Sliding into summer

DINÉ ties culture to curriculum

DINÉ is a language and a culture—and now, a program to get teachers and students to embrace both. After a successful pilot last year, the Diné Institute for Navajo and Pueblo teachers to embrace and strengthen their own background, their history, their ancestors. And that’s why I want to tie culture into my curriculum,” said Marnita Chischilly, eighth-grade teacher at Wingate Elementary, a Bureau of Indian Education school just east of Gallup, New Mexico.

The program is the result of a partnership between Northern Arizona University and the Diné Institute for Navajo and Pueblo through the Yale National Initiative, a 40-year-old program designed to strengthen public schools and teaching in low-income urban or rural areas. "Our students are losing their language and their cultural knowledge, so we need to revitalize and strengthen that," Chischilly said.

"We want teachers to grow their own knowledge and carry that to their students, so we honor multiple knowledge systems in our institute, "DINÉ Director Angelina Castagno said.

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