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Dupree School is Making Waves

Kaleb Shepherd wins LNI Business Competition

Eagle Butte, South Dakota – January 10, 2010 – Congratulations to Kaleb Shepherd, a 9th-grade student at Dupree High School, for winning the business plan competition at the annual Lakota Nation Invitational (LNI), held in Rapid City in December. Kaleb entered her business plan for Krazy Salon—a fictitious business offering beauty services including haircuts and color; tanning and manicures.

Kaleb’s business plan was one of four chosen to compete at LNI where she gave a 15-minute verbal presentation to a panel of judges. She provided business cards and in-depth financial information including a cash flow statement, estimated costs and a budget. She also fielded questions about her business.

“At first I was nervous, but it was a fun experience,” says Kaleb.

Kaleb’s business plan was initially an assignment in her Intro to Business class. But when her teacher, Mandie Menzel, received information about the LNI competition from Four Bands Community Fund, she challenged her students to participate. Kaleb made the decision to enter her plan.

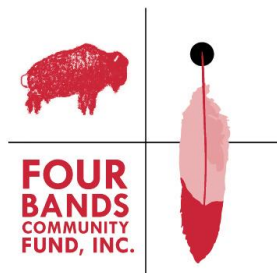
“I am very proud of Kaleb's accomplishments”, says Menzel. “She didn't have a lot of time to prepare her plan and was determined to get it done. Kaleb has proven what hard work and dedication will get you.”

As the winner, Kaleb earned a cash prize and a plaque. Her business class at school along with her experience at LNI has given her a better understanding of entrepreneurship and how to develop a business.

“I’ve learned that entrepreneurship takes teamwork and allows you to learn new skills,” adds Kaleb.

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Kaleb is the daughter of Lynnea Swan and J. and Kim Shepherd; all of Eagle Butte. Kaleb is the second student from Dupree High School to win the LNI business plan competition. Jesika Garrett won the senior division in 2008.

Four Bands Community Fund recognizes Kaleb Shepherd as a *Wavemaker* because of her dedication to learn how to create her own job and become financially savvy. Kaleb is preparing for a successful future, and she's setting positive examples for her peers.

Four Bands' Making Waves program encourages youth and adults to adopt healthy financial habits and consider entrepreneurship as a path to self-sufficiency. Visit FourBands.org/MakingWaves to learn about the program, read about area *Wavemakers*, and find out how area schools, such as the Dupree school, are implementing lessons in their classrooms from Four Bands' Teacher Toolkit.

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About Four Bands Community Fund

Four Bands Community Fund is the leading organization on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in the areas of small business development, business lending, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship education. With over a decade of experience in working in a rural, economically distressed area, we have perfected our products and services within our core program areas to overcome the challenges of poverty and unemployment that our residents face.

As a non-profit organization and a certified Native community development financial institution (CDFI), our mission is to assist entrepreneurs of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation with training, business incubation, and access to capital, encouraging economic development and enhancing the quality of life for all communities and residents of the Reservation.