

NACC Celebrates 30 Years of Service at CSU

The Native American Cultural Center is proudly celebrating thirty years of service at Colorado State University this year. The office was founded in 1979, with the mission to ensure a successful educational experience for students by providing support and services related to recruitment, retention, graduation and community outreach. The office embraces and encourages a supportive environment based on the traditions and cultures of Native American peoples.

The NACC office offers a number of programs to support and develop successful students. The North Star Peer Mentor program focuses on assisting new and transfer Native students adapt to life at CSU. Free tutoring is offered to students struggling academically through The Eagle Feather Tutoring program. Fostering a sense of pride and common ground for Native women, the Native Women's Circle features weekly discussions, guest speakers, a book club and other activities

on Native women's issues. The NACC office also offers all students a welcoming place to socialize, study and access to a computer lab. Additional resources include a library, movie collection, kitchen, television lounge, copying, faxing and printing.



The NACC office is open to all students, and features a computer lab, library, television lounge and more!



The 2009-2010 Native American Cultural Center Staff

From Left: Ty Smith, Deidra Newbrough, Lauren Ramirez, Goldlin Wall, Teresa Roybal, LaRae Platero and Derrick Benallie.

Name Change

Colorado State University's Advocacy offices underwent a formal name change during the summer of 2009, and are now collectively referred to as Student Diversity Programs and Services.

The Native American Student Services office has been formally renamed the Native American Cultural Center. The name change was a formal recommendation made by a committee composed of students, faculty, staff and administrators

charged with the task of evaluating the advocacy offices to ensure that they operate efficiently, and serve the needs of CSU students. The Native American Cultural Center is open to all students at CSU.

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Office Updates

The Native American Student Association (NASA) is currently seeking a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2009-2010 year. Please visit the NACC office for more information or to apply.

Podcasts featuring interviews with Native students and faculty members are offered on the NACC website at www.nacc.colostate.edu/ podcasts.

The Eagle Feather Tutoring program offers FREE tutoring for all students in a number of subjects including composition, math, chemistry and more. The latest tutoring schedule can be found on the NACC website at www.nacc.colostate.edu.

The Native Women's Circle has started meeting weekly, Wednesday nights 5-7 p.m. in the NACC office. Anyone interested in Native women's issues is invited to attend meetings and participate in events. Contact Katrina Gillette at katrinalg82@yahoo.com for information.

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) will be holding meetings in the NACC office Mondays at 5 p.m. All students are invited to attend, and food will be provided. The AISES Tiffany Kelly President, Deidra Newbrough Vice President, Derrick Benallie Secretary and LaRae Platero Treasurer.



The 2009-2010 North Star Peer Mentor Group

Top row from left: Goldlin Wall, Nicole Kenote, Deidra Newbrough, Tiffani Kelly, Derrick Benallie, Rachel Speights and Madeline Anna.

Bottom row from left: Racheal Hall, Courtney Woolsey and Chris Yocum.

New North Star Peer Mentors

The Native American Cultural Center is committed to the retention and success of Native students at CSU, which is why the North Star Peer Mentoring program was developed. The role of a mentor is to connect Native students new to campus with resources to help them succeed on campus. The program focuses on Native student retention and academic

success. This year there are ten mentors in the program, four of them returning to the program for another year. Mentors attend weekly seminars to develop effective communication skills, increase their understanding of Native issues and promote diversity appreciation on campus. Mentors who participate in the program receive three

academic credits listed as PSY486. Mentors are expected to make regular contact with their mentees to insure they are having a positive transition to college life. The North Star Peer Mentoring program has been very successful in making Native students feel welcomed at CSU, resulting in greater Native enrollment and increased retention.



For the 2009 All Nations Leadership Retreat NACC and APACC joined forces, and took students to the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park.

All Nations Leadership Retreat

The Native American Cultural Center, in partnership with the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center, hosted a fall leadership retreat for undergraduate students at CSU. The event was free for all students, and took place in two parts. The retreat began with dinner, ice-breakers and a team building session, Friday October 2, in room 228 of the Lory Student

Center. Forty-five students and staff members gathered on campus at 7 a.m. Saturday October 3 to depart for the YMCA of the Rockies, located in Estes Park. Students spent the night in Estes Park returning to campus Sunday afternoon.

Retreat activities included individual office presenta-

tions, a leadership workshop, story telling, a bonfire and educational sessions.

The purpose of the All Nations Leadership Retreat is to assist students in developing guidance and management skills. The retreat also allows participants the opportunity to meet other diverse students on campus, and learn more about how they can be involved on the CSU campus.

The Ottens Foundation Renews Grant

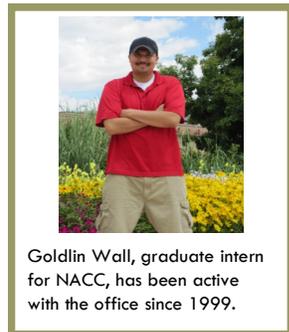
The John and Sophie Ottens Foundation, an Arizona based organization, has made a \$39,000 commitment to support several NACC programs for the 2009-2010 school year. Over the past three years the John and Sophie Ottens Foundation has contributed over \$100,000 to the Native American Cultural Center office.

The grant will support the costs of NACC tutoring and mentoring programs, a leadership retreat and two spring break outreach programs. The Ottens Foundation, founded in 1998, focuses on education, health promotion and community outreach programs among Native populations in the Four Corners states.

NACC's New Graduate Intern

Goldlin Wall joined the NACC staff as a graduate intern at the start of the semester. He has been active in the NACC office since 1999.

Wall has served two years as a North Star Peer Mentor, and will serve as teaching assistant for the North Star Peer Mentor class this year. In his position as graduate intern, Wall will be responsible for planning the All Nations Leadership Retreat, events for Native American Awareness Month, office open house events and other office events. Wall is currently working towards his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.



Goldlin Wall, graduate intern for NACC, has been active with the office since 1999.

Welcome Barbecue

The smell of buffalo burgers filled the air at Rowland Moore Park for the annual Native American Cultural Center welcome barbecue. Eighty people attended the event. This barbecue was the first major event of the school year for the office, which celebrates thirty years of service to CSU this year.

The barbecue is held to build a sense of community

among the Native residents of Fort Collins, CSU students and supporters of the Native American Cultural Center. Members of the North Star Peer Mentoring program are encouraged to invite their mentees to allow them the opportunity to learn about NACC programs and services. The barbecue is also an excellent forum for individuals interesting in participating in NACC programs and events during the year to share their ideas and network.

Goldlin Wall, a graduate intern

for the office, lead new and returning students in introductions and an ice-breaker. Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs, welcomed new and transfer students and spoke to the group about the importance of student diversity on campus. Fostering a sense of community, the event brought the neighborhood together to embrace Native culture and start the school year off on a positive note.



New and returning Native students participate in an ice-breaker to get to know one another, during the welcome barbecue.

30th Anniversary Reception & Open House

NACC directors, past and present, came together to speak at the 30th Anniversary Reception & Open House ceremony Monday September 21. Jeri Loretto, NACC's second director, spoke first at the event sharing her experiences as a Native student at CSU. Loretto, with her husband and several other students, established the Native American Cultural Center office in 1979 to help Native

students succeed in college.

Another past NACC director, Carolyn Fiscus, spoke second. Fiscus praised the office for assisting greatly with Native student retention and recruitment. Ty Smith, the current director, spoke last. He shared his goals for improving NACC programs to better serve modern Native students and his hopes that the office would

grow to serve generations of Native students to come. Each director also encouraged Native students to take the knowledge gained at CSU and share it with their home communities. The event took place in the Duhesa Lounge, which features the artwork of Native artists from the community who generously allow their work to be displayed here for the year.



CSU faculty and staff members attended the NACC anniversary reception. From left: Peter Dourhout, Jeri Loretto, Blanche Hughes, Ty Smith, Linda Ahuna-Hamill, Carolyn Fiscus, Irene Vernon and Roe Bubar.



Katherine Metoyer, 1st place recipient



Arlaine Rapp, 2nd place recipient



Denae Worcester, 3rd place recipient

Student Raffle Winners

Native enrollment at Colorado State University is steadily increasing. There are 143 graduate and incoming undergraduate Native students at CSU.

Postcards were sent to all new Native students on campus, encouraging them to visit the Native American Cultural Center office to learn about available resources and enter a raffle to win various prizes. The first place prize, a Eureka cordless vacuum, was awarded to Katherine Metoyer. The second place prize, a twenty inch box fan, was awarded to Arlaine Rapp. Denae Worcester received the third place prize, a CSU sweatshirt.

27th Annual Pow-wow

On Saturday November 7, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) will sponsor the 27th annual Colorado State University Pow-wow. Representatives from different tribes will come together to celebrate their cultures and share their traditions. The all-day event will take place in the Lory Student Center main ballroom, and will showcase Native dancers in traditional dress. The music of Native drum groups will also be featured at the Pow-wow. Last year more than 1,000 individuals attended the event.



Native dancers perform in the Plaza to announce the start of Native American Awareness Month. The plaza kickoff will take place November 2.

The Pow-wow is one of many events held in November to promote

Native American Awareness Month. Fry-bread will be sold on the plaza to signify the start of the month, and will include performances from Native dancers and drum groups. Native storytellers and speakers will also be brought in during the month. All events will focus on spreading awareness of Native cultures and promoting cultural diversity on campus.



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Message From The Director



Greetings from the Native American Cultural Center Office! As you have read in the newsletter, we have undergone a name change. Our new name is reflective of the inclusiveness of the office towards all students on campus. I hope you enjoy reading about our various events and programs in this issue of the Indigenous Reader. The office has also reached a significant milestone this year. The Native American Cultural Center has been in existence since 1979! Thirty years ago, a small group of Native students made sure that future students would have a place to meet others, share and celebrate their cultures and have a home away from home. I am proud to say that we have the largest cohort of incoming self-identified Native American Students this fall. Over 140 freshman, transfer and graduate students have chosen to enroll and study at Colorado State University.

Warm regards,
Ty Smith

Upcoming Events

Native American Awareness Month Events during the month of November

Christmas Potluck.....December 10, NACC Office

Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day March 20

K-12 Four Corners Outreach Program..... March 16-20, Southwest Colorado and Northwest New Mexico

NCIPA Pow Wow April 11-12, Loveland

Graduation Reception May 14

Please visit the NACC website calendar for additional event information: www.nacc.colostate.edu