On behalf of the staff in the Native American Cultural Center, we first want to say that you are all in our thoughts, and we hope you are finding ways to take care of yourselves, your families, and your communities. We know this has been a hard transition with communication changing daily, and it may feel very isolating. However, we wanted to extend to you all that as an office and Native community, we are still here for you and hope to continue supporting you during this time.

Although the NACC office (LSC 327) is physically closed, we remain open virtually. Right now, the professional staff can be reached via email (see below). We will also be responding via our social media accounts:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/csunacc
Instagram (new!): @NACC.CSU
Webpage Chat Feature on homepage (new!): https://nacc.colostate.edu/

The mission of our office is 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. While the logistics of this support may change as we move to a virtual campus experience, we are deeply committed to finding ways to continue to support you and your experience. We are also looking into virtual options for community & engagement such as virtual meet ups, etc. Feel free to let us know your ideas! As we all continue to figure out what this means, and as things change, we promise to keep folks updated. Here are some specifics related to our programming:
• North Star Peer Mentoring: For the new and incoming students from Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, your peer mentor will continue to reach out to you. Unfortunately, there will not be an option for in person meetings, but the mentors will continue to reach out via email and phone to check in and see how you’re doing. As a program, we will be thinking creatively how to still engage programmatically with you and help keep you engaged with the office. If you have ideas or suggestions, please email Tiffani!

• Eagle Feather Tutoring: We are working on creating online access for students to be able to connect with our Tutors. We are planning to have a system in place by Monday, March 30 or sooner. An announcement will be shared as this proceeds. In the meantime, please be aware of other resources being provided for the new learning environment such as TILT’s Keep Learning.

• Native Women’s Circle: Women's Circle in person meetings will be cancelled for the remainder of the semester. Kasandra Anaya and Tiffani will be chatting to figure out if there are virtual ways to still create community and engagement. Be on the look-out for correspondents from us.

To find the most up to date information on what Colorado State University is doing please check out this website, https://safety.colostate.edu/coronavirus. Also, for resources to help manage fears & anxiety around COVID-19 check out this website, https://health.colostate.edu/managing-anxiety-coronavirus.

Here are some additional resources and statements that may be helpful:

Women and Gender Advocacy Center (WGAC): The WGAC is committed to continue supporting survivors of interpersonal violence, read the full statement on how that will happen moving forward HERE.

Student Disability Center (SDC): For updates on how the SDC will continue to support and provide accommodations and access for students, please follow HERE.
CSU Health Network: Check here for all updates on Medical, Psychiatric, and Counseling services.

Keep Learning: Online resource for learning, “as we move to online learning for the remainder of the spring semester, here are some study tips, resources, and information you may want to keep in mind.”

SDPS Office statements:

Physical Distancing & Social Solidarity Movement Resources from SDPS: We are actively compiling a list of resources and tools that address issues from moving out, finding community, updates, to ways of coping.

Each of the other SDPS offices have created statements to share what is happening in their communities, so please see individual office websites/social media for that updated information.

Please let us know if you need anything or have any questions.

In community,

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