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PHARMACY STUDENTS COMPLETES COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT WITH OMAHA TRIBAL YOUTH

Omaha, Nebraska (July 27, 2006) --- On July 27th, Pharmacy student Danielle Beaudette completed a community-based project with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska to assess knowledge gained regarding diabetes through a Diabetes Bingo activity. Twenty-four Omaha Tribal children from ages 5 to 14 participated in the activity which included a pre-test of knowledge about diabetes followed by the Diabetes Bingo activity. After completing an hour of the Bingo game, the participants completed a post-test. Healthy snacks were provided to all participants and school supplies were given as prizes.

Under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Ann Ryan-Haddad, Assistant Professor in Pharmacy and Core Faculty Member of the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education (OISSE), Dani will review the results from the surveys to determine if Diabetes Bingo is an effective community education tool for the Omaha Tribe. The results will be used by both the Omaha Tribe Diabetes Coordinator, Debra Parker, and the OISSE Coordinator, Dr. Joy Voltz, as a quality improvement plan for diabetes outreach to the Omaha Tribe.

Dani is completing this project as part of the Summer Intensive Program of the Student Research Program through the Creighton Health Services Research Program (CHRP).

OISSE has a long standing partnership with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska which includes a variety of outreach projects and educational opportunities for SPAHP students. For more on the Rural Native American Outreach of OISSE, visit <http://oisse.creighton.edu>.



Above, left: Pharmacy student Dani Beaudette acts as caller for the Diabetes Bingo game.

Above, right: Omaha Tribal youth participate in Diabetes Bingo.