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NATHANIEL TODEA COORDINATES AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP READING

NRCS Engineer Nathaniel Todea recently organized and involved employees from several federal agencies in the reading and ranking for the A.T. Anderson Scholarship which is one of five scholarships that the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) provides annually. It is estimated that 75 to 100 scholarships will be awarded this school year. Undergraduates will receive \$1000 and graduate students will receive \$2000.



AISES is a national, nonprofit organization which nurtures community development by bridging science and technology with traditional values. Through its educational programs, AISES provides opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives to pursue studies in

science, engineering, and technology arenas. AISES' ultimate goal is to be a catalyst for the advancement of American Indians and Native Alaskans as they become self reliant and self determined members of society. For more information about AISES go to www.aises.org. Typical students are enrolled to become a biologist, natural resources specialist, environmental scientist, geologist, business manager, archaeologist or an engineer.

"I think this is good for all of us; helping an outstanding organization help us with recruitment, teaching NRCS about AISES, and getting Civil Rights components completed for employees progress reviews, and I hope participants learned something new about current American Indian issues", said Todea, who also currently serves on the National NRCS Civil Rights Committee as American Indian/Alaska Native Male Representative.

Todea expressed thanks to the 2009 AISES Scholarship Reading/Ranking participants (some of whom are shown in the accompanying photo): Brian Perry (BOR), Jonathan Tufuga and Cindy Gibson (RD), Heidi Hadley (BLM-BOR), Janice Jones Schroeder (Salt Lake City School District). NRCS employees were: Travis James, Basin Resource Coordinator; Julie Nelson, State Agricultural Economics; Kent Sutcliffe, Assistant State Soil Scientist; Christene Staley, Budget Officer; Marnie Wilson, Outreach Coordinator; Nathaniel Todea, State Hydraulic Engineer; Dee Cummings, Administrative Assistance - Technical Resources; Pamela Harvey, Grants & Agreements Specialists; Richard Vigil, QA-QC - Operations; Wayne Greenhalgh, District Conservationist Area III; Marnie Wilson, State Outreach Coordinator; Patti Olsen, Business Assistance; Morgan Sandall, Area Engineer Area III; Lisa Rice, Assistant

Administrative Officer; Kerry Goodrich, Assistant State Conservationist Area I; Charlie Frear, Assistant State Conservationist Area II; and Bronson Smart, State Conservation Engineer.

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