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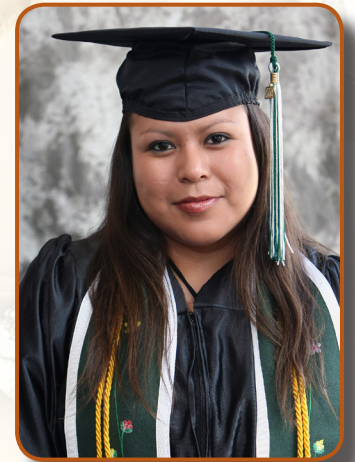
As 2009 comes to a close, it is good to look back at all the wonderful things that have happened here at Leech Lake Tribal College in the past year.

- LLTC had its largest-ever graduating class in May. The majority of the 2009 graduates successfully transitioned to four-year colleges and universities, including the class Salutatorian, Charles Dolson, who is studying Pre-Med at The College of Saint Scholastica.
- LLTC continued to expand its slate of exciting hands-on learning opportunities, with a record number of students applying for and participating in summer internships. This year, the internships included studying science under NASA's guidance and learning about Archaeology and Leech Lake's history with Leech Lake's Heritage Sites program. Supervisors at each program raved about the inquisitive, eager students they worked with, and we look forward to expanding the program again in 2010.
- A college-wide collaborative effort produced a new strategic plan that will shape the growth and development of Leech Lake Tribal College over the next five years. Also in the works is a comprehensive campus development plan, centered around a commitment to maximum use of renewable energy technology, that will guide all future construction on the college campus.



While there was much to celebrate in the past year, it was also a time of loss for the close-knit Leech Lake Tribal College family. On September 25, longtime LLTC instructor, mentor, and friend Benny Tonce passed from this life. Benny had been with the college since its inception in 1990, and was an encyclopedia of knowledge and wisdom about the Anishinaabe language and culture. He touched many lives in his nearly 20-year tenure here, and will be greatly missed.

On December 2nd, we lost another friend, 2009 Valedictorian Leann Dick, who passed away after a tragic accident. After a stellar career at Leech Lake Tribal College, Leann had transferred to the University of Minnesota-Morris. She was pursuing two of her great passions, with a double major in Biology and American Indian Studies. Leann's personal and intellectual growth during her time here at Leech Lake College was an inspiration to us all.



To honor the memory of Benny and Leann, two memorial scholarship funds have been established at Leech Lake Tribal College. The Benny Tonce Scholarship will support students studying Ojibwe Language and Indigenous Leadership. The Leann Dick Memorial Scholarship will aid students studying STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math) here at LLTC.

Please join us in supporting these scholarships, and help us touch more lives and create more success stories, just as Benny and Leann did while they were here.

Best wishes,

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President

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