Native Women’s Circle Beads and Bonds

Since its inception the Native Women’s Circle has continued to grow, with a record number of participants this semester. Over the course of the spring semester members of the Native Women’s Circle will be working on various beading projects. Iris Roulliard, an Oglala Lakota artist well known for her bead work, will be leading five different beading sessions to teach participants the basic techniques of beading including how to count out beads, make patterns and string beads. The late Andrea Reagan of Arvada, CO left a number of art and craft supplies leaving the Women’s Circle a large number of beautiful beads for their projects.

In addition, to the beading project the Native Women’s Circle hosted CSU alumna, Jennifer Wolf, co-founder of Native Wisdom, a line of herbal skincare products created using ingredients traditionally used by indigenous cultures. Wolf spoke to both the Native Women’s Circle specifically, and also to the campus community at large as part of the Women at Noon, a series of speaking events sponsored by the Women and Gender Advocacy Center. Wolf discussed the effects of synthetic preservatives in cosmetics and the related health concerns.

Members of the Native Women’s Circle also traveled to see a special exhibit featuring American Indian artwork at the Denver Art Museum. The Native Women’s Circle meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the NACC office, please feel free to stop by if you are interested in participating.
Several CSU students and faculty members from both the NACC office and Little Shop of Physics traveled to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota January 10th through the 14th to share hands-on science experiments with students, K-12, from the area. The Pine Ridge Reservation is home to the Oglala Lakota, and is the eighth-largest reservation in the United States, with an estimated total population of nearly 30,000.

The group set up several different hands-on experiments the children can use to really “see” science in action. The experiments are divided into two rooms, light and dark, focusing on different types of learning. The purpose of the outreach trip is to get Native students excited about learning, as well as to show the children that college is a viable option for them. The group visited several schools including: Our Lady of Lourdes School, Little Wound High School, Wolf Creek School and Shannon Alternative School. The group also held a one hour teacher workshop, “Be the Circuit” to show teachers how they can present science in their classrooms in new and creative ways, making learning more fun and engaging. The group was also able to experience a traditional Lakota meal, see a beading demonstration and learn more about Native American culture.

Eagle Feather Tutoring Program
The Eagle Feather Tutoring Program will continue to provide students with free tutoring in a variety of subjects, thanks to the John and Sophie Ottens Foundation. Tutoring is available during regularly scheduled office hours or by appointment. For a full schedule of tutoring hours and a list of subjects offered visit http://www.nacc.colostate.edu/.

NCIPA 19th Annual Powwow
The Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association (NCIPA) will host its 19th annual Powwow this month. The Powwow will be held Saturday, April 16 through Sunday, April 17 at the Colorado State University Foothills Campus. NACC Director Ty Smith will be honored at the event.
SDPS Offices Join Together to Celebrate Graduates

Offices in partnership with the Office of International Programs will host the Celebration of Graduates ceremony. The event will honor students that are actively involved with the offices, and graduating in spring, summer or fall 2011. The celebration will be held in the Lory Student Center Main Ballroom, Saturday, April 30th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

As a collaborative effort, the offices have created a video that will be shown at the ceremony to recognize the rich diversity that can be found at Colorado State University. Students were filmed sharing three “I am” statements to share a part of their identity they hold dear.

NACC will also be hosting an end-of-year reception Wednesday, May 11 to honor graduates, mentors, tutors and scholarship recipients.

CSU to Host College Horizons Program

Colorado State University and the College Horizons Program will host 100 Native American students from across the country from June 12-17, 2011. Colorado State University was accepted as a partner university and selected as the host site for the College Horizons Program summer 2011. College Horizons, founded in 1998, is a pre-college program for Native American high school students open to sophomores and juniors. The mission of College Horizons is to encourage and facilitate the education of Native American youth. Each summer students work with college admissions officers, college counselors, essay specialists, and other educators in a five-day “crash course” on the college application process.

More than 1,550 students have attended College Horizons with 50 Tribal Nations represented from more than 20 states. The College Horizons program has been held on partner campuses across the country such as St. John’s College, Washington University, Whitman College, Dartmouth, Harvard, Carleton, Oberlin, Westmont Colleges, University of Puget Sound, Rice, Stanford, Duke, and Lawrence Universities. For more information on the College Horizons Program at CSU, please contact Leslee.Lovato@Colostate.edu

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Announcements

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Message From The Assistant Director

Greetings from the Native American Cultural Center!

Finding a place on campus where you belong.

As winter gives way to spring and we get closer to the end of the semester, I invite you to take advantage of the services always available at the Native American Cultural Center (NACC). Ask yourself, “Where on campus do you feel like you can drop by anytime to ask any questions?  Where on campus do you feel like you don’t need a reason to visit or hang out?” I encourage you to come by and experience our offerings first-hand. One particular program that we offer to all students on campus is the Eagle Feather Tutoring Program. You can stop by or make an appointment to talk to one of our tutors. NACC provides computers, study space, scholarship referral, resource library, and a great place to hang out. All students are welcome. This is a very vibrant and active place on campus that is designed to meet your needs. I hope to see you soon!

Upcoming Events

AISES Region 3 Conference at Colorado State University……………………………………April 8-9, 2011
NCIPA 19th Annual Pow-wow…………………………………………………April 16-17, 2011
Celebration of Graduates……………………………………………………….April 30, 2011
NACC End-of-Year Reception……………………………………………………...May 11, 2011

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