



Native American and Tribal Colleges Advising Community

Description: The Native American and Tribal Colleges Advising Community is intended to bring together Native American and non-Native American students, advisors, faculty, and other student services personnel. The forum is designed to address the needs of Native American students and transfer students from tribal colleges, and to engage the greater advising community in Native American higher education issues. The group encourages presentations at local, regional, and national conferences, supports Native American research and scholarship, and acts as a resource for educational professionals working with Native American students.

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Hot Topics and Resources

- *Elevating Native American College Students' Sense of Belonging in Higher Education*
 - <http://www.myacpa.org/article/elevating-native-american-college-students-sense-belonging-higher-education>
- *Advising Native Americans in Higher Education:*
 - <https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Academic-Advising-Today/View-Articles/Advising-Native-Americans-in-Higher-Education.aspx>
- *In Our Own Best Interest: A (Brief) History of Tribal Colleges in America:*
 - <https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Academic-Advising-Today/View-Articles/In-Our-Own-Best-Interest-Tribal-Colleges-in-America.aspx>
- *The American Indian Graduate Center:* <https://www.aigcs.org/>
 - “The American Indian Graduate Center & AIGCS are the largest scholarship providers to Native students in the U. S. We award \$15 million in scholarships annually and more than \$200 million since inception. AIGC funds students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees in any field of study at any accredited institution of choice.”

Considerations for working effectively with Native American students

- A large majority of Native American college students are first-generation college students, and many are employed while in college.
- Many Native American college students put their culture and family at the top of their list of the most important things. Helping these students feel at home and connected with their culture is often the first step in connecting with them. Connecting these students with the Native American center or multicultural center on campus is a great place to start.

For more information check out our webpage at:

<https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Community/Advising-Communities/Native-American-Tribal-College.aspx>