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### NHSC SPRING GRADUATES EARN RECORD SETTING GPA

**New Town, ND** – The Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC) spring class of 2022 set a new record with the highest average GPA recorded in the college’s history. Students graduated with bachelor’s degrees, associate degrees, and certifications and held an average GPA of 3.18. This breaks the previous record set by the class of 2021 which had an average GPA of 3.0. The College’s Spring graduating class consisted of 25 students, with 15 students graduating with honors.

“Many of NHSC’s Spring graduating class started at or came back to NHSC in the middle of COVID, which was an incredible challenge. However, as a Tribal college, our goal is to help our students succeed and complete their studies even while they persevered through the global pandemic,” stated Robert Rainbow, VP of Academics. “Our faculty stepped up to assist our students any way possible over the last two years. It is a true testament to show the achievements from our students and the faculty while overcoming the hardships that the pandemic caused. I am blessed to work with such a great group of caring individuals that help to drive our mission forward,” said Rainbow.

2022 spring graduates are Amanda Deville, BA in Native American Studies, Morgan Tveter, AA in Addiction Studies, Selena Finley, AS in Environmental Science, Tuesday Bird Bear-Church, AA in General Studies (Pre-Nursing), Irene Hale, AA in General Studies, Champion Stevenson, AA in General Studies, Chelsey Quick Bear, AA in General Studies and AS in Science, Hailey Yellow Wolf, AA in General Studies

(Pre-Nursing), Courtney Rocke, AS in Science, Caspie Abbey, AA in Native American Studies, Braden Allery, AA in Business Administration, Jonna Brady, AA in Business Administration, Patricia DuBois, AA in Business Administration, Michelle Graham, AA in Business Administration, Daniel LeBeau Jr, AA in Business Administration, Andrea Sohappyy-Meanus, AA in Business Administration, Sasha Sillitti, AA in Business Administration, Shooter Stewart, AA in Business Administration, Marvin Colin Two Crow III, AA in Business Administration, Devin Bear Claw, Certificate in Welding, Kenneth Conklin, Certificate in Welding, Jeremiah Schweigman, Certificate in Welding, Scott Stewart, Certificate in Welding. A posthumous Certificate of Welding was awarded to Harley Frueh.

Located in New Town, ND, NHSC enhances quality of life and builds a strong and positive identity for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations that make up Three Affiliated Tribes. NHSC offers in-demand Certificate programs and Associate degrees as well as three bachelor's degrees. NHSC is the only TCU that offers an Equine Studies and Sustainable Energy Technologies programs. NHSC also offers a world-renowned Native American Studies program that covers three Native languages.

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