

# Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College Receives \$500,000 from Tribes

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governor Janice Boswell (bottom left) recently presented a \$500,000 check to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College located on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Chief Lawrence Hart (bottom right), chairman of the Board of Regents for CATC, accepted for the college. Others attending the presentation were (back from left): Cornell Sankey, SWOSU President Randy Beutler, Ida Hoffman, CATC President Henrietta Mann and Parry Roman Nose.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, through its Tax Commission, recently presented a \$500,000 check to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC), located on the campus of its partner institution, Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governor Janice Boswell made the presentation to Chief Lawrence Hart, chairman of the Board of Regents for CATC, at the quarterly meeting of the governing board.

Dr. Henrietta Mann, president of the CATC, said the presentation was another historically jubilant day for the tribal college in terms of its continuing development.

“With this significant appropriation, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people are making a major investment in the future higher education of their youth,” Mann said. “We are humbly thankful.”

In late 2003, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people through a resolution directed the tribal government to establish a tribal college. Quinton Roman Nose, then director of the Tribal Department of Education, was the individual charged with the responsibility for putting the process into place. With the creation of a Board of Directors/Regents, planning subsequently resulted in a partnership between the board and SWOSU under former President John Hays.

Two highlights in its brief history include opening ceremonies on August 25, 2006 and the inauguration of its first president, Henrietta Mann, Ph.D. on April 3, 2008. Aside from its mission of providing a quality, cultural-based general education for its students, CATC is working toward gaining membership in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and eventual accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

“Although there is much work to be done, this small college is an exceptional vision consistent with the sovereign status of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people who have always placed a high value upon education,” Mann said.