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TUBA CITY STUDENT RECEIVES UM SCHOLARSHIP

MISSOULA, Mont. –

Brandi Jo Cook of **Tuba City** has been awarded a \$260 Bonnie Heavy Runner Scholarship from The University of Montana Native American Studies Department.

Cook is a UM junior majoring in microbiology. She is a 2006 graduate of **Browning** High School in Browning, Mont. Her parents are Gail Hoyt of Browning and Larry Cook of **Flagstaff**.

The scholarship was established in 1999 to honor Heavy Runner, a highly respected UM educator who was the driving force behind the creation of Montana's first Native American Studies major at the university level.

Heavy Runner was a member of the Blackfeet Tribe. She was diagnosed with cancer in 1991 and died in 1997 while serving as director of UM's Native American Studies Department.

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