Please be aware of future scholarship announcements and deadlines. This scholarship is Tuned! your academic progress. Announcements regarding presentations will be announced soon. Stay tuned.

Michael and Enokena Olsen Memorial Scholarship is available for full-time students. Last year, Jessica Kimberly Benally, a full-time student, received this scholarship for academic excellence. Jessica is from Tohatchi, New Mexico. She is pursuing a degree in Computer Science and Native American Studies. Jessica hopes to lead by example so she can know that she can do anything she sets her mind to. Her academic journey has been enhanced with the addi-

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Jessica’s perspective on life is centered around her community. She says, “as an Indigenous individual, I bring my perspective of my community, which enriches my academic experience.”

Indigenous studies are included in education because in her community, stories are passed down through generations. These stories remind Jessica of her heritage and where she comes from. Jessica says, “mine because, it is through these stories that remind me of where I come from and it helps me maintain my cultural identity.”

Furthermore, this was a time when all the cousins and my siblings came together, to share a memorable experience with me. Jessica says, “Other individuals aren’t that fortunate, and to share a memorable experience with them, you’re basically planting a seed, that will potentially develop wonderful miracles.”

In her community, they do not celebrate Christmas as a western society would. They celebrate the Epiphany, January 6. On Christmas Eve, my sister and I have always enjoyed the telling of our traditional stories. As a child, during the holiday seasons, I always enjoyed the telling of our traditional stories. Jessica says, “In my community, stories are passed down through generations. These stories remind me of where I come from and it helps me maintain my cultural identity.”

Our Christmas is literally 12 days long, starting on December 25 and culminating on January 6. Jessica says, “Traditions, family and friends are the cornerstone of our Christmas.”

The family would gather and bring into her house an immense supply of wood, while the children and women would cook up a feast. Jessica says, “I will cook up a feast and take food to our church. Then we would take food to our church.”

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Jessica says, “I try to contribute as much as we could to the event. I particularly remember the Annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive within the community. My family and I would always sign up to bring gift/food/fruit baskets.”

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#SmudgeandStudy
· Friday       9 am - 4 pm
· Wednesday & Thursday   9 am - 7 pm
· Monday    9 am - 10 pm

Thank you,
· Christa Lee
· Jessica Kimberly Benally
· Michael and Enokena Memorial Scholarship
· INLP Holiday Memories

This month’s newsletter includes:

Hello,

Christa Lee

& Research Librarian

Paulita Aguilar, Associate Professor

Wishing all Happy Holidays!