

ASU Tribal Nations Tour: Developing American Indian Leaders through Partnerships

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Learning Outcomes

- **Goal:**

- Communicate higher education outreach, academic guidance and preparation to American Indian students, families and communities;
- Increase students' application to, attendance and graduation from a post secondary institution of education.

- **Objectives:**

- Participants will review strategies to engage American Indian youth to prepare for a college education.
- Participants will understand how to use this model to establish best practices and implementation strategies.
- Participants will develop a plan for interdepartmental collaboration



The Challenge -

- 51% of all Native students will complete a high school diploma, compared to 69% of students overall. (*CPI, 2003, 2004, 2009*)
- Critical components of getting into College
 - Completing High School
 - Completing college preparatory courses
 - Knowledge about how to get to college
 - Completing college entrance exams and understanding financial aid process (*Cabrera & La Nasa, 2000*).
- Role Models & *Relevant* Higher Ed. Programs



American Indians at ASU

American Indian Enrollment

Fall 2011	1,998
Fall 2012	2,083 (first year = 309) (transfer = 164)

American Indian Degrees Awarded

Spring 2012	216
Spring 2013	265

*Beginning in 2010, numbers reflects students who self-identify as American Indian solely and/or in addition to one or more ethnic/racial identities, as per updated federal recording categories.



ASU University Wide Initiatives



- President's Tribal Advisory Council
- Provost NA Advisory Council
- AI Student Support Services[AISSS]
- AI Consortium
- American Indian Issues Projects
- Publications Related to AIs/Tribes
- 16 Student Organizations
- ASU Tribal Government Consultation
 - Az Board of Regents
- Tribal Nations Tour

Higher Ed. Institutional Challenges

- Stakeholder buy-in at the University Level can be a challenge!
- Committed partners are key to a successful program!
 - We never stop talking and recruiting colleagues
 - We report and follow up with decision makers
 - We share data and activity and communicate our efforts
 - We do not give up – when all else fails, we do it ourselves!
- Our most important resource is developing leadership skills in our students
 - Advisory roles to student organizations & mentoring students.



Partnerships = Tribal communities, K-12 Schools & Agencies

- Tribal Colleges
- Maricopa Community College District
- Arizona Department of Education
- Urban-based Service Centers
- Tribal Education Departments
- Private/Business Organizations



Successful Partnership Outcomes

- Tribal community needs/priorities direct university research/partnerships
 - i.e. Teachers, infrastructure; cultural revitalization;
- Create pipelines that interact from pre-school to higher education.
- Maintain and improve financial support



ASU Interdepartmental Collaboration – Best practices

- Tribal Nations Tour
- Arizona Tri-Universities for Indian Education “ATUIE”
- ASU Colleges/Dept. Partnerships



ON THE ROAD TO
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**TRIBAL NATIONS
HIGH SCHOOL
TOUR**



Tribal Nations Tour Objectives



- *Gain an understanding of the expectations of first-year college students*
- *Get an inside look at how to be successful in college through involvement*
- *Learn what high school students need to do to prepare for college*
- *Engage with Native students in an age-appropriate and culturally relevant approach.*

Student Engagement



Step to the Top



Cornstalk activity

Admission Process Begins Now!

- Complete required courses – EVERY year
- Earn good grades – EVERY year
- Complete college entrance exams – grades 10-12
 - SAT or ACT
- Complete application by deadline, and submit:
 - Transcripts
 - Test scores



Week long ASU TNT Tour – August 12-17, 2012

- **Chinle Jr. High School**
- **Many Farms Community School**
- **Rock Point High School**
- **Red Mesa Jr. High School**
- **Kayenta Middle School**
- **Kayenta Community School**
- **Monument Valley High School**
- **Shonto Prep High School**
- **Kaibeto Community School**
- **Tuba City Boarding School**
- **Tuba City Jr. High School**

1738+ Students

90+ Teachers/Staff



ASU Tribal Nations Tour

Havasupai Tribe Visit June 24-27, 2012



Students are saying...

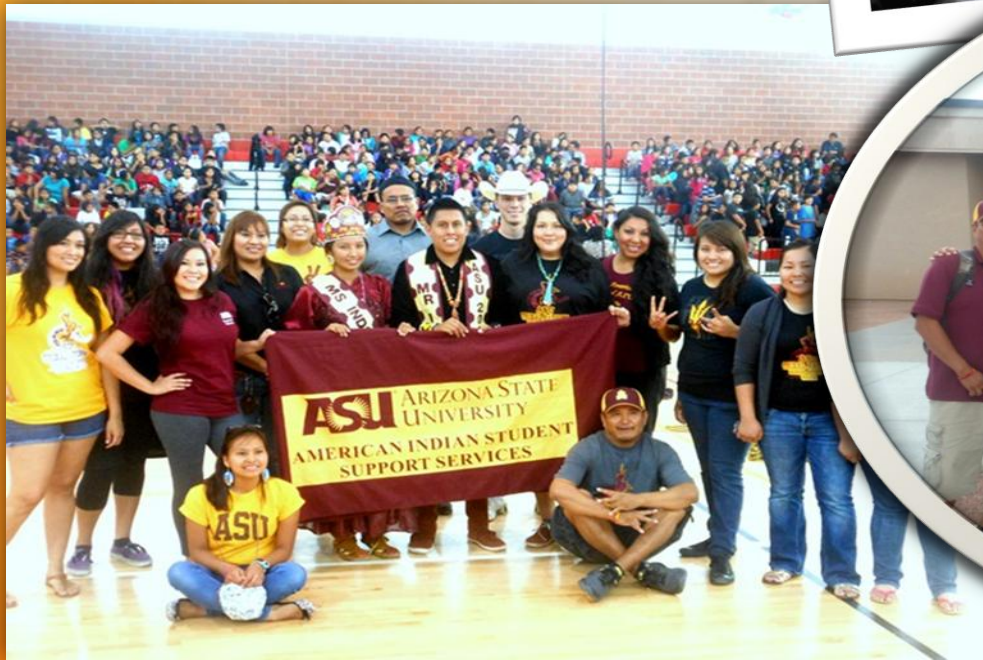
- “It made me learn about how college is and getting my grades up.”
- “I learned about the general experience of a freshman college student.”
- “I learned about applying to college.”
- “It made me think.”



Students are saying...

- “I learned that college is **AWESOME!**”
- “I need to plan ahead.”
- “It is a good thing to learn about college when you are still in school.”





Arizona Tri-Universities for Indian Education - ATUIE



- ❖ Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation \$1.0 million gift.
- ❖ Promote educational opportunities and guide the state universities, tribal and community colleges in improving academic and student services for American Indians, Alaska Natives students.

ATUIE – continued

- College Access Grant
 - Public Service Announcements
- Web page
 - Clearinghouse of key information for American Indian students for all ATUIE partners.
- Financial Aid Roadshow
 - Financial aid literacy for Native students and their families
 - www.ATUIE.com



Collaboration of ASU American Indian Programs

- Office of the President, American Indian Initiatives
 - American Indian Studies
 - History Department
 - Center for Indian Education
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1. **AIS 191-Preparing for Academic Success**

- Combines American Indian views and values with tools to succeed academically
- Addresses remediation



Collaboration of ASU American Indian Programs...cont.

1. **Graduate Pathways: Graduate College & AIS**
 - Assist and inform undergraduate students in their pursuit of graduate studies.
 - Provide information to improve graduate school applications and effective graduate student tools.
2. **Recharge: Admis., Financial Serv., & Office of American Indian Initiatives**
 - Empower Native students in 7th -10th grades to regarding education and invest in their future.
 - Engage in energizing activities, inspiring presentations, and learn about ASU.



2012- 2013 Outcomes

- **Tribal Nations Tours “TNT”**

Students: 3,033

Teachers/Staff: 257

- **Recruitment in Collaboration with ACCESS ASU on-campus group visits from Arizona Tribes/Schools:**

Students: 780

Teachers/Staff: 117

- **Other (Parent Presentations, RECHARGE, AIEA Youth Conf., Fairs)**

Students: 3338

Teachers/Staff: 706



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