PR EVENT MAKES IT ALL CLEAR

“Dispelling the Mysteries of Public Relations” was the capstone event of the present third-quarter students in the Public Relations Specialist program. It was held on the afternoon of August 13, and featured speakers, questions and answers, social networking and food.

The event chair was Courtney Nash; communications were handled by Daria Jackson, Rowland Ajaluwa and Maureen Fahey; fundraising by Amber White Bear and Charles Exner; hospitality by Jo Van Wyhe, Cara Baker, J.P. Driscoll and Linda Lindsey; and program by Carole Arnold, Kevin Chaison, Edith Katz, Daniel Loveland and Lou Ann Matossian.

Takoda Institute instructor Elise Braden spoke to all three cohorts assembled for this informative and fun event. She offered advice for busy students and future PR sector practitioners. Among other items, she advised making the most of the Service Learning Experience as a transition into the field. Following her was Shanne Soulier, TI alumni who was then with the Takoda Creative Group. He told of his desire to get away from management level and into the creative end of the field, and where that has taken him.

Afterward, Elise and Shanne answered numerous questions about coursework in the following quarters and paths to employment.

Sponsors for Dispelling the Mysteries of Public Relations included major sponsor Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the following individuals and businesses: 2615 Park Avenue Associates, Anne & David Johnson, Chipotle, Lake Street Cub Foods, Da’Lemon, DJ Rush Productions,

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New long-term students in the Takoda Institute of Higher Education are admitted quarterly. Please apply in advance of the quarter. See the calendar on page 10 for the schedule of program testing. Programs last from six months and up to nine months, which allows students to complete the intensive, hands-on education and seek employment in a short time period. See our catalog, Student Handbook, program sheets, Quick Guide or the Website for information.

The class hours are: long-term students—as scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., M-F (some evenings); ABE and GED students—8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., M-Th to 3 p.m F.

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TO HIRE OUR GRADUATES

Employers are encouraged to call the following: Karol Durdle, Administrative Assistants, Healthcare, Public Relations Specialists and Human Services Technicians; and David Zemler, Computer Support Specialists, for contact with any of the graduates or completers.

NEW STUDENT SPEAKS

My name is Aida Shyef Al-Kadi. Currently, I am enrolled in the Public Relations Specialist program at Takoda Institute. I came here after working as a home care provider for many years. It was after I attended a class at the workforce center that explained the programs at Takoda Institute that I was sold as a student.

The program is an intensive one that includes: Marketing, Public Speaking, English, Computers, Public Relations, and Graphic Design. All in all, it is a nine-month program. My first impression of the education staff at Takoda Institute is that they are all qualified. All of my instructors have taught at the university level. Their expertise in their respective subject areas is evident; it comes through during instruction. The education I am receiving is accredited, so there is potential for me to transfer and continue my studies.

What brought me here was the realization that it is never too late to learn and enhance my skills. I have met wonderful people here from my amazing classmates and teachers to staff who have welcomed me.

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GRADUATIONS OVER TWO EVENINGS

Two evenings were needed to celebrate the completions of certificate programs during the previous quarter at Takoda Institute. On the 17th of July, the graduates of the health programs, Administrative Assistants and Human Services Technicians were honored and celebrated. On the 18th, it was the turn of the Specialists—Computer Support and Public Relations Specialists.

Seventeen graduates were honored on the first night; twenty on the second. Completion criteria include passing all of the required courses and finishing the Service Learning Experience.

Staff and graduates spoke and honor student were recognized. In what has become a staple of the quarterly events, every graduate spoke—some in twos or threes, taking the emphasis on public speaking to its limits. The list of those completing programs is as follows:

GED completer: Leah Yahola.


Computer Support Specialists students surround teacher/advisor Bert Christensen. From left, Mark Anderson, John Reid, Dejan Savic, Bert, Mark Kevilus, Leslie Ferrell, Jenifer Eichten.

Six-month and nine-month program completers: Mark Anderson, Computer Support Specialist; Elsa Batista, Public Relations Specialist; Brenda Berkenhoff, Public Relations Specialist; Karen Berge, Public Relations Specialist; Shep Bogan, Health Occupations 6-Month; Marilou Cayetano, Medical Office Assistant; James Cleary, Computer Support Specialist; Jodic Dulac, Public Relations Specialist; Jennifer Eichten, Computer Support Specialist; Paige Elliott, Public Relations Specialist; Leslie Ferrell, Computer Support Specialist; Grace Forsberg, Human Services Technician; Bayoush Habtemariam, Health Occupations 9-Month; Thomas Hansen, Medical Office Assistant; Kimberly Hayden, Public Relations Specialist; Alison Helgerson, Medical Office Assistant; Henry Hendricks, Public Relations Specialist; Dawn Holm, Public Relations Specialist; Vanessa Howard,

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The final round of the celebrations each quarter is the group photo, here with caps tossed in the air, July 17.
FROM THE ABE/GED ROOM

A class session is held twice a week with Michael Rothman.

Mr. Rothman is back teaching Social Studies. He is a retired MNSCU professor and is one of our volunteer tutors. He has been with us now for a few years off and on as he also travels to other countries and volunteers his time wherever he goes, usually Mexico. He is with us every Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon, and that hour goes fast. We have been very fortunate to have Mr. Rothman with us, the students enjoy his lectures and are easily encouraged to participate and ask questions.

We also have Sharon Keil who volunteers her time on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She tutors math, and she has also been with us a few years.

Tommy and I both appreciate the time our volunteers put into our classroom.

In the next few weeks we will be sending two more of our students to do their actual GED testing, and two have gone on and passed all their tests, so congratulations go out to them.

We are still doing orientation and assessment testing on Friday mornings at 8:30, so if you plan on taking our classes that is the first step to join us. There are three tests involving basic skills and those are reading, math and language. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call either Tommy or me at these numbers. Tommy’s phone number is 612-41-3358 Ext. 121 and my phone number is 612-341-3358 Ext. 112.

A few weeks ago we were featured in the Circle. One of our former students, Eugene Needham-GreyEagle was interviewed by Alfred Walking Bull, who is the managing editor of that newspaper. Eugene had completed his GED testing in March, 2012 and was enrolling at MCTC. Mr. Walking Bull came here and did that interview, catching me as well. If you didn’t read that article, rush on out and try to find the Circle.

Darlene Barbour ABE/GED Program Coordinator
Tommy Lonetti, Instructor

NEW STUDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

The organization really seeks excellence, which will pay off in the end for a student like me who is looking for a job. I will be able to enter the job force with confidence. I am involved in and interested in furthering my career as an Arabic to English translator and look forward to a career in Public Relations upon completion. What Takota Institute has offered me, I appreciate and am grateful for. Thank you!

ALUMNI GAIL SAICE REMEMBERS

Today marks my 14th year with the [Hennepin County] Family Court. I’m very blessed to love my job. I’m so grateful to American Indian OIC, not only for giving me good skills to get back into the workforce, but for giving me confidence in myself, lots of confidence!

I recently ran into my favorite teacher, Lloyd Wittstock, who teaches computer training, and told him how thankful I am to him. I’m the only one in my department who looks forward to learning new computer programs. Dawn Paro was my first contact who signed me up with the job program, and Edward Lohnes and Donald Clark were my employment counselors. Don actually referred me to this job. Dale and Bill Means hired me after I finished school, so I worked at AIOIC for eight years.

There were lots of people in my corner. It’s a good place to start and a good place to go back and visit—they’re always family! It’s a good day for me, and I gotta give chi miigwiches where they are deserved!
DATAPORTS

The enrollment summary by programs for the fall 2013 quarter is as follows:

Administrative Assistant: 7 new, 6 returning; Computer Support Specialist: 23 new, 35 returning; Health Occupations Direct Care: 6 new, no previous program; Human Services Technician: 8 new, 3 returning; Public Relations Specialist: 19 new, 25 returning; Health Occupations Technology, 11 new, 10 returning; Health Occupations 9-month, 1 returning.

There are 75 new students and 80 returning, for a total of 155 students.

Once again, we welcome all of the students to their new or continued enrollments and wish them success in the course of their studies and in their careers.

We held orientations which included many activities to introduce students to the programs and the Institute, and for the continuing students, to inform them of any changes. We informed them of further job placement assistance.

Final forms and agreements were introduced and signed, followed by the distribution of the student schedules.

Annessia Swann
Registrar

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The Takoda Institute of Higher Education offers these programs (with number of months):

Administrative Assistant
(9 months)

Human Services Technician
(6 months)

Health Occupations Careers
(6 months)

Health Occupations Careers
Direct Care (6 months)

Small Business Management
(9 months)

Health Information Technology
(6 months)

Computer Support Specialist
(9 months)

Public Relations Specialist
(9 months)

Many of the programs have a Service Learning Experience.

Apply for admission and financial aid soon, if you intend to enroll in the next quarter. Also, be sure to test soon so you can take any needed basic education. December 2 is the first day of the winter quarter.

Please call Student Services Representative Phillip Spence at 612-341-3358 Ext. 148 for more intake information, or Financial Aid Coordinator Amy Lear at Ext. 146 for financial aid information. Call Maichue Khang at Ext. 176 on the three specialist programs. See the staff list on page 2 for their email addresses.

Individual health courses are currently offered only as part of the six-month programs.

For the health programs, a background check is required to enroll in these programs. This is because of requirements in the workplace.

Event Planning by PR students: During the prize-giving portion of the August 13 PR event, Bruce Boettcher is given his door prize by Amber White Bear, while Courtney Nash and Kevin Chaison look on.
ELDER HAPPENINGS

MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER

Two programs work together at the Center to provide services to elders; The Seniors program works with Optage, the services division of the Presbyterian Church, to provide weekday noon meals. That program also can provide transportation for elders.

Wisdom Steps encourages elders to take simple steps toward better health. Activities such as participating in health screenings, attending a health education class, or enjoying a healthy living activity are promoted. Three walks per week are currently on their calendar, which can be viewed at the updated MAIC Website, maicnet.org.

Elders learn that the path to health is easy and can be walked by visiting with a physician and setting a personal health goal like losing weight or stopping (quit) smoking.

Any American Indian person 55+ and their spouse in the state of Minnesota is eligible. See your Elder, Indian or Tribal Health Services or Elder Center. April Smith at 612-879-1770 can help you with enrolling in these programs.

TO YOUR HEALTH

GINEW/GOLDEN EAGLE PROGRAM

The Ginew/Golden Eagle Program sponsors activities and healthy meals for children. Physical exercise held both outdoors and indoors is balanced with study time. Indian youth ages 5 to 18 can take part in activities such as open gym.

They participate in the national program SPARK, which seeks to keep youth healthy and active. Call Julie Green at Golden Eagles, 612-879-1708, for more information, or see maicnet.org.

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLINIC

Weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. are the hours of the NACC for medical and dental services, at 1213 East Franklin, 612-872-8086.

Their Counseling Services Office is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call Ext. 1025 for an appointment.

The Women’s Empowerment group meets Tuesday mornings at the Counseling Center. See nacc-healthcare.org for overall information on NACC.

MASHIKI WAAKAIGAN

Mashiki Waakaigan is located at 1433 E Franklin Ave., Suite 13B. Operated by the Fond du Lac Band, it offers assistance in meeting co-pays for enrolled members of any tribe who live in Hennepin or Ramsey Counties.

Their services include private discussions with a pharmacist, and the Smoking Cessation Program. Medication reviews are available by appointment. Open generally Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 612-871-1989 for information.

DIVISION OF INDIAN WORK

Recovery maintenance services and sobriety support are offered at DIW to individuals or families to help maintain their sobriety through a culturally based program.

Other programs at the DIW, 1001 East Lake Street, offer prenatal, parenting, and nutrition classes to Indian mothers, and also serve fathers. There is a Youth Leadership Development Program. Their food shelf, Horizons Unlimited, focuses on Nutrition and diabetes prevention. Call 612-722-8722 to learn more or view gnec.org, where you can also find Vision on the Wind, their newsletter.

MINNESOTA INDIAN WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER

The MIWRC, 2300 15th Avenue in South Minneapolis, serves individuals and families through education and housing to bring about positive change for Native American women.

“Nokomis Endaad Outpatient Treatment Program represents...the hopes and dreams of Native women who want to heal from their sexual trauma, addictions, mental health issues, and cultural co-occurring disorders (e.g. loss of: culture, language, family roles; grief and shame); and, live sober and fulfilling lives.”

For their Cherish the Children Learning Center, or for their Healing Journey programs, call 612-728-2000 or visit miwrc.org.

INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

The Indian Health Board offers medical and dental care and counseling support at 1315 E. 24th Street. The number for those services is 612-721-9800. Evening hours for medical care and dental care alternate on Tuesdays.

They also provide programs in smoking cessation, diabetes care, Healthy Start, and Bright Smiles (for birth and infancy). Their Website is indianhealthboard.com.

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Organizers Kevin Chaison, left, Daniel Loveland, and Chair Courtney Nash kept things moving at the festive August 13 event.

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Each quarter, the third-quarter cohort sponsors an event which allows practical experience and showcases the skills of reaching out to the community and to the other PR students by the organizing of the activity.

This has been a fun and productive experience for the students and faculty involved.

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Human Services Technician; Sheila James, Public Relations Specialist; Rasheed Johnson, Medical Office Assistant; Mark Kevilus, Computer Support Specialist; Ying Lee, Medical Office Assistant; Leona Pacheco, Human Services Technician; Juan Palacios, Public Relations Specialist; Michele Parent, Medical Office Assistant; Arianna Pederson, Administrative Assistant; Karen Pepin, Administrative Assistant; Shaneeka Powell, Medical Office Assistant; Laura Rainey, Administrative Assistant; John Reid, Computer Support Specialist; Dejan Savic, Computer Support Specialist; Roseann Tomko, Public Relations Specialist; Paul Townes, Public Relations Specialist; Melissa Tyson, Medical Office Assistant; Jenny Vazquez, Administrative Assistant; Larry Wilson, Computer Support Specialist.

Above: Vanessa Howard is congratulated by staff members John Holmlund, left, Lloyd Wittstock, and Joe Hobot, as her daughter joins in. Below: The Specialists: The July 18 graduates in Public Relations and Computer Support after the ceremony.
The Nursing Assistant students in their classroom are, from left, Helen Detebo, Nardos Erundas, Kim Nunn, Tonia Griffin, and front, Lishan Ali and Ashley Wilson.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

Takoda Institute has three 6-month health-related programs to choose from. The great thing about these programs is that they prepare you to be a versatile and marketable candidate for employment in health care. In addition, people taking the second program listed below may have the goal of becoming a practical nurse through programs offered at other schools.

Health Occupations Careers—Direct Care (Six Months):

This six-month program prepares the student with the skills necessary to work as a nursing assistant and/or as a home health aide. Students are prepared for work in long-term care, assisted-living, and home health care settings. Additional classes are intended to enhance job performance, employability credentials, and employment retention. This program includes an off-site clinical experience as part of the HOC 1 course. Students taking Option 1 in Block II will have a clinical experience at a local hospital facility in the Acute Care Nursing Assistant course. Option 2 includes Electronic Health Records.

Health Occupations Careers Program (Six Months):

This six-month program prepares the students for a range of positions within the health care industry. These could include Personal Care Assistant (PCA); Intake Coordinator at Hospitals; Nutrition Aides for either Hospitals or in Elderly Care; and Medical Office Generalist. Courses include Nutrition for the Health Professions, Health Care Ethics, Medical Terminology and Anatomy and Physiology.

And, one other program, the Health Information Technology Specialist (Six Months):

This program prepares the students for a range of positions within the health care industry. These could include Medical Records and Health Information Technology jobs. Courses include Medical Billing & Coding, Electronic Health Records, and Medical Office Procedures.

Start your journey to an exciting and rewarding career in Healthcare. Please call 612-341-3358 Ext. 148 for more information about the two careers programs or Ext. 176 for information about the specialist program. (phillips@aiioc or maichuek@aiioc.org)

Lisa Royce

TO YOUR HEALTH CONTINUED

RUNNING WOLF FITNESS CENTER

The Running Wolf Fitness Center has a partnership with the Fond du Lac Band to continue their operations for the rest of the year until more partnerships can be arranged. They continue to offer fitness equipment and classes, with the assistance of many volunteer instructors who have stepped forward to help. As a result, they have many more activities than ever before.

Now, the Center also offers free diabetes screening Wednesday nights from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., in conjunction with the Native American Community Clinic. If you have your blood checked, you can receive either a water bottle or a $5 Target gift card.

Connie Norman, the Center Manager, can be reached at 612-872-2388. The Center is at 2323 11th Avenue South, Suite 100, in Minneapolis.

FREE FAFSA WORKSHOPS

Thinking of attending a postsecondary school soon? AIOIC Financial Aid Officer Amy Learns holds a workshop every Wednesday starting at 10:30 a.m. to get you started or to complete your application through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

We encourage all people planning to attend AIOIC in one of the six- or nine-month programs to join us on Wednesdays at that time.
THE AIOIC CALENDAR

Weekly/Monthly:
Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.: Intake and TABE testing for Takoda Institute programs
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: FAFSA workshops for student aid for potential students
Fridays at 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: WIP orientation, TABE testing (must be pre-registered and have completed intake); Also, call Darlene at Ext. 112 to schedule your ABE/GED intake testing times

One-Time Events:
Open Now: Enrollment in Takoda Prep (High School)
December TBA: Takoda Institute fall quarter graduations
December 2: Start of the Takoda Institute winter quarter

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES UPDATE

AIOIC’s Employment Services programs are as follows:

The Workforce Investment Program is currently taking applications for job seekers who are Native American and live in Hennepin County. Program Information and Assessment sessions are held every Friday at 9:00 a.m. After intake, contact: Don Clark at 341-3358, Ext. 115 or Vala Monroe at Ext. 113.

The Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) also has openings for adult City of Minneapolis residents who are unemployed or underemployed. METP offers work readiness, job placement and job retention assistance. Contact: Shirleen Morseau at 314-3358, Ext. 117.

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) offers resume development, job search assistance and individualized counseling for employment, careers and resources to help eligible participants transition from welfare to work. Eligible participants must be referred through Hennepin County Economic Assistance.

Also please see the article on a new WIA offering on this page.

Dawn Paro
Employment Programs Director

WIA ADULT PROGRAM OFFERS NEW EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Recognizing the importance of LinkedIn in today’s realm of social media and electronic job search tools, the WIA Adult program is now offering individualized assistance with the setting up and use of LinkedIn accounts.

Our professional Career Development counselors will assist eligible participants with using LinkedIn accounts for job search, connecting and networking and research through online tutorials and exercises developed to ensure a professional looking profile.

To learn more about this valuable service and the many other services offered by the WIA Adult program, contact: 612-341-3358 Ext. 115 or Ext. 113, Don Clark or Vala Monroe.

Dawn Paro
Employment Programs Director

STAY CONNECTED TO THE AIOIC

Social media is an excellent way to stay informed and connected with us to find out about news, events, graduations, training dates, cultural stories and much more.

www.Facebook.com/AmericanIndianOIC
and www.Facebook.com/TakodaGroup

www.Twitter.com/aioic

www.LinkedIn.com, search “American Indian OIC” in the “companies” category

Visit takoda.aioic.edu and check out this user-friendly site, which continues to be updated with news, events, class schedules and much more.
FINANCIAL AID NOTES

The Takoda Institute of Higher Education is now accepting applications for the winter quarter, which will start on December 2. Orientations for new and for returning students are held on the first two days of the quarter, with one day set aside for each group.

To become a long-term student, you must complete these five steps: (1) have your GED or high school diploma; (2) take the entrance test (TABE); (3) meet with a Student Service Representative to review your test scores and to complete your initial paperwork; (4) meet with the Financial Aid Officer to complete applications for financial aid; and (5) meet with the Registrar to register for classes.

To test, be at AIOIC on any Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. (No appointment needed.) The entrance test covers math and reading, and lasts over two hours, with breaks. Please call Phillip Spence at Ext. 148 for more information about the testing process if you need additional assistance.

Those students interested in attending school in the winter quarter must complete the federal financial aid forms and provide a copy of federal tax returns if they filed them. Due to Minnesota State budget concerns and those of some tribal grant programs, those enrolling for winter or later quarters should test and apply for funding well before their expected start date to secure sufficient funding for their first quarter.

Please contact our financial aid office if you have questions about your eligibility or about our programs and assistance in meeting costs. We offer financial aid assistance sessions Wednesdays starting at 10:30 a.m.

AIOIC has 32 years of experience in training and placing students into full-time employment. Each of our students receives individual attention, with special focus on his or her needs and learning styles.

Our programs are up to nine months in length and offer a quick entry into the employment market.

Our campus is centrally located at the intersection of Franklin and Cedar Avenues, with access to many bus routes and direct access to the Franklin Avenue Light Rail Station. Our campus also offers limited free parking for students and guests. A second site is located at 2700 East Lake Street, in the Coliseum Building.

For more information, contact Phillip at 612-341-3358 Ext. 148, or phillips@aioic.org. Call Maichue at Ext. 176 for specialist programs (maichuek@aioic.org).

Amy Kadrmas (amyl@aioic.org)


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