Congratulations to Noel White Running Water Stewart, the recipient of the 2011-2012 Hiscock Memorial Award. Noel is working with the Salish Kootenai College (SKC) Cubesat project and was a summer intern at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). As the Hiscock Memorial Award recipient Noel will be studying ways to use the SKC Cubesat project to enhance the hydrology, science, and education curricula at SKC. She will also be serving as a NASA Student Ambassador sharing NASA science and opportunities with fellow students and her community.

Noel previously attended Blackfeet Community College (BCC), graduating with two associate degrees in Business Management and Math/Science. She is currently enrolled at Salish Kootenai College working on her Bachelor degree in Hydrology. She will be the first of four siblings to earn a B.S. degree. Noel was part of the BCC team sponsored by the Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) investigating plant regeneration at the 2006 Red Eagle Fire on the Blackfeet Reservation using a Kingfisher tethered blimp system with infrared and visible light remote sensing cameras. In the summer of 2011 Noel was an intern at the Marshall Space Flight Center studying storm and climate impacts on sea grass habitats. She is involved with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), American Indian Science and Education Society, and American Geophysical Union and has presented her work at the American Indian and Alaskan Native Climate Change Working Group Conference.

Congratulations Noel!

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