

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College Receives \$400,000 from Tribes

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, located on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, was recently presented a \$400,000 check from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Governor Darrell Flyingman (second from left) made the presentation to Dr. Henrietta Mann, president of the CATC. Others attending included (from left): Quinton Roman Nose, director of the C & A Tribes' Department of Education; SWOSU Provost Blake Sonobe; Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Lessley Price, secretary-treasurer, CATC Board of Regents; and Lawrence Hart, chair, CATC Board of Regents.

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Mann said the presentation was another jubilant day for the college in terms of its continuing development. The \$400,000 added to an earlier \$100,000 appropriation, all of which comes from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, represents half of the college's \$1 million budget.

"With its sole support of the college, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people are making a significant investment in the future higher education of their youth," Mann said.

In late 2003, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people through a resolution directed the tribal government to establish a tribal college. Quinton Roman Nose, director of the C & A Tribes' Department of Education, became the person responsible for putting the process into place. With the creation of a Board of Directors/Regents, planning subsequently led to a partnership with SWOSU, led by 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, on April 3, 2008.

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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 accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

"Yes, there is much work to be done, but this small college is a dream of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people who have always placed a high value upon education," Mann said.