

Montana Indian Education Association Awards Luncheon 2007



Agenda

Master of Ceremonies – Carol Juneau

**Prayer: Arlene Augare
MIEA Board of Directors**

- **MIEA Conference 2007, A Photo
Review, Adams Sings in the Timber**
- **Honor Song**
- **Presentation of Awards**

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2007 MIEA Awardees

MIEA's annual awards recognize individuals who through their work, their involvement in school/colleges, leadership, and personal commitment are making a positive difference in Indian education in Montana and exemplify the importance of education in the lives of Montana's Indian people.




High School Student of the Year: Sloane Real Bird

Sloane is a senior at Hardin High School and is a member of the Crow Tribe. Sloane has participated in band for 5 years, Indian Club for 4 years, AISES for 4 years, and tennis for 2 years. She is presently the Senior Class Student Council Representative, and she has a 3.25 gpa. She finds time to mentor elementary students each week and is active in her Crow traditional culture as well. Sloan plans to attend MSU.



College Student of the Year: Tyler Hoyt

Tyler has been a leader on the University of Montana's campus for two years. Tyler is a descendant of the Blackfeet Tribe. He has a gpa of 3.94 majoring in Psychology. He is the only Native American Student to hold high honors in music as a member of both the University Choir and Chamber Chorale. Tyler has received the InPsych Scholarship as well as the Diversity Council Student Achievement Award. He recently worked on the islands of Fiji in coral reef restoration.



Parents of the Year: John and Cindy Doney

John and Cindy Doney, members of the Gros Ventre tribe, are both actively involved with writing the Student Handbook and participate in the Leadership Group of the school. They are active members of the Impact Aid, JOM, Title VII, and Title I Committees. John and Cindy volunteer to chaperone student activities and are involved with changing the environment of Hays/Lodge Pole School. John and Cindy advocate for high academic performance for all students.



K-8 Teacher of the Year: Warren Ben Adams

Warren Adams is a Junior High School Social Studies and Physical Education Teacher and he is completing his 40th year in education. He is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe, but calls Fort Belknap "home." As a Mentor Teacher, Mr. Adams helps new teachers with the advice, "Treat people with respect, and they will treat the same in return." Ben's teaching strategies includes telling stories of the past so students can learn to adapt to the problems of today.



Special Recognition: Dr. Richard Kuntz

Richard (Dick) Kuntz is the Assistant Superintendent of grades 7-12 for Great Falls Schools. He has been with Great Falls Schools for 37 years as teacher, dean of students, principal and assistant principal. He has supported all American Indian students in implementing programs and services to help Indian students find success in school. Dr. Kuntz has been a strong ally and advocate for the spirit, intent, and implementation of Indian Education for All.



Indian Educator of the Year: Norma Bixby

Norma Bixby is the Director of Tribal Education for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. Norma is a 4-term Representative in the Montana State Legislature, and has been the Chairperson for MACIE (Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education) for more than 20 years. Norma is tireless in her endeavors to bring equality, in all areas, to Indian people in Montana. She has been involved in many diverse committees and boards that strive for economic and education justice for tribal people. Norma is recognized as one of Montana's leaders in her efforts to implement the Constitutional promise of Indian Education for All.