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Navajo Technical University opens Chinle Academic Facility



PHOTO: Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Technical University Board of Regents and administrators, 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegates Eugene Tso and Kee Allen Begay, Jr., and Arizona State Rep. Arlando Teller during the NTU Chinle Academic Facility ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 3, 2020 in Chinle, Ariz.

CHINLE, Ariz. – On Thursday, Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer offered his appreciation and support for Navajo Technical University (NTU) during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new Chinle Academic Facility in Chinle, Arizona.

Vice President Lizer was joined by NTU Board of Regents Tom Platero, Dr. Delores Greyeyes, Dr. Carolyn Morris, Roselyn John, Gloria Grant, Roland Begaye, NTU President Dr. Elmer Guy, Vice President Jason Arviso, NTU administrators, 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegates Eugene Tso and Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Arizona State Rep. Arlando Teller, and residents to mark the completion of the NTU Chinle campus.

"We're honored to join Navajo Technical University leadership and students today to celebrate another milestone. The University offers some of the best higher education programs for Navajo and Native American students. The new site will provide the local community of Chinle and surrounding communities with more pathways to higher education," said Vice President Lizer.

Navajo Technical University's mission is to provide college readiness programs, certificates, associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees. Students, faculty, and staff provide value to the Diné community through research, community engagement, service-learning, and activities designed to foster cultural and environmental preservation and sustainable economic development. The University is committed to high quality, student-oriented, hands-on-learning environment based on the Diné cultural principles: Nitsáhákees, Nahat' á, Iná, Sih Hasin.



PHOTO: Navajo Technical University Chinle Academic Facility.

Construction of the 6,000 square-foot facility began in 2017 along Navajo Route 102 and State Highway 191, approximately one mile south of the Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility.

"The Navajo Technical University has made enormous strides to serve Navajo communities since their establishment. Our tribal colleges on the Navajo Nation consider a community-based, student-centered, and holistic approaches to education and student support, making our higher educational institutes remarkable. They are also driven by our Navajo culture and tradition to help students succeed," said President Jonathan Nez, who attended the groundbreaking in 2017.

According to NTU President Dr. Elmer Guy, the facility will contribute to professionals' continuous demand across the country and the Navajo Nation. He explains that the new site reflects the positivity of growth and development and provides a quality environment so students can obtain careers in the ever-advancing fields of arts, science, business, and technology.

"The Nez-Lizer Administration commends all the hard-working staff members of Navajo Technical University and Chinle's community to collaborate and make the road to higher education success for Navajo students and families during the COVID-19 pandemic," added Vice President Lizer.

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