

2nd Quarter 2011

A First Step...Imagination, Opportunity, Change

"I have always wanted to build with my imagination and my hands", stated Jose L. Acevedo, a 2011 graduate from Arizona State University (ASU). Receiving a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Landscape Architecture, Jose is the first Hopi student to receive a degree in this unique major.

After graduating from Hopi High School in 2007, he began his post secondary education as an Architecture major. However, as he learned more about the various specialties in the field, he saw similarities with the Hopi culture and realized the potential of what a degree in Landscape Architecture could offer him and the Hopi tribe. "In a culture that holds the land important, Landscape Architecture can give reasons and science behind why. There are new changes in the world that can make the land we hold more valuable, but it takes one idea to push it forward". He went on to explain that, "There are hidden opportunities that are beneficial to us through landscape architecture."



Jose w/ mother Aratha and brother Samuel at 2011 ASU Commencement Ceremony
Photo Courtesy Jose Acevedo

Jose credits the constant calls, strong support and encouragement from his family for helping him to achieve his degree and become the man he is today. Placing education as a high priority, Jose's family ingrained in him that, "It is the biggest weapon that you have on you at all times". His advice to entering freshmen is to remember, "Knowledge is never given, only earned and that there is no easy way through college, and to think otherwise is foolish." Completing a BS is his first step, Jose will be entering the ASU graduate degree program in Landscape Architecture in the fall, with the hopes to eventually become the owner of a large design/build firm.

Through the financial assistance of the HEEF, Arizona Public Service Hopi Scholars program and the Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship Program (HTGSP), Jose is one of the rare students who was able to finish his undergraduate degree within four years and without a single loan. He now feels he can pursue his career goals without the burden of a student loan and for that he is grateful and ended by stating, "I now have a gleaming chance to truly change the world for the better."

Jose is Kookyangwungwa (Spider Clan) from Sipaulovi Village; his proud parents are Jose and Aratha Acevedo.

Gift to HEEF: Hopi Jr/Sr High School National Junior Honor Society

By Stan Bindell



Hopi NJHS contributes \$500 to HEEF. From left, NJHS Advisor Rith Keith, NJHS Public Relations Representative Keannah Speen, NJHS Secretary Raicardo Jim, HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard, NJHS President Lexie James, NJHS Vice President Mikayla Paul, HEEF Resource Development Manager Vernon Kahe and Hopi Junior High Principal Albert Siquah.
Photo Courtesy Stan Bindell

The Hopi Jr/Sr High School National Junior Honor Society finished the school year by donating \$500 to the Hopi Education Endowment Fund. LuAnn Leonard, Executive Director of HEEF, said this gift is special because it came from students. "They are investing in their future," she said. Leonard said the donation is an inspiration to honor societies.

Hopi Junior High Principal Albert Siquah took it a step further challenging the

National Honor Society at Hopi High to match them in coming years. "I'm honored and proud that there are kids out there who can see into the future. This gives us great hope for the future," he said.

Rita Keith, advisor for National Junior Honor Society, said donating to HEEF is a worthy cause. "It's great that the students are able to use their fundraising skills to assist students," she said. "It's a great benefit that might one day be used to help our NJHS members."

Keith said the NJHS students looked at all the causes that need help throughout the world before deciding to help students in their own backyard. She noted that one of the characteristics of NJHS is scholarship, so it made sense to use the funds toward scholarship.

Keith said fundraising is getting harder each year so they will have to do more fundraising next year in order to donate the same amount.

HTGSP Fall 2010 & Spring 2011 Graduates

The Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship is proud to announce the graduates for the Fall 2010/Spring 2011/Summer 2011 academic year! We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and wish them well on their journey to putting their education to work!

The following students earned their college degrees at the end of the Fall 2010 semester:

Alan Honyestewa
Village of Moenkopi
Bachelor of Science in Special and
Elementary Education
Northern Arizona University

Anna Masayesva
Village of Bacavi
Master of Science in Natural
Resources (Rangeland Science and
Management)
University of Arizona

Michael Adams
Village of Tewa
Master of Arts, Emphasis in School
Counseling
Northern Arizona University
(Admitted to Ph.D program, to
begin Fall 2011 at Northern Arizona
University)

Shawn Namoki Sr.
Village of Sipaulovi
Associate of Applied Science in
Network Engineering – Cisco
Coconino Community College
(Transferred to Northern Arizona
University, Spring 2011).

The following students earned their college degrees at the end of the Spring 2011 semester:

Jose Acevedo
Village of Sipaulovi
Bachelor of Science in Landscape
Architecture
Arizona State University (Admitted to
Master's Program, to begin Fall 2011,
Arizona State University)

Alexander Chapin
Village of Old Oraibi
Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary
Arts and Performance
Arizona State University

Justin Honge
Village of Moenkopi
Bachelor of Science in American
Indian Studies
Arizona State University

Robert Humetewa
Village of Kykotsmovi
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/English
University of Puget Sound

Debra Mata
Village of Mishongnovi
Associate of Arts in Elementary
Education
Phoenix College (Transferring to
Arizona State University, Fall 2011)

Rozanna Nasafotie
Village of Kykotsmovi
Associates of Arts in Nursing
South Mountain Community College

Jacki Saufkie
Village of Shungopavi
Associate of Arts in Social Work
Yavapai College

JoAnn Secakuku
Village of Sipaulovi
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Grand Canyon University

Kevin Kaimi'ikapono Sekaquaptewa
Village of Hotevilla
Bachelor of Arts in History
Utah Valley University

Francis Susunkewa
Village of Sichomovi
Bachelor of Science in Criminal
Justice/Sociology
Northern Arizona University

Kellen Tewa
Village of Mishongnovi
Associate of Applied Science
in Business, Management and
Administration/Accounting
Phoenix College

The following student will earn a degree at the end of Summer 2011:

Maktima Masayesva
Village of Bacavi
Associate of Applied Science in Heavy
Equipment Operator
Central Arizona College

The HEEF in partnership with *Arizona Public Service* is proud to announce the **APS Hopi Scholars Program**. In it's second year, the **APS Hopi Scholars Program** is a scholarship program that provides **(8) \$3,500.00 scholarships** for 3 seniors, 3 juniors, and 2 sophomores pursuing an AAS, AS, BA or BS at an accredited college or university for the 2011 – 2012 Academic Year. Please contact the HTGSP for further information at (800) 762-9630 or (928) 734-3533.



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Jean Charley-Call Nursing Scholarship



Photo Courtesy of Jean Charley-Call

The HEEF is pleased to announce the Jean Charley-Call Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship was established by her family to honor Mrs. Jean Charley-Call. Charley-Call is a Hopi mother, grandmother, volunteer and former nurse from the Village of Upper Moenkopi.

Jean Charley-Call of the Maasaw Clan is the daughter of the late Irving Charley and Phyllis Numkena-Charley. She was born and raised in the village of Moenkopi where she attended day school. After attending high school at the Santa Fe Indian School and the Haskell Institute, Charley-Call completed nursing school in Albuquerque. After completing her education, Charley-Call returned to Hopi and worked as a surgical nurse at the Tuba City hospital where she met her husband, Dr. Marvin Call.

Dr. Call and his children chose to honor Mrs. Jean Charley-Call with the scholarship as both a birthday and Mother's Day gift. Mrs. Charley-Call has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities to Hopi youth through volunteerism as a former board member for Futures for Children and through her generous support of the HEEF. She said because the field of medicine has played such a prominent role in her life, she would like to encourage young Hopi people to pursue a nursing career and hopefully return to work with their people on the reservation.

The Call's reside in Albuquerque and enjoy spending their time at their "retirement" home in Moenkopi as often as possible. They have three daughters and eight grandchildren.

The Jean Charley-Call Nursing Scholarship is available to full-time Hopi students who are pursuing a degree in the nursing field. There are two \$1,000.00 scholarships available for the 2011 – 2012 Academic Year and two additional scholarships available for the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year. The deadline date to apply for the 2011 – 2012 AY is July 15, 2011; please contact the HTGSP for more information at (800) 762-9630 or (928) 734-3533.

Yes, I want to support the Hopi Education Endowment Fund

- ☐ Benefactor \$1,000 and above
- ☐ Qötsaq'a'ö (White Corn) donor \$750 - \$999
- ☐ Palaqa'ö (Red Corn) donor \$500 - \$749
- ☐ Sakwapqa'ö (Blue Corn) donor \$250 - \$499
- ☐ Sikyaqa'ö (Yellow Corn) donor \$1 - \$249
- ☐ Please send me more information on the HEEF

Please charge my contribution to my:

- ☐ MasterCard
- ☐ VISA

Please send your check/money order payable to:

Hopi Education Endowment Fund
PO Box 605
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Expiration Date:

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Kwakwhá/Askwali (Thank You) for your generous support.

Message from HEEF Esecutive Director

Dear Friends,

This time of the year, Graduation time, symbolizes the result of many years of hard work by our students and investment in their future. It is also a time to celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to a new chapter in their lives.

As a Regent with the Arizona Board of Regents, each year I have the privilege of participating in commencement ceremonies and events across Arizona where dedicated students are formally granted their degrees. When given the honor to address the students, I ask them to reflect on all of those who helped them throughout their educational journey such as family, professors, and friends. I convey that Arizona and our nation will be looking to them and their fellow college graduates for the solutions to the challenge that we face. I encourage them to reach out and commit themselves to making a positive difference in the lives of others and I remind them that they are the lucky ones.

It never fails, as the degrees are conferred my heart fills with pride and I get teary eyed as I know that there is great hope for the future of all people. This newsletter shares some of their stories and accomplishments. You as our supporters and friends can take pride in knowing that you have played a part in their success.

Askwali,



LuAnn Leonard, HEEF Executive Director



LuAnn Leonard at ASU Native American Convocation with Mr. Indian ASU Leon Begay, Miss Indian Arizona Sweetie Cody & Miss Indian ASU Mykhal Mendoza
Photo Credit: American Indian Student Support Services

P.S. The HEEF is accepting nominations for new members. Nominations close on June 30, 2011. For more information call us at 928-734-2275.

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