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“Cultivating and nurturing the future of our Hopi people through education by growing and safeguarding a perpetual source of funding.”

HEEF Reflections As My Board Service Ends: Patty Talahongva



Photo Courtesy: Andie Belone 2010

“No gift is too small,” it’s been my message to everyone when it comes to donating to the HEEF. After 10 years of service I leave the board happy to have served on nearly every single committee and deeply honored to have been asked to serve in the first place. Thank you, Wayne Taylor, for sending me that invitation letter more than a decade ago.

Today we have former students who received scholarships from the HEEF serving on the board. Today we have former students who are now gainfully employed and donating back to the HEEF. Today we have more college graduates period. And that’s the point of the HEEF, every donation made through the years has contributed to cultivating and nurturing the future of our Hopi people through education.

I clearly remember our first meeting on the campus of Northern Arizona University as we sat around a table meeting one another, some of us for the first time, and realizing we each had our “hidden agendas.” Those of us who were lawyers wanted to make sure we funded law majors, those of us who were business people wanted to graduate more entrepreneurs, and those of us who are journalists definitely saw the need for more Hopi writers. Bottom line, we all shared the belief that higher education is a value for the Hopi. As I’ve repeated often in the past 10 years, “Creating the HEEF was one of the smartest moves the Hopi Tribal Council has ever made!” By creating the HEEF through a Tribal Ordinance and establishing it as a 7871, which is a non-profit organization available only to a tribal enterprise and protects tribal sovereignty, the HTC ensured a perpetuating source of funding for the education of Hopi people.

We created our signature event, the Silent Auction. I hit up dozens of Hopi artists asking for a donation. No one ever turned me down! Thanks so much to every artist who cheerfully donated an item to the auction. I thoroughly enjoyed emceeing some of those auctions and love the jewelry I also purchased at the auctions. We celebrated our tenth anniversary this past October with a gala event at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. My thanks to Delbridge Honanie for helping us paint the spectacular backdrop for the stage. My thanks to Andie Belone for shooting the portraits which we gave away as thank you gifts to each attendee.

But there’s much work still to do. From the initial deposit of \$10 Million, today our fund is close to \$18 Million. In the next decade I hope the fund will at least triple. It will be up to each of us to help grow the fund and it will be up to the board to safeguard this perpetual source of funding. We have so many intelligent and motivated Hopi people who want and deserve a formal higher education. We can be our own engineers, investors and scientists. Indeed our ancestors have already proved that. It’s a lot of work serving on the board, yet as I wrote in my exit essay, I would not change a thing about the long hours in those early years. I believe in the mission. I’ve made lifelong friends. I will continue to donate, and I still believe that no donation is too small! (for the record, we like large donations too!) So please donate, and often! It’s my last pitch as an “official” board member and HEEF Vice President. Eskwail!

HEEF NEWSLETTER



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My Summer With HEEF: Paige Honanie



For the month of July and for the first 2 weeks in August the HEEF was pleased to have Paige Honanie, a 2011 graduate from Hopi High school, join the HEEF staff as a Development Support Assistant through a partnership with the Hopi Tribe Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program.

During her time with the HEEF, Paige was charged with handling routine office duties while also learning about the role and work of the HEEF. Asked to reflect on what she learned and why she thought the organization was important to the Hopi community, Paige’s response was, “I learned a lot during the time I’ve worked with the HEEF. From organizing different types of files to learning about the roles of each employee here at the office. I think the HEEF is important because they help send students to college so that they can come home and be able to use their knowledge and help our people.”

As staff and Paige became familiar with one another, it was often during lunchtime conversations that staff engaged Paige in conversations about what her plans were now that she had finished high school. Paige shared, “When I was younger I wanted to be a veterinarian. However, after further consideration I would like to become a x-ray technician because it is a health career that is highly needed in our community.” Adding, “When I was younger I already had in mind that I wanted to go to college. Education is important to me and my family because it is a way of providing a life that I would want for myself. My family told me, our culture and families are always going to be here for us, so to go out and strive for the best in education and get a good career, and in order to become an x-ray technician, education beyond high school is a given.”

When asked how she thinks her future career as well as experience and knowledge could impact her people, she said, “I will like to utilize my knowledge by coming back to the Hopi reservation after I get my degree to help my people with their medical and health needs. Proper and earlier detection of illnesses through the use of radiology could make a big impact on my tribe because it can be used to detect illnesses before they worsen and help to find a cure or treatment before it is too late. In saying that I believe the Hopi people will be healthier and happier in the future.” Paige also acknowledged that furthering her education and possibly pursuing a graduate degree would only be a positive stating, “A graduate degree would only take me further in my education allowing me to be able to do more for the Hopi community”

After finishing her summer with the HEEF and learning what impact not only the organization has on students, but most importantly donors and supporters, Paige said, “I would like to thank the donors for all their help and support. Because without their help the HEEF would not be able to help send students off to get a good education like we would like.” She also added, “I would like to thank Oneita, LuAnn, Vernon, and Sam for making my time here with them a great experience and opening my eyes to new opportunities in the workforce.”

The HEEF would like to thank the WIA program and Paige for her time spent here with HEEF, we wish her all the best in her future educational endeavors and look forward to hearing what she accomplishes in the future. She is from the village of Shungopavi and is a member of the Water Clan. Her parents are Dawn Keevama and Antone Honanie. She plans to attend Northland Pioneer College this Fall in pursuit of her degree in Radiology.

Starting October 1 through October 31, 2011 the HEEF will be conducting their Annual Alumni Challenge! The Challenge encourages friendly rivalry and competition between the alumni groups with the goal of raising funds that will enable Hopi students to continue on their educational journeys. Be on the lookout via the HEEF Website, email, Twitter and Facebook for future announcements!



Visit our website: www.hopieducationfund.org for more news and updates. Also follow HEEF on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/HEEF>) and become a Fan on Facebook

2011-2012 APS Hopi Scholars Recipients



2011-2012 APS Scholars and APS Representatives at Hopi Summer Send Off event

The HEEF in partnership with Arizona Public Service (APS) is proud to announce the 2011-2012 APS Hopi Scholars. The APS Hopi Scholars Program is a scholarship program that provides eight \$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.

In addition to scholarship, the recipients wrote an essay on “Commitment to Community” and must provide 40 hours of voluntary service to benefit the Hopi community. The following individuals are recipients of the scholarship and were recognized by APS community relations representatives including, Evelyn Casuga, Miguel Bravo, Steve Yamamori and Cindy May.

- Martin Manuel, Senior, Arizona State University, Electrical Engineering
- Angel Cruz, Senior, Argosy University, Psychology
- Sheridan Rogers, Senior, Arizona State University, Chemistry
- Lynette Quanimptewa, Junior, Mesa Boswell Community College, Nursing
- Annalese Nasafotie, Junior, Northern Arizona University, Nursing
- Samantha Sekaquaptewa, Sophomore, Pima Community College, Liberal Arts/Elementary Education



Angel Cruz
2011-12 APS Scholar

The following are excerpts from their essays:

“I firmly believe that a person of any age can make an influential impact towards a person or community. We all hold within us the potential to be positive role models for future generations and be a productive member of our tribe.” - Martin Manuel, Sichomovi Village

“I am working toward a bachelor’s degree in Psychology, with this degree I will provide much needed services to the community within the realm of behavioral health and mental health. Our community is plagued with many tribulations and illnesses; thus my commitment to community is to provide support and guidance for families in need and to work toward wellness.” - Angel Cruz, Shungopavi Village



Samantha Sekaquaptewa
2011-12 APS Scholar

“I recently had a son and witnessed the very definition of reciprocity. All the people (we) helped in the past came to bring baked goods, blue corn meal and other items that I needed to pay back for the baby’s names. After witnessing this event, it made me believe in my purpose more than ever before. I know that by my becoming a nurse I can give back to the Hopi community in a different way. I will be able to help keep our people healthy.” - Annalese Nasafotie, Sichomovi Village

“Once I become an educator it will be my duty and my honor to teach our Hopi children all they need to know to keep pursuing their education. I feel that our education should be a priority in life and that we should embrace it. As a teacher I will make it my job to show the children the goodness of school and that it can get you wherever it is they want to go.” - Samantha Sekaquaptewa, Bacavi Village

As a part of their corporate citizenship, APS invests in the Hopi community through a multi-year corporate grant to the HEEF to make the APS Scholars Program possible.

Jean Charley-Call Nursing Scholarship Recipients



Lynette Quanimptewa, Dr. Marvin Call, Jean Charley-Call & Ryan Carl

The Jean Charley-Call Nursing Scholarship was awarded to two students for the upcoming fall 2011 and spring 2012 academic year.

The scholarship was established by the family of Jean Charley-Call to honor her for her birthday and Mother’s Day. The recipients of the scholarships are Ryan Carl and Lynette Quanimptewa and were recognized during the Hopi Summer Send Off on August 9, 2011 at the Hopi Veterans Center.

Ryan Carl is attending Yavapai Community College and aspires to be one of the few Native American male nurses. Ryan says that of the 3 million licensed and Registered Nurses, only 5.8% are male and only 0.3% are Native American male nurses. Upon completion of his AAS degree in nursing, Ryan plans to pursue his

bachelor’s in nursing degree from the University of Arizona or Northern Arizona University. Ryan also plans on returning to Hopi to work for his people. Ryan is Roadrunner clan from the village of Sichomovi; his mother is Gloria Carl.

Lynette Quanimptewa describes herself as a non-traditional student who chose to pursue a nursing career after working for many years as an Emergency Medical Technician at the Hopi Health Care Center. Lynette says that she has come to realize that the Hopi community needs more Hopi people to fill jobs in the medical field. She says, “Unfortunately, a majority of the medical care is given by non-Indians. I hope to change that and also encourage our high school students to enter the health care field. I intend to apply my skills toward future employment with the Hopi Health Care Center and lead by example.”

Lynette is Snake/Sand clan from the village of Mishongnovi. In addition to working full-time, she is also a full-time mother of three children. Lynette is currently a junior enrolled in a Nursing program at the Mesa Boswell Community College working toward her Bachelor’s degree in nursing.

HEEF & HTGSP Host Hopi Summer Send Off



Through a collaborative partnership and the generous support of sponsors including Peabody Energy, Merrill Lynch and others, the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) along with the Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarship Program (HTGSP) hosted a “Hopi Summer Send Off” on Tuesday, August 9th in Kykotsmovi, AZ.

Attended by over 140 students, parents and community members, the event provided resources and information on Financial Aid, Financial Literacy, Time Management, On Campus Resources and concluded with a panel discussion of current students sharing their perspectives on what new and future students can expect to face when they leave for college. HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard stated, “often times we find our students face unique obstacles in the process of applying to colleges and universities, whether it be filling out federal financial aid forms, tribal scholarship applications or managing their finances for the first time. By partnering with our tribal scholarship department, HTGSP, we hoped to have created an event where we can motivate, encourage and most importantly provide as many resources and tools for our students to succeed as they embark on their educational journey.” Following the sessions, attendees were treated to a BBQ style dinner with messages from former US Attorney Diane Humetewa and Hopi Tribal Chairman LeRoy Shingoitewa. Both Humetewa and Shingoitewa reflected on their educational journeys and the challenges they faced. As professionals and leaders each encouraged the students continue their education and would

do the best they can in their capacity to help them succeed. Representing Peabody Energy, the major sponsor for the event, Randy Lehn also expressed their support for the educational endeavors of the Hopi people.

HEEF Executive Director, LuAnn Leonard and HTGSP Program Administrator Kathlene Sumatzkuku both agree that this event for Hopi students was greatly needed. Kathleen shared, “although prepared for the academic work, at times Hopi students find themselves unprepared for the pressures of college life and the culture shock associated with life off the reservation. For many Hopi students, college is the first time away from home, first time working, managing a checking account and their time. Further, for students who are contemplating college, navigating the maze of paperwork for admissions and financial aid can be just as daunting.” Both added, “we were pleased with the attendance and look forward to providing information and resources in future events for our students and community members.”



The HEEF & HTGSP also thank the following sponsors for their support: CellularOne, Hopi Telecommunications Inc., The Hopi Tribe Office of the Vice Chairman, Walker & Armstrong LLP and My Bookkeeping Place.

No’ayatiwqam: Those who have given

No’ayatiwqam is the Hopi Education Endowment Fund’s planned giving group. The concept of giving or transferring assets in a thoughtful and deliberate manner in Hopi is called No’a. No’a describes the passing of knowledge, wealth or other possessions to another, after careful consideration and with the intention that the gift continue to benefit all.

Practicing the concept of No’a through Planned Giving is one way to ensure that your gift is used to benefit future generations to come. A planned gift to the HEEF also demonstrates your commitment to the Hopi Education Endowment Fund vision of an educated nation to perpetuate the Hopi way of life.

It is our hope that you consider the HEEF as a part of your estate planning. We invite you to join No’ayatiwqam or “those who have given”. Please let us know if you decide to include the Hopi Education Endowment Fund in your estate plans through your Will, Bequest, Life Insurance, Retirement Plan or other vehicle by returning the form below. We would like to thank you for your commitment and welcome you to No’ayatiwqam.

Let us know if you have included the HEEF in your estate plans...

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