

# AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM



Founded in 1972, The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) serves as the collective spirit and voice of our nation's Tribal Colleges and Universities, advocating on behalf of individual institutions of higher education defined and controlled by their respective tribal nations. AIHEC represents 34 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in the United States and one in Canada, serving over 250 federally recognized tribes, and most importantly, the 30,000 full- and part-time students they enroll annually.

AIHEC's mission is to nurture, advocate, and protect American Indian history, culture, art and language, and the legal and human rights of American Indian people to their own sense of identity and heritage through:

- Assisting TCUs in maintaining standards of high quality education, developing an accrediting body for American Indian-serving post-secondary institutions, and reaching out to other national education organizations;
- Promoting and advocating for the development of new TCUs;
- Promoting national policy to strengthen American Indian higher education and advocating for TCUs in Congress and with the federal government;
- Providing technical assistance to member institutions; and
- Promoting public and private opportunities for TCUs in areas critical to success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including health and wellness; math, science and information technology; agriculture and natural resource development; pre-K through 12 linkages; international outreach; and leadership development.

AIHEC has successfully secured and implemented health-related initiatives to benefit TCUs, their faculty, staff, students and communities. The following projects, funded by various agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are designed to promote health and wellness throughout Indian Country: Honoring Our Health: Tribal Colleges and Communities Working Together To Prevent Diabetes; Fostering Public Health Education Opportunities for American Indian Students at TCUs; American Indian Viral Hepatitis Prevention Education Program; Nursing Curriculum Integration of Healthy People 2010; Health Status of American Indian Women at TCUs; a Cooperative Agreement to Improve Minority Health; and a Cooperative Agreement to Enhance Research, Infrastructure, and Capacity Building for American Indian Tribal Colleges.

## AIHEC VISION

AIHEC's vision is that American Indians will shape their own futures and the future of their respective communities through higher education that perpetuates tribal culture and honors all of our relations. AIHEC believes that Tribal Colleges can:

- Enhance the quality of life in American Indian communities and build capacity to create sustainable positive changes in those communities;
- Provide the skills and opportunities for lifelong learning and knowledge of culture among tribal members in order to reinforce hope, pride, self-respect, and self-determination;
- Support leadership development among American Indians in order to meet the challenges of community development and institution building, and their obligations to future generations;
- Develop the ability of people to reflect upon their own and others' strengths and weaknesses, and to understand how social interaction shapes our world; and
- Maintain and affirm the uniqueness of tribal cultures – including their spiritual traditions, distinct languages, economic and social structures, and relationships with the land and the environment.

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