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**Haskell Indian Nations University hosting BIE Youth Leadership Challenge**

Lawrence, Kansas – On June 14-19, 2009, *Bureau of Indian Education* (BIE) is sponsoring the **Youth Leadership Challenge 2009** hosted by Haskell Indian Nations University. The Summer Youth Leadership Challenge is a hosted program and will provide an array of educational activities and events for the students participating in the week long event.

The Summer Youth Leadership Challenge was designed to create awareness and improve the knowledge base of young tribal members in the unique sovereign relationship that Indian Tribes have with the United States Government. Participants will be instructed by tribal leaders, university officials, and other experts in the field based upon a curriculum that will engage students on the historical, political, legal and social development of tribal governments. Additional activities that enhance knowledge and promote problem solving skills will be integrated into the program.

The Youth Leadership Challenge is open to American Indian/Alaska Native students who are in grades 9-12. May 15, 2009 was the deadline for applications. Students were selected based on their academic achievements, social standing and overall leadership qualities. The criteria for participation is listed on the Bureau of Indian Education website at <http://enan.bia.edu>

The site for the 2010 program will be Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The applications for the 2010 program will be available January 2010.

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