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Navajo Technical University breaks ground on new Academic Building



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez with Navajo Technical University Board of Regents and members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council during the groundbreaking ceremony in Crownpoint, N.M. on Nov. 29, 2021.

CROWNPOINT N.M. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez joined Navajo Technical University Board of Regents members Tom Platero, Dr. Delores Greyeyes, and Roselyn John, NTU President Dr. Elmer Guy, and students on Monday, as the university held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Academic Building that will be home to new classrooms and office spaces at the NTU campus in Crownpoint, N.M. 24th Navajo Nation Council’s Health, Education, and Human Services Committee members were also in attendance including chair Daniel Tso and Council Delegates Paul Begay and Edison Wauneka.

The new 27,000 square-foot facility will house 13 classrooms, two vocational classrooms for computer-based programs, and 14 faculty offices. The academic center, funded through the New

Mexico Higher Education Department and Navajo Technical University, will also include state of the art tech spaces for students, WiFi access, and charging stations for laptops.

“This is a big step forward for Navajo Technical University and the Crownpoint community. We are very proud of the collaborative work that is being done to build NTU’s capacity to educate and empower more Diné students. The new academic facility will serve to further develop and advance the minds of our young people and help to build our Nation. We have many bright and intelligent Navajo people, who simply need a hand up when it comes to getting the resources they need to pursue and complete their educational goals. We congratulate NTU President Dr. Guy, the Board of Regents, all of the staff members, and students for their hard work and success,” said President Nez.

The project will continue to fulfill Navajo Technical University's vision statement that includes providing “an excellent educational experience in a supportive, culturally diverse environment, enabling all community members to grow intellectually, culturally, and economically.”

“Navajo Technical University has made enormous strides to serve Navajo communities and to provide higher educational opportunities close to home for our students. The growth and expansion of NTU on all levels is inspiring for our Nation and our youth. We commend NTU for their great work and commitment to uplifting our youth and building a brighter future for our people,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

NTU President Dr. Guy stated, “We are very excited to begin construction of the new academic building at our main campus. The building will serve as the center of teaching and learning for our NTU students and faculty and will foster advancements that are critical to NTU program development. The new academic building will be LEED-certified demonstrating our commitment to do our part to protect the environment. We look forward to continued growth and support for our university.”

Construction of the new Academic Building is expected to be completed by December 2023. The Nez-Lizer Administration thanks Navajo Technical University’s Board of Regents, President Dr. Elmer Guy, and all of the staff members, students, and supporters.

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