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Grand Opening of New Student Union Building, Tour of New Family Housing Units Scheduled at Diné College

TSAILE, Ariz. — Diné College is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new Student Union Building (SUB) and the opening of its new Family Housing Units.

Diné College will host a **Grand Opening Celebration** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015, in Tsaile**. The event will feature guest speakers, entertainment, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, lunch and tours of the new facilities.

The schedule of events includes:

10 a.m.	Posting of Colors, Invocation
10:20 a.m.	A Welcome Address by President Maggie George
10:30 a.m.	Background and Project History by Claude Sandoval, Facilities Manager
10:45 a.m.	Keynote Speaker—Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez
11:15 a.m.	Special Address by Hon. Jonathan Hale, Chairman of the Health, Education & Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
11:35 a.m.	Closing Remarks by Abraham Bitok
11:55 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
12 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m.	Tours of facilities

The Student Union Building on the main campus in Tsaile has undergone major renovations in the last year totaling more than \$2.1 million. The facility is centrally-located in the college's central campus in Tsaile, and is physically located adjacent to the cafeteria and the gymnasium.

The SUB is a prioritized project according to the college's Capital Improvement and Investment Plan, which is a five-year plan prioritizing renovation and new construction across its multi-campus system. The SUB is ranked as Phase I and is a top priority based on the level of services it provides to students and for its contribution to helping shape a quality learning environment.

The scope of the renovation includes the creation of a one-stop shop for student services with offices for admissions and recruitment, financial aid, registrar and student advising.

Private counseling rooms are also provided within this office space, as well as a student waiting area.

The renovation also includes a new learning center that will provide computer stations for students, copy and print services, and a supervised testing area for students. Student study spaces are also part of the planned renovation, along with renovation of an adjacent student gathering space, upgraded restroom facilities, and a redesigned East entrance with ADA access and graded walkways.

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