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## ASC 2009-10 Accomplishments

First I want to congratulate the 2009-10 AIHEC Student Congress for your commitment. We had a strong core team that continually brought good energy to the table and welcomed new members as positions needed to be filled.

We had multiple accomplishments this past year, the development and publication of this newsletter being one of them. The publication provided a new avenue for members to have a voice and TCU's to stay informed.

Another major project was the annual summer leadership conference. We hosted 12 TCU's and 35 students at IAIA. The students were inspired by the speakers. A highlight was Rick William's presentation. I think we all took to heart his statement, "When you think about generations from now, the better leaders we have, the better it's going to be for our people. That's what this is about, it's about creating that future."

The leaders I had the opportunity to work with all are contributing to a new level of future leaders.

After the summer conference the officers got right to



work on planning the 2010 conference in an effort to improve participation. We moved beyond announcing the conference to distributing marketing materials that included the theme, location and the date of the conference.

The fall meeting accomplishments included review and amendment of our Constitution and bylaws, Fundraising and discussion about a proposed Code of Conduct.

I will fondly remember the ghost hunting and the stories shared about the Mount Washington, Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. The winter meeting had record participation from our TCU leaders. It is energizing to have a room full of young leaders eagerly participating in sharing ideas and challenges. Mentorship programs were addressed and students shared their challenges and successes they have had with implementing programs.

I look forward to the continued work on the Constitution and By-laws, Guiding Principles, and the website as ongoing projects of the ASC.

I thank all of the 2009-10 ASC officers for their service and allowing me the opportunity to work with them. I am confident that they will all go on to gift their communities with their dedication and service.

**Lynda Morrison, you will be missed Thank you for all your contributions to a successful year.**



# LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



## Leadership

1-Focus on the Strengths of your team

2-Provide opportunity to learn

3-Leaders work for their team, not the other way around

4-Good leaders know their strengths and limitations

Summer is a time for reflection, rejuvenation and planning. As I reflect on the ASC activities for 2009-10 I am overwhelmed with emotions. My life is continually blessed with the energy and commitment of the young leaders of our TCU's. Our leaders are mothers, fathers, caretakers, employees, but most of all students who are transforming. I get to witness the transformation of the ASC leaders. They are committed to helping their communities through mentor programs, tutoring, student government, cultural programs and through the AIHEC Student Congress. The ASC Student Leadership conference has been a place to learn, energize, and plan. I look forward getting to know our new officers and watching them get to know each other during the conference events. The students will learn more about themselves and their role as a leader and begin to build a foundation for the coming year. The strength of our foundation is found in the work of past officers; on the Constitution and By-laws, standardization of AIHEC competition rules, and website and social networking updates. The officers returning for a second term bring strength to our foundation. Blue, LaVinia, Lora and Orlando will bring consistency on our initiatives that will lead to success for our Tribal College and University students. Keep in mind who we are working for and the opportunity we have to make changes for the students. They are our people, our family and elders who guide us and enrich our world with culture. Like our mission says, we develop, support and encourage our students to achieve their spiritual, cultural, and educational goals.

This is the 25th anniversary of the ASC. It was established by Phil Baird of UTTC and Elaine Beaudreau of OLC as co-advisors in 1986. They worked with students to write the current governing documents defining the organizations purpose as advocate for the development and passage of appropriate legislation that supports American Indian post-secondary educational programs, implementing activities and networking with other TCU students. I look forward to celebrating the life and the future of this important organization.

In closing I would like to say Hy'shqe to the students for sharing yourselves and sacrificing to give to AIHEC and the students of our TCU's. I look forward to great things.



2010 Student Congress

Orlando Avery, LaVinia Snowball, Leila Northbird, Blue Tarpalechee, Lora Boome, Burdette Birdinground, JoLynn Leishman, Valerie Phair, and Bernard Havier

# ASC Advisors



## **Cindy Dodd**

Lummi Nation Tribal Member, NWIC Alumni, and NWIC Dean for Student Life

*AIHEC Student Congress is important*

*today for the impact it will have*

*tomorrow*

### **Past Achievements**

I am proud of my contributions to NWIC and AIHEC. As a student at NWIC in 1990 I served as the Vice-President of the Student Council and attended the AIHEC spring conference. The first year we attended we had never participated in the student competitions. The following year I helped to encourage all participants to enter at least one event and from that time on NWIC students have been strong competitors at AIHEC

### **Platform**

To be dedicated to all TCU student's success and continue to provide opportunity to unlock their leadership potential

### **Acknowledgements**

Thank you to NWIC for supporting my work with the AIHEC Student Congress. When I witness students try new things I get excited and motivated. Thank you to my family for putting up with my travel and work schedule. It can get crazy trying to fit everything in and maintain my commitments to my three beautiful daughters.

## **Carmen Henan**

Member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe from Fort Washakie, Wyoming  
Dean of Students for the Institute of American Indian Arts

### **Past Achievement**

As Dean of Students, I am proud of working with IAIA Student Government (ASG) and being a co-advisor to the AIHEC Student Congress with Cindy Dodd. I always look forward the annual AIHEC Spring Conference getting students organized and ready for competition. The Student Leadership Conference has been held the past three years on the IAIA campus and I've been honored to be on the planning committee in organizing this event in Santa Fe, NM.

### **Platform**

I look forward to working with the newly elected AIHEC Student Congress this coming academic year on their goals they have set for themselves. I encourage the Student Congress to network, learn from each other and take what they learn back to their campus to help their student governments. I would like to see the ASC officers and regional representatives encourage and support future leaders in their communities.

### **Acknowledgements**

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HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM**

## **STUDENT CONGRESS**

**The Mission of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Congress is to develop, support and encourage Native American communities and students of the AIHEC Tribal Colleges and Universities to achieve their spiritual, cultural, educational goals and needs.**

**Representing the students of the 35  
Tribal Colleges and Universities**



## **FALL MEETING**

Announcing the AIHEC Student Congress Fall meeting.

Once again the AIHEC fall meeting will be held in conjunction with 2010 NIEA conference. This year NIEA is scheduled at the San Diego Town and Country Resort and Convention Center October 7-10.

The fall meeting is scheduled October 5 - 7th at the Resort and Convention Center.

Tribal College and University Student Representatives

are encouraged to attend.

Agenda items include:

Updates on Current initiatives:

Website update and using



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technology to communicate with TCU's, Guiding Principles, moving forward with updates to the Constitution and By-laws, planning the winter meeting and Spring Conference and much more.

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