



News Release

NAVAJO STUDENTS BECOME NOVA SCHOLARS

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM – October 13, 2015 – NOVA Corporation, an award-winning IT services company owned by the Navajo Nation, is continuing to invest in future Navajo professionals by awarding scholarships to 22 students for the 2015/2016 academic year. NOVA has been awarding these scholarships annually, since 2010 as part of its mission to give back to the Navajo Nation. To date, NOVA has given more than half a million dollars in scholarships to students.

NOVA's Interim CEO, Clara Pratte, said, "Giving back is a vital part of NOVA's mission. It's exciting to play a part in the pursuits of academic and professional success of these students. I will be meeting with many of our NOVA Scholars in the coming weeks to discuss goals and offer advice. I can think of no better way to achieve our goal of giving back to the economic prosperity of the Navajo Nation than building the capacity of those that will be the next leaders of our Nation."

Applicants for the NOVA Scholars Program must be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and be able to provide a Certificate of Indian Blood; have a minimum grade point average of 2.0; and be pursuing a college degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or Business disciplines. The scholarship is available to students who are at least sophomores in college.

Students must complete the NOVA scholarship application and an essay between 500 and 800 words to be considered for the scholarship. In addition, students who come from low-income families are given special consideration. NOVA will begin accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic school year in early December, 2015. Notifications will be sent out on NOVA's social media when the application goes live on our website. To apply, students will need to visit: <http://nova-dine.com/scholarships-education>.

2015/2016 NOVA Scholars:

Arizona State University: Alyssa Neely, Brooke Overturf,
Derrick Harvey, Shawn Bitsui

New England College: Erica Guy

Diné College: Randell Shorty, Sylvita Slim

Northern Arizona University: Carl Haskie, Cecilia Bowsley,
Chelena Betoney, Danielle Williams, Kenny Begay

Fashion Institute of Technology: Sheyenne Lacy

University of New Mexico: Daven Tagaban, Diandra Bird,
Pablo John, Shannon Peterson, Tonia Navakuku

Fort Lewis College: Tia Curley

Metropolitan State University of Denver: Brian Bex

University of Phoenix: DuWayne Begay, Leander Secody

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