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Native American Heritage Month

This year the Native American Cultural Center office relocated to the LSC West (MAC Gym) on CSU campus. This move provided an opportunity to create a closer community between the offices and a challenge in ensuring students knew of the new location during the Lory Student Center reconstruction. Despite all the adjustments, Native American Heritage Month events still took place thanks to the dedication and perseverance of the NACC office staff and the Native community in general. Stand out events included Patricia Michaels inspiring talk about her time on the television show "Project Runway", the 31st Annual AISES Pow-Wow, the documentary "Young Lakota" and the CSU Library speaker series highlighting Indigenous Scholars/Study at CSU. Heritage month concluded with the American Indian Market at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, showcasing a number

of talented Indigenous artisans.



Photo: Native American dancer at the NAHM kick off event at the CSU West Lawn.

Native Women's Circle

It was a very busy and fulfilling semester for Native Women's Circle this fall! Brand new and familiar faces filled up the office each Tuesday from 4:30-6:30 P.M. The group worked on beading projects, listened to guest speakers, shared stories and enjoyed good snacks and company. Native Women's Circle wrapped up the year with a dinner at Restaurant 415, where founder and coordinator Katrina Gillette (Katrina is completing her PhD spring 2014. Congratulations!) announced that graduate student

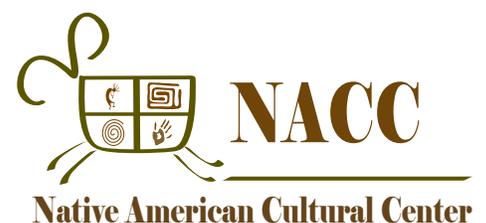


Photo: NWC at dinner with visiting Maori scholar Linda Tuhiwai Smith

Nicole Kenote is the new graduate coordinator. We look forward to coming up with exciting projects for next semester with our new group leader and hopefully even more new members!

Did you know

The Native American Cultural Center along with other SDPS offices has now relocated to LSC West, or the MAC Gym, in the Student Rec Center while the Lory Student Center undergoes reconstruction. Hours remain the same, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday-Friday.



Students Elevated at AISES National Conference

The Colorado State University American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Chapter members got a treat this year because lovely (and local) Denver, Colorado was the 2013 host for the AISES National Conference! The theme for this year's conference was ELEVATE and attendees certainly had a great time elevating their professional repertoire to the next level by networking with sponsors such as USDA, Intel and the Department of Energy at the career fair, attending workshop sessions, and learning about great research being conducted by Native students and in Indian Country at the poster and oral presentations. Students also enjoyed local cuisine and culture at the Student Awards Luncheon and Powwow on the last day. CSU had a great turnout in attendance with Chapter members LJ Kuhlman, Chad Avery, Sky Medi-



Photo: Cousins Chad and Sky hang out with the Big Blue Bear at the Conference.

cine Bear, Delbert Willie, Derrick Benallie, Madeline Anna, Adele Nez, Jamie McBryde, Nicole Kenote, Michael Vicenti, NACC Director Ty Smith, and local Native engineer Robbyn Hickman making the journey to downtown Denver. Graduate

student Nicole Kenote says she uses the conference as "a way to find valuable internships for the summer, such as those offered by the Washington Internship for Native Students or Organization for Tropical Studies" of which she has partaken in the past. "I highly recommend for students to attend" remarks Ms. Kenote. Two students also participated in the graduate research competitions including PhD candidate Delbert Willie in the oral section and Madeline Anna in the poster section. Congratulations to Ms. Anna who received 2nd place in the graduate poster competition for her Master's degree work.

The conference was held at the Colorado Convention Center from October 31st-November 2nd. Next year the AISES National Conference will take place in Orlando, Florida and we are hoping that students will be able to attend and represent

CSU again. So dive into a research project this summer and submit your abstracts to www.aises.org/nationalconference next fall! We suggest making connections with your professors or checking out your College or Department's webpage to find research projects that spark your interest. Good luck and see you in Orlando!



Native American Heritage Month presenter and PhD Candidate, Katrina Gillette.

Eagle Feather Tutoring

The Eagle Feather Tutoring Program has been off to a great start this semester! Our five tutors: Madeline Anna, Ashley Quick Bear, Lyla Maloney, Adele Nez, and Malia Paresa, have seen over 100 tutoring appointments this semester! As the semester is winding down, we are glad that so many students have been taking advantage of the free tutoring sessions available to all CSU students. Over 40 students have utilized this resource so far; these students come from all grade levels, majors, and backgrounds. Most students came in to receive help in biology and chemistry, while others sought help in engineering and math courses.

If you haven't checked out the Eagle Feather tutoring program at the NACC, please visit us at

LSC West for spring 2014! The program is free and open to all students. In order to find more information, please visit nacc.colostate.edu or visit the NACC office to pick up a brochure!

Did you know

The Eagle Feather Tutoring Program at the Native American Cultural Center, offers tutoring in a variety of classes including LIFE, CHEM, MATH, and COMP classes. Schedules are available in the office and online:

<http://www.nacc.colostate.edu/>

Education Abroad: Peru

In the summer of 2013, NACC tutor Ashley QuickBear had the opportunity to study abroad in Peru for a month. As a Biology major with a Spanish minor she wanted to spend time in a foreign Spanish speaking country in order to improve her speaking skills. She was also looking for an unforgettable cultural experience and Peru is home to some of the most incredible landmarks in the world, including Machu Picchu and the Incan city Cusco. Peru is also on the coastline of the Pacific Ocean and is part of the Amazon rainforest, which she said “Is some pretty different landscape in comparison to Colorado”. She attended a university in Lima, the capital of Peru, and lived with friends and a host family. They taught her about the different social customs, such as kissing everybody on the cheek including strangers, and significantly helped her to improve her Spanish.



Everyone in Peru was also fascinated by her heritage: Ashley’s dad is Lakota Sioux and most Peruvians had never met a Native American before. She also said she was excited to be able to teach them

about her culture as well. Speaking from her experience, Ashley thinks all college students should take the opportunity to study abroad.

“It’s an unforgettable experience and mind-opening to the variety of people, places, and cultures that we share our world with! Standing in Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, was one of the most humbling experiences in my entire life, and I wouldn’t trade that trip for anything.” She also had the opportunity to meet some amazing people she otherwise would never have known, including her host family, professors, and the students in the study abroad program from all corners of the United States. She learned a lot about herself as well- some students loved their trip so much they planned to move back and find careers in Peru after they finished school! If students are thinking about searching and applying to study abroad programs, research at least a



semester before. There are many options for students depending on the time commitment, the subjects to study, and the places to live and visit. There are also many affordable options and scholarships available to accepted students.

For more information on education abroad opportunities at Colorado State University, please call the Office of International Programs at 970-491-5917 or visit their website at: www.studyabroad.colostate.edu.



Photo: Ashley Quickbear on her Study abroad trip, summer 2013.

Upcoming Events

Winter Break: December 20, 2013 - January 19, 2014

First Day of Spring Semester: January 21, 2014

All Nations Leadership Retreat (Beaver Meadows Ranch, Red Feather Lakes CO: February 21-23, 2014

Spring Break: March 17- March 21, 2014

K-12 Outreach with NACC and Little Shop of Physics (Four Corners area): March 16-20, 2014

Denver March Pow Wow: Friday March 21 - March 23, 2014 at the Denver Coliseum

Last day of Spring classes: May 9, 2014

Commencement at Colorado State University: May 16, 2014

Message From the Assistant Director



Greetings from the Native American Cultural Center Office! We have had a busy year so far with new summer programs and a lot of new students. This issue of the Indigenous Reader highlights the activities from late summer and throughout the fall semester. On the front page of our newsletter you will read about Native American Heritage Month and the Native Women's Circle, two of the many programs that we are proud to offer students at Colorado State University. Heritage month started out with the annual AISES Pow Wow, we also worked with Librarian Jimena Sagas to highlight Indigenous scholars and topics at CSU and had an inaugural showing of a new documentary called "Young Lakota". We are also proud of our partnership with the Office of Admissions and Ethnic Studies to offer the first annual Native Education Forum program. This program offered a week long "Contemporary Native American Issues" class for 15 high school students. This program gives students one free college credit and assistance with the university application process. I hope you enjoy reading about our various events and programs in this issue.

Sincerely,

Leslee Lovato, Assistant Director at the Native American Cultural Center and Office of Admissions



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