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A NOTE FROM HIGHER ED

Each year, the Meskwaki Higher Education hosts the annual Graduation Pow-wow. Keeping the community in mind, parents are invited to participate in the development of the pow-wow program, do fundraising, organize a budget and program, and also do the decorating of the pow-wow area. This year MHEP hosted the Bone Dice Tournament and Golden Age men and womens contests and of course, gave gifts to all graduates. High school graduates received a star quilt and college graduates each received a \$250.00 gift card. This is the way that we express our happiness to those who have worked so diligently to complete their studies.



This special graduation edition of the Meskwaki Nation Times is also dedicated to them.

The graduation pow-wow was a huge success thanks to the hard efforts and contributions from Tribal Council, the parent committee and student MC's, camera crews, singers, dancers, Bone Dice game, graduates, quilt maker Jenna Thomas, families, educators, general community, Media department, I.T., the Meskwaki Settlement School, Casino catering, MHEP staff and clean-up crew. We had a total of 53 high school graduates. Many have elected to go on to further their studies at a community college or university. Eighteeen college graduates were recognized, with 5 Master's degrees, 8 Baccalaureate degrees, and 5 Associate degrees. Several college graduates are either working or have chosen to continue on in their educational pursuits. We are very proud of all graduates. Congratulations!!!

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COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Ramon Azure AS, Natural Science Haskell Indian Nations University

Celise Bullard BA, Social Work Grand Canyon University

Preston J. Davenport BS, Business Administration Montana State University- Billings

Aileena M. Iron Shell Diploma, Dental Assisting Marshalltown Community College

Orielle M. Kapayou AA, Liberal Arts Marshalltown Community College

Anna Lyons BS, Business Administration Colorado Technical University Autumn Papakee BA, Business Administration Buena Vista University

Lana Roberts MA, Principalship University of Northern Iowa

Jennifer Seaboy AA, Liberal Arts Marshalltown Community College

Dalyn Wabaunasee MBA, Business Administration Drake University

Tyra Wanatee MSW, Social Work Washington University- St. Louis

Mylene Wanatee MSW, Social Work University of Iowa Miranda Washinawatok BA, Environmental Science University of Maine

Payton Whitebreast BS, Health Education Arizona State University

Maximillian Youngbear BS, Kinesiology and Health Iowa State University

Holly Youngbear-Schrock MA, Human Resource Management St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Misty Youngbear BS, Nursing Arizona State University- Tempe

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APPRENTICESHIP / VOCATIONAL / TECHNICAL

Trey Keahna Pest Control/Exterminator Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program

Neena Lasley Welding Certificate Marshalltown Community College

Albert Medina Electrical Apprenticeship ABC Iowa Apprentice Training & Trust **Jesus Medina** Diploma, Utility Technician Marshalltown Community College

Kayla Morgan Administrative Services Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program

Francesca Papakee Administrative Services Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program Brenton Pushetonequa Pest Control/Exterminator Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program

Tyrone Roberts Pest Control/Exterminator Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program

Breanna Waseskuk Administrative Services Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Elysia Aguilera

South Tama County High School Future Plans: Go to MCC for AA

Kendall Jreim Balderas

TE-TE-BE-DI-KA / Bear Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Enroll in the Meskwaki Electrical Apprenticeship Program

Reimundo Jessup Balderas

KIYAKOAKA / Fox Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend the University of Northern Iowa to Major in Accounting

Geanna Joelle Bear

DA BO TO SE GA / Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Major in Education

Wakinyela Jaycene Bear

TTAKENAMEGA/ Bear clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Go to Augusburg University

Lyrise Blackcloud

MEDAMEGEA / Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Study entomology, palenontology, and ichthyology

Shia Blackcloud

KWEMITA/ Bear Clan Anadarko High School Future Plans: Major in pre-med to become an OB/GYN

Ayanna Brown

WASETTIMEWA/ Fish Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Go to college for family, undecided where or what to get into yet

Clayton Brown

SIKOMEKWA/ Fish Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend UNI to get Bachelor's degree

Teaghan Wyss Buffalo

MAGIDA/Bear Clan Prairie High School Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood for Associates degree

Aaron Arthur Campbell

Thunder Clan Grinnell High School Future Plans: Pursue Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technology

Sarah Lynn Colbeth

MEMEKEA/ Wolf Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Go to college to get a degree in psychology

Lance Davenport

KIWEA/ Fox Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Work and make some money

Dreama Davis

Thunder Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Majoring in nursing and minoring in photography

Salvador P. Diego, Jr.

WIBEKWANAKWATA/ Thunder Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: To create and achieve greatness

Thadius Garcia

DAMAKENI/ Fox Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Undecided

Dayvin Guevara

Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Go to college

Makayla Hartman (Ward)

WANANÉEGA/ Fish Clan West Hancock High School Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood College

Walt J. Lonewolf Ingawanup

Bear Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Work at a grocery store

Gianteo Jefferson

ABEMEKIWETTIBYATA/ Thunder Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Go to school

Shye Reese Johnson

OBIBAOGA/ Bear clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend Minnesota State University

Brycen Kapayou

Meskwaki Settlement School

Victor A. Knuppe

Bear Clan Dell Rapids High School Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University

Neena Jeanne-Marie Lasley

NADINIGEA/ Eagle Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend college for business degree

Carly Mathes-Henle

South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend Buena Vista

Ty Joseph Miller

Fox Clan Adel-Desoto-Minburn Future Plans: None at the moment

Mercedez Alisse Navarro

MESKIEKOGEA/ Thunder Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Go into the nursing field

Kordell Marshall Negrete

East Marshall High School Future Plans: Undecided

Mya Ortiz

South Tama County High School

Mikyla Ornelas

TTIGWEIKWE/ Thunder Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Go to work and tavel

Jayrin Valentine Papakee

TASHKWEKONA/ Thunder Clan George Washington High Scool Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood College

Lenore Dancyn Pushetonequa

MEKATEOSEKWA/ Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood College



Gilberto Ramirez

Meskwaki Settlement School

Trusten Rosenberger

AYATTASIKE/ Bear Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend UNI / Long term goal is to become a senator

Delcie Valee Sanache

MENESIQE/ Beaver Clan East Marshall High School Future Plans: Attend Mount Mercy University

Lyda Sandoval

HSED - IVCCD, Marshalltown ,IA

Isaac Shuckahosee

AMANAKWA/ Bear Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend UNI to get a degree in criminology

Dayton Simon

KIIAAMANOSKUK/ Elk Clan Horton High School Future Plans: Attend Highland University

Osceola Tyon

South Tama County High School Future Plans: Play basketball in college

Larnell Velazques

Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend UNI

Laila Lorene Villa

DEWAMI/ Fox Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend MCC's Nursing program

Leila Elyse Devyn Wabasha

ADAITAOSEGA/ Thunder Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Go to college to become a NICU nurse

Ezekiel (Zek) Wabaunasee

TOKIKADA/ Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend a trade school or appenticeship progam

Fuschia Wabaunasee

South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood Community College

Reanna Wanatee

NEKOTTWANAMATOKWA/ Thunder Clan North Liberty Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University

Zekaria Wanatee

WAISEGATA/ Thunder Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend college a few years then transfer to a university

Zayton Wade Weninger-Brown

WASEKONEA/ Thunder Clan Meskwaki Settlement Scool Future Plans: Attend Haskell or a community college

Kolton Dace Whitefish

WABINEMEO/ Fish Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Go to college

Fred Ray Witt

Bear Clan South Tama County High School Future Plans: Attend UNI

Curtis Joshua Youngbear

WENINAYE/ Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend MCC for 2 years then transfer to ISU

Eleron George YoungBear DOSKWAAKA/ Fish Clan

DOSKWAAKA/ Fish Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University

Summer Rose Youngbear

WABIBAKE/ Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend the University of Iowa

Zandra Sidney Youngbear

NAABIA/ Bear Clan Meskwaki Settlement School Future Plans: Attend AMDA to pursue Theater and Literature



BEHIND YOU, All Your Memories BEFORE YOU, All Your Dreams AROUND YOU, All Who Love You WITHIN YOU, All You Need

~ Author Unknown

MESKWAKI NATION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCES FIRST GRADUATES

The Meskwaki Apprenticeship Program proudly presented six graduates at this year's graduation celebration. The Pest Control graduates are the first official graduates of the Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program. We celebrate this great moment as an accomplishment for each graduate as well as a historic moment in this program's existence.

The graduates included:

Brenton Pushetonequa, Exterminator (Pest Control)

Tyrone Roberts, Exterminator (Pest Control)

Trey Keahna, Exterminator (Pest Control)

Breanna Waseskuk, Office Manager, (Administrative Services)

Kayla Morgan, Office Manager, (Administrative Services)

Francesca Papakee, Office Manager, (Administrative Services)

We are immensely proud of each and every graduate and their dedication to their craft area. Each individual has contributed to the betterment of our community in countless ways. At times each are able to share the great projects and tasks they've been a part of, and other times, their journeys take them through obstacles unseen. We applaud their completion of their programs and we encourage the community to congratulate each of these apprentices on their accomplishment.

All Apprenticeship graduates earn a diploma from the U.S. Department of Labor. The Dept. of Labor is the



governing body of all registered apprenticeships in the US. The Pest Control graduates completed their requirements during the Covid-19 pandemic shut-down era and so we were not able to celebrate them at a graduation powwow arena until 2022. The Administrative Services graduates will complete their requirements in June and in July 2022.

Meskwaki Apprenticeship is both a tribal department and an institution of vocational education. There are six (6) craft trade areas that are taught: Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Heating Venting Air Conditioning, Pest Control, and Administrative Services. Apprentices begin by submitting an application to the program. All applicants must complete a National Skills Readiness test, available at IowaWorks and available at the Meskwaki Apprenticeship Building during the application process. Scores from the test plus scores from the interview process are weighted into an overall final score for program selection. Some trades require as many as 8,000 to 10,000 hours of On the Job Learning which could equate to 4-5 vears.

ment Throughout the year the Meskwaki s the Apprenticeship Program offers classroom course instruction, apprentices earn their On the Job Training/ Learning Hours by assisting during service work orders and regular daily work processes. Each craft trade area has a set of general work process areas that are recorded on their "OJT" trackers and logged in database software weekly. Exams are provided after each course module and apprentices must sufficiently pass each course module.

Each of the craft trade programs require a certain number of On the Job Training or Learning Hours plus a certain number of class credit hours. The Pest Control program requires each apprentice to complete 3,000 hours of On the Job Learning and 216 of course credit hours. The Administrative Services program requires 3,000 hours of On the Job Learning and 246 hours of course credit.

Apprenticeship accepts applications year round. **Any applications** received by June 30, 2022 will be considered for the next round of hires. Applications received after will be held until the next hiring round. Applications can be picked up at the Meskwaki Apprenticeship Building at 3138 H Avenue.

Congratulations to all graduates from Meskwaki Nation Apprenticeship Program!

MSS CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION CEREMONY

















MSS CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Meskwaki Nation celebrated with the MSS Class of 2022 on Saturday, May 21st at the Meskwaki Settlement School for their Graduation Commencement Ceremony. Speakers included Steven Hanson, Amanda Davenport, and John Fitzgerald. Luke Kapayou gave the Invocation. Principal Clyde Tarrence presented the awards and scholarships. The Meskwaki Flag Song was performed by Meskwaki Nation BGR. Junior Ushers were Leon Max Bear, III and Davian Pushetonequa.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Meskwaki Bingo Casino and Hotel Scholarship Shye Johnson Eleron YoungBear Sarah Colbeth

Iowa State Bar Association Summer Youngbear

Bernie Saggau Award Wakinyela Bear

Governor's Scholar Recognition Award Shye Johnson

Class of 2022 Top 5% Speakers: Geanna Bear, Wakinyela Bear, Shye Johnson

Meskwaki Language Speaker: Kiyakoaka, Reimundo Balderas











































STC Graduate Neena Lasley was awarded the Edna Fulton Memorial Scholarship. Neena graduated with Honors, receiving a 3.5-3.74 GPA. Neena has also earned a welding certificate through IVCCD.



This Spring, Neena Lasley took 2nd place in the Applique category at the Gathering of Nations powwow in New Mexico.



Neena Lasley has literally left her mark on the halls of STC. Neena painted this beautiful mural showcasing Meskwaki tribal designs on the hall near the STC Little Theater.



STC Grad Kenny Balderas attended the 2022 "Build My Future" event where he officially signed on into the Meskwaki Electrician Apprenticeship Program.



STC Graduate Trusten Rosenberger was awarded UNI's VIP Scholarship, which is tuition fully paid, plus the Panther Impact Award worth \$12,000 and UNI's UNITED Scholarship for another \$8,000. He was also awarded the Ralph Turbett Memorial Scholarship. Trusten graduated STC with Distinction, earning a 3.75 and above GPA.



STC Grad Fuschia Wabaunasee poses with her acceptance letter from Kirkwood Community college where she plans to enroll in the Vet Tech program.



South Tama County High School Graduate Zekaria Wanatee received the Pinnacle/Robin Sienknecht Memorial Scholarship.



STC Graduate Salvador Diego Jr. was accepted to Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida where he plans to enroll in the Recording Arts program.



STC Graduate Fred Witt graduated with Distinction, earning a 4.0 GPA. Witt was awarded three UNI scholarships including the VIP 4 year full-tuition scholarship.



STC Grad and Homecoming Queen candidate, Carly Mathes-Henle was awarded an \$88,000 scholarship to Buena Vista where she plans to major in Secondary Social Studies Education.

MESKWAKI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



Front Row: Kolton Whitefish, Zayton Weninger-Brown, Gilberto Ramirez, Brycen Kapayou, Larnell Velazques, Dayvin Guevara, Leila Wabasha, Lenore Pushetonequa, Wakinyela Bear, Geanna Bear, Shye Johnson. Second Row: Curtis Youngbear, Eleron YoungBear, Ezekiel Wabaunasee, Clayton Brown, Reimundo Balderas, Sarah Colbeth, Ayanna Brown, Summer Youngbear, Lyrise Blackcloud, Zandra Youngbear.

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SOUTH TAMA COUNTY CLASS OF 2022 MESKWAKI GRADUATES

Front Row: Fuschia Wabaunasee, Autumn Steinback, Fred Witt, Neena Lasley, Laila Villa, Kenny Balderas, Walt Ingawanup. Middle Row: Isaac Shuckahosee, Elysia Aguilera, Aracely Rivera, Carly Mathes-Henle, Lance Davenport, Mikyla Ornelas, Lucy Winter Chaser. Back Row: Thadius Garcia, Zekaria Wanatee, Melissa Wardrip, Maya Ortiz, Gianteo Jefferson, Mercedez Navarro, Dreama Davis. Not pictured: Salvador Diego, Trusten Rosenberger, Osceola Tyon.

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MSS PRE-K GRADUATION





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Saturday, May 28, 2022 Meskwaki Powwow Grounds





















































QUILT PRESENTATION

A long standing tradition, this year's quilts were presented to all High School Graduates by the Meskwaki Higher Education Department. Each graduate was able to choose their own unique star quilt, individually created as one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork sewn by Jenna Thomas.



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A NOTE FROM THE GRADUATION POWWOW COMMITTEE

The Meskwaki Graduation Powwow Committee would like to thank all the dancers, singers, drum groups, food preparers, volunteers, vendors, workers and committee members, along with all the friends and family who came to the Graduation Powwow, for supporting the graduates this year.

After a two year hiatus, it was wonderful to be able to share in the joy together by dancing, singing, drumming and celebrating in our beautiful powwow grounds facility. A thank you to each person who helped prepare the grounds and arena for the event.

Special thanks goes out to the following for making the event possible: Robert Morgan Post 701, Meskwaki Higher Education Program, HEAD MAN DANCER Eleron YoungBear, HEAD LADY DANCER Neena Lasley, ARENA DIRECTOR Jerod Pushetonequa, HOST DRUMS Showtime and Motown, MC Manny King, LIVESTREAM CREW HELPERS Arthur Blackcloud and Ray Tahahwah along with the Media Services team.

Helping to make this year's powwow through Specials included:

- Tiny Tots Special Sponsored by Curtis Youngbear and Family
- "A Brothers Love" Junior Boys Grass Special Honoring Omani Clairmont
- Men's Hand Drum Contest Sponsored by Zayton Weninger and Family
- Head Man Special Men's Woodland Sponsored by Eleron YoungBear and Family
- Head Lady Special Woman's Applique Sponsored by Neena Lasley and Family
- Women's Jingle Sponsored by Shye Johnson and Family
- Women's Fancy Shawl Sponsored by Ayanna Brown and Family
- Men's Traditional Sponsored by Kolton Whitefish and Family

This event wouldn't be possible without the help and support from the following:

- Tribal Council
- Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel
- Tribal Facilities Management
 Annual Powwow Association
- Public Works
- Apprenticeship & Housing Programs
- I.T. Department

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PART IN MAKING THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!













































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