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All Nations Leadership Retreat



Native American Student Services All Nation Leadership Retreat 07

Where can you find students and staff at the beginning of the fall semester? At the NASS Leadership retreat of course!

NASS hosts the leadership retreat every fall semester at the beautiful TAMASAG center located just northwest of Fort Collins. The All Nations Leadership Retreat is established to enhance leadership skills, communication, responsibility, diversity awareness, outreach, cultural awareness, and networking among staff, faculty, students, and student organizations

This year students and staff had the chance to meet and greet over breakfast and lunch. The program included team building and activities, hosted mentoring and leadership presentation by DJ Vanas from Native Discovery, faculty presentation on current native issues, and cultural jeopardy.

NASS welcomes students, staff, and faculty to the program. For further information contact Seraphina Wall at 970-491-1332 or swall@exchange.colostate.edu. Visit the NASS website at nass.colostate.edu for photos and updates.



"It was an excellent experience and fun!"

"I really enjoyed getting to know my fellow Native peers and learning more about my culture"

"Good job!"

LEADERSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Graduate Students, hired!

Marcella Talamante, 07 Agricultural Science, former North Star Peer mentor, and **Native Women's Circle** participant is now the NASS Assessment Data Program Graduate Assistant. She will assist the office in the organization of assessment data.



Goldlin Wall, Agricultural Sciences Grad and Pre Vet student and former North Star Peer Mentor, will now be the NASS Wellness Program Coordinator. He will oversee organization of the health and wellness programs with North Peer Mentoring and will continue to coordinate intramural sports teams.



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"I am glad to be a part of this group. I feel like I can express my thoughts and opinions."



Heather Vincent

Native Women's Circle

The Native Women's Circle is up and running for the semester! The ladies of NWC participated in the Fort Collins Art Walk in Old Town on February 1st. Local art galleries extended business hours to exhibit local art. Dinner at Old Chicago's kicked off the festivities.

On February 21st the ladies of NWC attended the Colorado Multicultural Internship & Career Fair in Denver, CO. Students had the opportunity to connect with well paid internships and full-time career opportunities with a variety of universities and local corporations.

For further information on future events and programs, and group participation contact Seraphina Wall at 970-491-1332.

Keeping Balance-Focusing on Wellness

The new N7 Nike Shoe is now on display in the Duhesa Lounge, 2nd level of the LSC. The N7 shoe was specifically designed to fit the feet of Native Americans. Shoes for display were donated by Denver Indian Health & Family Services, Inc. to support the NASS Wellness Program.

The Wellness Program is created to enhance and promote physical awareness, activities, and engagement for Native students at CSU. The program is currently supporting the NASS Men and Women intramural basketball teams and an upcoming workshop focusing on nutrition and exercise.

For more information contact the NASS office at 491-1332.



Left to right: Chris Tavar, Delbert Willie, Goldlin Wall, Derrick Benallie, Sky Medicine Bear, Jesse Schnaidt, and Jon Nash.

Intramural basketball..bring your game

Basketball is now underway for NASS. The Women and Men's teams, Kickin' NASS, started the season this February.

Basketball teams are created and supported by the NASS Wellness Program. This year intramural team participants will receive a NIKE mesh sports bag, a pair of N7 Nike shoes, and get a chance to sport the new jersey's during game time.

Want to participate? Future events will be announced so check your email or stop by the NASS office at 218 LSC. Sign up sheets for teams are in the NASS office.

For further information contact Goldlin Wall, NASS Wellness Program Coordinator at 491-1332.

Upgraded Library: DVD's and Books galore

Native American history, culture, and pretty much anything you can think of has been added to the NASS library. Tutorials and guides for Advanced Calculus, Algebra & Trigonometry, and Organic Chemistry are available for all math and science students to use.

Check out the library for your educational needs or ask a NASS tutor for assistance. Visit nass.colostate.edu for tutorial times.

NASS library funding provided by the John & Sophie Ottens Foundation



Robert Santisteven & Derrick Benally

Podcasts now on NASS

Drop by the NASS website, www.nass.colostate.edu and click on podcasts. Come and meet some Native students and learn about their backgrounds, what they like to do for fun, and their motivation for attending CSU and utilizing the NASS office.

The Podcasts were created by NASS student, Michael Frank.

North Star Peer Mentors

The North Star Peer Mentoring program continues to thrive. Peer Mentors have kept in contact with more than thirty undergraduate and graduate students throughout the fall and spring semester. Peer mentors have organized Advocacy mentoring potluck socials, team building activities, the Wellness Program, and **Native Women's Circle**.

Other than keeping busy during the PY486 (mentor class), mentors have also volunteered their time with NASS activities including extended office hours during finals week, intramural basketball, outreach with Little Shop of Physics, and representing NASS on various events. Keep up the good work!

NASS Emphasis on K-12

In addition to programs and services geared towards college students, the NASS office has placed special emphasis on K-12 students.

On November 15, 2007, the NASS office was visited by 50 students from the Denver Public School District. The students toured the Engineering Research Center, participated in a teambuilding exercise led by the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, and discussed the importance of teamwork and communication during a presentation by the Women and Minorities in Engineering Program.

Promoting science, NASS and Little Shop of Physics (LSOP) took a trip north to visit the Little Wound Elementary, Middle, and High Schools located in Kyle, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation. At least 1,000 students, teachers, and parents enjoyed 100+ hands-on science experiments during the two day visit.

Just recently NASS and LSOP teamed up again for their 5th annual Spring Break Outreach visit to southwest Colorado and Northwest New Mexico. Schools located in Shiprock, New Mexico included Eva B. Stokely and Nizhoni Elementary Schools, **Tse'Bit'Ai Middle School, Shiprock High School. Mesa Elementary in Cortez, Colorado** was also visited. In addition, a community night was held in Towaoc, Colorado, on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20th is National Native (American Indian, Alaska Native Hawaiian) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. HIV is affecting thousands of American Indians and Alaska Natives. American Indians and Alaskan Native Hawaiians have the third highest rate of AIDS diagnosis in the United States, despite having the smallest population. An Annual Celebration of Life. Get Tested. For more information visit: www.nnaapc.org, www.happ.colostate.edu, www.itcaonline.com

HIV/AIDS Prevention Project: Advancing HIV/AIDS Prevention
CASAE (Center for Applied Studies in American Ethnicity) at Colorado State University
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We're on the Web!



Top left to right: Chris Iron, John Henry Carson, Monico Candelaria, Goldlin Wall
Front left to right: Cirano Breazeal, Katrina Gillette, Ashley Curley, Shequeita Byrne, and Heather Vincent



