



NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer

2022

Another great year for education and discipleship

The 2021/22 was a great year with two graduates and many changed lives. Every day we are thankful for the way God uses this ministry and His people for His glory. This past year we had more boys than girls. We had been praying God would bring us more boys, and God answered. The boys God brought to campus were enthusiastic, helpful, kind and searching.

What an amazing privilege it was to be able to work with all the students throughout the year. We eagerly anticipate their return in August.



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- Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
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God is doing great things at Native American Christian Academy!



Dr. Kristi O'Riley, Director

Calling the Called - *Please Pray*

We are now preparing for the new school year and everything it promises. We are in dire need of staff. Please join us in prayer as we ask God to bring us at least four dorm parents, four teachers, kitchen and maintenance staff. If you are the one God has been speaking to and preparing for this mission service, please contact NACA today.



This will be a banner year as we look forward to our 60th year since the ministry was founded. *Won't you celebrate with us?*

Achievers Recognized



Warrior Award -
Elementary School
Waylynnskia Yazzie, Window
Rock, Arizona.



Warrior Award -
Junior/Senior High
Bridgette Barker, Sanders,
Arizona.

Apostle Paul Award

Rondel Benally - Elementary
Izayah Silas - Middle School
Bridgette Barker - High School

Congeniality Award - Kirra Jensen

Good Stewardship Jocelyn Dick Jeff Chee,
Waylynnskia Yazzie, Rondel Benally

Sports Awards - Garret Skeets, Danika
Yazzie, Damian Yazzie, Jenna Barker.

Mileage Club Awards

Most Miles Student - Greg Skeets (18.65)
Most Miles Dorm - Ringen Dorm (121.16)

Academic Awards - Greg Skeets,
Garett Skeets, Izaeya Silas

Art Award – Izaeya Silas

Christian Leader - Garett Skeets

Work and Witness volunteers are a blessing!



River Oaks Community Church Senior High, North Carolina - June 2022

It has been a very active and productive Spring with volunteer teams arriving from all across the country. *Thank you* to those who have sacrificed your time, financial resources and ENERGY to bless this ministry. We hope you are equally blessed and agree that our student-focused mission is an excellent and worthy out-reach for all size groups and all ages.

We are now scheduling on-campus work missions for 2023. The overall cost per participant will increase by 10% beginning January. The deposit required to hold your dates remains \$250.

Contact KateV@naca-az.org.



Green Valley Church of the Nazarene - May 2022



Congratulations, Class of 2022

The Native American Christian Academy conducted their 2022 Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, May 17 with friends, family and staff in attendance to honor graduates Diamond Yazzie, Window Rock, and Jamal Barker, Sanders,

In the Valedictorian speech, Yazzie shared her guiding verse: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" Romans 12:2 NASB.

Rev. Dr. John Nells, District Superintendent of the Southwest Native American District and a NACA Board Member, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Nells encouraged the graduates to be proud of their school and shared that he is proud to have been involved with NACA for over 37 years. He shared that he often meets very accomplished professionals who are former students. This includes his own children.

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Be proud of your school, become leaders, and set goals for yourself to attain.”

Dr. John Nells



Diamond Yazzie

2022 Valedictorian
Honor Student
Warrior Award,
Sticks Team
NACA Summer Intern &
Teaching Assistant



Jamal Barker

Honor Student
Sticks Team
Athlete
Miles Club
NACA Summer Intern

NACA Athletics - Adapt & Persevere

The students were involved in four sports this year: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer! It was a challenging year for sports, partially coming back from Covid-19 and partially not having as many middle school students.

All five **Cross Country** runners faced an extra challenge in at least one of their races. Some fell and got scraped up, others had growing pains and all but one runner ran in a race that was above their age group. Each student "Adapted and Persevered" and improved in every race.

During **Volleyball Season** there was not enough student interest to make a league team, but we were able to connect with a school in Holbrook to play. We adapted and mixed a middle school-high school team and played four best of five games matches. We did not win a match but did win a couple of games and had tons of fun.

When **Basketball** came around we had enough new middle schoolers for a team. With Elementary kids as our subs, we had 4th-7th graders playing against teams that were mostly 8th graders. Again these NACA kids persevered and played hard in every game. Although they did not win they got better, had fun, and are looking forward to next year, because of the experience.

The high school also played two games against Holbrook both games came down to the wire. The high school students were extremely excited to play with only high school students. Hopefully, this coming school year we can get more games scheduled for high school athletes.

The first ever **soccer** game for most of our kids was a 3-3 draw that went to free kicks. The second game brought a big challenge to the team as their coach had to be the ref and could not coach them during play. At half time we were down 1-0 and some players were telling everyone not to give up it was not over yet. With a ton of perseverance and adapting to the other team's tactics and no help from the coach. They won 3-1 for the first and only win in all sports this year.

God blessed us with the ability to adapt and make games happen. God blessed us with amazing kids and filled them with perseverance to push on even when nothing seemed to be going their way. We thank God for providing every opportunity and for the many blessings - especially Adapting and Perseverance!



“ Cross Country set the tone for athletics here where we strive to "Adapt and Preserver." We had five runners, including three elementary kids who chose to run against middle schoolers.



” Most of our kids had never played Soccer, but with help from God, we connected to another school in a similar situation. We adapted again fielding a team of 3rd-7th graders. Our kids persevered even though both games were played at the other school.

Justin Waugh,
Athletic Director



URGENT: Prayer Request

Please join us in prayer for willing workers.

We need skilled, servant leaders to serve as Dorm Parents, Teachers, Aides, Clerical Support, Kitchen Staff and Maintenance.

In addition to wages, we provide comfortable housing complete with air conditioning and household goods; meals, internet; laundry facilities; fitness equipment; biking / walking trails
- *all in beautiful Northern Arizona.*

Mentoring students is a special blessing and an important role for NACA staff. Our students are bright, energetic learners who eagerly seek guidance and support as they grow in faith and knowledge.



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