

**October 11, 2021**

**NPC District Governing Board**

**Dear Board Chair Lucero and Representatives Laughter, Jouen, Leslie, and Robinson,**

While I am taking annual leave on October 19, I am pleased to provide you with a brief on happenings with NPC Friends and Family since our last meeting.

**Scholarships and Fund/Friend Raising:**

Our application window for Spring 2022 NPCFF scholarships opened on Friday, October 1 and will close on Wednesday, November 10 at 12:00 noon, MST. Here is a link to all NPCFF scholarships currently open: <https://www.npc.edu/scholarships?keywords=npc+friends+and+family> . If you click on any open NPCFF scholarship, you will find links for tips on writing the scholarship essay, including a link to a YouTube tutorial on how to write a scholarship essay and seek scholarships. I have taught my scholarship essay workshop in September and October via Zoom to the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and to all students enrolled in Early Childhood Development (ECD), and in-person to seniors at Round Valley and Snowflake High Schools. The PTK workshop was open to all NPC students and was the session recorded for YouTube. The ECD class emphasized the Claude Millet Endfield Early Childhood Development scholarship. In addition to Michaela Nez of St. Michaels and Amandalynn Truax of Fort Apache, we have awarded a third Endfield scholarship to Tristina Foshee of Holbrook.

Our friends, "AndyVon", who funded the AndyVon Transportation Grants for Native American students have pledged to donate \$200,000.00 to their endowment fund each year, until 2026-27. AndyVon would like to provide twenty \$1,000.00 transportation grants each semester. They would also like me to award 5% of whatever balance remains, after the transportation grants are made, for academic scholarships for Native American students. They want the 5% awarded, regardless of gain or loss in the markets, until the balance is spent down. This is a unique arrangement: an endowment, but not in perpetuity! I created a spreadsheet to show the 5% spend-down; NPCFF will continue to provide AndyVon scholarships until at least 2041!

**Community Outreach**

I continue to prioritize community outreach, both for its benefit to NPCFF and to the college. I have been joined in the past month by Dr. Hazelbaker at the city councils of Pinetop-Lakeside, Eagar, and Winslow. In Eagar, we were accompanied by my NPCFF board president, Terry Shove, in meeting with Travis Udall, the new CEO of White Mountain Regional Medical and with Apache County Superior Court Judge Michael Latham, founder of two innovative youth centers: The Loft, in St. Johns, and the new Lodge in Eagar. Dr. Hazelbaker was also the October guest speaker for Good Morning, Winslow. I am extremely pleased to report to you how warmly Dr. Hazelbaker was received by these constituents, and how positively he represents Northland Pioneer College, and NPC Friends and Family. He greatly advances our potential to meet the needs of our communities and better serve NPC students. I appreciate your choice in selecting him as our president, and I am excited for what the future holds.

I look forward to seeing you again at the November meeting, when I will report on the outcome of the Spring 2022 scholarship cycle. We have an unprecedented total of approximately \$60,000.00 to award!

**Warmest regards,**

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