

David M. Gipp
United Tribes Technical College President

David M. Gipp is President of United Tribes Technical College, an intertribal, postsecondary technical college for American Indian students and their families in Bismarck, N.D. He was associated with the college during its founding by North Dakota tribal leaders between 1969 and 1972 and was named president of it on May 2, 1977.

Born in Fort Yates, ND, Gipp is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. His Hunkpapa Lakota name is Wicahpi Isnala translates to Lone Star.

He earned an education at the University of North Dakota (1969) and holds a Doctorate in Laws, Honoris Causa, from North Dakota State University (1991) for his contributions in developing tribal higher education policy. He has been selected for numerous national and community awards.

His professional work since 1972 has been principally in the development of tribal colleges. He was instrumental in creating the first national legislation (1978) to assist tribally controlled community colleges. He has extensive background in vocational and higher education and has served on the U.S. Department of Labor Native American Employment and Training Council (1978-2005).

Among other posts, President Gipp is the past Executive Director (1973-1977) and President of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (1978-1980, 1991-1993, 1999-2000, 2001-2003) and past Chair of the American Indian College Fund (2002, 2003-2004, 2005) and current Chair of the University of North Dakota INMED Advisory Council. He was the 1995 Indian Educator of the Year of the National Indian Education Association and 1997 North Dakota Multi Cultural Educator of the Year. Most recently he was named the Champion of Liberty by the ACLU of North Dakota (2008).

North Dakota Governor John Hoeven appointed him to the North Dakota Workforce Development Council, the North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service and the North Dakota Quarter Design Selection Committee. He served on the Bismarck Mayor's Committee on Human Relations. He is a member of the Lewis & Clark Regional Development Council and numerous other boards.

President Gipp oversees all aspects of the college, which is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and offers 26 associate degree programs, 20 certificate and 3 bachelor degree programs.

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