

# THE SKYHAWK SCRATCH



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## WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION!

NTU was recognized as one of the Best Colleges in New Mexico in 2018 according to BestColleges.com, a leading provider of higher education research and college planning resources. The ranking highlights accredited, not-for-profit institutions who have developed affordable, accessible, and quality academic programs for students seeking to advance their knowledge, skills, and career. NTU was third in the ranking behind Eastern New Mexico University and New Mexico State University.

BestColleges.com's ranking uses a methodology in statistical data compiled from Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and College Navigator, both of which are hosted by the National Center for Education Statistics. The aim is to objectively assess relative quality based on academic outcomes, affordability, and the breadth and depth of online learning opportunities.



## NTU receives HLC approval for Pueblo of Zuni site

Navajo Technical University was granted approval by the Higher Learning Commission to open an additional instructional site in Zuni, NM. Officials propose operations of NTU-Pueblo of Zuni to begin in spring 2019 and will offer courses in counseling, construction technology and early childhood education.

“This is a unique partnership and we want to thank the Pueblo of Zuni and their leadership for the hospitality and collaboration to bring NTU to their community,” explained President Dr. Elmer J. Guy. “As we graduate more students from our homelands, we envision them creating pathways to resources and opportunities to improve all areas of tribal communities. This partnership with the Pueblo of Zuni creates a learning space with numerous benefits gained by both entities.”

The site presents the likelihood for the Pueblo of Zuni to eventually adopt the instructional site as their own tribally controlled educational institution and eventually join the 37 tribal college and universities as recognized by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Previously, the Zuni location was occupied as a satellite location of the University of New Mexico.

“The instructional site will give nearby community members access to quality higher education that is very inexpensive,” explained Dean of Instruction Dr. Casimir Abaraji. “As the campus site develops, new courses and perhaps specific programs will become available. These are the long term goals we are collaborating on with the leaders of the Zuni governance.”

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## NTU RUNNER FINISHES 12th AT USCAA CROSS COUNTRY NATIONALS, EARNS ALL AMERICAN STATUS

NTU graduate Clifford Andersen (pictured right) finished 12th at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association's national cross country meet, earning second team All American accolades. Andersen's stellar race contributed to an 11th place finish for the Skyhawks, the highest finish for the team in the last five years.

“They trained hard,” stated cross country coach Leonard Lee of Shiprock, NM. “The whole point was to have confidence, believe in themselves, and to cross the finish line. They're coachable, which is what I like. That's every coach's dream.”



Clifford Andersen was the highest finisher in NTU school history at the USCAA's national cross country championships.

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## THE FUTURE IS FUNDED FOR NAVAJO TECH'S CENTER FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Navajo Technical University was awarded a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to establish the NTU Center for Advanced Manufacturing. The funding ensures a solid foundation for the Center's future, whose focus will include enhancing education, fostering research, and stimulating economic development.

"The goal for the Center is to provide opportunities for students so they can learn and gain experience in a working environment," explained director of NTU's Center for Digital Technologies H. Scott Halliday, who was instrumental of the development of NTU's Bachelor of Applied Science degree in advanced manufacturing. "We also plan to elevate the Center's research capabilities, and provide metrology and testing services to industry and other institutions."

Halliday expects the Center will appeal

to visiting researchers, which he hopes to leverage into increasing NTU's academic partners. Several universities have already made a commitment to collaborate with NTU, including: University of Nebraska's Mechanical and Materials Engineering department; the University of Utah's Multiscale Mechanics & Materials Laboratory; the Colorado School of Mines; and Montana Technological University.

The Center will focus on 3D modeling and simulation, polymer and metal additive manufacturing, and advanced manufacturing post processing techniques. It will also focus on materials testing and characterization, and metrology. NTU was awarded a \$1 million grant by the U.S. Department of Commerce with matching funds of \$1.5 million from the Navajo Nation to build a metrology and materials testing center.

## ZUNI (from page 1)

The extension of NTU's services to the Pueblo of Zuni also opens up higher education opportunities to rural communities in the southern portion of the Navajo Nation's Eastern Agency. The communities of Ramah, Vanderwagon, Manuelito, Breadsprings, Red Rock, and Chichiltah are expected to have representation at the site's grand opening on January 29, 2019.



*Pueblo of Zuni Governor Val R. Panteah, Sr. and NTU President Dr. Elmer Jr. Guy sign a MOU that will establish the A'Shiwi College & Career Readiness Center as an instructional site of NTU on Aug. 27, 2018.*

Earlier in the year, the university also partnered with Bond Wilson Technical Center in Kirtland, NM to open an Early College Academy for dual credit students. The site will open to the general public in the spring with courses in general education, baking, cooking and culinary arts, construction technology/carpentry, early childhood multicultural education, industrial maintenance and operations, Diné studies, and welding.

To learn more about Navajo Technical University and its degree programs, cost, and fees, visit [www.navajotech.edu](http://www.navajotech.edu) or call (505) 786-4100.

# NEXT LEVEL Growth

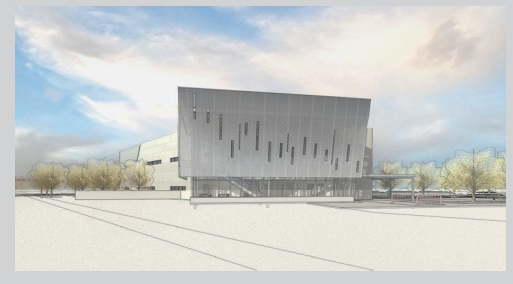
Construction projects at NTU with projected completion dates.

## STUDENT HOUSING Crownpoint



Fall 2020

Spring 2020



## ACADEMIC BUILDING Chinle



## ALL AMERICAN (from page 1)

The team had to buy in to Lee's running philosophy, which emphasized core strength and foot work. "When I first got here, they didn't know how to run," explained Lee. "Every day we built strength and learned how to pace ourselves. I said, 'You're either going to let the race go by you or you're going to train harder. Whatever you do, don't slow down. Make sure you feel your speed and trust your legs.'"

The training paid off for the Skyhawks team, who had each of their runners' place in the top 100. Lee saw a growth in the team as the season progressed, and running sprints and hills became easy.

"The first day we met, he knew I was an All American," recalled Andersen, who is from the Pine Ridge Reservation. "Coach showed me the right way to run. Everything he taught us, I used it."

Andersen came on strong toward the end of the season after finishing last year's national meet in 73rd place. His season took a turn this year at the Tom Strandt Memorial at Fort Lewis College when he finished 27th at the race with a time of 32:00:00 minutes. He followed up the race with an 11th place finish at the Embry-Riddle Meet in Prescott, AZ and then taking first at NTU's home invitational.

"The most important thing I learned in this whole process is to believe in myself more," explained Andersen. "[This race] represents all the hard work I put in during the season. If you put in hard work, it will show, and that's what coach was trying to teach us."



## ELEVEN INSTRUCTORS COMPLETE SL101 AT NTU'S CROWNPOINT CAMPUS

Eleven instructors at Navajo Technical University recently completed a professional development course on academic program planning and improvement at NTU's Crownpoint Campus. The course was called SL101: Training Course for Academic Program Designers. It was taught by Daniel McLaughlin, student learning consultant, from Albuquerque, NM.

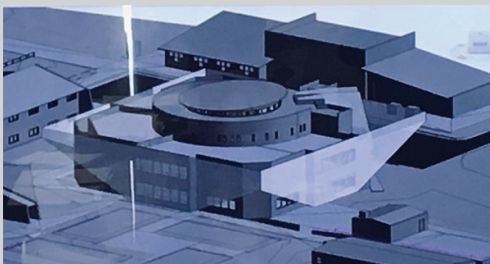
The course offered a step-by-step approach to academic planning and meaningful assessment. The emphasis was on effective learning outcomes, curriculum design, measures, learning targets, and online tools for data management. There were four sessions that took place on Friday mornings at NTU's Crownpoint Campus. Course completers received certificates of achievement at the last session, on November 16, 2018. When asked what she learned, one instructor said, "Keep assessment simple. Use assessments for evaluation and reflection."

Another stated, "I learned the importance of program assessment. It starts with clear, concise student learning outcomes, which are aligned to direct measures. Overall, it's about getting results and using the results to improve the program and student learning."



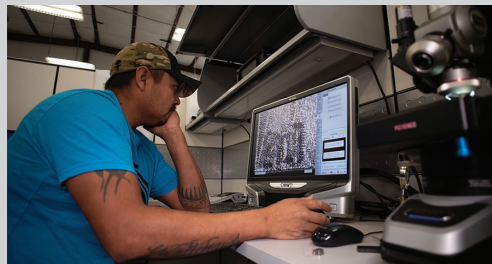
Future courses on Academic Program Design and Assessment will be offered at NTU's Crownpoint and Chinle Campuses in spring, 2019. For more information, contact Daniel McLaughlin, at [dmclaughlin@navajotech.edu](mailto:dmclaughlin@navajotech.edu).

## ACADEMIC BUILDING Crownpoint



2021-2022

## Spring 2020



## METROLOGY BUILDING Crownpoint

## WET LABS Crownpoint



Completed Fall 2018

# "MAKING IT TO THE FINISH LINE" EMERGENCY AID



## APPLY FOR **EMERGENCY AID** TODAY.

NTU is pleased to announce we will be implementing another year of our EMERGENCY AID program to assist students at risk of dropping out of college due to unexpected financial emergencies. NTU is hoping this assistance will help students persist and meet their educational goals. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full time, have a student email account, and provide documentation of the financial emergency, such as an invoice/quote. Below are eligible and ineligible expenses under the Emergency Aid program:

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Child Care
- Food/Meals
- Gas
- Housing/Rent
- Medical/Dental Expenses
- Personal Automobile Expenses
- Public Transportation
- Utilities

### INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Books
- Entertainment Expenses
- Fees
- Tobacco/Alcohol
- Tuition
- Other Non-Emergency Type of Expenses

**Eligible students may be awarded up to \$1,000 based on need!**

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Navajo Technical University Presents

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Earn 9 college credits in english, math, and college success courses.

Applications  
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Gain leadership skills to help you in college and beyond.  
Grow your cultural knowledge and visit various points of interest on Navajo Nation.



For more information, contact the Dean of Student Services at jhenry@navajotech.edu or call (505)786-4310.

## A NEW KIND OF CLASSROOM FOR A NEW KIND OF STUDENT



The Industrial Maintenance Operations Program offered through APS, Navajo Technical University and Central Consolidated School District allows high school students to gain innovative, hands-on industry experience that will prepare them for careers in many different areas. This program exposes CCSD students to valuable experience in rig equipment, welding, safety and other areas. Classroom sessions are housed in the new Bond Wilson Technical Center in Kirtland while students are taken to the Four Corners Power Plant in Fruitland to receive hands-on training.

The IMO program is open to Shiprock High School, Kirtland High School, Newcomb High School and Career Prep High School students. Call your school counselor to sign up today!

