

RANDY'L TETON JOINS ANA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO WORK WITH MUSEUM

Randy'L He-dow Teton, the model for the Sacagawea golden dollar, will intern this summer at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Money Museum.

"We are very pleased to offer Ms. Teton this internship," says Museum Curator Robert W. Hoge. "We hope to provide her with the experience and opportunities she is seeking."

The 24-year-old Teton is a recent graduate of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a bachelor of fine arts degree in art history and a minor in Native American studies. A member of the Shoshone-Bannock/Cree Tribe and of the Cree Nation, she grew up on Fort Hall Reservation in southeastern Idaho. Teton earned an associate of fine arts degree in museum studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, after graduating high school.

Teton has said, "We need to have more Native Americans working in the museum field. There is a great deal of Native American art in museums, but very few Native American professionals who can adequately represent the significance of the art within the cultural context."

Following her internship with the ANA, Teton plans to pursue a master's degree in order to specialize in the culture and art of Native Americans from the Great Basin (Idaho, Nevada, Utah and parts of Wyoming). "I want to be in a position to help educate the next generation in Native American art," she says.

As the model for the Sacagawea golden dollar, Teton already is well known to coin collectors. Santa Fe Artist Glenna Goodacre, who created the design in 1998 for the new \$1 coin, noted that Teton shared facial characteristics of a Shoshone woman and served as an excellent model.

"I can't believe I'm on a coin," Teton has said. "It is a real honor for me and my family."

During her internship, Teton will stay at Colorado College, adjacent to ANA headquarters, and attend the ANA Summer Seminar in July and the ANA World's Fair of Money® in Atlanta in August.

For more information about the ANA Internship Program, contact the American Numismatic Association Education Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail anaedu@money.org; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

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