

Tate Topa Newsletter



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Meet the Faculty and Staff



Hey what's up?

We got a little *Summer Breeze* action going on here this quarter and you know we're still doing it to it. So let's get it movin' and groovin' with a little ditty from our Student Support Services Administrative Assistant Jaimie Anderson.

Hi there, my name is Jaimie Anderson, and I am the Student Support Services Administrative Assistant here at the Sisseton Wahpeton College. I am an enrolled member of Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and half Norwegian. I am the first of child of about 8 siblings, so I come from a very large family. I have three children and one on the way in September. They consist of one girl and the rest boys. Needless to say, I am very busy majority of the time. So when I do have spare time I enjoy reading, sewing, quilting, beading, quilling, gardening, fishing, and just being outdoors in general. I grew up all around the Sisseton area but spent most of my time at Buffalo Lake which I consider my home. I graduated from Tiospa Zina Tribal School in May of 2003 and started college courses soon after. I graduated from SWC first in 2008 with my associates in Dakota Studies then in 2009 with Computer Systems Technology. Education was very important to me since I saw how much my mother struggled. Being a single parent, double major, and working here at the college, it took me a little longer than expected to finish but I succeeded!! I also worked here for five years in the I.T. Dept. and loved it! I am so glad to be working here again at SWC!

“What’s Been Going On?”

SWC held their 29th Annual Graduation on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the SWC Auditorium.



SWC had 30 graduates this year.



Jackie Birney is the Director of Nursing at Woodrow Wilson Memorial Health Center and was this year’s SWC Alumni Recognition Honoree.



The Commencement Address was given by Dr. Sherry Johnson.



Whitney Renville received the AIHEC Faculty of the Year award.

Writer's KoRn*er

With this next installment of *Writer's KoRn*er* we're going to go with a little piece from Jessica Redthunder.

I'm in love with him. No matter what I do or what I tell myself, the feelings will not subside. I went on a date with a man trying to forget the madness that he created within me. I put on an absent smile, laughing at his empty jokes, pretending that I was having the time of my life. So far from the reality of this heinous date I hid in my heart. When my date kissed me goodnight I foolishly dived in. I pressed into him, desperately trying to feel the spark of passion to forget the pain within but all I received was revulsion. As my eyes were shut so tight, He was all I could see; my love, my nightmare, my Vampire.

I remember the last time my Love and I spoke. That night my soul was ripped to shreds. Under the moon's light in the very cold, I argued.

"You are letting me go?" I exclaimed with such aching in my heart.

"They don't think we belong together in the same life together. You mean so much to me but you cannot follow the path I lead in this life." The Vampire whispered.

With tears falling from my eyes like raindrops, I began to weep. The Vampire opened his arms to embrace me, to console what he had destroyed. I cringed away.

"Do not touch me! Why are you torturing me like this? You are throwing me away like a used tissue but you want to try and comfort me? You have broken me!" I screamed with intense rage towards him.

Blood-tinged tears fell from his closed eyes. It was making me bewildered. Why would a vampire cry for a mere human such as myself? Obviously, I was worthless because he refused to take me with him.

"I'm sorry I am hurting you but this is for your best interest. I am no good for you. You must understand me." He murmured.

I looked up at him for the last time. My heart felt trampled. I was defeated. "I wish you the best of luck and I hope you find what it is you are looking for..." and I turned and ran back under the safe lights of the street.

It's funny how no matter what we do or how we try to ignore it and pretend that it isn't there, love does what it will. To this day, I still do not understand why love does what it wants to me.

A week later the vampire called for me. One stupid little message. "I miss you..." I did the only thing I could think of. I hid my heart away deep inside my being and locked it away forever. His life source is unnatural and unworthy of a woman's love. He couldn't give me his un-beating heart, so why should I attempt to give him anything even if it is only to hear my voice? The message was left unanswered.

He is dead. And he is dead to me. Just like how he killed my heart.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This Spring we're shining our big, bright Student Spotlight on Katie Wegleitner.

At SWC, I am currently taking Physiology, English Comp, and College Algebra online. When I am completed with these summer courses they will all be transferred to Northern State University in the fall.

I have had the privilege of learning from many exceptional music teachers over the last twelve years. I plan on double majoring in Music Performance and Musical Theatre. In the area of performance I will be focusing on Alto Saxophone, Vocals, and Piano. After completing my Bachelor degree at Northern State University I plan on obtaining my Masters in Music Education and later teach at a South Dakota school.

I am also obtaining my training for the SD National Guard. By the end of next year I will officially be part of the 147th SD Army Band. With the Army Band I hope to acquire the skills and education needed for my field of choice.

My short term goal of highlighting school activities has now amplified to a long term goal of leaving an everlasting impression on others to be the best they can be, and make the most out of every life situation. This is my legacy, and I hope to set other students of my school down the same path of future success.

As for my future goals, I will be serving my country in the National Guard. This winter I will be starting my basic training and immediately following I will be attending the United States Armed Forces School of Music.



The Tate Topa would like to thank Katie for taking the time to tell us a little bit about herself. We really do appreciate it.

Thanks again and good luck and best wishes on your future!



SWC is on Facebook!

Our brilliant and gifted Development Associate here at SWC has created a page on Facebook for ALL of our alumni to check out and join (become fans of).

So if you're already a member of Facebook, or if you've been thinking about joining, check our page out, join, and leave us a message. Let us know what you think.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on re-starting the SWC Alumni Association. Would that be something you might be interested in?

Sound off and let us know.

Our Facebook page is listed as:

Sisseton Wahpeton College (SWC) Alumni Association

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