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Haskell Indian Nations University hosting 2nd Annual BIE Youth Leadership Challenge

Lawrence, Kansas – On June 6-12, 2010, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is sponsoring the second annual **Summer Youth Leadership Challenge** hosted by Haskell Indian Nations University. The Summer Youth Leadership Challenge is a week long residential summer program which provides an array of educational activities and events for the students participating in the event.

The Leadership Challenge was launched by the leadership of BIE in 2009 to encourage and support the youth to facilitate and stimulate a desire in students to undertake their role as leaders in their community. The format will include presentations by tribal leaders, university officials, and other experts in the fields of health, education, and leadership and 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 BIE SYLC program is open to students who are members of federally recognized tribes who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2010-2011 academic year. There is no cost to attend and students will be responsible for their travel to the host site. Students will be selected based on their academic achievements, social standing and overall leadership qualities. Last year students represented 17 states and 20 nations.

The applications are to be **received by March 1, 2010 (1st round – priority); and the second round of applications are to be received by March 15, 2010.** All materials must be mailed in one envelope; no faxes are accepted. Applications may be accepted until May 1 (on a space available basis); please contact the office after May 1 to find out if spaces are open.

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