



**BVSD Title VII Indian Education Newsletter**  
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Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; They are the charming gardeners who make our souls.

*Marcel Proust*

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Work like you don't need money,  
 Love like you've never been hurt,  
 Sing as if no one can hear you,  
 And dance like no one is watching!

*Anonymous*

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

**Showcase of Spring**

**As the days grow longer and longer my body becomes more anxious to be outside, running through the open spaces, hiking up those beautiful Rocky Mountains and taking in the beauty of Nature all around us.**

**Each year as Spring begins to show her presence I am overtaken by where I live. I am so lucky to be able to enjoy the view of the Flatirons each morning as I wake, smell the grasses blowing in the wind as I ride my bike down the numerous paths throughout the town, and witness the abundant life around me.**

**There are not many places left on Earth where nature is regarded as being more important than development and growth, but in our little niche of the world it is so.**

**And so I challenge you this Spring to enjoy what has been shared with you! Take advantage of the rivers, the mountains, the open fields, the parks, and the plains that engulf us in beauty and serenity.**

**The world around us is coming alive... will you join in the celebration?**

**Warm Regards,**

**Will Seamans**  
 Community Liaison  
 Editor, *Indian Education Newsletter*  
 Boulder Valley School District



# Title VII American Indian Tutoring Program

## Grant Continuation Complete

After a month of collecting data, filling out progress reports, and compiling CSAP scores and grades for students involved in our program for the last year, we have finally completed our continuation form. This application provides the opportunity to receive funding that supports the Title VII American Indian Tutoring Program.

In order to receive additional funds for the coming year, we must show that our program has continued progress in the areas of grades and CSAP scores. Additionally, the continuation application allows us to review and evaluate our methods and improvement from the last year.

It is my pleasure to announce that for the school year of 2004-2005 we have been able to show continued progress in each grade from fourth to twelfth. Our evaluation has shown that not only are we serving more of the American Indian population that qualify for the program, but we are also improving test scores for more of those students than in previous years. In addition to evaluating our program, the grant has given us insight on ways in which we can continue improving for next year. Among these improvements are:

- Holding more public meetings in which parents can recommend new strategies and feedback to the Community Liaisons for the program
- Expansion and recruitment of additional tutors AND students at new schools.
- Additional Community Events and Support.

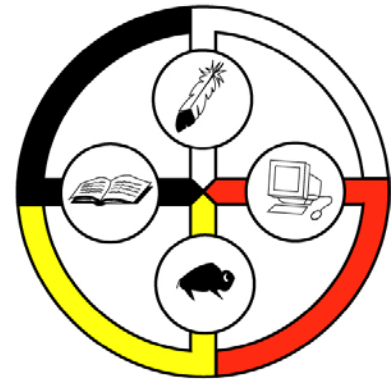
With the continued progress and success of the tutoring program we are expecting to receive financial support for the 2006-2007 school year!

Sincerely,  
Will Seamans  
Grant Coordinator  
AI Tutoring Program



American Indian  
 Youth Leadership Institute  
*April 28th, 2006*

AIYLI 2006



*Changing Directions—  
 Claiming Our Future*

**Tentative Agenda**

- 9:30-9:45 a.m.      **Registration and Refreshments**
- 9:45-10:00 a.m.   **Welcome**  
 Gary Hamilton, Seagate  
 Traditional Blessing and Song  
 Frank Sherwood, Denver Indian Singers
- 10:00-10:30 a.m.   **Ice Breaker: “A Tangled Web”**  
 Jason Firestone, Jeffco Public Schools
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.   **Workshop 1- Native American Media**  
 Why aren’t Native American issues being reported? Why are stereotypes being perpetuated in the media? How do we get our issues addressed?  
 Jodi Rave, National Correspondent, Lee Enterprises
- 11:30-12:00        **Tour of Seagate**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.   **Lunch**  
 MC: LuAnna Sago  
 Traditional Blessing & Honor Song  
 Frank Sherwood, Denver Indian Singers
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.     **Workshop 2- Biracial and Intertribal Identity**  
 This session will focus on research regarding biracial and intertribal youth issues. Students will share their experiences, talk about their identity and their place in today’s culture.  
 Dr. Vivian Delgado, BVSD
- 2:00-2:45 p.m.     **Workshop 3- Health**  
 Diabetes is a health crisis among American Indians. What can the youth of today do to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles in their communities?  
 Danica Brown, Denver Indian Health and Family Services
- 2:45 p.m.            **Break**
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.     **Workshop 4- Drug, Alcohol Abuse, and Suicide**  
 How have drugs, alcohol and suicide affected you, your family and community? What are the success stories in those environments?  
 (Wanbli Williams)
- 4:00-4:30 p.m.     **Evaluation and Closing**  
 Gary Hamilton, Seagate

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## Featured Faces

*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.*

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### **Saydie Sago and Brooke Sanders**



Saydie Sago (left) is a 7th grader attending Southern Hills Middle School in Boulder. She has been active in the American Indian Tutoring Program for multiple years and continues to improve her grades and work habits. Mimie Yang, Saydie's tutor, describes Saydie as committed, a hard worker, and an extremely good student!

Brooke Sanders (right) is currently in the 6th grade at Southern Hills Middle School. She is also tutored by Mimie Yang in the subjects of English, math, and science each Wednesday after school. Besides being dedicated to her school work and her family, Brooke is also an exceptional athlete and participates in sports year round. Three words that best describe Brooke are outgoing, spunky, and fun.

Saydie and Brooke have gained great study habits as well as great study friends through the American Indian Tutoring Program, and we congratulate them on their hard work and dedication to our program!

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*If you would like to nominate an individual for **Featured Faces**, please email or call Will Seamans at: [william.seamans@bvsvd.org](mailto:william.seamans@bvsvd.org) or 303.447.5296.*



Book Review

## **“The Rough-Faced Girl”**

***By, Rafe Martin***

### **Story Synopsis:**

The setting of the story is by the shores of Lake Ontario; this is an Algonquin Native American Cinderella tale, though only part of a “longer and more complex traditional story.”

An Invisible Being, a man, has his sister as his “go between” for the women who want to marry him. Her marriage guideline for his female suitors is that the one who would marry him must be able to “see” him.

A young woman had two older sisters who were cruel to her; they were bossy, arrogant, rude, and abusive to her; she was suffering. The Laughty sisters thought fine clothes would impress the “Invisible Being,” however, his sister could see through their lies.

Rough Faced girl asks her father for some left over garments and fool coverings, a few left-over beads; she states that wherever she looks, she can see him. Rough Faced girl made a dress out of tree bark and shoes for herself. With hard work she decorated the garment, necklace, shawl and moccasins. The people in her village saw her dressed up and laughed at her, calling her ugly.

Rough Faced Girl believed in herself and had inner strength. More than any others in her community, she was able to see beauty in nature. Sister of “Invisible Being” was wise – she looked into a person’s heart and could tell that Rough Faced girl was good and had inner beauty. She saw the brother in a Rainbow and in the Milky Way of Stars (the Spiritual Road). Sister sat Rough Faced girl in the wife’s seat, the seat next to the entrance.

The gift from the Invisible Being’s sister was the best quality buckskin and shells. Water and bathing transformed her burnt, rough skin and hair to beauty which the brother and sister knew all along. They became husband and wife and lived happily together.

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*You can check this book and many others out at the Education Center American Indian Library. For more information on books featuring American Indian Culture and Heritage please contact Will Seamans at 303.447.5296 or [William.Seamans@bvnsd.org](mailto:William.Seamans@bvnsd.org).*



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Happenings in the American Indian World**

Look at [www.indiancountrynews.com](http://www.indiancountrynews.com) for News From Indian Country. 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](http://www.fortnet.org/PowWow/events.html) for local powwows and happenings in Colorado.

Look at [www.native-voice.com](http://www.native-voice.com) a bi-monthly Native newspaper from Rapid City, SD.

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

Look at [www.nativepeoples.com](http://www.nativepeoples.com) a Native magazine published every two months

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**Spring Leadership Conference: Taking A Stand Against Meth: Recovery Is Possible Spring Leadership Conference**, Thursday-Sunday, April 20-23, 2006, at the Double Tree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, in Denver, CO. Joe Garcia, President of the National Congress of America Indians (and Governor , Pueblo of San Juan, NM) will be giving a free talk, Thursday, April 20, 2006, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. the Grand Ballroom III-IV. Call The White Bison Inc. at 1-877-871-1495 to register and pay by phone or Register online at <http://www.whitebison.org>

**New Directions in the Study of Race and Ethnicity**, Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Eaton Humanities Building, on the CU-Boulder campus, in Boulder, CO. from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. More than 20 sessions with over 50 panelists along with the viewing of the movie CRASH to be followed by commentary. For more information, please contact Professor Tom Mayer, (303)492-2138 or Professor Hillary Potter, (303)492-8864.

**American Indian Youth Leadership Institute (AIYLI) Third Annual Conference**, Friday, April 28, 2006, at SEAGATE, 389 Disc Drive, in Longmont, CO. This year's theme is: "Changing Directions-Claiming Our Future", for Native High School students and 8th graders in Boulder Valley Schools. Highlights: Workshops: Native American Media Issues, Drugs, Alcohol Abuse and Suicide, Health, Biracial & Inter-Tribal Identity. Tour of Seagate, networking with other students, prizes, lunch and refreshments. See more information below in Education. Deadline for applications is April 14, 2006. Call Georgia Madrid (303)497-6732 or LuAnna Sago at (303)497-8718 for more information.

**Emmi Whitehorse Art to be Featured at Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art**, Friday-Saturday, May 12, 2006-July 29, 2006, at the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, 1750 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, CO 80302. An opening reception will be held, Friday, May 12, 2006 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (303)443-2122, [info@bmoca.org](mailto:info@bmoca.org) and look at <http://www.bmoca.org> for more information.

**Sixth Annual Indian Market & Contest Powwow**, Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, 2006, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on both days on the grounds of the historic Fort in Morrison, CO. Sat & Sun Gourd Dance: 10:00 a.m. Grand entries will be at 12:00 p.m. each day. Free admission to All registered Dancers and singers! Free Parking! Adult admission: \$6; Children under 12-Free. Golden Age +65 - \$3; 2 day Adult Pass-\$10; 2-Day Golden Age Pass-\$5. Bring your own chairs (including singers) and shades! The Fort is located just north of the junction of US 285 (West Hampden) & Hwy. 8 in Morrison, CO. Presented by the Tesoro Foundation. (303)839-1671. Look at <http://www.tesorofoundation.org> for more information about the Indian Market.



## **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 [jerryjanetlott@aol.com](mailto:jerryjanetlott@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.

The Youth Programs are providing free Native Hip Hop Classes for Native youth. Mondays, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Denver Indian Center, 4407 Morrison Road, in Denver, CO. They will start break dancing on Saturdays, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Ancient Harmony Tai Chi Studio located at 278 Galapago Street, in Denver, CO. Look at their website at [www.dihfs.org](http://www.dihfs.org) for more information about the Youth Program activities or call Jennifer Wolf or Danica Brown at (303) 718-4050.

**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.

**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.

**The American Indian Nurturing Parenting Program at DIFRC**, starting February 7, 2006, and are held on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. This Program is a free, 15 week group based program where parents and children learn about empathy, appropriate behaviors, brain development, rewards and punishments, praise and self-esteem, non-violent discipline and ways to have fun as a family. The American Indian Nurturing Parenting program will offer: Parent Group, Youth Group ages 5-11, American Indian stories and games, a light dinner, childcare (Siblings under 5) and monthly family activities. Call Carrie Howell at (303) 871-8035 ext. 235 for additional information and registration. (The youth group PAIYL is looking for fundraisers to go to the NW Indian Youth Conference in April, 2006).

**Colorado Directory of American Indian Resources**, They are updating the Resource Directory so call Ernest to update your information for the 2006 on-line edition. Look at it on-line at [www.colorado.gov/ltgovernor/initiatives/indianaffairs.html](http://www.colorado.gov/ltgovernor/initiatives/indianaffairs.html) or Call Ernest House Jr. (303)866-3027 for more information.

**American Indian Inter-Tribal Alumni Association Is Recruiting New Members**, when you are filling our 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.

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*If you know of an upcoming event that you would like to share with the BVSD American Indian Community, please contact Will Seamans at [william.seamans@bvsd.org](mailto:william.seamans@bvsd.org) or at 303.447.5296.*



## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Extensive new public education website on the Arapaho Tribe** . Dr. Cowell and his students have worked on this website. Parts of the old Arapaho Project site are on line at <http://www.colorado.edu/cilw/newaraproj2.htm>  
Call Andrew Cowell at (303) 492-8270 for more information.

**Journalism Program Open To Native Americans: The Freedom Forum** is accepting nominations for the sixth annual American Indian Journalism Institute, a training program for Native American journalism students who have completed one year of college. The AIJI will take place June 4-23 at the Freedom Forum's Al Neuharth Media Center at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Nominations should be sent to Jack Marsh, Executive Director, Al Neuharth Media Center, 555 Dakota Street, Vermillion, SD 57069 or [jharris@freedomforum.org](mailto:jharris@freedomforum.org)

**Public Service Leaders Scholarships**, the US Department of Agriculture is providing combined scholarship and internship opportunities designed to promote public service and to create access to higher education for undergraduate and graduate students. All scholarships are tied to a specific job placement in a specific location. You can download the application at <http://www.usdascholarships.com/applications/> Application deadline is April 14, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact Willis Collie at (202)720-6506 or [wcollie@ars.usda.gov](mailto:wcollie@ars.usda.gov)

**Rocky Mountain Middle School Math Science Partnership CAMPS 2006 for Middle & High School Students at Colorado State University**, June 18-30, 2006 (High School), July 9-21, 2006, (Middle School). For information-visit <http://rmmsmsp.cudenver.edu/index.htm>

**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. (Bring enough for 10-15 people). Contact Bernadette Trujillo, (303)284-5709 or [dancinglittlefeathers@hotmail.com](mailto:dancinglittlefeathers@hotmail.com)

**Summer Internship with the Indian Land Tenure Foundation**, working with the Vice-president of Grants and programs on providing research and technical support. This position is in Minnesota. For more information look at : <http://www.indianlandtenure.org/announcements/announcements.htm>

**If you are a student in 8th-12th grade at Boulder Valley Schools, you are invited to attend the American Indian Youth Leadership Institute (AIYLI)**, The Third Annual conference will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006, at SEAGATE, 389 Disc Drive, in Longmont, CO from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This year's theme is **Changing Directions-Claiming Our Future**. The mission of the AIYLI is to unite, instill pride and support communications between American Indian students and the community who share similar heritage, culture, history and experience.

If you have any questions, please call Georgia Madrid, AIYLI Publicity/ Registration Chair at (303)497-6732, [georgia.madrid@noaa.gov](mailto:georgia.madrid@noaa.gov) or LuAnna Sago, Chair at (303) 497-8718; email [lsago@ucar.edu](mailto:lsago@ucar.edu)