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!! 2017: SEPA SUMMER ACTIVITIES!!

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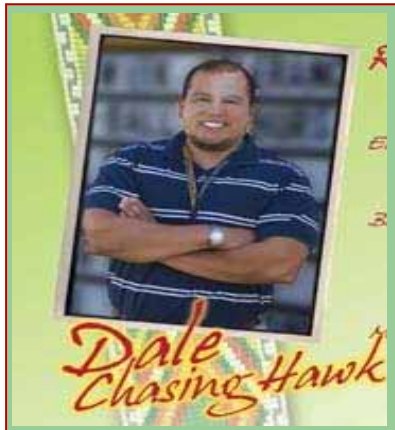
Another academic year begins and the UNMC SEPA team is here to help you accomplish what you would like as it relates to health and science education and programs. As you know by now we are always willing to help in any way possible. Just let us know!

Our middle school Health and Science Fun Camp was held on the campus of the University of Nebraska, Kearney. It was our first venture to central Nebraska and the reviews were good. We are hoping to go back to South Dakota for the summer camp of 2018, stay tuned.

Our inaugural program for high school students was also a great success. We partnered with the UNMC Summer Health Professions Education Program to introduce students to a variety of career possibilities. Although we only had small group of students attend, they had an extraordinary experience and have blazed a new trail for our SEPA program. We hope to have even larger showing next year. Please help us spread the word.

When our SEPA program began we did a fairly extensive survey of teachers and administrators of our partner schools. We are asking you again to help administer a survey. This will help to guide our program into the foreseeable future.

Again Happy School Year 2017-2018!



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SEPA SCIENCE PROGRAM 2017

SEPA HEALTH & SCIENCE FUN CAMP—June 4-7, 2017 in KEARNEY, NE

We have held annual workshops, science camps, family science nights, and visits to schools for science education for Native American communities since 2005. **Picture:** This year 49 students from 7 different schools participated in a very successful fun-filled science activities. We thanks Drs. Bickford, Bice, Adkins, and a special thanks to Dean Longo for providing wonderful learning opportunities to middle school students. After the program, feedback from participating students were very positive and encouraging. All the students loved the variety of activities that are described on the next page:





SEPA — SCIENCE FUN CAMP—JUNE 4—7, 2017—KEARNEY, NE

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: ANDES CENTRAL SCHOOL, MARTY INDIAN SCHOOL, ROSEBUD ELEMENTARY AND TODD COUNTY SCHOOLS, SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, TIOSPA ZINA TRIBAL SCHOOL, UMO^NHO^N NATION PUBLIC SCHOOL, WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pictures below show students participating in fun and learning activities: Program started with Chemistry shows on June 4th, 2017. Next day, students had the opportunity to visit Rowe Sanctuary, wetland and prairie habitat along North Platt River. In the afternoon, students visited Archway historic trails, Planetarium show and Geocaching activity. On Tuesday June 6th, students were involved in various sports activities such as Knockerball-soccer, Spikeball, Human Fosseball, Energy Balance activity, Ultimate Frisbee and capture the flag and the ball. In the afternoon, students were engaged in biological activities such as Forensic biology, Avian Flight Club and Sheep EYE BALL Dissection. Later, students learned Physics in Bowling and practice strategies. On the final day, June 7th, students visited Biology lab and involved in Biosphere and Wildlife Management.





SEPA TEACHER WORKSHOP: BRAIN-BASED LEARNING STRATEGIES, JUNE 13-14, 2017
Marina Inn Conference Center, South Sioux City, Nebraska

Schools Participated: 1. Andes Central School District 2. Marty Indian School 3. Santee Community School 4. St. Augustine Indian Mission 5. Umonhon Nation Public School 6. Walthill Public School

PICTURES: Teachers involved in various teaching developmental activities. Teacher workshop was organized to promote and reinforce good teaching strategies utilizing neuroscience research that help stimulate children’s brain and aid learning.

The workshop was a great success. In total, 19 teachers from six different schools participated in this ‘teacher development program.’ Ideas ranging from pets in the class room to brain breaks that included physical activity, cultural inclusion, math cards and technology. In addition, strategies for teaching ideas about the upcoming Solar Eclipse were also discussed.



WAGNER COMMUNITY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM—JULY 10-14, 2017

PICTURES: Students from K to 8th grades were involved in science activities. More than 100 students participated in so many fun activities which included nature walks and Aquaponics dome. There was a wonderful turnout of parents and other community members.





ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **BOARD MEETING:** : Marina Inn and Conference Center in South Sioux City, Nebraska
Date: Friday—September 15, 2017
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

<< Email us with your questions at sepa@unmc.edu >>

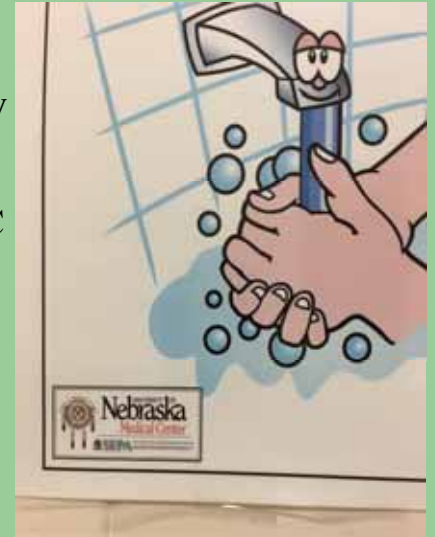
SEPA Publication - *The Power of Role Models*

Information about the Native American Role Model Poster sets is available on the web at: <https://sites.google.com/a/education.ne.gov/power-of-role-models/>

THE NEW ROLE MODEL POSTER—SET 9 WHICH INCLUDES SOUTH DAKOTA HEALTH PROFESSIONALS — IN PROCESS

Poster Sighting “Wash Your Hands”:

This is a photograph of our “Wash your hands” poster. It was taken at the United States Military Academy at West Point. We can tell from the SEPA and UNMC logos that this is from long ago.



We have no idea how it got there, but it seems there are no boundaries for our printed products and SEPA programs.

SEPA PROGRAM NEWS: South Sioux City Ambassador Conference 2017 was organized by SEPA and BHECN . This can be viewed now on YouTube—here is the link :

<https://youtu.be/RDVW5W6WLwU>

Historic trauma, contemporary tribal issues and the opportunity to create positive change were the focus of the daylong conference.



Our Featured Role Model this Issue

The Role Model Poster Project features Native Americans in many health and science professions. Each poster includes the name, photograph, and tribal affiliation of the person featured. Additional information for teachers include: education, benefits, motivation, special job skills, and words of wisdom. These posters proved to be a great source of inspiration and motivation to the students and teachers. There are currently seven sets of posters and each set features five tribal members. Set # 8 features: a dental assistant, pharmacy technician, biologist , nurse practitioner, and health scientist.



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WORDS OF WISDOM:

“Accept the things you cannot change, courage to change the things that you can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” Serenity Prayer- Reinhold Niebuhr

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

Life as a Psychologist: Career Choices and Insights
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