Indian Affairs - Office of Public Affairs

Media Contact: Nedra Darling, OPA-IA Phone: 202-219-4152
For Immediate Release: May 6, 2004
Print PDF

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs David W. Anderson will give the keynote address at the United Tribes Technical College 2004 commencement ceremony scheduled for May 7. The event will be held at the UTTC campus in Bismarck, N.D., starting at 1:00 p.m. (CDT). This year's graduating class of 89 students, representing 25 tribes from across the United States, is the largest in the college's 35-year history. Over 10,000 students have graduated from UTTC since the school's founding.

The United Tribes Technical College was established in 1969 as the first inter-tribally owned postsecondary vocational school in the nation for American Indians. It is owned, operated and governed by five federally recognized tribes located in North and South Dakota: the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara) of the Fort Berthold Reservation, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, the Spirit Lake Tribe, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. The college is accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools. It offers fourteen different programs where students can earn certificate and two-year technical degrees at the Associate of Applied Science level.

WHO: David W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

WHAT: Anderson will be the keynote speaker at the United Tribes Technical College commencement ceremony.

WHEN: Friday, May 7, 2004 starting at 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

WHERE: United Tribes Technical College, Lone Star Arena, 3315 University Dr., Bismarck, N.D. UTTC is located in south Bismarck near the Bismarck airport.

Note to Editors: Credentialed media covering the event should be in place by 12:45 p.m. Press seating will be provided. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m.