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Nez-Lizer Administration congratulates Navajo recipients of the 2019 NTEC Scholarship award



PHOTO: President Jonathan Nez with the recipients of the 2019 Navajo Transitional Energy Company Scholarship in Farmington, N.M. on Aug. 1, 2019.

FARMINGTON, N.M. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez had the honor of delivering a congratulatory message to the recipients, and their families, of the 2019 Navajo Transitional Energy Company Scholarship, which is awarded to Navajo students majoring in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or math during an awards luncheon hosted by NTEC on Thursday.

Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC is the owner of Navajo Mine, located south of Fruitland, New Mexico on the Navajo Nation. In addition to NTEC's scholarship program, NTEC contributes

more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds each year for Navajo students to Diné College, Navajo Technical University, and Navajo chapters associated with Navajo Mine.

In his message to the students, President Nez spoke about the importance of persevering through adversity to succeed in life and in order to give back to their communities and the Navajo Nation.

“As you go through life you’ll go through hard times and challenges, but it’s important to remember the words and teachings of our elders. As Diné people, we have many stories of resilience and it’s important that we honor our ancestors by overcoming hard times,” stated President Nez.

He also encouraged the students to return to their communities to help “build our Nation” through the academic and work experience they gain. President Nez also thanked the parents, grandparents, and teachers for supporting and guiding the students to this point.

In the second year of the scholarship program, NTEC is awarding 31 students based on academic performance and field of study. Applicants are also required to be registered with a Navajo chapter and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in college.

President Nez joined NTEC CEO Clark Moseley and NTEC Education Coordinator Nathan Tohtsoni in presenting the scholarship recipients with a certificate of achievement from NTEC. Several parents of the recipients also attended in place of the students who were unable to attend Thursday’s luncheon.

President Nez also spoke about the Nez-Lizer Administration’s initiative to set aside \$50 million to create new and innovative scholarship opportunities that will also allow college graduates to return home to serve the Navajo Nation once they complete their degree program.

Although Vice President Myron Lizer was not able to attend due to a prior engagement, he offered his appreciation to the families and recognized the students for their outstanding academic achievements.

“When it comes to setting an example for your fellow classmates and colleagues, you are all great role models. We will continue to hold you and your families in our prayers as you move forward with your educational pursuits,” Vice President Lizer stated.

Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown of the 24th Navajo Nation Council also spoke at the event and congratulated the students and their families while offering words of encouragement and appreciation.

The Nez-Lizer Administration thanks the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LCC for supporting Navajo students and their families through scholarship funding.

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