



Pictured left to right: Tina Begay, Adam Beach, and Angelique Albert

American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) attended the Potlatch Annual Gala 2004, in Seattle Washington. Tina Begay, Executive Director and Angelique Albert, Development Specialist for AIBL had the opportunity to meet Adam Beach, who starred as Private Ben Yahzee, a Navajo codetalker in *Windtalkers*.

The Potlatch Gala was sponsored by the Potlatch Fund a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire the Native tradition of giving in Northwest Indian Country to promote economic development, natural resources protection, education, cultural preservation, civic participation, and the overall health of Native people and their communities. The Potlatch Fund is a Native-led grant making foundation and leadership development organization offering culturally appropriate training and technical assistance to build the capacity of grant makers and seekers

The Potlatch training activities are “placed based” which means they take the training to communities where Native people live and work. Their training model involves partnering with local Tribes and other organizations to host these events. Plans for 2005 and beyond are to reach out to locations in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) has partnered with the Potlatch Fund to bring technical assistance training to Montana in 2005. Anyone interested in receiving additional information, please call 406-243-4879.

*American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to supporting and promoting our future American Indian business leaders who will use their education and experience to ultimately assist in tribal economic development efforts. AIBL is the only National American Indian non-profit organization solely dedicated to empowering business students in the United States*