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GIVE US HEARTS TO UNDERSTAND

**Never to take from our
creation's beauty more
than we give;**

**Never to destroy wantonly
for furtherance of greed;**

**Never to deny to give our
hands for the building of
earth's beauty;**

**Never to take from her
what we cannot use.**

~Lakota Prayer~

**A Special Thanks goes out to:
Theresa Halsey
Indian Voices Program
KGNU Community Radio**

The Dream Catcher Legend

“Long ago when the world was young, an old man sat on a high mountain and had a vision. In his vision, Iktomi, the great trickster and teacher of wisdom, appeared in the form of a spider. Iktomi spoke to him in a sacred language that only the old man could understand.

As he spoke, Iktomi the spider took the elder's willow hoop which had feathers, horse hairs, and beads on it and began to spin a web. He spoke to the elder about the cycles of life...how we begin our lives as infants and we move on to childhood, and then to adulthood. Finally, we go to old age where we must be taken care of as infants, completing the cycle.

Iktomi said, "In each time of life there are many forces and different directions that can help or interfere with the harmony of nature." Iktomi gave the web to the Lakota elder and said, "See, the web is a perfect circle but there is a hole in the center of the circle. The web will catch your good dreams and ideas - - and the bad ones will go through the hole. Use the web to help yourself and your people to reach your goals and make good use of your people's ideas, dreams and visions."

The elder passed on his vision to his people and even today, many of us use the Dream catcher as the web of our life. It is hung above our beds or in the home to sift dreams and visions. The good of our dreams are captured in the web of life and carried with them...but any bad dreams escape through the center hole."

May your year be full of good dreams, good surprises, and good news!

Best,

Will Seamans

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Editor, *Indian Education Newsletter*
Boulder Valley School District




Title VII American Indian Tutoring Program

The American Indian Tutoring Program is growing each year the program is continued. We are currently providing tutoring for twenty students: 6 of which are in elementary school, 10 students in middle school, and 4 in high school. Schools currently involved in tutoring sessions include Aspen Creek K-8, Boulder HS, Broomfield Heights MS, Creekside Elementary, Eldorado K-8, Fairview HS, Kohl Elementary, Louisville MS, Monarch HS, Monarch K-8, Pioneer Elementary, Ryan Elementary and Southern Hills Middle School.

We would like to thank the schools and parents for supporting this program. The program is still open for more students who are primarily scoring below proficient on the CSAPs or are grading below a B in a subject class. We would like to accept more students in need of tutoring sessions weekly or bi-weekly. Please contact Mimie Yang at 303-818-3849 or William Seamans at 303-447-5296 for program questions, registration information, or any other questions you might have!



American Indian Youth Leadership Institute

What is A.I.Y.L.I.?

It's Awesome!
It's Indian!
It's Youth!
It's Laughter!
It's INTENSE!!

The American Indian Youth Leadership Institute is all about:

- Spending time with others who care about “us” and our goals.
- Enjoying a free delicious meal
- Quality time with other local high school and college students.
- Laughing with the best of them!
- Planning and sharing ideas
- Talking with other parents, mentoring students and setting defining new terms to parents, because sometimes they just don't get it!
- Voicing your opinion
- Making the Boulder community aware of their small American Indian population.

AIYLI's Third Annual Conference will be held on **April 28, 2006** at SEAGATE in Longmont, CO.

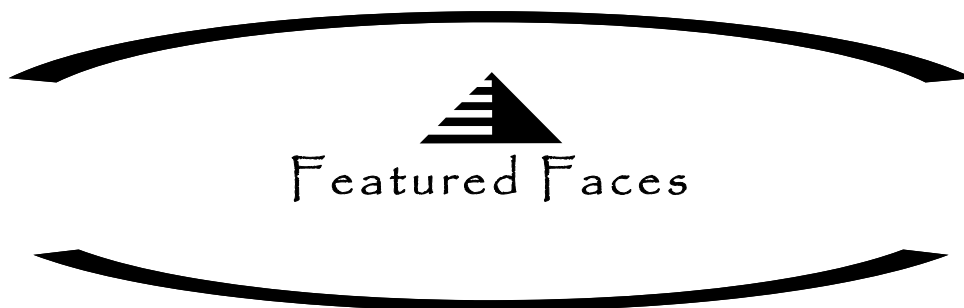
This year's theme is:

Changing Directions~Claiming Our Future

The purpose is to look at current issues and events impacting American Indian communities (health, economics, education, drug abuse, etc) and Inspire youth to collectively discuss new ideas and ways to help them take charge of their own lives and make positive contributions to their communities. The goal is not to dwell on what is wrong but what can be potentially positive.

If you are interested, please return this invitation back to me via email at kmo_mo@hotmail.com or give me a call at 303 665 8204, just ask for Kalee. All you need to tell me is your:

Name: _____
Email: _____



Each issue our staff finds a student, tutor, teacher, or parent to recognize. The featured individual is distinguished for their commitment to attaining the best education possible for themselves or for another.

KALEE SALAZAR

Kalee Salazar is currently a Senior at Boulder High School. Kalee's impact will be felt long after she graduates in May. During her time at Boulder High, Kalee has taken many leadership positions and participated in numerous extracurricular activities. Kalee has been an active member of the girl's golf team. Additionally, she plays for a Black Diamond Gold Crown Golf team located in Boulder.

Kalee's skills are not limited to athletics, however. She currently sits as the Student Co-Chair of the American Indian Youth Leadership Institute that will take place late this spring. Her responsibilities include helping to recruit students, setting up and coordinating events, and being the spokesperson at schools in the district for the event. Kalee has also participated in *Girls Embrace Technology*, an educational program at the University of Colorado for future engineering students.

Beyond all of this, Kalee also commits herself to community service. She has been the recipient of the 2005 Boulder County wide Community Action Program Youth Award, was selected to attend the 2005 RYLA Leadership Conference, and is a member of *Interact*, a youth program that performs community service activities in the area.

Kalee is motivated by a strong family support system and a desire to keep her unique culture intact while successfully pursuing an education. The American Indian Community applauds your achievements and wishes you the best in your future endeavors! Continue to change the world, Kalee!

If you would like to nominate an individual for Featured Faces, please email or call Will Seamans at: william.seamans@bvsd.org or 303.447.5296.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happenings in the American Indian World

Look at www.indiancountrynews.com for News From Indian Country. If you click on the banner on their web site, you will be directed to a site where you can either subscribe or try a sample of their new E-edition, a tree less and environmentally safe way to read the happenings across Indian Country.

Look at www.fortnet.org/PowWow/events.html for local powwows and happenings in Colorado.

Look at www.native-voice.com a bi-monthly Native newspaper from Rapid City, SD.

Look at www.lakotajournal.com a weekly newspaper from Rapid City, SD. (This site is under construction)

Look at www.nativepeoples.com a Native magazine published every two months

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**Communications and Contemporary Native Americans-A Media Symposium**, Thursday-Friday, **March 2-3, 2006**, in Washington, DC. Look at [http://www.fcnl.org/nativeam/media\\_symp.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/nativeam/media_symp.htm) to receive more information.

**Community Group Meeting for the "Keeping the Circle Whole" Mental Health Research Project at DIFRC**, Wednesday, **March 8, 2006**, at the Denver Indian Family Resource Center, 393 S. Harlan Street, Suite 100, in Lakewood, CO 80226. The Community Focus Group will begin at 5:00 p.m. We do need more mental health providers as well as Native community members who are elders, adults and youth. The purpose of the project is to assess the current mental health care system and component services. The objective of the next meeting is to get input from the community in examining the current mental health systems, identifying gaps and brainstorming possible solutions. Dinner will be provided. Call Theresa Halsey, Community Coordinator at (303) 871-8035 ext. 231 for more information. RSVP to Marsha Whiting at [mwhiting@difrc.org](mailto:mwhiting@difrc.org)

**Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Training**, Thursday-Friday, **March 23-24, 2006**. Look at <http://www.falmouthinstitute.com/ONAP> to register.

**Denver March Pow\*Wow**, Friday-Sunday, **March 24-26, 2006**, at the Denver Coliseum, in Denver, CO. Look at <http://www.denvermarchpowwow.org>

**NCIPA 14th Annual Pow Wow**, Saturday-Sunday, **April 8-9, 2006**, at the Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds, First National Bank Exhibition Hall, Exit 259 and I-25 (Crossroads Blvd.) in Loveland, CO.

**"Ancient Voices" Exhibit at the Colorado History Museum**, 1300 Broadway, in Denver, CO. Call (303) 866-4686 or visit [www.coloradohistory.org](http://www.coloradohistory.org)

**NCIPA 14th Annual Powwow**, The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds. First National Bank Exhibition Hall Exit 259 and I-25 (Crossroads Blvd.), Loveland, CO. **APRIL 8-9th**.



## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cherokee Language and Culture Classes**, First and Third Thursdays of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fleming Law School Building on the CU-Boulder Campus in the Kelly room, on the second floor in room 294. Look at the Denver Indian Center website at <http://www.denverindiancenter.org> for more information and directions. Email Janet Lott at [jerry-janetlott@aol.com](mailto:jerry-janetlott@aol.com)

**Native American Women's Empowerment Circle**, Free classes on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Four Winds, 201 West 5th Avenue, in Denver, CO. Sewing, Beadwork, Star Quilt Making, Cooking, and Regalia making. Join the NAWEC Talking Circle on the first Monday of every month! Elders Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Call (303) 629-0224 for more information.

**Dine' of Colorado** web sites are: <http://www.DinehofDenver.com> or <http://www.ColoradoNativeAmerican.com> with a Discussion Board. It's purpose is to bring the Navajo in Northern Colorado together, to teach the children the language and culture and support Navajo Businesses. Contact Genevieve Toledo at [genbtoledo@dinehofdenver.com](mailto:genbtoledo@dinehofdenver.com) if you have questions and for more information.

**The Native Workforce** at the Denver Indian Center, 4407 Morrison Road, in Denver, CO offers free classes for adults (18+) "Computer Essentials Class". Learn Microsoft Office 2000 Essentials. Four Weeks Paid Training. "Online Job Search Class". Two weeks paid training. Learn to Brush Up on Your Job Search Techniques. Eligibility Requirements for all Classes and Native Workforce Programs. Must be American Indian with a tribal ID or letter of certification of degree of Indian blood. Must be unemployed and seeking permanent employment with proof of income for past six months. State ID and social security card. Application Hours: M - Th. from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at 4407 Morrison Road, in Denver, CO. Call them at (303)936-2688 ext. 13 for more information. Look at their website at [www.denverindiancenter.org](http://www.denverindiancenter.org) for more information.

**Kinship Care Program**, Second Monday of each month at DIFRC from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you are one of the many kin who is raising a relative's child, this group is for you! Childcare and refreshments provided. To confirm child care or for more info call Jeannie Berzinskas (303) 742-0823 ext. 620 or Susan Yellow Horse at (303)871-8035 ext. 226.

**American Indian College Fund**, 8333 Greenwood Blvd., Denver, CO 80221. Their phone number is (303)426-8900. Look at their web site to order coats, blankets, cards and gifts from them at [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

**American Indian Inter-Tribal Alumni Association Is Recruiting New Members**, when you are filling out the membership information and renewing your membership, please put LC65 on the form and your check so our organization can get \$10 from your annual membership. You need to send it to: CU-Alumni Association, Clancy Herbst Membership Challenge, Box 2607, Boulder, CO 80306. Call Hilary Waukau at (303)492-5227 for more information.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Boulder Valley Schools Youth Leadership Institute** You can view their website at [www.bvsd.k12.co.us/equity/indianyouth](http://www.bvsd.k12.co.us/equity/indianyouth)

**Applications for Team Colorado for the North American Indigenous Games Scheduled for July 2-9, 2006, Are due March 2, 2006.** Contact Rebecca Sherwood, Youth Program Administrative Assistant at the Denver Indian Center, 4407 Morrison Road, in Denver, CO 80219. There is an entry fee of \$133 and half of that is needed by March 2, 2006. Sponsors are needed to help the team players out. Call Becky at (303) 936-2688 ext. 35 or email her at the Indian Center at [youth@denverindiancenter.org](mailto:youth@denverindiancenter.org)

**"DIC Family and Community Resources,"** Emergency Food Bank, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 -11:45 a.m. Emergency Referrals and Information, and Volunteer Opportunities are available. Call (303)936-2688.

**Denver Indian Family Resource Center,** 393 S. Harlan, Suite 100, (Villa East II Building), in Lakewood, CO. Call (303)871-8035 for support, referrals and Indian Child Welfare Advocacy for families that are involved with county departments of social services. Please call if you have questions on child welfare issues, youth prevention programs or need information on tribal enrollment process.

**Dancing Little Feathers Native Dance Class,** Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at North Presbyterian Church, 37th and Federal, Denver, CO. All ages are welcome to the nonprofit class, which includes a potluck meal. Contact Bernadette Trujillo, (303)284-5709 or [dancinglittlefeathers@hotmail.com](mailto:dancinglittlefeathers@hotmail.com)

**2006 Summer Employment with CU Upward Bound Programs: Instructor/Instructor Assistants:** are needed in the areas of Science, Math, English, and Electives of Journalism, College Prep, Careers, Counseling, Spanish & Visual Arts. **Resident Advisors** are needed to be in the dorm with the students for six weeks, 24 hours a day. Qualifications for Instructors: Should possess a BA in content area interested in teaching. Experience in working with disadvantaged youth in an educational setting. Classroom experience is preferred, especially at the secondary level. Instructor Assistants need to be majoring in the field of study pertinent to content area and have experience in working with disadvantaged youth in an educational setting. If you would like more information regarding available positions, please contact, David Sanders, (303) 492-2887, [David.Sanders@colorado.edu](mailto:David.Sanders@colorado.edu)

**Colorado Leadership Conference.** April 21-23rd. This is a leadership conference for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in enhancing their leadership potential. It is put on by the President's Leadership Class from the University of Colorado. Visit [www.colorado.edu/academics/plc/CLC.html](http://www.colorado.edu/academics/plc/CLC.html) for an online brochure, application, and agenda. For more information you can also email [clc@colorado.edu](mailto:clc@colorado.edu) or call Ryan Findley at 303-735-2577.