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By

Vice Chairman David Reede

Greetings San Carlos! Thank you to all who attended the 2007 San Carlos Education Department Scholarship Banquet. I was encouraged by the number of contributors to the cause of education. I was honored to have my staff members participate in this worthwhile function as the keynote speaker and the mistress of ceremonies. It is my sincere hope that these two upstanding individuals served as an inspiration and a reminder to the community that an education can take you places.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007 from Gila Community College. On Saturday, May 12, Gila Community College will host their commencement exercises. I applaud all graduates for your determination and commitment to higher learning. You have officially become warriors in the battle to uplift your communities. I challenge you to stay focused and fulfill your dreams. I wish you many blessings on the road to success.

I also extend my sincerest appreciation to the mothers' in our community. Your role is so important to the success of our tribe. After all, you are the guardians of our most precious resources, our children. As mothers, you are shaping the lives of our future. This is a tremendous responsibility and I thank you for your commitment to the children. This Sunday, I wish you all a safe and happy Mother's Day.

The month of May also recognizes Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. This year EMS Week is scheduled for May 20 – 26, 2007. This year's theme is "EMS: Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service." I would like to acknowledge our San Carlos EMS Program for their tireless service to the community. Our local EMS branch is home to over fifty employees that respond to numerous emergencies. In the month of April alone, the EMS staff responded to an estimated 516 calls. In addition to responding to emergency situations, EMS also provides long distance patient transportation. Thank you EMS for all you do for the people of San Carlos.

The third issue of the Community Stronghold Newsletter is now available. In this issue you can read an update from the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

and get a listing of the Tribal Committees. Other features include a schedule of events and a description of upcoming projects from the Vice Chairman's Office. You can pick up a copy of the newsletter at the administration building.

Mark your calendars, on May 17, my office will host the second, "Breakfast with the Vice Chairman" event. I am proud that this event will feature a collaboration of the efforts of the Office of the Chairman and the Office of the Vice Chairman as we transform this event into Breakfast with the Leadership." Please come and hear updates about the activities and projects of the Executive offices. Chairman Nosie and I look forward to taking this event to the community of Bylas in the month of June.

Thank you and remember to strive to be the change that you would like to see in your world.