Global American South Conference
Date: April 2007 (exact date not firm at this point)
Contact: ucis@unc.edu
Link: www.ucis.unc.edu/globalsouth/conference07/
Description: Presentations will focus on health issues that connect the American South and the world.

Meeting: Third Annual Southeast Indian Studies Conference: Tradition, Identity and Recognition
Date: April 12-13, 2007
Contact: 910-521-6895 or jay.vest@uncp.edu
Description: Topics will include archaeology, history, socio-cultural issues, religion, literature, oral traditions, art, identity, sovereignty, health and other matters.

Meeting: Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development
Date: June 11-15, 2007
Contact: Dale Kakkak, 715-799-5600 or dkakkak@menominee.edu
Link: www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org
Description: The conference will focus on Natural Environment foundational element of the Menominee model of sustainable development.

SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Program:** Native American Congressional Internships for 2007
Agency: Morris K. Udall Foundation
Deadline: January 31, 2007
Contact: 520-670-5529
Link: www.udall.gov/udall.asp?link=300
Description: The Native American Congressional 10-week Internship Program places students in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand. In 2007, the Foundation expects to award 12 Internships based on merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges.
- Program:** Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), Internship Program
Agency: Smithsonian Institution
Deadline: Summer Internship- February 6, 2007
Contact: 301-238-1541
Link: www.nmai.si.edu/subpage.cfm?subpage=collaboration&second=internships
Description: Four internship sessions lasting 10-weeks are available throughout the year for students interested in gaining museum practice and program development experience. A limited number of stipends will be set aside for American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native students. Stipends are awarded, based on need and merit and are not sufficient to cover all expenses.
- Program:** Harvard University Administrative Fellowship Program
Agency: Harvard University
Deadline: February 16, 2007
Contact: 617-495-8919
Link: www.oap.harvard.edu/afp
Description: Harvard University seeks to attract candidates, especially those from underrepresented ethnic minority groups, and those committed to addressing the under-representation of ethnic minorities in university administration, to administrative careers in higher education. Applicants must have at least five years of work experience. The 2007-08 Administrative Fellowship Program seeks applicants with B.A. degree and backgrounds in athletics/sports management, information technology, alumni affairs and development (conference planning and/or fund raising), research (behavioral sciences), finance, human resources (employment and compensation), or library science and management.

Program: NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)
Agency: National Science Foundation
Deadline(s): February 16, 2007, November 13, 2007, August 12, 2008
Contact: Bevelee Watford, 703-292-5323 or bwatford@nsf.gov
Link: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07524/nsf07524.txt
Description: This program makes grants to institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented, financially needy students, enabling them to enter the workforce following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level degree in science and engineering disciplines. Grantee institutions are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, reporting demographic information about student scholars, and managing the S-STEM project at the institution. The program does not make scholarship awards directly to students; students should contact their institution's Office of Financial Aid for this and other scholarship opportunities.

Program: First Alaskans Institute 2007 Summer Internship
Agency: First Alaskans Institute
Deadline: February 28, 2007 for program dates: June 4 – August 10, 2007
Contact: 907-677-1700 or info@firstalaskans.org
Link: www.firstalaskans.org
Description: This program will place 30+ Alaska Native/American Indian undergraduate and graduate students into organizations around Alaska to provide real-world leadership development experiences. This paid internship is 10 weeks in length, while schedules can be adjusted based on student academic schedules.

Program: 2007 Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship Program
Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2007 - UC Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Michigan & University of Maryland JSIs
Contact: 202-496-0130, x206 or ppiia@ppiaprogram.org
Link: www.ppiaprogram.org/app/
Description: The PPIA Fellowship Program is designed to prepare diverse students interested in serving the public good for graduate studies in public policy and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. Awards: Summer program fully funded (includes room & board, books, & travel) plus stipend, and a minimum of \$5000 scholarship when enrolled in a graduate program focused on public service.

Program: Fully Funded Internship for the Washington Center's American Indian/Alaska Native Initiative
Deadline: March 15, 2007 for summer 2007 Internship
Link: www.twc.edu/students/how_to_apply.shtml
Description: Internships available for American Indian students & recent graduates in DC while earning academic credit and participating in career-enhancing structured programming. This is a funded internship through a federal agency.

Program: White House Internship Program
Agency: White House
Deadline: March 6, 2006 for summer 2007
Contact: Karen Race, 202-456-5979 or intern_application@whitehouse.gov
Link: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>
Description: The White House Internship Program offers an excellent opportunity to serve our President and explore public service. We are seeking exceptional candidates to apply for this highly competitive program. In addition to typical office duties, interns attend weekly lectures, tours, and complete an intern service project. Interns may serve a term in the fall, spring or summer.

Program: Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program for Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students
Deadline: March 23, 2007
Contact: 503-282-4296 or itc1@teleport.com
Link: www.itcnet.org
Description: Award is \$2,000 for college students (number of awards varies per year) and \$1,500 for graduating senior high school students.

Program: All applications for the Scientific Leadership Scholars Program
(Note: Native American students and students whose parents never attended college will have first priority!)
Deadline: April 15, 2007, students are only eligible if FAFSA is complete by March 2
Contact: 707-826-4348
Link: www.humboldt.edu/~sls/
Description: Students in good academic standing in Computer Science, Environmental Resources engineering, or Mathematics will receive annual scholarships of \$3623 as a part of their total financial aid package.

Program: "Sun Devil Promise," Arizona State University
Contact: Sarah Auffret, 480-965-6991 or sauffret@asu.edu
Link: www.asu.edu/promise
Description: ASU vows to support low-income students; launches Sun Devil Promise in the fall of 2007. The goal of this program is to provide full funding to all Arizona freshmen from families with incomes under \$25,000. The new program will pay for tuition, fees, books, room and board, about \$13,000 a year.

For Faculty: Visiting Scholars for Educational Testing Service

Educational Testing Service (ETS) is recruiting visiting scholars for four weeks during the summer of 2007. The program gives faculty and administrators from underrepresented groups an opportunity to learn about measurement and to participate in test development, public policy work, and/or related activities, while allowing ETS to benefit from the input of a diverse group of professionals. For more information about the Visiting Scholars Program -- a recruitment flyer -- and instructions for applying, please visit us at www.ets.org/visitingscholars.

Program: Scholarships for Native American Students
Contact: Mary Frost or Dean Chavers, 505-262-2351 or nscholarsh@aol.com
Description: Catching the Dream will offer 220 scholarships this year to students.

Program: 2007 Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship Program
Description: The PPIA Fellowship Program is designed to prepare diverse students interested in serving the public good for graduate studies in public policy and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. The Fellowship consists of successfully completing one of PPIA's Junior Summer Institutes (JSI), opportunities for paid internships, a minimum of \$5000 scholarship, and a network of 3000 fellows/Alumni. The curriculum is designed to improve students' analytical and communication skills through economics, statistics, and policy analysis/writing. For more, www.ppiaprogram.org/app/.

EPA Tribal Lands Environmental Science Scholarship

This year, AIEO has worked out an agreement with the BIA to use its contract with the American Indian Graduate Center to provide \$80,000 (collected from numerous offices at EPA), for scholarship support to Native American students enrolled in full time, accredited colleges and universities who are pursuing environmentally related disciplines and planning work toward Tribal resources and environmental protection. For additional information, contact Caren Robinson at 202-564-0544 or robinson.caren@epa.gov.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The LEAD-21 (Leadership for the 21st Century) leadership development program for the land grant system is accepting applications for its 2007-2008 class. Applicants from the 1994 are eligible for a scholarship of 50 percent of the \$8,000 tuition. Applications are due January 5, 2007. For more information, see www.fanning.uqa.edu/programs/LEAD21/index.html.

President Signs Esther Martinez Native Languages Preservation Act

In mid-December, the New Mexico Congressional Delegation announced that President Bush has signed into law the Esther Martinez Native Languages Preservation Act. The new law helps prevent the loss of an important part of New Mexico's heritage, the Native American languages that are rapidly disappearing. The bill, written and introduced by Congresswoman Heather Wilson in February, was passed by the House in September and the Senate earlier this month with the support of the entire New Mexico delegation. For more, go to niea.org.

UTTC Honors Graduates

United Tribes Technical College honored 26 graduates during a ceremony December 15 at the college in Bismarck. Twenty-one had completed studies earning Associate of Applied Science Degrees. Five were awarded certificates of completion.

President of Fond du Lac Tribal College Named

Ms. Patti Petite is the new President of Fond du Lac Tribal College. We welcome Patti to the circle of presidents and wish her well in the development of Fond du Lac Tribal College.

New President Named for Sisseton Wahpeton College

Ms. Diana Canku is the new President of Sisseton Wahpeton College. We congratulate Diana on her appointment and welcome her to the circle of presidents.

Honoring Ceremony Held for Dr. Karen Swisher

Swisher retired in December after serving seven years as the President of Haskell Indian Nations University. We wish Dr. Swisher well upon entering this new phase of her life's journey.

Call for Papers

Meeting: Community Based Cancer Control Seminar for American Indian and Alaska Native Community Health Advocates

Deadline: January 5, 2007 for meeting March 18-23, 2007

Location: Seattle, WA

Contact: Keely Moriarty, 503-494-1126 or moriarty@ohsu.edu

Description: This is a capacity-building course designed for community people with an interest in cancer prevention and control. The cost of travel, hotel, meals, and all course materials is covered for participants.

Call for Presentations

Meeting: The NCAI Policy Research Center 2nd Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

Deadline: January 26, 2007 for meeting to be held sometime in June 2007

Location: Anchorage, AK

Link: www.ncaiprc.org/index.php?todo=menu&which=37

Description: Presentations should be focused on tribal policy and practice implications.
Special Message from AIHEC President, Cheryl Crazy Bull: TCU Faculty: Please consider applying for this opportunity to present! At last year's conference, TCU representation was very low. TCU scholarship must be part of this forum and our representation should be strong!

Quest Sources: Harvard University Native American Program, Indigenous News, IAIA, NIEA, AICF, REZNews, AIHEC Tribal College Journal, Diverse: Issues in Higher Ed, Grants.gov, and Federal Agency Sites.