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NACC This Semester

The Native American Cultural Center has had a very eventful Spring semester. The office hosted many different events, the tutoring program is on the rise, the mentoring program continues its success and paired as pen pals with and mentors to the 5th graders at Wyoming Indian Elementary, and faculty and student staff have continued to provide quality resources to students and community members as well as continued to create a welcoming and positive atmosphere in the office. This semester, the Native American Cultural Center took part in hosting performances on campus, like Cafe Cultura, Sante Fe Indian School performance group and a Tribe Called Red, which is a group who combines traditional native music and dubstep. These cultural events help to give students an opportunity to get a taste of different aspects of Native cultural. The office also supported the NCIPA

Pow Wow in April, participated in the annual Spring Break K-12 Outreach trip to the Four Corners area and participated in a rice event that was held on campus and put on by the diversity offices. The Women's Circle program had a lot of participants throughout the semester with their major project which was making moccasins, for which they also learned special beadwork. Students in the office continue to work hard toward their graduation finishing up final projects, senior designs and looking forward to the future whether it be Grad School or the start of a career. The NACC office continues to plan for the summer programs that will be coming up including the Native S.T.E.M. Institute and the Native Education Forum. The Native American Cultural Center also prepares as the Lory Student Center Renovation has begun and will continue with hopes of completion in Fall 2014.

Graduation

The graduation ceremony for the Native American Cultural Center took place on Thursday May 2nd, 2013 and was held to celebrate a record 16 graduates. The students are self identified Native American students who have been involved with the office throughout their time at CSU. These students include: Goldlin Wall - Ph.D in Education, Rachel Vernon - Masters in Ethnic Studies, Joe Lucero - BA in Communication Studies, Nicole Kenote - BS in Biomedical Sciences, Haley Ruybal - BA in Fine Arts, Elliott Housman-Turrubiate - B.A. in Ethnic Studies and Eng-

lish Literature , Ceriss Blackwood -Master of Arts in Ethnic Studies, Jesse Lucas - BA in Metalsmithing/Jewelry, Valerie Small - Ph.D in Bioag Sciences/Pest Management- Weed Sciences, Derrick Benallie - BS in Electrical Engineering, Concentration in Optics and Lasers, Delbert Willie- Ph.D in Electrical Engineering, Suzanna Jones - Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine, Kodi Phelps, B.A in Sociology and Art, Adele - BS in Civil Engineering, Jolynn Sakugawa - Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine, Sky Medicine Bear - BS in Electrical Engineering.

Did you know

The Native American Cultural Center, along with many other offices, will be moving to the MAC Gym in the student Recreation Center until the renovations for the new student center are complete? NACC will continue to provide resources to students and community members.



Spring Break K-12 Outreach

The annual Spring Break Trip took place March 17th - March 22nd with six students volunteering from the NACC office; Nicole Kenote, Rachelle Lee, Malia Paresa, Haley Ruybal, Rachel Vernon and a former Native American S.T.E.M. Institute participant, Gabby James. The group traveled to Gallup that Sunday and upon arrival had some time to get settled before starting their work with Little Shop of Physics the next day. Monday, the group visited Saint Michael's Indian School in Arizona, where they had the opportunity to interact with the students while teaching them how the Little Shop of Physics projects function. That evening the NACC students were able to hike Window Rock and tour the Navajo Nation Council Chambers and then proceed to the Nez household, the parents of Rachelle Lee, to have a home cooked meal.

Tuesday was the second day of work with Little Shop and everyone headed to Crownpoint, New Mexico, setting up for the day at Borrego Pass School. Malia Paresa commented on the trip saying, "The best part of this experience was being able to share my college experiences with students. I also had three students that were interested in veterinary medicine, so I was able to share more personal experiences with them." After a successful day, the trip continued on to Aztec, New Mexico to engage high school students in an after school program. The students at Aztec were just as excited about the experiments and were eager to ask questions about college. The final day of experiments took place at Cortez Middle School and then the group was able to visit the Four Corners Monument and tour the Aztec Ruins National Monument before returning home.



Native American S.T.E.M. Institute

This summer, the Native American Cultural Center will be partnering with the Denver Public Schools Indian Education Program and the National Academy of Engineering for the second annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Institute, also known as the Native American S.T.E.M. Institute. This week long summer program invites 7th through 10th grade students to spend a few days at Pingree Park mountain campus learning the importance of fire science and stream ecology through interactive and hands on learning, while also getting to experience life in the mountains. The students then spend the second half of the week on the Colorado State campus getting the full college experience by

staying in the dorms, eating in the dining halls and learning in a college setting. This is a great program to help students prepare for college early. Last years S.T.E.M. camp received a variety of positive feedback. The surveys that were conducted throughout the program showed that after the program was complete 46% of the students expressed increased interest in attending college and studying a degree within the sciences, and it also showed that 70% of the students expressed a desire to work harder in school in order to successfully move on to college. We look forward to hosting this program again and engaging young minds. The dates of the program will be June 23- 29, 2013.

Native Education Forum

This 5 day residential program revolves around academic coursework, application preparation assistance and development of academic skills. Students who complete the course will be granted one academic credit from the Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University. During this program, students will interact with one another while gaining knowledge through researching issues that are critical to indigenous communities. The goal of the program is to raise awareness for students about the importance of higher education, expression and pride in culture as well as awareness regarding issues important to their own communities. This program will take place July 9-13.

Intramural Sports

During this semester's Intramural season, NACC was honored to sponsor two different NACC Attack teams. The first team was in the Men's Recreational Basketball League and their players were Anthony Nicholson, Chad Avery, Sky Medicine Bear, Josh Horton, Stan Ware, Delbert Willie, Jacey Twiss, Chris Fildish and Goldlin Wall who expressed that "It was a good season for the ages." They demonstrated teamwork and skill, progressing into the playoffs with a 3-1 record and finishing the post season 1-1. The second team representing for the Native American Cultural Center was the Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball team. The team captain was Rae Manuelito and the players included; Adele Nez, Joe Lucero, Tiffany Kelly, April Smith, Armando Apio-White, Chad Avery, James Calabaza, Kristy Dennison, and Steven Redshirt.



The season kicked off with a rocky start as the team tried to find their groove, but with practice and hard-work they fought their way into the post season with their 2-2 record. NACC Attack made a statement during their first playoff game scoring point after point to ultimately win, pushing them one step closer to an Intramural Championship. Feeling confident going in to the second round of playoffs on a 2 game winning streak, the team hopes to go all the way. Through the Native American Cultural Center, students are able to organize teams for any Intramural activities and the office sponsors the students with jerseys and team registration costs. This is important to helping students get involved, interact with one another and to find that sense of community. The teams give students something fun and engaging to participate in.

NACC On The Move

As another academic year comes to an end, it is welcomed by some new changes that will begin at Colorado State University. At semester's end all of the diversity offices will be making their way over to the Mac Gym in the Student Recreation Center. This will be the temporary location for the Student Diversity Programs and Services offices located in the student center as well as many other different offices. The Lory Student Center will take on renovations for the next year, creating a new design for the student center itself and a new area for Student Diversity Programs and Services. The NACC office will begin its move on May 23th, 2013. Through the transition, we will still continue to provide resources to students while in the new Mac Gym location. The pro-



grams and services provided by our office will continue to function as normal which include; North Star Peer Mentoring Program; students will have continued access to the Eagle Feather Tutoring Program, computer use, and a great community space. Students and community members are encouraged to continue to visit the office's new space and utilize the resources that the Native American Cultural Center provides. Upon completion of the new Lory Student Center, there will be many great additions. Specifically speaking, we will have a new office as well as a new space for the Diversity Office, which will allow for all of the offices to be located in the same area. Although this transition will be a little bit difficult at times, there is a lot to look forward to in the future.

Upcoming Events

May 23, 2013

Native American Cultural Center moves to the Recreation Center Mac Gym (LSC West)

June 23-29

Native American S.T.E.M. Institute

July 9-13

Native Education Forum

Message From the Director



Warm greetings from the Native American Cultural Center Office! On behalf of our office I would like to extend congratulations to all spring semester graduates and their families. In this issue of the Indigenous Reader we highlight various programs and activities from the fall and spring semester. Our core programs continue to thrive and evolve. Our mentors are excited to have 5th grade pen pals at the Wyoming Indian Elementary School. Our partnership with the Denver Public School Indian Education Program and the National Academy of Engineering continues as we will again welcome 30 students ranging from 7th to 10th grade for the second Native American STEM Institute. Our office is also ready to support the Office of Admissions inaugural Native Education Forum which will prepare Native youth for college. You will also read about our move to a temporary location during the renovation of the Lory Student Center. Although there will be challenges associated with this relocation, our office looks forward to moving back to a newly renovated Native American Cultural Center. I hope you enjoy reading about our various events and programs in this issue.

Warm regards,

Ty Smith



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