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FPCC Press Release:

“FPCC Students represent at SAIGE”

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Student Leadership Conference is part of AIHEC (American Indian Higher education Association) and is one of four conferences open to Native Americans in Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU's). SAIGE will hold its 11th annual National Training Program, *Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever*, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 9-13, 2014. The training provides forums on the most current issues, opportunities, and challenges facing American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) government employees, the AI/AN tribes.

45 TCU students will attend the upcoming SAIGE conference from various TCUs, including AIHEC Student Congress members that are comprised of elected representatives. Two students were chosen from Fort Peck Community College, David James & O'Dale Brown, both of which are Student Senate leaders and recent esteemed graduates from FPCC. Both students will receive valuable experience and FPCC looks forward to the perspective each will bring back to the community.

“The reason I chose to apply for this conference is for the leadership workshops, career fairs and networking opportunities in which to enhance my leadership abilities for future use in a leadership position in a Tribal business, Tribal Government or as a US Government employee” – David James.

“My future hopes and aspirations include managing social change and forming rapport with colleagues in the field of Law & Justice while continuing to research and experiment within the field of science and engineering. This includes my short-term goal of graduating with a Bachelors of Science in Engineering. I hope to eventually educate at the college levels. I am excited to give back to my college, Fort Peck Community College” – O'Dale Brown.

In other news, during the recent honoring of the Fort Peck Code Talkers, the FPCC Blue Stone Indian Club and Culture Committee prepared one buffalo (from Yellowstone) and one steer for the event. A pit was dug and the roasts were wrapped in tinfoil and chicken wire then set on top of red hot coals for 24 hours. Boiling meet stew and frybread were also provided.

The FPCC Blue Stone Indian Club and Culture Committee are honored to take part in preparing and serving a few of the traditional foods during such momentous time for the families of the Code Talkers being honored.

