

Choctaw Author's Graduation With Civic Honors Program Opens In Three States

Enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Nels Lindahl, wrote seminal work, "Graduation With Civic Honors," to design a program now implemented in three states. Lindahl, a Ph.D. candidate at Walden University, hopes the program will be further implemented to increase civic awareness across the nation.

Colorado Springs, Colorado July 21, 2009 -- In 2004, Nels Lindahl, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, began work on a program that he hoped would unlock the power of community opportunity and foster civic engagement for college students. Lindahl published this program in 2006, and since then three colleges in three separate states have implemented graduation with civic honors.

Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas was the first to implement Lindahl's program. Recently both the University of Wisconsin – Parkside and Oklahoma City Community College initiated new Graduation with Civic Honors programs. Each program requires students to log a specified number of community service hours and to exemplify community involvement and civic responsibility.

Information on Lindahl's program can be found at <http://www.civichonors.com/> and the latest news on the Graduation with Civic Honors program can be followed on twitter at <http://twitter.com/civichonors>.

About Nels Lindahl:

Nels Lindahl is a Ph.D. student at Walden University working toward completing a doctoral degree in public policy and administration. Lindahl is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and a member of the Native American Rights Fund. More information can be found on www.nelslindahl.com.

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