

**Northland Pioneer College
Kayenta Community Outreach Meeting**

September 18, 2001

Northland Pioneer College-Kayenta Center held their annual community outreach meeting on September 19, 2001 at the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA). Dr. Carl Heilman, Vice President of Student Services facilitated the meeting.

Welcome Address: Dr. Carl Heilman did the welcome addressed. He asked participants to introduce themselves and the business they were representing.

Present:

- Ron Troutman, Navajo Coordinator
- Dr. Allsbrooks, Superintendent of KUSD
- Reanna Albert, NAU Local Coordinator
- Dr. Lawrence Issac, Superintendent of Shonto Prep School
- Lieut. Kee Nez Thinn, Kayenta Police Department
- Lillian Smith, Community Member
- Charlie Smith, Community Member
- Lorenza Donald, NPC student
- George Reed, Workforce Development
- Dan Nakai, Township
- Myrtle Dayzie-Grey, NPC Academic Advisor
- Lorraine Benally, Center Manager
- Jennifer Haughen, NPC student
- Grace Pooley, Native American Coordinator
- Heidi Fulcher, Division Director for TLC

Purpose of Community Outreach: Dr. Heilman informed the participants that the purpose of the Community Outreach was to gather information and recommendations from community representatives on how NPC can serve them better. Feedbacks, questions and comments are welcomed throughout the meeting.

Kayenta Center Update: Lorraine Benally reported that this was their second year having the Community Outreach Meeting. Suggested courses from last years meeting included Certified Nurses Assistance, Medical Assistants, office staff, grant writing, Nutrition, small business developments, substance abuse counseling. Lorraine reported that the medical assistance and nutrition classes were offered through the video system on continual basis. The grant writing class has been offered a couple of times but due to low enrollment it has been cancelled. The substance abuse counseling courses can be brought out to Kayenta if the interest is great, hopefully in the summer of 2002. Coursework for Proficiency Certificates for Modern Office and Medical Office are being offered at this time. Instructor for the legal office is being sought at the time. The TLC courses have expanded from three classes to eight classes. Students with GED goals were separated from the remedial students.

Native American Program Services: Grace Pooley: Shared her role as the Native America Program Coordinator and the many projects that she is working on with the three tribes (Navajo, Hopi and Apache).

Business & Industry Training/Community Services: Dr. Heilman: Had handouts available for the participants to read over and take advantage of some of these services provided by NPC. If they had any questions to call and the phone numbers are provided within the packet handouts.

Community Input: Questions, recommendations, concerns were discussed throughout the entire meeting.

Dr. Lawrence Issac: Shonto Prep. Sch. Superintendent made recommendations that NPC bring out their coursework to Shonto.

Lieut. Kee Nez Thinn: Kayenta Police Dept would like to see the Navajo Police Academy decentralize to Kayenta.

Dan Nakaii: Township representative reported one of the projects the township is working on building a central locations for all the higher educations, the judicial branch and service providers. Putting up a public library and a computer lab has been brought up numerous times as well.

Lorenza Donald: NPC Student recommended that the township should build a BIG public library and computer lab for the community to use.

Dr. Allsbrooks: Superintend of KUSD reported that the school district is also working on getting a public library built within school district complex. Allsbrooks stated that he would like to see a vocational program/trade school within the school district. Suggested courses automotive, computer technicians and welding.

Heidi Fulcher: Director of Developmental Services highlighted us on her program. She agreed that having a central space for service providers would eliminate the run around between service providers.

Navajo Taco Dinner: provided by Joan Ann Benally, NPC student.