



# THE SKYHAWK SCRATCH



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*Leomi Foster, the 2019-2020 Miss NTU, takes a photo with her welding classmates. Foster is a dual major in Veterinary Technician and Welding Technology.*

## Navajo Technical University crowns Leomi Foster as its new ambassador for 2019-2020

Crownpoint, NM – On Sept. 4, 2019, Leomi Foster of St. Michaels, AZ, a sophomore dual majoring in Veterinary Technician and Welding Technology, was crowned the 2019-2020 Miss Navajo Technical University. Foster is Tábaahá born for Tóbaazhni'azhi. Her maternal

grandfather is Kinlichinii and her paternal grandfather is Honaghaani. She is the third Welding Technology major to win the crown in the past three years following in the footsteps of Verna Casamero and Kuwanyauuma Bahe.

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## A:shiwi College and Career Readiness Center takes a community-based approach in establishing itself as an instructional site with Navajo Technical University

ZUNI, NM – A:shiwi College and Career Readiness Center (ACCRC) in Zuni, NM has taken a community-based approach in reestablishing itself within the region by forging a partnership with Navajo Technical University to become an instructional site of the institution. As part of this approach, the Zuni site has engaged a broad-base of regional partners that will focus on hosting community-centered events to promote a cross section of cultures that increase regional knowledge and understanding.

between the humans, plants, Mother Earth, and the environment in ways that aren't presently taught in most schools."



*Mykl Green of St. Michaels School leads a 3D printing workshop.*

"We took the lead from the council and other community members to re-learn traditional indigenous planting and farming," explained Hayes Lewis, Director of A:shiwi College. "[The demonstration garden] is going to be the center where we reintroduce ways of planting and propagation of plants, and on the culture side, really start making connections

A Zuni Language and Culture Symposium was hosted at the ACCRC in June that welcomed Trisha Moquino of the Keres Children's Learning Center and the 2017-2018 Miss Zuni Kenzi Bowekaty. The event featured a dance group performance and attendees were

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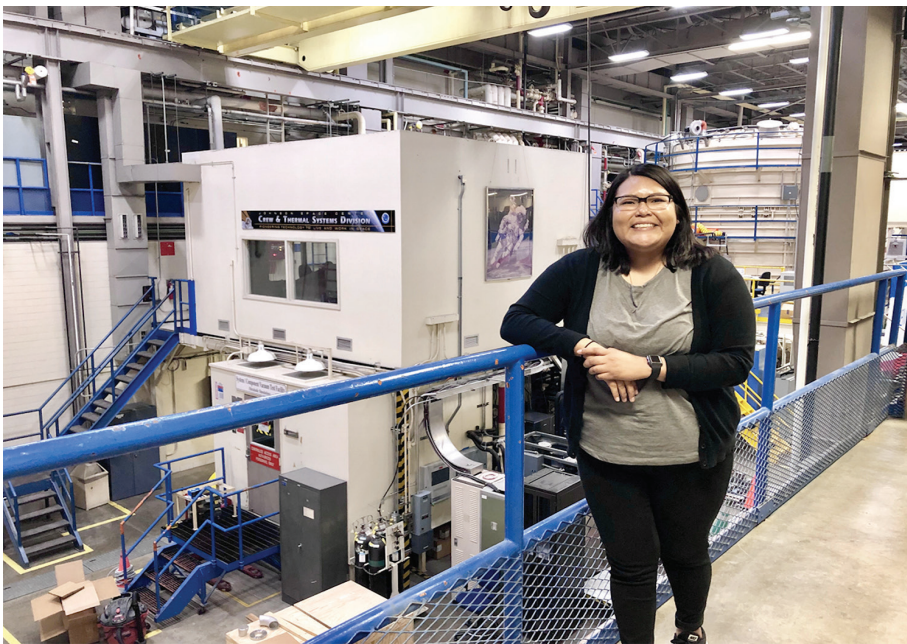


## NTU approved for B.A. degree in Animal Science!

The Institution Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission approved a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science on Sept. 9, 2019. The new degree will be offered on NTU's Crownpoint campus this upcoming spring semester.

The new degree program is designed to provide technical and applied instruction in the biological, physical, technical, and economic aspects of livestock production. The degree includes application of basic principles of selection, animal breeding, animal nutrition, reproduction, feeding and management of livestock for the production of meat, milk, and wool.





Information Technology major Nylana Murphy poses for a photo at Johnson Space Center's Crew and Thermal Systems Division.

## NASA summer internships provide value to Navajo Technical University students

CROWNPOINT, NM – Seven Navajo Technical University students experienced summer internships and work opportunities with NASA to develop a better understanding of their respective field of study. Internship opportunities between NTU and NASA have been an ongoing collaboration for the past decade, and have grown in sophistication since NTU has expanded its academic offerings to include four year degrees and programs with national accreditations, such as its engineering programs and ABET.

Information Technology major Nylana Murphy also had to travel out of state to participate in her internship, which landed her an opportunity working at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston,

TX. The internship had Murphy work under JSC's Crew and Thermal Systems Division where she audited hardware and components that support aerospace life support systems, such as a portable life support system that allows astronauts a livable atmosphere inside their spacesuit. Murphy helped audit hardware testing rigs and she managed folder structures of Microsoft SharePoint webpages.

"The experience I gained from my internship is simply amazing, and the lessons that I learned from it are even more so," Murphy explained, who was able to witness the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission during her time at JSC. For more information, contact Dr. Monsuru Ramoni at [mramoni@navajotech.edu](mailto:mramoni@navajotech.edu).

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provided a traditional Zuni meal. Most recently, the site hosted a two-day 3D printing camp presented by the Ke'yah Advanced Rural Manufacturing Alliance, and a one-day workshop on medicinal plants and their use in lotions, salves, and tinctures by Pamela Pickens of Inscription Rock Trading in El Morro, NM.

The medicinal plants workshop (*pictured below*) was part of an agriculture workshop series obtained by the ACCRC through a BIA-Zuni agency grant intended to establish a community demonstration garden at the instructional site. Other workshops conducted under the grant have focused on fruit tree grafting, pruning and orchard management, as well as soil regeneration using natural strategies.

"We want people to know that education doesn't just end at grade 12," explained Lewis. "Connecting with NTU really shows and demonstrates that indigenous people can decide what education is from our own perspectives and take a path that will be more holistic and more supportive of our communities."



For more info about NTU's instructional site in Zuni, contact Hayes Lewis at [h.lewis@ashiwiccollege.edu](mailto:h.lewis@ashiwiccollege.edu).

# A DAY in the Classroom

Take a look at a typical day in class at Navajo Technical University's main campus in Crownpoint, NM.



A.A.S. - Administrative Office Specialist



A.A.S. - Automotive Technology





“For me, holding a prestigious title means to honor and respect Navajo women and womanhood in every aspect and to display leadership and to be a role model that encourages the younger females to be comfortable with themselves,” said Foster. “I also want to attend as many community events to promote good health, our Navajo language and culture, the educational opportunities at Navajo Technical University, and bring more awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.”

Foster intends to complete and earn her certificate from NTU’s Welding Technology program this semester after she attained her American Welding Society certification in welding in the spring. After she graduates, Foster will try for her 6G pipe welding certification before continuing into NTU’s American Veterinary Medical Association accredited Veterinary Technology program.

Miss Navajo Technical University is available for public engagements and can be contacted at [missntu@navajotech.edu](mailto:missntu@navajotech.edu).



### Crownpoint High junior on track to obtain associate degree through NTU’s dual credit program

Crownpoint, NM – Higher education institutions across the nation are seeing an increase in high school students attending colleges or universities with accessibility through dual credit programs or college readiness academies. Jarod Reidhead, a high school junior at Crownpoint High School (*pictured above*), is attending NTU’s main campus through the Gallup McKinley Academy and is on track to earn an associate’s degree in General Studies when he obtains his high school diploma in 2021.

“Attending college at NTU is a great experience for me as a high school student. I’m planning on getting an associate degree so that I am two years ahead when I get out of high school,” said Reidhead in discussing his goal of becoming an anesthesiologist. “[Anesthesiology] is going to require a lot of schooling and two years under my belt is going to help me out a lot,

especially with the cost.”

Reidhead is taking 13 credit hours this semester qualifying him as a full-time student. His schedule consists of two online courses in English 110 and History 211, as well as two face-to-face courses in Math 123 and Navajo 211. Reidhead is not attending any classes at Crownpoint High this semester, but he is required to pass his college courses with a grade of a C or better in order to earn the credits toward his degree and diploma.

NTU currently has 634 students enrolled in dual credit courses, nearly 200 more students from the previous fall semester.

To learn more about the academy or the dual credit program at Navajo Technical University, contact Freda Joe at [fjoe@navajotech.edu](mailto:fjoe@navajotech.edu) or call (505) 786-4100.



B.A. - Business Administration



Certificate - Pre Nursing



A.A.S. - Public Administration

# NEW EMPLOYEE SCAVENGER HUNT

Welcome to another academic year at NTU! Get to know NTU's new employees by finding each of names listed below. The deadline for submission is November 15th; however, if someone turns in a completed form (with all signatures and pictures) before the date, the contest is over. If all points aren't scored, the highest tally will be the winner of a \$50 gift card to Walmart. Happy hunting! Return completed forms to the NTU Communications Department or by emailing [communications@navajotech.edu](mailto:communications@navajotech.edu).

Lee Ann Goodluck  
*Assistant Professor of Nursing*

Sharon Nelson  
*Assistant Professor of Diné  
Language & Culture*

Carolyn Neher  
*Registered Veterinary Technician*

Andrea Wilson  
*Career Services Coordinator*

Kyle Arviso  
*Academic Advisor*

Sundaram Arumugam  
*Assistant Professor of  
Electrical Engineering*

Brooklynn Cooke  
*Human Resources Office Assistant*

Darin E. Tsosie  
*Maintenance Technician/Custodian*

Anusuya Vellingiri  
*Assistant Professor of Building  
Information Modeling*

Rebecca Vicenti  
*HR Administrative Assistant*

Darrick Lee  
*Technical Instructor of Energy Systems*

Leslie Tsosie  
*Academic Advisor*

Arlene Saunders  
*Custodian*

Sharie Begay  
*Office Manager*

Dr. Henry Fowler  
*Dean of Graduate Studies*

Sherietta Martinez-Brown  
*First Year Experience Career and  
Academic Advisor*

Nancy Goodwin  
*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

Jason K. Arviso  
*Vice President of Operations*

Nsalambi V. Nkongolo  
*Assistant Professor of Geographic  
Information Technology*

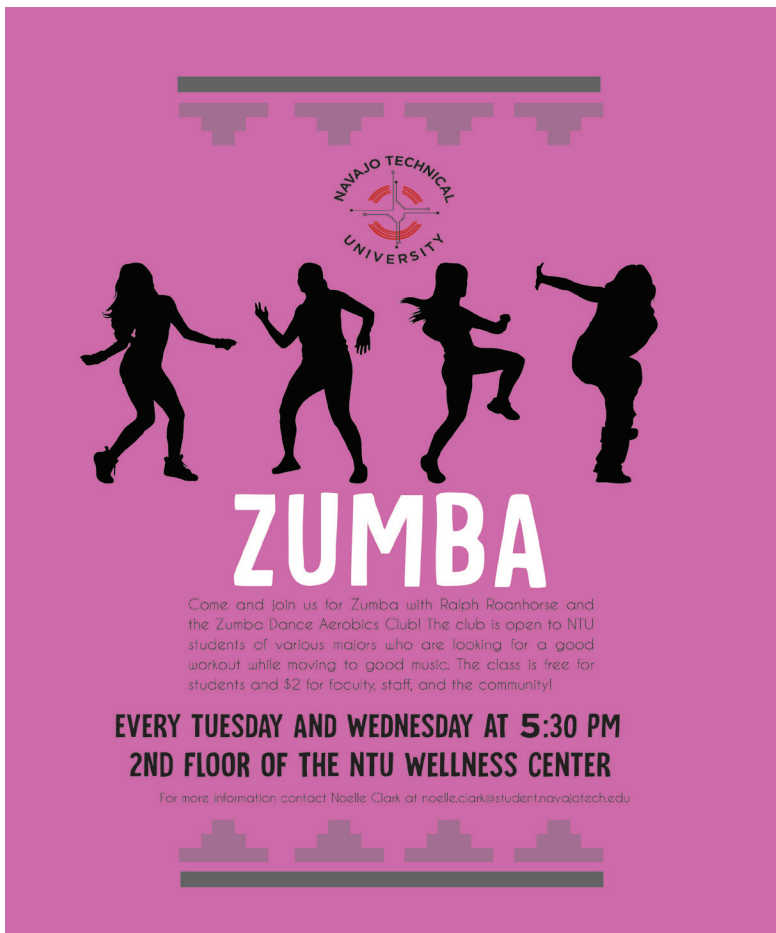
Alex Tallant  
*Assistant Professor of Developmental  
Reading & Writing*


## HOW TO SCORE:

**1 POINT =**  
Collect their signature

**2 POINTS =**  
Selfie with the employee

*Most points per person you can obtain is 3 pts, 60 points total.*



  
**ZUMBA**

Come and join us for Zumba with Ralph Roanhorse and the Zumba Dance Aerobics Club! The club is open to NTU students of various majors who are looking for a good workout while moving to good music. The class is free for students and \$2 for faculty, staff, and the community!

**EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 PM**  
**2ND FLOOR OF THE NTU WELLNESS CENTER**

For more information contact Noelle Clark at [noelle.clark@student.navajotech.edu](mailto:noelle.clark@student.navajotech.edu)



**8TH ANNUAL NTU**  
**RESEARCH DAY**  
 MARCH 5, 2020 | 9:00 AM | NTU WELLNESS CENTER



Students who are doing research or working on capstone projects, you are encouraged to participate in NTU's 8th Annual Research Day. On the posters, students need to include their names and their advisors. E-mail a one-page abstract of your research to [cagbaraji@navajotech.edu](mailto:cagbaraji@navajotech.edu) by **November 15, 2019**. A five-member panel will be appointed to select first, second, and third place for awards. The students will be evaluated based on intellectual merit, broader impact, organization, clarity, communication, and reference citation.

**1ST PLACE: \$200 2ND PLACE: \$150 3RD PLACE: \$100**  
 For more information contact Dr. Casmir Agbaraji at [cagbaraji@navajotech.edu](mailto:cagbaraji@navajotech.edu) or by calling 505.786.4101.