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. Eighteen 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!!!

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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**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 Augsburg University

**Lyris Blackcloud**  
MEDAMEGEA / Bear Clan  
Meskwaki Settlement School  
Future Plans: Study entomology, palentontology, 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)**  
WANANEEGA/ 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**  
ABEMEIWKETTIBYATA/ 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: To work and travel

**Jayrin Valentine Papakee**  
TASHKWEKONA/ Thunder Clan  
George Washington High School  
Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood College

**Lenore Dancyn Pushetonequa**  
MEKATEOSEKWA/ Bear Clan  
Meskwaki Settlement  
Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood College
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Gilberto Ramirez
Meskwaki Settlement School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eleron George YoungBear
DOSKWAAKA/ Fish Clan
Meskwaki Settlement School
Future Plans: Attend Iowa State 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

Zayton Wade Weninger-Brown
WASEKONEA/ Thunder Clan
Meskwaki Settlement Scool
Future Plans: Attend Haskell or a community college

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

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

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

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

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

Ezekiel (Zek) Wabaunasee
TOKIKADA/ Bear Clan
Meskwaki Settlement School
Future Plans: Attend a trade school or apprenticeship program

CONGRATS!

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)

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Office Manager, (Administrative Services)

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 years.

Throughout the year the Meskwaki 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 hours of course credit. The Administrative Services program requires 3,000 hours of On the Job Learning and 246 hours of course credit.

The Meskwaki Apprenticeship Program 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
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.

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.

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STC Grad and Homecoming Queen candidate, Carly Mathes-Henle was awarded an $80,000 scholarship to Buena Vista where she plans to major in Secondary Social Studies Education.

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

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GRADUATION POWWOW 2022

Saturday, May 28, 2022
Meskwaki Powwow Grounds
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.
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 Tahawah 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!
WHETHER YOU ARE AN ADULT READY TO MAKE A CHANGE OR A NEW GRADUATE JUST STARTING OUT, LET HIGHER EDUCATION ASSIST YOU ON YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. WE HELP BY:

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- MHEP offers financial support for career and technical education funding.*
- MHEP assists in career exploration and helps you through the admission processes (like completing college application, filling out financial aid forms, etc.)
- Let MHEP help you find your educational purpose.
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