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Haskell Students inspired by Professional Native American Athletes Panel



Haskell Women's Volleyball team with Panelists



Haskell Student poses with Nicco Montano

By Sean Parrish

A panel of Native American professional athletes spoke to Haskell students on how sports can help improve issues facing the Native community. The Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE) held the event that was their first to specifically highlight the Native American community.

The panelists consisted of former professional basketball player; Damen Bell-Holter (Haida Tribe of Alaska), former professional soccer player/Pac 12 network personality; Temyrss Lane (Lummi), UFC Women's Flyweight champion; Nicco Montano (Diné), and moderator, Kim Miller who is the RISE Vice President of the leadership and education programs.

Temyrss Lane talked about how sports helped her out in her life, "sports really helped open my mind to what is possible because it operated as a place where I was driven because I loved it so much." Lane continued on saying "sports also helped me with my education because it held me accountable, because if I wasn't getting good grades and taking care of the things that I needed to take care of to be a good student, then I wasn't able to do what I love. So sports really helped me excel academically."

With the high rates of health problems rising among Native Americans, Nicco Montano was asked about promoting physical fitness. Montano stated, "I do, because I thrive off being physically healthy. My mind is healthy, my body is healthy, my spirit is healthy, and I am healthy emotionally." Montano ended in saying "You won't know how much potential you have until you try"

At the conclusion of the event when Damen Bell-Holter was asked what he wanted Haskell students to learn from the discussion he commented "what I want you all to take away is that we all have a voice. It does not matter if you have a platform or not, you just have to be willing to step up and speak out." Bell-Holter concluded "I want you all to gain knowledge of your identity. Be proud of who you are, where you come from and who you come from."

RISE is a non profit organizations that is dedicated to harnessing the unifying power of sports to improve race relations and drive social progress more information can be found at www.risetowin.org

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- Vendors WELCOME (LIMITED SPACE)

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Drum group: Southern Pride
Head Dancers: Junes Robinson & Rocky Peterson

Yá'át'ééh (greetings),

- Haskell students, staff faculty, and alumni, and the Haskell Indian Leader readers;

Shí éí Bry Cordell Smiley yinishyé – Hałtsooi nishłí, Naakai Diné'é bashíshchíín, Kinyáa'aanii dáshícheii, Tahnees'zahnii dáshínáńí – Akó Diné Nádleehí nishłí. [Hello, my name is Bry Cordell Smiley. I am the Meadow People, born for the Mexican People / People Who Wander, Towering House for my maternal grandfather, and the Tangle clan for my paternal grandfather, in sum, that is how I identify as a Diné (Navajo) person.]

I one of the four diligent committee members taking the reins on the Haskell LGBTQI+ Grant, funded by the American Indian College Fund (AICF). This five thousand dollar grant is to bring awareness to our community we call Haskell – this institution has been transforming since its establishment in 1884. This grant will not only celebrate Two Spirit / LGBTQI+ individuals on tribal colleges (i.e., Haskell), but those in the past that were affected by colonial attitudes demeaning their expression, also the present, now. As well as, include strategies and ideas of inclusion here on Haskell campus which begins with telling our story after 130+ years and integrate Indigenous traditions, history, & culture within the elements of the Haskell LGBTQI+ Grant project, which also is emphasized within our academia here at Haskell.

Moreover, February 2018 is deemed the 1st Annual Haskell Two Spirit / LGBTQI+ Month – we, Haskell will hope to move forward in the 21st century and realize no matter what, our Two Spirit / LGBTQI+ people are still our relatives. In addition, the Haskell LGBTQI+ Grant will consist of four weeks of events that pertain to the not only Two Spirit / LGBTQI+ peoples, but all people. For example, Haskell will be hosting a "First-Ever" Two Spirit Powwow on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 2018, beginning at 2:00 PM to MIDNIGHT at Tecumseh Hall on Haskell campus, *Alcohol/Drug-Free Event - This specific type of powwow has never happened on Haskell grounds, ever - with its celebration of Two Spirit peoples, Two Spirit Powwows are the expression of healing, as dancing is and the unity of Two Spirit peoples. The powwow will be the conclusion of the project itself, we are planning to have an awesome time throughout the month of February! *Our first two events will be Bystander Training (Wed., Jan. 31, 2018 @ Minoka Hall, 12-3PM) and Safe Zone Training (Fri., Feb. 2, 2018 @ Minoka Hall, 12-3PM).

In all, this grant is a mere celebration, remembrance, and shift of our self-determination as a tribal college/university, but as tribal citizens whom represent well-over 140 tribal nations across the country. I hope that the fruition of this grant will send the message that we are here. We have been revered and recognized in form or another from our family, community, and tribal nation / tradition / stories. Also, I hope everyone whom attends our events leaves with some new knowledge, questions, and comes from a place of l o v e. I would like to thank Haskell Indian Nations University for hosting our events and AICF for sponsoring, ahé'hee' laa (thank you much)!

-This is for the ones whom have gone on, the ones fighting on, #MMIWM, the Haskell babies, the Haskell kids who wrote a letter so they could dance, and to my relations – Shímá ayoo aninishní, I am who I am because of you. –B

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Haskell 2018 Basketball

Pictures By Michael Behay



Justina Coriz posing with her Mother



Kelli Warrior

Haskell Women's Basketball finished the last home game of season with a win over Avila University 71-62. Sophomore Janee Bates had 19 points in the game with Senior Keli Warrior at 14 points. The win marked Haskell coach Shane Flanagan's (Taos Pueblo) 100th win at Haskell, congratulations!

The team also hosted a senior night send off to two players Keli Warrior, Ponca and Justina Coriz, Cochiti Pueblo. Great job ladies, thank you for your time playing for Haskell.

In a previous home game with conference rival College of the Ozarks, Haskell lost 65-52. Freshman Tiana Guillory led Haskell with 14 points. Senior Keli Warrior had 11 points with 8 rebounds.

With the loss Haskell is at 3-1 in the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) Conference.

On the men's side, the team beat College of the Ozarks 84-76. Senior Keith Moore led the team in scoring with 19 points and 6 rebounds. Sophomore Tristan Keah-Tigh had 18 points and 4 rebounds.

The win put Haskell at 2-0 in the A.I.I Conference standings. The next home game will be against Ottawa University Feb. 6th.

Haskell's AIHEC hand game team traveled to Nebraska to get practice in with Little Priest Tribal college. Little Priest was the 2017 AIHEC hand game champions



pictures by Michael Begay



Haskell Indian Nations University Men's Basketball player Nakia Hendricks and Women's Basketball player Keli Warrior named A.I.I. Player of The Week

Haskell Indian Nations University Senior Forward Keli Warrior was named the first A.I.I. Womens basketball Player of the Week for the 2018 portion of the season. The White Eagle, Oklahoma native scored 22 points on 11 of 15 shots in a 90-63 blowout against Crowley's Ridge College in the opener of the CAM Jam Classic. She added 15 more points and 8 rebounds in the 72-63 victory over Philander Smith College

In the Classic, the 6-foot-1 Forward averaged 18.5 points and nailed 7 rebounds while scoring 17 out of 23 field goal attempts



Photos by Michael Begay

Stories by Hunter Hotulke

Haskell Men's Basketball player Nakia Hendricks was named the A.I.I. Men's Player of the week. Nakia started the New Year off with a bang averaging 16 points and 11.3 rebounds across three games. The sophomore from Mashpee, Massachusetts netted three double-figure scoring performances and averaged double figures in rebounds to average a significant double-double.

Nakia opened the season with an impressive 17 points scored and pulling 13 rebounds in a 102-94 overtime classic against Crowley's Ridge College in the opening game of the College of the Ozarks Classic. He continued by scoring 15 points and 9 rebounds in the following 80-75 victory against Grace Bible College in the two day event. Nakia had 16 points and 12 rebounds in the devastating home loss to Doane University. In all 3 games, the 6-Foot-7 forward made 20 of 34 field goal attempts and all seven free throws to round out his start of the season



February 2018 Comic by Tiffany Blevins



Tiff's 2Cents Column

By Tiffany Blevins

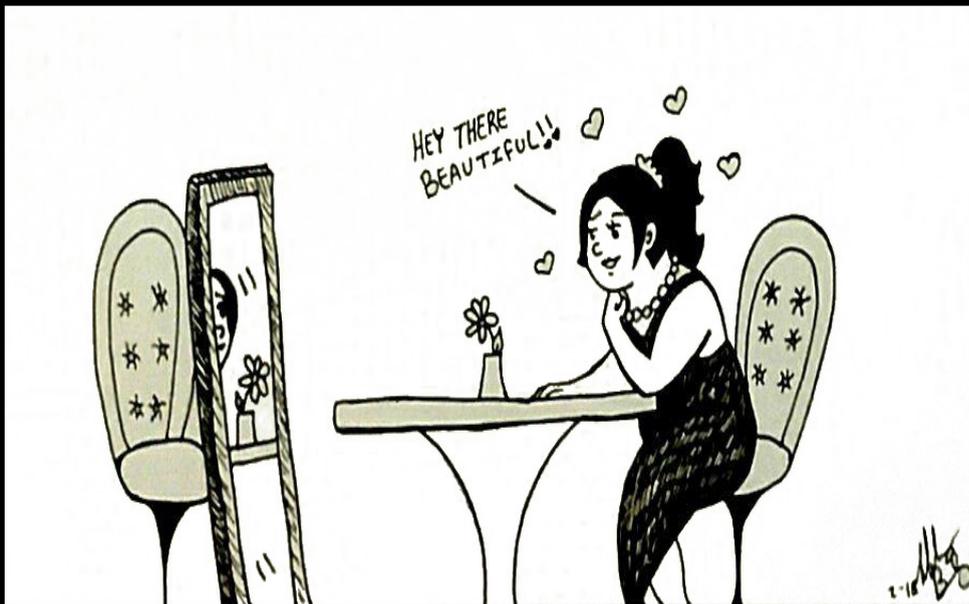
Love Thy Neighbor

..as thyself. The Golden Rule is the basis for many well known religions and philosophies in which to live a better life. However a lot of people only remember the "love thy neighbor part." I find that being loving towards my neighbor is a lot easier than loving myself. If my neighbors cold, I can get them a jacket. If my neighbor is thirsty or hungry I can get them food and drink. How am I suppose to suppose to love myself though? I think a lot of people don't know how to love themselves, especially while in college. Constantly pushing ourselves to succeed in our classes, trying desperately not to gain that "freshman" 15 (Its hard to eat right and exercise all 4 years, sorry kiddos), going out late into the night even though we are exhausted, in order to maintain a social life and judging ourselves the highest penalties we can imagine for not meeting the goals we've set. There are lots of ways that if we were looking at someones else's life, we'd more than likely tell them to slow down and everything would be okay. That they still matter and are important and will do better next time.

One of the most loving things we can do for ourselves is to treat ourselves like we treat other people. This means things like not being so harsh, being forgiving, and encouraging to ourselves. The Golden Rule is a good motto to live by, but we can't forget ourselves in that process.

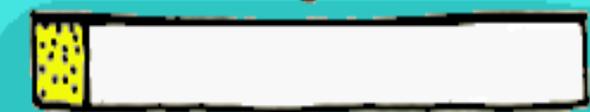
THE FIRST STEP TO LOVING OTHERS
IS TO FIRST LOVE YOURSELF.

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HASKELL TWO SPIRIT / LGBTQI+ GRANT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

HASKELL TWO SPIRIT

FEB 20 18

CELEBRATION MONTH

> WEEK 1: TWO SPIRIT INTRODUCTION WEEK
 JAN 31 - BYSTANDER TRNG. @ MINOKA HALL LOBBY, 12-3PM
 FEB 02 - SAFEZONE TRNG. @ MINOKA HALL LOBBY, 12-3PM
 + PROCLAMATION DAY

> WEEK 2: TWO SPIRIT AWARENESS WEEK
 FEB 5 - 9 - "HASKELL COMING OUT WEEK"
 FEB 07 - ART SHOW @ SEATTLE HALL, 4-7:30PM
 + HASKELL COMING OUT DAY: A DAY TO CELEBRATE & EMBRACE TWO SPIRIT IDENTITY
 FEB 8 - SLAM POETRY/OPEN MIC NIGHT @ TOMMONEY HALL (LIBRARY) TLC, 6-7:30PM
 FEB 9 - TWO SPIRIT MOVIE SCREENING @ HASKELL AUDITORIUM, 6-8PM

> WEEK 3: CAMPUS TWO SPIRIT EDUCATION WEEK
 FEB 14 - HEALTH & WELLNESS AWARENESS @ MINOKA HALL LOBBY, 12-3PM
 FEB 16 - TWO SPIRIT SPEAKER @ PARKER HALL RM. 110, 3-5PM

> WEEK 4: CAMPUS CELEBRATION OF TWO SPIRIT RELATIONS
 FEB. 21 - CULTURAL WORKSHOP + PANEL @ CURTIS HALL ROSE ROOM, 11AM-1PM
 FEB 23 - DRAG SHOW @ HASKELL AUDITORIUM, 6-8PM
 FEB 24 - "FIRST-EVER" HASKELL TWO SPIRIT POWWOW @ TECUMSEH HALL, 2PM-MIDNIGHT

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More Photos from the Professional Native American Athletes Panel



Dr. Robert Warrior, Osage, was the featured convocation speaker



Picture By Robert Hicks

ATTENTION STUDENTS

If you are interested in joining the Indian Leader team we are in need of writers, artists, and photographers

If you would like to be a part of the Indian Leader email us @ indian-leader10@gmail.com

Spring '18 Convocation

By

Chris Talkalai

Beginning another semester at Haskell, the school would like to welcome continuing students, and new students that joined the Haskell family.

Haskell hosts an annual convocation for new students. Everyone that attended this event, heard speeches from numerous people, including University of Kansas professor Dr. Robert Warrior giving a motivational speech to enjoy the spring semester. Warrior stated, "times like this, when we're all sitting here thinking...what is it that I can dream? What is it that I can do? What is it that I can be?"

Students also heard speeches from Stephen Prue, Tonia Salvini, Calvin Smith, Baron Hoy (Haskell Brave). Some students might ask what is convocation? Why attend it? Convocation is mostly about a large group of people that attends an assembly, and by attending it is mostly to inspire new students to have a good semester and welcome new faces on campus and show that Haskell is a great school to attend for our Indigenous people.



Haskell Women's Basketball team poses with Seniors on Seniors Night
Photo By Michael Begay