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## Haskell Women's Basketball Roster

21 Tiana Guillory

23 Justina Coriz

13 Paige Dale

33 Darrian Diwayan

20 Chloe Gunville

30 Nykki Benally

05 Janee Bates

22 Sierra Penn

44 Keli Warrior

1 Jandra Levi

3 Lexi Kimball

40 Devon Spoonhunter

35 Caylee Lujan

Managers: Alec Peehler and Jake White

Head Coach: Flanagan

Assistant Coach: John Morris

## One Game at a Time By Cody Vannaman

Congratulations to the Haskell women's basketball team who made it to post season play. They played in the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I) conference tournament Feb 24. Coach Flanagan (Head Coach) had a lot to say about his team. "We have enough talent, size, and young players that we really relied on this season. Our plan is obviously to win the next

game, but we want the culture of responsibility to represent the best way possible. We also have a motto, it's do everything to your best ability." When asked how he felt about his seniors, he responded with, "Keli Warrior is a big part in the process especially since she holds the record for most points here at Haskell, her and Justina Coriz don't overthink anything, they are playing in the here and now, and they are always doing better everyday."

Coach Flanagan talked about Paige Dale, a key player in their rotation, and if her being

Haskell Women's Basketball Team



injured affects

anything? He answered "It affects our rotation and having other players to play her position." He talked about how he feels about the girls, the team, and why the community should come and support them, he added with, "We have a great group of girls, we have

Keli who, like I said, is the leading scorer in Haskell, and we are a fun and exciting group to watch." Senior Justina Coriz had this to say, "Me and Keli are trying to make our last year the best it can be. We have to play one game at a time, we are trying to survive, but be on the lookout because you don't wanna miss anything." Tiana Guillory had this to say, "All the hard work throughout the

season has paid off big for us." Sophomore guard, Sierra Penn said, "I'm very excited to play with the teammates I have, I think we have a good chance at getting far."

Darrian Diwayan is quiet, but deadly down in the post, she

had this to say, "I'm not really nervous

to be playing in conference, just glad to be apart of a team." Janee Bates, sophomore guard and starter said, "We are a different team from last year, we gotta go to conference and do work. We have a good chance at winning." Number 30 Nykki Benally said, "Every team has to play in the tournament, so if we play our game no one can beat us."

Most of the girls had said they wished their seniors had another year to play with them. They all motivate each other in different ways, mainly through the game and the effort they put out. They are all very excited to be playing

in conference and happy they got the two seed. Unfortunately the ladies did not advance to the national tournament, but they had a great season again for the Haskell community.

# Haskell Two Spirit Drag Show

by Chris Talkalai

Haskell hosted its first ever two spirit drag show. During the last week of two spirit month, Carrie Cornelias, and Bry Smiley hosted the two spirit drag show for two spirit people reclaiming two spirit identities at the Haskell auditorium. Performances by Bry Smiley and Darla Harrison, with additional speeches from Haskell students explaining how difficult it is living on campus and how others treat them at any scenery. These speeches influenced people who attended the show and gave them advice on how to treat every LGBTQI person as equal to others, and inspiring others about embracing difficult changes. After the show, a few people gave their thoughts on the event. One question that was asked was, “How do you feel the two spirit month contributed to Haskell?” Two spirit comedian, and former Haskell student, Charlie Ballard said, “the two spirit movement has come a long way, so it feels good to see student activism, students wanting to take part and that’s what it’s all about.” Also Haskell student, Alejandra Gonzales stated, “I think it really brought in a lot of peoples’ mind and opened their perception about what LGBTQI is, and the two spirit community”. In retrospect, the last week events like the cultural workshop, safezone training, panel, drag show, and the two spirit powwow, the drag show, and powwow were the closing events that ended Haskell two spirit celebration month. During the two spirit month, many students participated in the events, and connected with the LGBTQI community. Students also listened to the two spirit speakers when they told their truth about the reality that they had to face and are still facing, but they also mentioned how to find good people that can accept the way you are. 2018, another new year for changes.



Bry Smiley



Haskell Students enjoying the events



Charlie Ballard



Darla Harrison speaks



Haskell Students  
donate money  
(Top and Bottom)

## Haskell American Indian College Fund Student of the Year



Mr. Cody Lanyate has been selected as Haskell's 2018 American Indian College Fund Student of the Year. Mr. Lanyate is a senior at Haskell and is majoring in Environmental Science. He is an enrolled member of the Zuni Pueblo. In addition to his excellent academic resume, Mr. Lanyate was a member of the Haskell football in 2013, an intern Fitness Trainer, Eco-Ambassador and served an internship with the Zuni Fish & Wildlife Natural Resource Department. Mr. Lanyate has received numerous scholarships for his academic achievement while attending Haskell. His goal is to return to Zuni, New Mexico and work for his tribe's Conservation and Natural Resource Program. Congratulations to Mr. Cody Lanyate, Haskell's American Indian College Fund Student of the Year 2018.



By Tiffany Blevins

## Have You Ever...

... understood what “SPRING BREAK MEANS!”

AAAHHHHH!!!! I don't know if most instructors realize this or not, but the definition of a break according to google search engine is “a pause in work, or activity.” For most college students, spring break is a time for travel, to spend with family and friends, or to just take it easy and rest in preparation for the long uninterrupted 8 weeks to follow. Why on Earth would an instructor 1. Assign homework for over Spring Break or 2. Start a new topic the week before spring break. Honestly are any of us going to remember to do our homework, or what we learn? I know for me personally the



week before Spring Break is a time of excitement. Literally counting down the minutes until my much needed rest occurs. I do not know why I get excited anymore about Spring Break. I do not think in the last 7 years of my school life (It's a complicated story, I might share it some time lol ) that I have ever had a Spring Break that was not bogged down by the looming thoughts of homework and “what page were we on again?” I really feel it should be a requirement to not start a new subject before spring break, or to use the week before spring break as a sort of “catch up week.” 5 Days to get in all that late work, or work on some scholarships, maybe even just do some one on one meeting with instructors/advisors for evaluation of classes. Just Something that let's us students actually use Spring Break for it's intended purposes. If I know me well, and I think I do, my mind will be on Spring Break waaay before it actually starts.

# Team 155! Travels Deep Into Kiowa Country

by Kayla Bointy

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Team 155! The Haskell AIHEC Handgame Team, traveled to Carnegie, Oklahoma and entered a Traditional Kiowa-style Handgame . The Birthday Handgame was held in Honor of two Kiowa elders Vera (Cozad) Buffalomeat and Lewis Cozad. The team was greeted with warm welcomes from Haskell Alumni and the locals, and enjoyed excellent traditional foods. Over all Team 155 placed 4<sup>th</sup> , however did not go home empty handed, after the hosts and elders learned that Haskell Students alongside their Captains Robin and Jeremy Shield raised money on their own and rented vans out of their own pocket to travel down ; The team and Captain Jeremey Shield were honored , blessed , and gifted a grocery basket (a customary gift for travelers). As well as being invited back to Oklahoma to play again.



# Haskell History was made on February 24<sup>th</sup>

By Kayla Bointy

First-Ever Haskell Two-Spirit Powwow was held in Tecumseh Hall. The Indian Leader took to the crowd on their opinion of the turnout . For the first-ever Haskell Two-spirit Powwow ; what is your opinion on the success? Do you think there will be another? Should the Haskell student body make an effort to carry on this legacy? ...What are your thoughts?

Miss Haskell Caroline Wiseman :

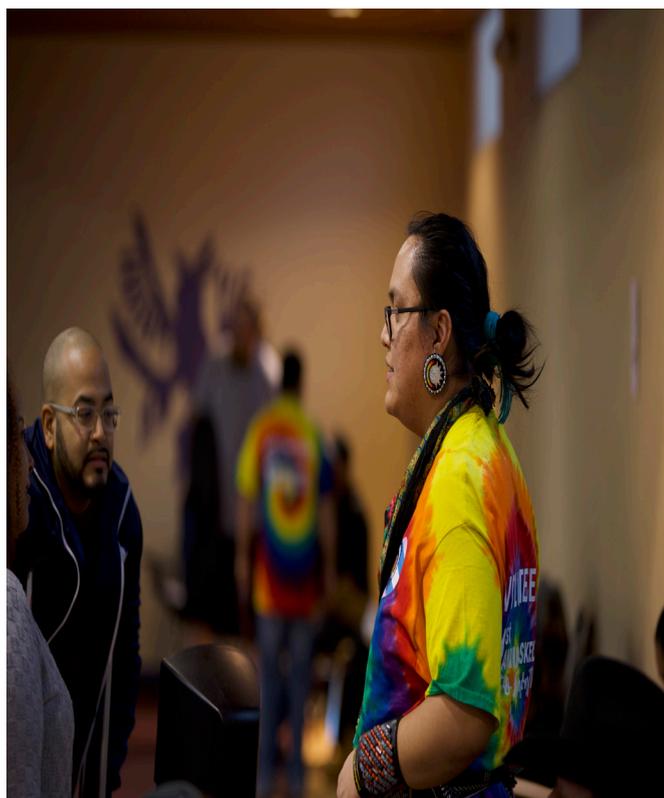
“Personally I had never been to a noncompetition powwow, and I loved the environment of the two-spirit Powwow! It was homey, safe, and inviting! I met people from all over, the diversity there was beautiful! I would say it was a very successful powwow. I hope there is another! It would be a shame if there wasn't because of how successful this powwow was. But it would have to be Student led, which is possible because this one was. That Student is graduating, but I feel that this powwow was so well attended, empowering, and uplifting, I think Students will carry on its legacy. ONWARD HASKELL!”

FancyShawl Dancer and Sophomore Ra'el Wilbur states :

“ I thought it was very successful by the way it was organized, you could tell Bry had everything on time and made the entire community feel welcome.. Especially when it came to grand entry time, because normally Haskell Powwows don't start exactly when they say it will , and then Bry comes in with the Two-Spirit Powwow exactly how he said it was going to be. I hope they have another Two-Spirit Powwow planned for the future, because Haskell is a very rich cultural campus and having these events is a great way of bringing the student body and community together. It also encourages the students to be connected to their cultural roots, even though some tribes have different practices, its still a great way to get them involved and be proud of who they are as an Indigenous person.”

Student Worker and Junior , Randy Nagitsy :

“I would have to say... the success showed in the number of Alumni who attended and showed their support. Hearing those gay/ lesbian/ two spirit alumni response on social media , as well as their emotional response , people cried ,and I believe that shows it was a form of healing in its own ... It would be nice if there could be another Two-Spirit powwow but it would take a combination of student will, hard work and acceptance from the student body as well as the community. I believe that's why Two-Spirit month was so successful due to Bry (Asmaali) Library Carrie and (Elizabeth ) Towey who actually kept on their agenda , had an itemized list on how to execute each component of educating and healing . I think my favorite part of the two spirit event would be the Dine' speaker spoke of his relationship with his fiancé , and how in the state of Arizona their marriage would be recognized, however the Navajo Nation , due to the Dine' Act of 2005 prohibits them from getting married. That was a bit of an eye-opener because you have a state that's willing to acknowledge same sex marriage but even within in our own tribal nations , (I believe its twelve tribes who prohibit same sex marriage and the Dine' Nation is one of them ) some tribes who wont let go of their own colonial mindsets... in order to carry on the legacy of what we witnessed this past month, the responsibility lies within the two spirit community. Bry really laid the blueprint for future Haskell students who take the initiative to carry on ,but I believe it can be done”



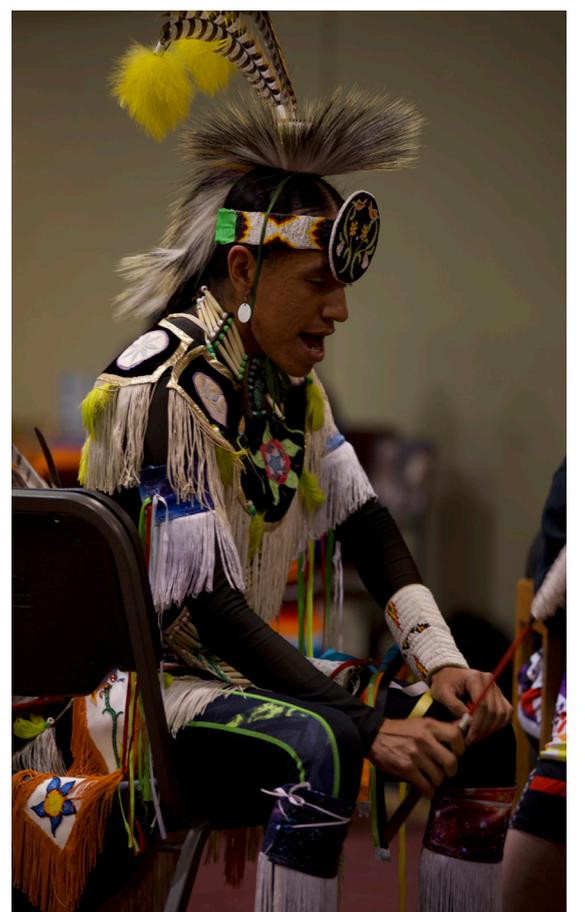
Bry Smiley



Caroline Wiseman speaking to students

# More Photos from Two Spirit Pow-wow

Photos by Michael Begay



# Celebrating Sacred Ground

March 12-15<sup>th</sup>

Curtis Hall

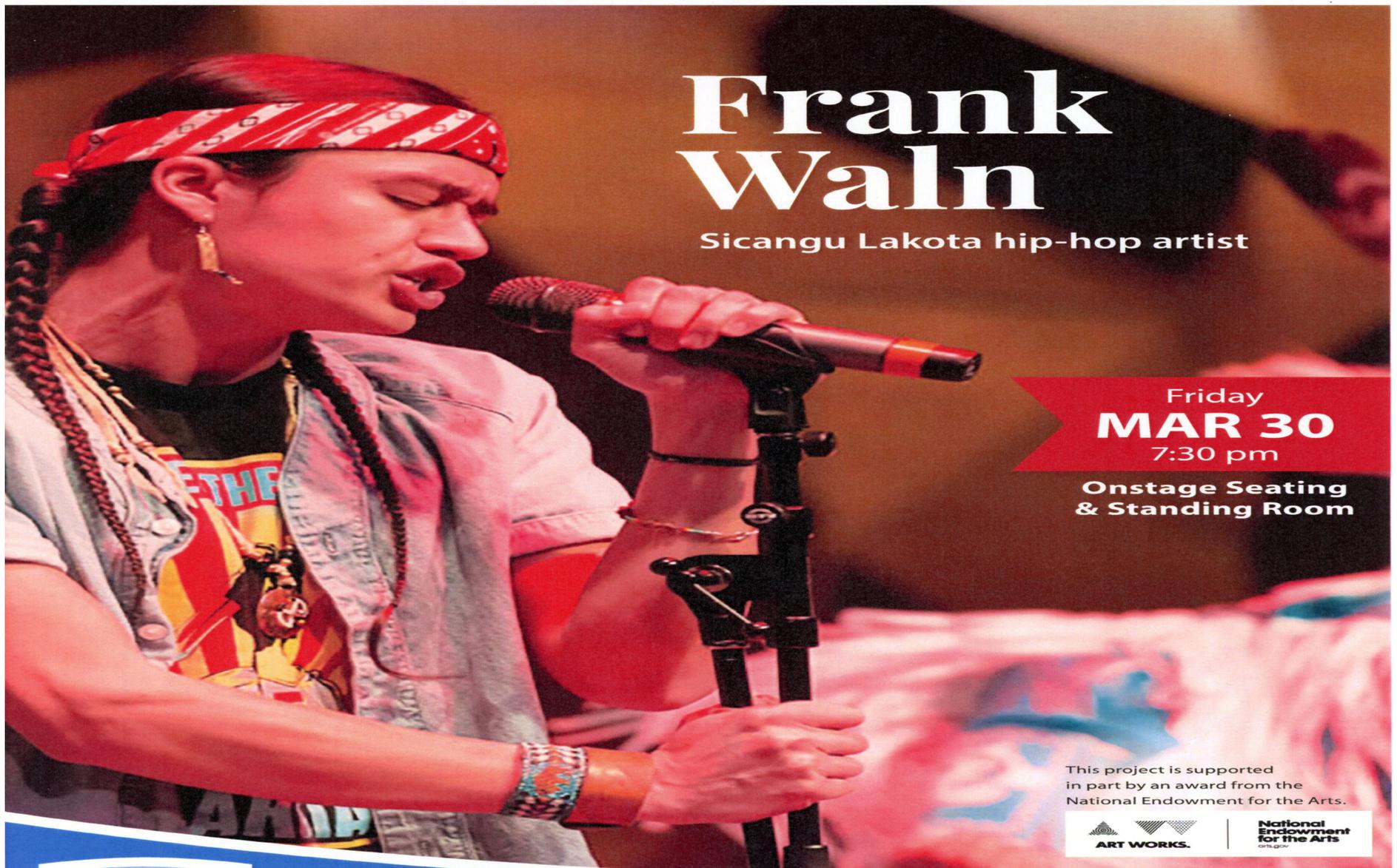
4:30-6pm



- o 4-day event during evening meal times
- o Featuring Cultural, Health and Wellness
- o Door Prizes!

This is a collaborative effort sponsored by ICE (Integrity, Character and Ethics), Counseling Services, Haskell Lighthouse, Housing Department and Curtis Hall

ALL Students Welcome



# Frank Waln

Sicangu Lakota hip-hop artist

Friday  
**MAR 30**  
7:30 pm

Onstage Seating  
& Standing Room

This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.



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