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Santa Fe, NM – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico’s Third District announced today that San Juan College (SJC) is receiving a federal grant for nearly \$400,000 through the Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Program. The program is designed to provide support and assistance to Native American-serving schools in order to enable them to improve and expand their capacity to serve the community.

“A quality education is the key to unlocking a world of opportunities for our young people,” Congressman Luján said. “In this challenging economic climate and this increasingly global economy, a higher education is essential to future success. This important grant will help San Juan College provide its students with the resources they need to complete their education and earn the skills and knowledge they will need to be the next generation of leaders in our community.”

The federal grant for \$397,890 will help San Juan College accelerate AA and AS degree and certificate completion for Native American students. In order to achieve success, SJC will focus on a number of areas including building partnerships with Native American serving four-year institutions, enhancing interactive electronic student resources, and strengthening professional development for faculty. SJC will also collect extensive qualitative and quantitative data to improve Native American student success and to conduct a pilot research project focused on retention assessment.

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