

Gary V. Leslie: Public Health Educator Arizona Public Service Scholar Recipient

As a 10 year veteran of the United States Air Force, Gary reflected upon his time spent in the military sharing, "There were some awesome times and some very low times but through it all I've always had my support system in my family back home and my family the Air Force afforded me to opportunity to meet. I've been very fortunate and blessed to have met so many wonderful people in my time in the Air Force. I have been many places I thought I would never get to see. As a young man coming from the Hopi "Rez" I knew I wanted to get out of the everyday Rez-Life and do something that I would look back on and say to myself "I've accomplished something". I also wanted to make my parents & family proud. I think I've done so thus far. But this is not the end of my journey; this is just a small transition into something bigger for me." After his service, Gary is continuing his journey by completing his studies this spring.

Things that inspired YOU to:

Go to college: "The mind is the greatest lever of all things; human thought is the process by which human ends are ultimately answered." - Daniel Webster

Stay in college: Understanding that each day is a learning experience

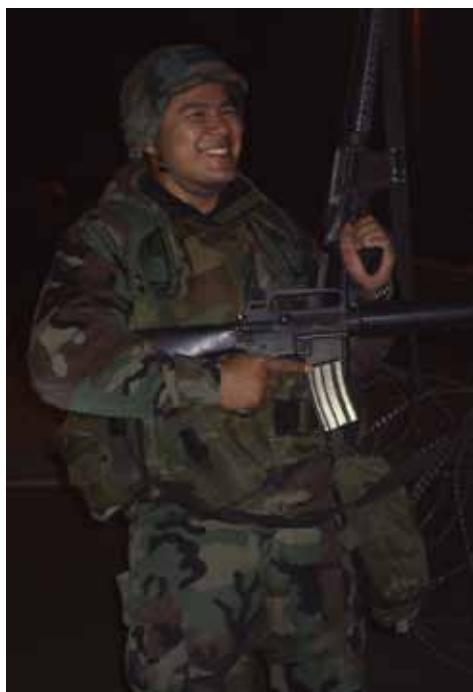
Graduate: Seeing the look on my mom's face :)

Three things every student should know to be successful in college:

- Every student should enjoy what they are doing – find ways to make learning fun.
- Dedicate yourself to understanding your purpose for going to school and why completing your program is important.
- You must maintain a positive outlook on life – life is too short to get caught up with all the small stuff.

Life as a student: I have class every day along with research through the University of Washington so my days are pretty full with studying, reading, completing homework assignments and coordinating my research projects with the Hopi Special Diabetes program and the 100 Mile Club. I do make sure that I dedicate some time to the gym or going for runs 3-4 times a week.

In one word, describe yourself: Outgoing



Career Choice: Public Health 'Change' Agent

The reason why I chose Public Health is because I am passionate about Health and Wellness. I want to help educate our people about the importance of healthy living and would like to tie Western ways of understanding Health and Wellness with Indigenous/Traditional and Spiritual beliefs. My overall goal is to see our Hopi people living their lives strong, healthy and in harmonious balance with all walks of life.

Most interesting class taken: Best Advice Received:

I really enjoyed the public health course, Health and Wellness.

"PDR = Patience, Discipline & Respect"

Going on: I plan to work towards a Master's degree in Public Health, particularly Health Promotion/Disease Prevention.

Hurdles and overcoming them:

Funding and balancing my time.

Proudest Moment at School:

Being selected to conduct my own research as an undergrad.

Best Advice to College Students: Don't give up on yourself & don't be afraid of failure – sometimes it is life's greatest lesson.

Message to HEEF donors:

"Kwak-Kwa" – Thank you! I have been very fortunate to receive funding for my education and I intend to help create change for the better in the health of our people. I sincerely appreciate all your support in our academic endeavors ... Kwak-Kwa!

University of Arizona
Bachelor of Science Public Health
Expected Date of Graduation:
May 2014
Fire/Ma'asaw Clan, Sichomovi

HEEF IMAGINE Grants

The HEEF IMAGINE Grants is community based funding set aside for grass roots programs. The HEEF goal is to assist programs to become established and eventually self sufficient, while endorsing the HEEF mission of ..."Cultivating and nurturing..." the Hopi way of life.

The process for awarding the IMAGINE Grants is done through a Request of Proposals (RFP) process. Advertisement of available funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2013 began March 4, 2013. The RFP period will remain open for a four (4) week period, closing on Friday, April 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. All submitted proposals will be read and scored by a HEEF review team. Those proposal meeting and providing the most promising outcome will be determined, and awarded the first week of May 2013. Awarded programs will have the remainder of 2013 to meet their program goals. Each grant recipient is required to submit a program report upon the ending of their program to show how the funds received were effective in meeting their goals.

To assist newly established programs or groups first applying the HEEF will host two mini Grant Writing workshops. The workshops will cover basic grant writing skills such as: determining goals and objectives, establishing reporting tools to effectively evaluate their program for a successful outcome and completing the HEEF Grant Application.

Some past IMAGINE Grant recipients include: The Hopitutuqaiki Traditional belt weaving class, The Hopi Foundation-Beginnurz Hoyam: Helping Adults learn the Hopi language and the Hopilavayi Summer Institute-Building Hopi Teachers.

Applications for the IMAGINE Grants can be found at www.hopieducationfund.org or by calling the HEEF staff at (928) 734-2275.



2012 HEEF IMAGINE Grant Recipients

FALL 2012 Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarships Graduates

The Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarships program and the HEEF are proud to announce the graduates for the Fall 2012, Winter 2013 and Spring 2013! We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and look forward to celebrating more graduates for Spring 2013!

FALL 2012

Alecia Polacca

Village of Sichomovi
Parents: Elwin Polacca Sr. (late) and Nadine Ami
Associate of Arts: Central Arizona College

Carilyn Schmale

Village of Moencopi
Parents: William Vicente and Viola Vicente
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
Northern Arizona University

Hannah Saloio

Village of Moenkopi
Parents: Jose and Cheryl Saloio
Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies
University of New Mexico

Lori Nichols

Village of Sipaulovi
Parents: Phillip and Beverly Trott
Associate of Arts: Estrella Mountain
Community College

Michael Ballardo

Village of Kykotsmomi
Parent: Susan Kaye
Associate of Science & Associate of Arts
Phoenix College

Sheridan Rogers

Village of Sipaulovi
Parent: Deanna Bakurza
Bachelor of Science in Psychology & Biology
Arizona State University

Winter 2013

Dr. Thomas Reed

Village of Hotevilla
Parents: Harlan and Janet Reed
Ph.D in Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of California, Santa Barbara

Spring 2013

Alicia Gold

Village of Mishongnovi
Parents: Randy and Michele Wilkinson
Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Utah
State University

Anissa Jo Myron

Village of Moencopi
Parents: Jo Ellen and Arvis Myron
Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education
University of New Mexico

Darian Poleyestewa

Village of Walpi
Parents: Darren and Tressa Poleyestewa
Associate of Applied Science in Business
Management: Northland Pioneer College

Deandria Tom

Village of Bacavi
Parents: Adrian and Kimberly Tom
Bachelor of Art in Cinema and Media
Culture with History Minor
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Jose Acevedo

Village of Sipaulovi
Parents: Jose and Aratha Acevedo, Master of
Arts in Landscape Architecture
Arizona State University

Renetta Tenorio

Village of Walpi
Parent: Katherine Tenorio
Associate of Applied Science in Forensic
Technology: Phoenix College

Wendall Honanie Jr.

Village of Mishongnovi
Parents: Wendall Sr. & Gayle Shingoitewa-Honanie
Bachelor of Science in Public Management
Northern Arizona University

\$18,000 Raised for Hopi Education during 2013 HEEF Art Sale



On Saturday, March 2, 2013 the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) hosted their annual art sale in Phoenix at the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. Through the sale of art, raffle tickets and financial support from sponsors, such as Premier Sponsor Peabody Energy, the HEEF raised over \$18,000 during the one day event.

As the HEEF's biggest fundraiser and signature event, much of the success from the event is attributed to contributions from artists such as Sheryl Susunkewa, Iva Honyestewa, Clark Tenakhongva and Gloria Kahe. This year the HEEF was also the fortunate recipient of a vast collection of jewelry from an estate which included Hopi, Zuni and Navajo pieces with an assortment of rings, bracelets, pendants and more. HEEF Executive Director LuAnn Leonard stated, "the HEEF and students who benefit from the sale appreciate the generosity of the artist donations as they have shown their commitment to ensuring educational opportunities will continue to be available for future generations of Hopi students." She added, "there are still items that went unsold during the sale and are still available for purchase at a reduced price through March 29 on the HEEF website."



In support of HEEF's efforts, Premier Sponsor Peabody Energy along with Major Sponsor Merrill Lynch - Bott Group were joined by several others who contributed to the event through financial or in kind contributions, including Supporter Sponsors Gregg Fendley Benefits/Insurance, Central Arizona Project, Osborn Maledon and at the Friend level Hopi Telecom Inc, Hufford, Horstman, Mongini, Parnell & Tucker, PC, The Hopi Foundation, KUYI Hopi Radio, Cheap Clothes T-Shirt Co. and The Party People Rental Co. HEEF Development/Resource Manager Vernon Kahe stated, "We're very grateful to our sponsors, and with their support we were able to host a wonderful event." Leonard shared, "the HEEF would also like to thank all the volunteers, especially the Hopi students whom receive funding from the HEEF. The event could not run as smoothly without their tireless efforts."



Serving as the HEEF's signature event for the past 10 years, funds raised from the art sale go towards the support of Hopi students in the form of grants and scholarships as well as supporting Hopi educational programs. Since being established by the Hopi Tribal Council in

2000, the HEEF has provided over \$8 million in funding for scholarships, grants and educational programs for the Hopi people.

Support the HEEF!

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Hopi Education Endowment Fund
PO Box 605
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Kwakwhá/Askwali (Thank You)!

On behalf of the numerous Hopi students who received financial support in 2012 from the Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarship Program, Hopitutuqaiki, The Hopi Foundation Hopi Leadership Program and the Songoopavi Kitsoki Youth Enrichment Project. The HEEF gratefully thanks the following donors for their generous monetary support:

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Message from HEEF President Terry Hines



Terry Hines
HEEF President 2013

A Hopi...is one who fulfills the meaning of Suminangwa and will come together to do activities for the benefit of all, out of a compelling desire and commitment to contribute or return something of value or benefit to the society. Qöyahongniwa, Soongoopavi 1995

And in this lies the heart of the Hopi Education Endowment Fund...the desire to contribute to the educational endeavors of our Hopi students. This “desire and commitment to contribute” has been put into action, first by the Hopi Tribal Council when it established the HEEF in 2000, and then over the past years by donors, Board members and HEEF staff. There are a variety of ways to contribute that have been made available and we have benefited from generous and loyal donors who have given of their talents, time, gifts and dollars.

At the HEEF, we celebrate accomplishments, such as the hundreds of students who have attended college with the help of Hopi Tribal Scholarships. During the 2012/13 academic year, \$520,000 was budgeted for scholarships which supported 180 students who are attending 50 different colleges and universities across the United States today.

As we look at HEEF today, there are many who are involved with the HEEF as they “return something of value”. You don’t have to look far to find recipients of HEEF dollars who have giving back. First are the current scholarship students, who actively give back, as several recently supported the HEEF by volunteering their time at our recent Art Sale. Secondly, there are also 8 present Board members who are also current or former HEEF recipients.

Moving forward in 2013, the future does indeed look bright for the HEEF. All because so many in our Hopi community, as well as their outside of Hopi, have acted on their desire and commitment to contribute to Hopi students. I would like to invite you to join and continue to support the efforts of the HEEF as we continue to invest in the future of our Hopi people in the area of education, both now and in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hines".

Terry Hines, HEEF President

“Cultivating and nurturing the future of our Hopi people through education by growing and safeguarding a perpetual source of funding.”



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