



# The Dream Catcher

## Swinging for Scholarships



**Brent Beesley and Ron Seamons at Entrada Snow Canyon**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St. George Celebrity Pro-Am started off, as always, with an informative and entertaining clinic by Johnny Miller who invited Talaga Lesa (a long drive champion) to hit some massive tee shots. Co-host, former Philadelphia Eagle, Chad Lewis, was joined by BYU football players, Zack Collie, Jake Kuresa, Dustin Johnson, Ryan Denney, Doug Jolley and Justin Ena.

Before teeing off, Tina Calamity and Lena Judee recognized 10 Native American students for their academic excellence. Elder Robert Wells thanked the team sponsors and was followed by Glenn Rogers who gave a prayer of blessing on the day's events.

Once again, Entrada golf course was in perfect condition allowing for some low scores. Mountain

America Credit Union's team of Dennis Bromley, Steve Nelson, Gary Robinson, and Mike Allen, led by BYU golfer Nick Becker, shot 19 under par, winning the tournament by one stroke.

The Native American Student Association provided tasty fry bread and Dixie supplied beef stew. Entrada donated and catered a delicious south-

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**Mountain America Credit Union claims 1st Place**

## Student Highlights



**Tashina Begay** is a Pharmacy Technician major attending Central New Mexico Community College.

After graduating, she hopes to find employment at the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital.

Tashina attributes her dedica-

tion, hard work and sacrifice to her beautiful daughter she supports.

"Without the help of AIS, graduating would truly be a challenge."



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### Solicit for Auction Items

Have ideas for our upcoming silent and live auction?

Last years auction raised \$53,500 in scholarship funds. Our goal is to raise more at this year's banquet on June 26th. Any monetary contributions, goods and services will be greatly appreciated. In exchange for your contribution, we will recognize you in promotional publications and acknowledgements distributed prior to and during the banquet.

Call or email us if you wish to donate or help procure items. Thank you! [banquet@americanindianservices.org](mailto:banquet@americanindianservices.org)

# Dinner at Tuscany

A crowd of 90 supporters gathered for an intimate dinner at the Tuscany Restaurant. Current and new AIS friends attended and listened to Johnny Miller speak in support of our scholarship program.

Former scholarship recipient and St. George Board Member Lena Judee, serenaded the audience with familiar tunes from the 60's. Current scholarship recipient Aisha Nassrallah gave a few remarks thanking our donors for their assistance. Nassrallah told our supporters that without their assistance, she wouldn't be



Aisha N. & Lena J. performing "Go My Son"

graduating this April with her bachelors in Communications.

The evening was a great success as AIS was able to raise \$53,950 to go towards our scholarship program. The proceeds from the evening will be matched by our gracious board members.

We would like to thank all who joined us at Tuscany's and look forward to your continued support. A big thank you to Neil LeBaron for making the dinner possible and Bob Nilsen for providing our supporters that evening with Café Rio meal cards.

## Purchase Your Table Today!

Join us at our 3rd Annual Celebrity Banquet & Auction on June 26th. Collin Raye will perform as we celebrate the "Power In You."

Tables seat 8:  
Eagle - \$2000 Buffalo - \$1600  
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# Celebration of Life

In March, AIS President Jay Wadman celebrated his 80th birthday. Jay was honored by more than 400 friends who gathered to celebrate a life well lived and still going strong! Jay has been the AIS Board President for more than 10 years, and has spent the last twenty years helping Native American people improve their lives through education. Jay and June Wadman have personally provided hundreds of scholarships for Native American students.

We commend Jay for a lifetime of service and wish him continued success and happiness in this new year in his life!



Navajo Medicine Man, Julius Chavez, presenting a Mandela to Jay Wadman

# Student Highlights



Priscilla Herrera is a single mother of two daughters; ages 5 and 6. She is a commuter student at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institution in Albuquerque.

After receiving her "Associate's of Arts" in August, she will be transferring to the University of New Mexico, majoring in Nutrition.

After losing her mother to type II diabetes, she is committed to help fight this disease, using her degree to educate the communities of the

Navajo Indian Reservation on the importance of eating nutritiously.



Nicole Bullshoe Main is an enrolled Black Feet Tribal member. She has already received an Associates degree of Applied Science in Dental Assistant Technology.

Nicole plans to graduate from Salish Kootenai College with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Currently, she is working two jobs, going to school full time, taking care of her son, and getting good grades.

# Welcome Aboard!!!

AIS is honored to welcome **Todd Miller** to its staff. Todd, described as a natural leader, and particularly noted for his sincere persona and genuine concern for others, will bring great talent and fresh perspectives to the AIS team.

Todd served a two-year LDS mission to Santiago Chile before graduating from Brigham Young University with a degree in Recreation Management. He enjoys fly-fishing and duck hunting.

Todd is the youngest son of former PGA

Professional, Johnny Miller and wife, Linda Miller, and has a distinguished golf career of his own. More recently, he played four seasons for the BYU golf team and became the first player in the Bruce Brockbank era to achieve citations of All-American, Academic All-American, and Academic All-Conference. A natural leader on and off the golf course, Todd will continue as assistant coach for the BYU golf team while working with AIS.

Todd married Shannon Leigh Oldroyd, of

Provo, in 2003 and they reside in Provo with their one-year-old daughter, Kate, and dog, Teal.



## It's a Wrap!



Students of the Dennehotso Boarding School awaiting their gifts at their Christmas Party

We are grateful to the wonderful volunteers who assisted in wrapping over 5000 presents during our Christmas Wrap. Through this event AIS was able to provide toys for over 50 Native American organizations.

We have had great support from local corporations in making this event possible. We would like to say a big thank you to our donors and volunteers: Taz Murray and Maxfields Chocolates, Tony Sweet and Ken DuVall of Sweets Candy Co., West Valley Frito-Lay, NuSkin's Force for Good Foundation, Mattel, Western Toy, Provo Canyon School, Debbi Abbott and Harding Walker.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Albuquerque Golf Tournament**

**May 23rd**

**3rd Annual Celebrity Banquet**

**June 26th**

**Shootout at Thanksgiving Point**

**June 27th**

**Idaho Golf Tournament**

**August 21st**

**San Diego Golf Tournament**

**August 22nd**

## Volunteer Spotlight



**Wayne Fisher** hates publicity but, after doing so much for AIS for so long, it's difficult to keep his good works a secret.

For over ten years, Wayne has been the go-to man. He is always willing to do the job no one else wants to do. In his time at AIS he has loaded and unloaded countless truckloads, made numerous trips to

## Golf

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west buffet to end a great day.

The event concluded with special recognitions given to Brent Beesley, Johnny Miller and former AIS-SG Board President, Gerald Hall. We are very grateful for the music provided by AJ Splitriver (flute player), Julius Chavez, Sam Curley and Lena Judee. We also thank Martika Johnson and Mica Bancroft for presenting a traditional Navajo ribbon dance.

The St. George Board of AIS, headed by Robert Wells, is highly commended for their success and dedication to Native American students.

the reservations, transported trees and plants to various destinations, distributed toys and presents on holidays, hauled farm equipment to needy areas and ultimately, has donated immeasurable amounts of his time, energy and assets.

His wife, Jan, and their family have always supported him and AIS. They are examples of generous service, gracious willingness and consistent dependability.

Wayne is truly an example of one who serves wholly and selflessly. We thank him for his support, service and hard work...and for allowing us to give him a little publicity now and then.

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# Opportunity

By Hal Wing

I walked the path, alone it seemed  
not another soul in sight  
I longed to share my fortune great  
make another's burden light

Then there he was, just around the bend  
sitting with his hand held out  
I wondered shy he labored not  
he appeared so young and stout

And then I thought, it mattered not  
I had so much to share  
I reached into my pocket deep  
to show how much I cared

My offering he gladly took  
his pockets he did fill  
But as I wandered down the path  
I sensed him wanting still

I returned again to this beggar man  
and looked at him once more  
Twas true, I had given of my wealth  
but alas, he still was poor

For twas not riches that he lacked  
but a feeling of self worth  
Something he could only gain  
if he earned his way on earth

I wondered aloud, "What can I do  
to help this man distraught?"  
As I searched my soul and pondered deep  
to my mind came this fresh thought

That which I give and he earns not  
makes self esteem sink low  
He, myself and all Gods sons  
need fields, their seeds to sow

I called to him, Come follow me  
I have something for you to see  
It may be strange and new to you  
tis called opportunity"

He did not move and looked confused  
a frown formed on his brow  
Had he never dared to try before  
did he have the courage now?

Again I bade him, "Come follow me  
there's something you can do  
For every man was born to win  
this rule applies to you"

With cautious steps he moved ahead  
and sighed, "I hope I can...  
Maybe someday, somehow, I can change  
this beggar into a man"

The way was hard and the hill was steep  
his brow was covered with sweat  
His body arched and longed for rest  
sometimes he paused and wept

But deep inside he came to know  
and at last to finally see  
The only gift that would not degrade  
was opportunity

He labored on and learned a trade  
and earned his daily bread  
At each day's end, where he once felt shame  
grew pride and joy instead

I too felt joy and a sense of pride  
for efforts he had shown  
Not for any labor I'd put forth  
for the seeds by him were sown

But I now had found the answer sought  
when someone is found in need  
To shower him with gifts and wealth  
is not the proper deed

The way to truly help one grow  
and taste of victory  
Is to give him something he can use...  
Give him opportunity.