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### PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE SUPPORTS SAN MIGUEL CORPORATE INTERSHIP

**FEBRUARY 12, 2010 - TUCSON, ARIZONA** – The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has awarded San Miguel High School \$25,000 to support the school’s Corporate Internship Program.

San Miguel is a private, non-profit, Catholic high school that provides a quality college preparatory education to students from families of limited financial means. The average income of San Miguel students’ families is \$30,000. Located in the heart of Tucson’s economically disadvantaged south side, approximately 85% of its students are Latino and 10% are Native American.

San Miguel integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with practical work experience to prepare students for college and career. As part of the Cristo Rey Network of 24 schools across the country, students take a full course load, while at the same time working in entry level positions at local businesses, earning approximately 60% of their school tuition.

Since its inception in 2004, 100% of the students in San Miguel’s first two senior classes have graduated, 100% have been accepted to college, and they’ve been awarded over \$6 million in scholarships and grants.

With the help of the funds awarded to the Corporate Internship Program by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, San Miguel will be able to help its students gain the experience necessary to become productive members of tomorrow’s workforce and, ultimately, to increase their lifelong earning potential.

John Escalante, Council Treasurer, says, “This year was difficult for the Council as revenues were down and the number of proposals submitted to us was up due to this economy we all are in. However, we are pleased to support San Miguel High School because it has shown its ability to provide an excellent education to our young people. A strong educational foundation will bring all of us a stronger economic future.”

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