



# AIHEC STUDENT CONGRESS SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

## Hello Indian Country!

The 2013-2014 ASC completed an ambitious and successful year with the following initiatives:

- In the spring of 2013, the ASC help plan and lead the SAIGE-AIHEC Student Leadership Conference in Spokane, WA. With their leadership, the partnership between SAIGE and AIHEC and the conference were a success for the TCUs and the 44 student participants and the government employees and speakers in attendance and AIHEC.
- In the summer of 2013, the ASC hosted a student sustainability workshop at the AIHEC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in Santa Fe, NM. They welcomed students and speakers from Tribal Colleges, foundations, tribal businesses, and other non-profit organizations to provide thoughts and ideas for the ASC 2014 initiative.
- In the fall of 2013, the leaders of the ASC finished and launched the new Online Student Resources Center, including an ASC webpage, and began work on two initiatives; one focuses on generating awareness for the multiple functions of AIHEC within the TCUs and the other focuses on supporting food sovereignty at the TCUs.
- In the winter of 2014, the ASC participated in the AIHEC winter meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. They learned more about advocacy and received firsthand experience working and communicating with their federal representatives.



## MEET YOUR AIHEC STUDENT CONGRESS OFFICERS

Being part of the ASC this year was a real honor to me because I was able to represent the student body for the tribal colleges. The ASC has given me the experience in working with the government, which has led me to pursue a job in working with the Navajo Nation government. It was great to learn about the history of AIHEC and all that it stands for, which makes me very proud to part of AIHEC. I would like to thank those who make the AIHEC Student Congress possible.

– ASC President Dwight Carlston



Left to right, top to bottom: President Dwight Carlston, Vice President Jamelyn Ebelacker, Secretary Charnell Yazzie, Northwest Representative Simon Aina, Sargent at Arms Leslie Brownrigg, Historian Myron Wanna Jr., Midwest Representative Robert LeDoux, Treasurer William Bass, and Southwest Representative Demetria Simms.

