

# EDUCATION

## Yavapai-Apache Nation youth to attend Dartmouth College



**Jennie Harlan** has been accepted into Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire for the 2016 academic school year. (Photo by Don Decker)

By **DON DECKER**  
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Jennie Harlan, daughter of Darryl Harlan who works in housing for the Yavapai-Apache Nation and Genevieve Datsi, judge for the Yavapai-Apache Nation, has been accepted into Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire for the 2016 academic school year.

Harlan is a senior at Verde Valley School in the Village of Oak Creek (Sedona).

Dartmouth is a small

private college with 6,000-plus students enrolled in either the Liberal Arts or School of Medicine, Engineering or business program of the college.

In addition, Dartmouth has graduate programs in 19 departments.

Most students who enroll at Dartmouth are at the top 10 percent of their graduating class with a 3.50 grade point average or better requirement for entrance.

Dartmouth has graduated many people of notoriety such as well-

known movie stars, politicians, medical doctors, entertainers, and scientists.

Dartmouth was founded in 1769 before the American Revolution by George III of United Kingdom.

The college's forte' is that it has a close connection to Native Americans as it was one of the first schools set up for the education of Native Americans. For sport fans, Dartmouth College also participates in the NCAA Division I sports program.

The college also has a strong outreach program for Native Americans students across the country.

Harlan participated in the 'Fly In' program for Native American students this past October that allowed her a short visit to the campus and to speak with college representatives.

Harlan says she has a strong desire to study journalism at Dartmouth and will be graduating in the Class of 2016 from the Verde Valley School this coming spring.

## Nation's youth visit Hopiland during Christmas vacation

**Members of the youth** touring group hosted by the Hopi Cultural department take a break for a photograph on the Hopi mesa. The Yavapai-Apache Nation public school students from the Native American Clubs of South Verde High School and Camp Verde High School participated in a winter break trip to Hopiland on Winter Solstice Day, December 21. (Photo by Laurie Kaaehuahiwi)



By **LAURIE KAAEHUAHIWI**  
Camp Verde Schools-Title VII Coordinator

The Yavapai-Apache Nation public school students from the Native American Clubs of South Verde High School and Camp Verde High School participated in a winter break trip to Hopiland on Winter Solstice Day, December 21.

They were hosted by the Hopi Cultural Center under the direction of Lee Lomayestewa and Cla-

risse Tafoya.

This trip was sponsored by the Montezuma Well /National Park Service/Youth Conservation Corp which received a grant from the Disney World to assist with unique activities that fosters the involvement of Native American communities with the activities of the park services. The Hopi tribe, as well as the Yavapai-Apache Nation, consider the Montezuma Well and

Montezuma Castle as sacred sites.

It was an early 6 a.m. wake-up call as students from the Nation, Arianna Campos, Shenaya Lewis, Tyler Sanchez, Drake Smith, Dayton Smith, Phillip Grass, Cyris Coriz and Reyes Herrera boarded the van for the long 3 hour trip to the Hopi mesas northeast of Flagstaff.

Other members of the Camp Verde team assisting with the trip

were Desiree Huey, Title VII tutor at the high school and the National Park's Youth Conservation Corp representatives Mary Ontiveros and Carol Kinsey from Montezuma Well.

This cultural exchange brought the Nation's students to the sacred site of Dawa Cliff near the Hopi mesas which features many rock petroglyphs depicting the ancient symbols placed there almost 900

years ago by the predecessors of the modern day Hopis who still reside on the mesas.

The day trip was enjoyed by both groups from each community.

(Editor's note: Laurie Kaaehuahiwi attended this field trip with the students as she coordinated this event with the schools and hosting Hopi community organization.)

## Yavapai-Apache Nation member makes educational history

By **DON DECKER**  
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YAN member Maury Crandall, son of the late Gary Crandall of Albuquerque and Jane Winiecki of Clarkdale, was bestowed a Doctorate of Philosophy degree (PhD.) from the University of New Mexico Department of History on December 10. Winiecki is the daughter of the late Ned Russell who served on the tribal council long ago.

Dr. Crandall got his start completing his high school education at Mingus High School where he credits his teachers such as "Mr. Currie" and "Mr. Alexander" who encouraged him to pursue the study of history. "I always loved history," says Crandall as he remembers Mr. Currie taking out a Trivial Pursuit card at the end of class to ask the students questions with a reward of leaving the class a few minutes early if the answer was correct. "I knew a lot of the answers, so I got out of

class early-a few times," said Crandall.

Crandall also credits his English teacher, Mr. O'Donnell (who was also the cross-country coach) as his mentor as well. "He taught me a lot about running and (about) life," said Crandall.

The Doctorate which usually takes about 2-3 years for completion, requires a 1 year residency on the campus to complete the dissertation.

Crandall also possesses a Bachelor's Degree from BYU (Brigham Young University-Utah) in education.

The final hurdle in confirmation of a Ph.D. an oral defense of the dissertation (a lengthy document supported by facts and citations of research) in front of department scholars. Dissertations are usually published as printed documents in book form.

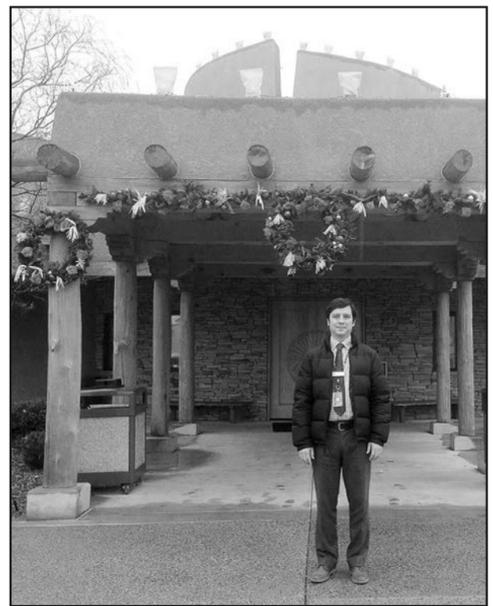
Crandall said that the doctoral program take a lot of time. "Pa-

ience and dedication. I felt like the end would never come and I was just tempted to quit and find a job".

Crandall gives credit to Ned Russell, his late grandfather who was a politician and spent a long career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Albuquerque. "He told me, 'Get the highest degree you can and do it now. Don't put it off until later, because later you will be too busy,'" said Crandall. "He was right and I am glad I listened".

Crandall conducted his dissertation defense about the voting rights of Indians in the southwest at the turn of the century from 1598 to 1912 during the Spanish, Mexican and U.S. territorial periods. Crandall said that "these colonizers had ideas of how Indians should run their communities, and what tribal governments should look like—they wanted Indian towns to

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**Students from the Nation's Montessori School** gathered at the Palmer Building at Rainbow Acres to sing on December 17. (Photo by Don Decker)

## Montessori Christmas concert

By **DON DECKER**  
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Students from the Nation's Montessori School gathered at the Palmer Building at Rainbow Acres next to the Nation's boundaries to greet and wish community members through songs on December 17.

The Christmas concert was well attended by the children's parents and grandparents as well. The children sang with various outfits that they wore for each of the songs. It was a very

festive occasion as some of the children waved to their parents from the stage while singing.

The grand finale was the classic 'Feliz Navidad' by Jose Feliciano and the community joined in.

There was a well-lit Christmas tree next to the stage which made for a good backdrop for family photographs after the concert.

After the concert, there was a small reception with cookies and milk-ala' Montessori style! Merry Christmas!!

## 'Shop with a cop' brightens spirits

By **DON DECKER**  
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Yavapai-Apache Nation children had the opportunity to spend a day with a policeman while shopping for Christmas presents. According to Sgt. Nathan Huibregtse of the Yavapai-Apache Nation police department, 5 children from the Nation were selected to participate in 'Shop with a cop' activity.

"It's a very rewarding detail where we take a child or family who would otherwise not be able to afford presents for Christmas or (who) has been through some recent tragedy, to be

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