Welcome to The Indigenous Reader!

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The Indigenous Reader is the official newsletter produced by the Native American Cultural Center at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. The Welcome Back Edition of The Indigenous Reader is a series dedicated to providing reliable information and support for the upcoming Fall 2021 semester.

The Native American Cultural Center's mission is to provide the support students need to be academically successful while celebrating and encouraging Native culture and tradition. In this newsletter, you can find helpful information concerning your educational career and provided links to other helpful resources. The focus of the Welcome Back Issue is to discuss what is happening in the NACC office during the fall semester.
Welcome from the Director!

Warm greetings from the Native American Cultural Center Office! On behalf of our office I would like to extend a welcome to new and returning students. Like your family and friends, we are very proud of you! Please know that even in these unprecedented times, we are here to support you. Our office has undergone changes in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The office floor space has been redesigned physically to insure social distancing as well as other safety steps as recommended from the CSU Pandemic Preparedness Team. Our programming will be hybrid this year, with in person programming at limited capacity and safety in mind. This issue of the Indigenous Reader highlights what changes will be made in the office, the services provided, and ways to become involved through student involvement programs. Please join us for the NACC Kick-Off on September 2rd (details below)!
I hope you enjoy the Welcome Back issue.

Warm regards,
Ty Smith

What is the Native American Cultural Center?

The Native American Cultural Center, sometimes referred to as “NACC,” was established in 1979. We focus on four primary areas that include recruitment, retention, graduation and community outreach. Our office embraces and encourages a supportive environment based on traditions and cultures of Native American peoples. Our center is a physical space where students can seek academic, social and cultural support and has served as a “home away from home” for many current students and alumni. Our office staff often serve as advocates for students seeking support and we have many personalized connections with different offices and services across campus. Although our support efforts are focused on Native students, our programs and services are inclusive and open to all students to utilize.
Updated Information About Office Programs

Eagle Feather Tutoring Program (FREE!)

Colorado State has various tutoring programs available to students across campus for additional support in courses. One of those is the Eagle Feather tutoring program run through the NACC. Our tutoring program generally focuses on AUCC courses, including many STEM courses that students take. It is not as widely utilized as other free tutoring programs so that students can receive more individualized personal time with our tutors. This can be a nice compliment to some of the group tutoring programs that are available on campus. Tutoring will be offered with in person and virtual options this fall. The schedule will be posted on Friday 8/27 and is accessible on our website.

North Star Peer Mentoring Program

The NACC office employs a group of stellar upper-class students waiting to connect with incoming first-year, transfer and graduate students. Students are automatically included in this group if they self-identified as “Native American” or “Original Peoples” on the CSU admissions application and are assigned a mentor. You can expect a welcome email during the first few weeks of the semester introducing your mentor. Our peer mentors are trained weekly on various resources offered on campus, contemporary Native issues, paraprofessional counseling skills, and academic support programs. They are really an extra resource for students of NACC to utilize. You are welcome to reach out to your mentor if you are experiencing any difficulties with the transition to CSU or if you would like to meet someone new and have a conversation.

Questions About Fall Semester?

There are many questions about what the Fall semester will look like for students and families due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. The University is continuing to follow safety guidelines and provide updated information for the CSU Community. Find updated info here: https://covid.colostate.edu/

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.
Native Women's Circle

Native Women's Circle is a social-cultural group that meets weekly. This group was created to enhance individual and cultural support for the women of the Native American Cultural Center, and all gender identities are welcome! In the past, the Native Women's Circle has participated in social and cultural events together and will continue to do this in person this fall. Meetings are weekly on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., with the first meeting on August 31st.

American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)

AISES is one of the major student organizations for Native students at CSU. Even though the national organization is geared towards those that are in STEM-focused majors, we welcome students of all majors to join. The organization hosts various academic and culturally based programming, including the annual pow wow for Native American Heritage Month. The first meeting will be shared soon, so look out for that!

Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

Another CSU student organization, SACNAS, is an inclusive organization dedicated to fostering the success of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans, from college students to professionals, in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and leadership positions in STEM. Fall meetings TBD.
Financial Aid Drop-In Hours!

FINANCIAL AID DROP-IN HOUR
FALL 2021

Financial Aid questions? Join the monthly drop in hours with NACC's Financial Aid liaison, Jenna Waldvogel. She'll be in the NACC office, with virtual drop-in available.

Second Thursday every month - 10am - 12pm MT
NACC Office, LSC 327 AND virtual

September 9th
October 14th
November 11th
December 9th

Zoom Link:
https://zoom.us/j/99569246753
Meeting ID: 995 692 46753

Jenna Waldvogel (she/her/hers)
NACC Financial Aid Liaison
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For drop in hours, there is no need to sign up, just drop in during any of these times to connect with Jenna!

To meet with a counselor virtually, please join the zoom link, and to meet in person come to the NACC office, LSC 327
Check Out Other SDPS Offices!

NACC is just one office in a cluster of seven Student Diversity Programs and Services (SDPS) that serves students at CSU. With aims to holistically serve our students, we want to highlight some of the other offices in our cluster that students may want to engage in. Please note that our offices are all-inclusive and open for all CSU students to utilize.

- Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
- Black/African American Cultural Center
- El Centro
- Pride Resource Center
- Student Disability Center
- Women and Gender Advocacy Center

NACC Welcome Back Kick-off!

We will be hosting an outdoor Community Welco event with food and drinks to celebrate the start of the 2021-2022 academic year and greet you all. Please visit us on the LSC plaza to meet NACC staff, other Native students, and community members.

Website: https://nacc.colostate.edu/  Instagram: @nacc.csu

SEPT. 2nd
4:00 - 6:00pm
LSC East Lawn, next to Plaza