

Resolution Supporting Establishment of Mr. Daniel Peaches Presidential Scholar

Recommendation:

The District Governing Board supports establishing the Daniel Peaches Presidential Scholarship program to be developed by the President in conjunction with Northland Pioneer College Friends and Family.

Summary:

Mr. Daniel Peaches served on the Navajo County Community College District Governing Board for an unprecedented 36 years and was effective in speaking to the needs of students, particularly those from the Navajo Nation. Northland Pioneer College faculty, staff, students, and the District Governing Board would like to acknowledge his significant contributions and continue his legacy of supporting education by establishing an ongoing scholarship for a Navajo tribal member.

The President, working with staff and Director Wilson of NPC Friends and Family has worked to craft a plan that includes:

- Establishing the Daniel Peaches President's Scholar program by setting aside one President's Scholar slot for a member of the Navajo tribal member. The scholarship is currently set at \$2,200 per semester, and includes inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, a cohort-based activity for high achieving students at the college that includes special classes, field trips, and additional mentoring. This expense is not an addition to the budget, but rather comes from reallocated scholarship funds already in the college budget.
- NPC Friends and Family is asking their Board of Directors to contribute additional funding to meet the transportation needs of the Daniel Peaches Presidential Scholar. Faculty noted that travel is a significant barrier to some students participating in the program.

We will begin accepting applications for the Daniel Peaches Presidential Scholar this summer, with hopes to award the first scholarship for Fall 2022.

