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Camp Verde High School senior Joel Beauty tutors Native American students

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CAMP VERDE - Two months ago, Camp Verde High School senior Joel Beauty started tutoring Native American students at Camp Verde Middle School.

Beauty teamed up with Johnson O'Malley Tutor Cindy Eaton to take on this project.

Four days each week, the students go to tutoring after school. They are usually there for an hour, finishing their homework and asking the four tutors in the room for help on issues they don't understand.

"The Obama Administration is focused on helping Native American youth, and that has really inspired me to want to help the kids in Camp Verde," said Joel, who has always had a passion for working with Native American kids. In the past, he worked at the recreation center on the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Middle Verde Reservation.

Tutoring at the middle school is just another way Joel is helping out the Native American community.

"I want to change the way people view Native Americans. They are smart and are willing to learn," said Joel.

He uses incentives to get the kids excited about learning. These incentives can be in

forms of candy, movies and other goodies. During tutoring students and tutors give each other "ups" which are compliments and nice words to let them know they are important.

"The incentives help keep the kids motivated. We also use goal sheets which help keep them accountable for their grades," said Beauty.

"We have heard from teachers that the kids have been participating more in class. That makes me happy."

Sixth grader Shashayla Honwyteva said her grades have improved since she started going to tutoring. In one class she even went from an F to a C in only a month's span.

"I like coming to tutoring. It's a lot of fun," said Shashayla.

Another student, Anjelica Engel, said she enjoys going to tutoring because she gets to get her homework done. Her grades in science and language arts have improved since she's been going to tutoring.

Joel said if anyone is interested in donating food, money or school supplies to the tutoring program that they contact the main office at the middle school.

-Aryssa Carvalho is a reporter with the Camp Verde Bugle



Camp Verde High School senior Joel Beauty, second from left, tutors fellow Native American students. Four days each week, Beauty works with students at Camp Verde Middle School. (Photo courtesy of Aryssa Carvalho)

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1.) When did you start playing ball?

I first picked up a bat when I was old enough to play t-ball which was around 5 years old. As far as softball goes. I began playing at about age 7 in the minor girls softball league for the city of Winslow. Competitively, I began playing club ball around age 10 for a local team out of Winslow, Arizona.



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Softball player,
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2.) Did you get a scholarship to play ball at UNM?

How long ago was that and total number of years you've been on the team?

I did not receive a scholarship to play softball for UNM. I was actually a walk-on and tried out when I transferred to the University of New Mexico in the 2013-2014 year. Before UNM I played two years and received a full ride scholarship to play for the College of Southern Idaho Eagles out of Twin Falls, Idaho.

3.) Were your parents an influence on you with regards to softball?

As I look back on it all, I can remember my mom feeding me balls through our pitching machine at her school playground just for me to get some batting practice in on my own, my dad taking me out to the softball field every day during the hottest times of the day during the summer, after he got home from work to hit me ground balls, fly balls, and putting me through drills he found to make me a better player.

4.) Do you like to steal bases?



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Oh man do I!!!! I absolutely LOVE stealing bases, I always have. Starting at a young age, coaches have always told me I have so much speed and don't be afraid to use it. Speed is the name of softball, and it makes or breaks some athletes on the field. Whenever I get the signal to steal a base it's like tunnel vision.

5.) What was the greatest win your team had?

Us Lobos used a big seventh inning in our first game series against San Diego State University. We scored seven runs off six hits to erase a five-run deficit and claim a 8-6 come-from-behind win over SDSU at the SDSU Softball Stadium. It made the win feel even greater beating them on their home turf. We outthit the Aztecs 9-7, and us with 9

and SDSU with 7 hits the whole game. This was the biggest win we had all conference when SDSU dropped to 13-6 in the Mountain West. If they would have won that game, they would have clinched the MW conference champion title. Instead it was a close race and tie between San Diego State, San Jose State, and Fresno State.

6.) Are you the only Indian on the team?

Yes, I was the only Native American on the team here at UNM. It's funny you ask because most of my teammates thought I was Hispanic at first. Two incidences happened that gave my teammates a clue that I was not Hispanic. First, was when a reporter came to interview me for the Navajo Times and the other, when I dressed up for Native American week at UNM. They asked me, "Gabby,

why are you wearing that stuff????". I said, "Because it's Native American week and they are my traditional clothes." T

They replied, "You're Native American?, we all thought you were Hispanic!!!"

7.) What kind of community work are you doing now? Are you helping youth?

I actually work with youth every day. I love kids! I work for a 'before and after school program' here in the New Mexico area. I go to elementary schools and help them with homework, arts and crafts, science experiments, building things, writing, cooking, and creating new games that they can play outside at recess. I have also helped UNM run some of the softball camps here in Albuquerque as a camp instructor.

8.) How does softball build character and what has it done for you?

Softball reveals character through work ethic and communication. What you put in is what you get out of it. It allows a player to be able to bond and form life-long friendships on and off the field by developing chemistry. By seeing your teammates work hard in practice, they challenge you to work harder. Teammates are the ones who push you to your full potential as well as the coaches telling you what you are capable of. Work-ethic and going to the field on your days off shows that you care about the sport and that you want to get better every day even when you do get a break from it. It is an important process to take what you learn on the field and be able to translate those skills from the field to everyday life.

For more information on Gabby's softball career:

<https://youtu.be/9mjhNHjFAM>
Coach Beach's Reflections on our 2015 year

<https://youtu.be/gjGNJIFXJ4o>
(Editor's note: An interview by Don Decker with Gabrielle Stacey, daughter of Yavapai-Apache Nation member Frank and Debra Stacey who live in Winslow. The Staceys are part of Genevieve Stacey-Wright family in Middle Verde)

Yavapai-Apache Nation high school students tour universities in the Midwest



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On November 6, 2015, a group of students from the Yavapai-Apache Nation visited the Haskell Indian Nations University (HIU) and University of Kansas (aka KU).

The students flew to Kansas City and then traveled to nearby Lawrence, Kansas where the universities are located.

The students participated in a campus tour of HINU that included a presentation, group activity, a campus tour, and lunch in the student dining hall.

Haskell is a tribal college that offers two-year and four-year degrees, with a total cost of \$715 which covers housing, meals and textbooks and there is free tuition for students who are enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe.

The students also toured Univer-

sity of Kansas, a prestigious college that has extensive degree offerings and has a relationship with HINU where students can transfer as in-state students and be dual-enrolled at both universities.

The Kansas tour was a great way to introduce the students to campus living far from home and to expose the students to higher education opportunities after high school graduation.

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