

5 November 2019

Dear NPC Governing Board,

The Student Government Association has had a full schedule these last two months. For the first time in two years we have representation at all of the NPC campuses and centers. There has been significant effort put forth by our membership to invite new students to join us. We hope to see continued growth in this area.

We held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SGA Cornhole Tournament at The House Restaurant in Show Low on September 20, 2019. All monies raised are being donated to the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. We felt this was a good organization to lend support to with NPC serving the Navajo, Apache, and Hopi tribes.

On September 27, 2019 we had a joint table with Phi Theta Kappa at the NPC Business Competition held at the Silver Creek Campus in Snowflake. Our goal was to introduce SGA to the current and potential NPC students attending the event.

On October 10, 2019 we had another joint table with Phi Theta Kappa. This time the event was the NPC Community Career Fair at the White Mountain Campus in Show Low.

On October 19, 2019 we helped put on Eagle Fest at the Painted Desert Campus in Holbrook. Our members set up canopies, served hamburger and hotdog meals with chips and a drink, and helped clean up at the end of the event. The turnout was encouraging since this is only the third year this event has happened at the Painted Desert Campus. Attendance has grown each year and we look forward to seeing an even bigger turnout next year. The leftover perishable food was donated to the Bread of Life Mission in Holbrook. We are already making plans for Eagle Fest in April, 2020 at the White Mountain Campus in Show Low and look forward to serving there.

This week we began our annual SGA Food Drive. This will run from November 4-15, 2019. Each campus and center has boxes set up to accept the donations. The donations will be gathered and transported to SCC in Snowflake.

On November 18, 2019 several of our members are participating in the Higher Learning Commission meeting at the Painted Desert Campus in Holbrook. We hope our feedback will reflect positively on NPC.

The SGA officers, Cynthia Owen, Derek Flake, and Cody Honani along with adviser, Ryan Orr, had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. October 10-13, 2019 to participate in the American Student Government Association National Summit. This was an empowering experience with student leaders participating from community colleges as well as public and private universities from around our country. We enjoyed networking with other student government leaders, especially those from the southwest. We attended programming in a workshop format and learned how to make our SGA better as well as increasing our personal abilities in leadership. We tried to attend separate workshop sessions in order to gain a larger body of knowledge to bring back and share with our fellow NPC students. We are already sharing these things in our meetings using mini-training sessions and sharing our workshop notes. The event was held two blocks from the United States Capital and our time included a tour of that magnificent landmark. We all came away with a renewed respect for our country. We also visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; it was a sobering experience. Something we each noticed was how completely quiet it was inside the Museum even though it was filled with people, the gravity of that horrific period in human history settling in each heart. In our free time we visited other monuments and exhibits close to the Capital including the Washington and Lincoln Monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, the Library of Congress, and the National Gallery of Art. We came away from the experience in Washington, D.C. enriched with ideas on ways to serve the students and SGA members at NPC but also personally enriched by the history we stood in the middle of. We express gratitude for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Owen

President, 2019-2020

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