The University of Utah uses the name “Utes” for its sports teams, as it has done with full support of the Ute Indian Tribe since 1972. The university, as the flagship of higher education in Utah, takes pride in carrying the name with understanding and respect toward our state’s namesake people. A new website was created to encourage the entire U community—students, faculty, staff, fans, alumni, supporters—to learn more about the Ute culture, heritage and the history of our region. Ute history is Utah history so that we can all be “Ute Proud.”

Click [here](http://fyi.utah.edu/issues/sept-15-2014/story_27216.html) to learn more about the Ute tribe and the U.

On Thursday, September 11, the U announced a scholarship fund for eligible Ute tribal members as part of the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding.

University departments have long offered a variety of scholarships for Native American students; this is the first fund created specifically for Ute students and is done in part to recognize the tribe’s permission to use the “Utes” name for the U’s athletics teams.

“The University community is proud of its ongoing relationship with the Ute Indian Tribe, and the scholarship fund is one step in our efforts to promote educational benefits for tribal youth,” says Mary Parker, associate vice president of enrollment management at the U.