

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2018 - June 30th, 2019



**AIGC Scholar, Mitchell Rose Bear Don't Walk**  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Crow Nation, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone



**AMERICAN INDIAN**  
GRADUATE CENTER

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THE CENTER FOR NATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS





# OUR MISSION

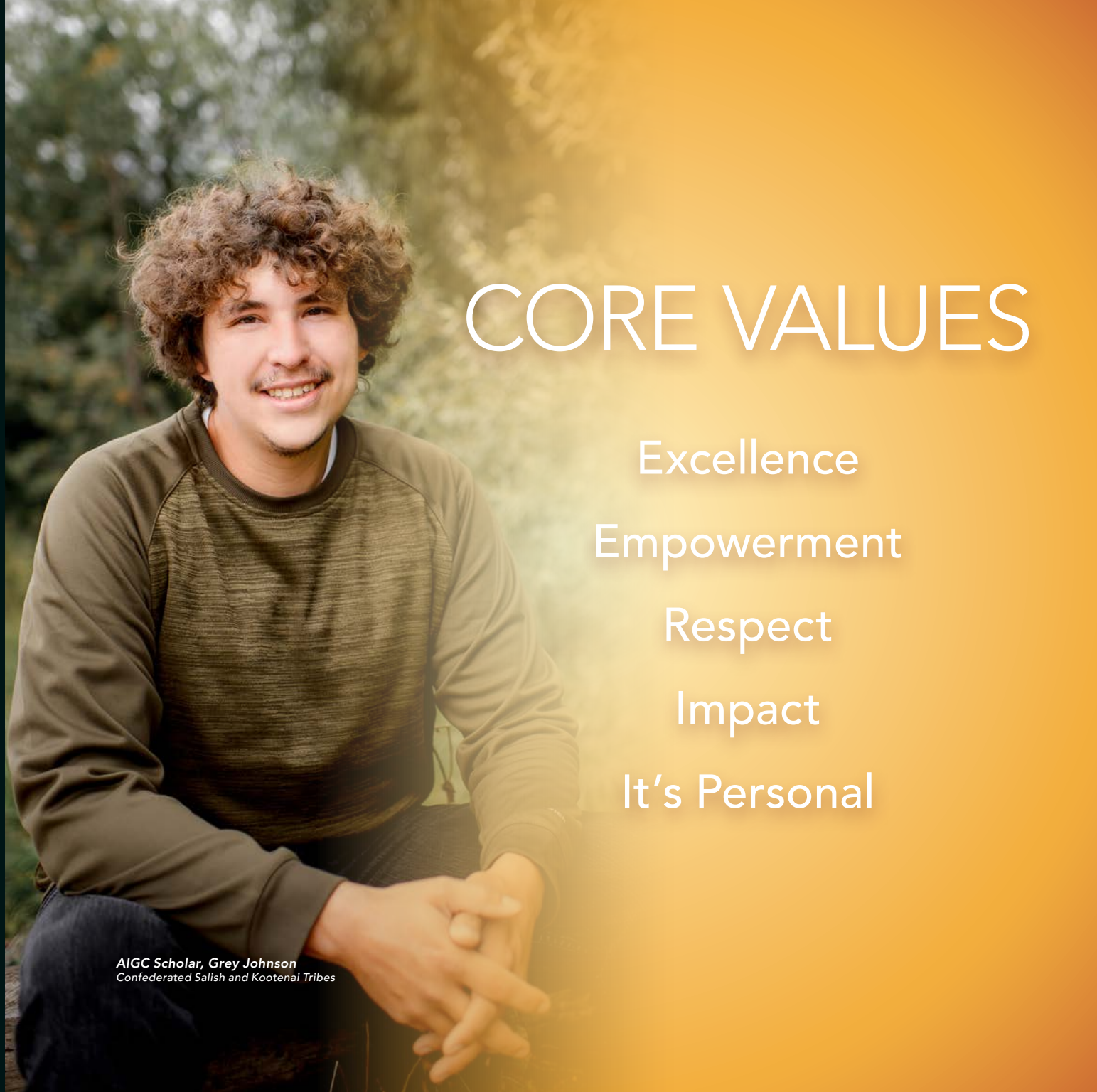
We provide financial support for American Indians and Alaska Natives seeking higher education, and support them in attaining undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees.

We partner with Tribes, the federal government, foundations, corporations, and individuals to ensure the growth and sustainability of scholarships.

# OUR VISION

Building on a 50-year legacy, AIGC will continue to be the premier national resource in funding and empowering the next generation of Native leaders across all sectors, by meeting the unmet need of every Native American student.

*AIGCS Scholar, Mattea May Grant  
Fort Belknap Indian Community*



# CORE VALUES

Excellence

Empowerment

Respect

Impact

It's Personal

*AIGC Scholar, Grey Johnson  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes*



## 2019 at a Glance

Average Unmet Need

**\$22,552**

Total Amount Awarded

**\$14,551,821**

*For fiscal year 2019*

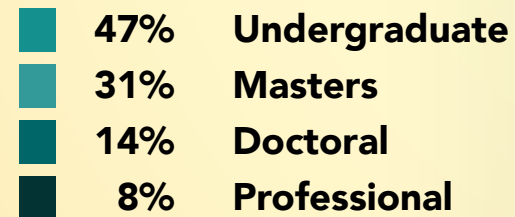
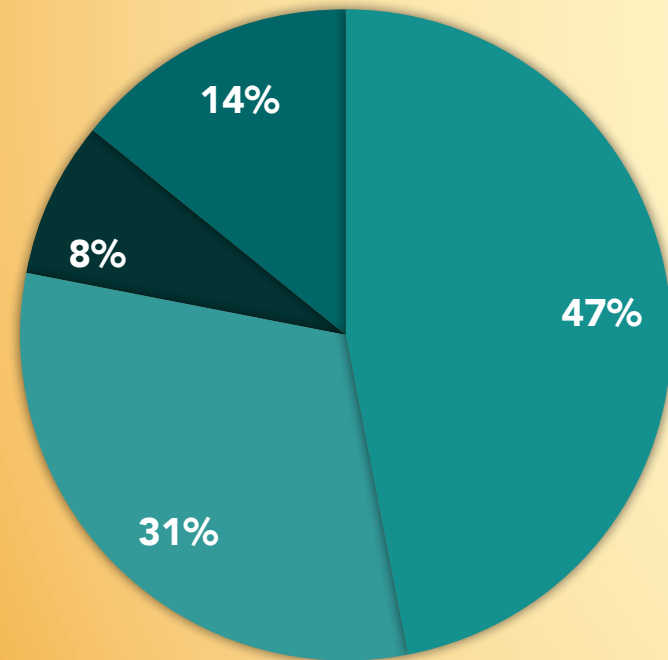
Average Award Amount

**\$10,408**

Native Scholars Funded

**1,340**

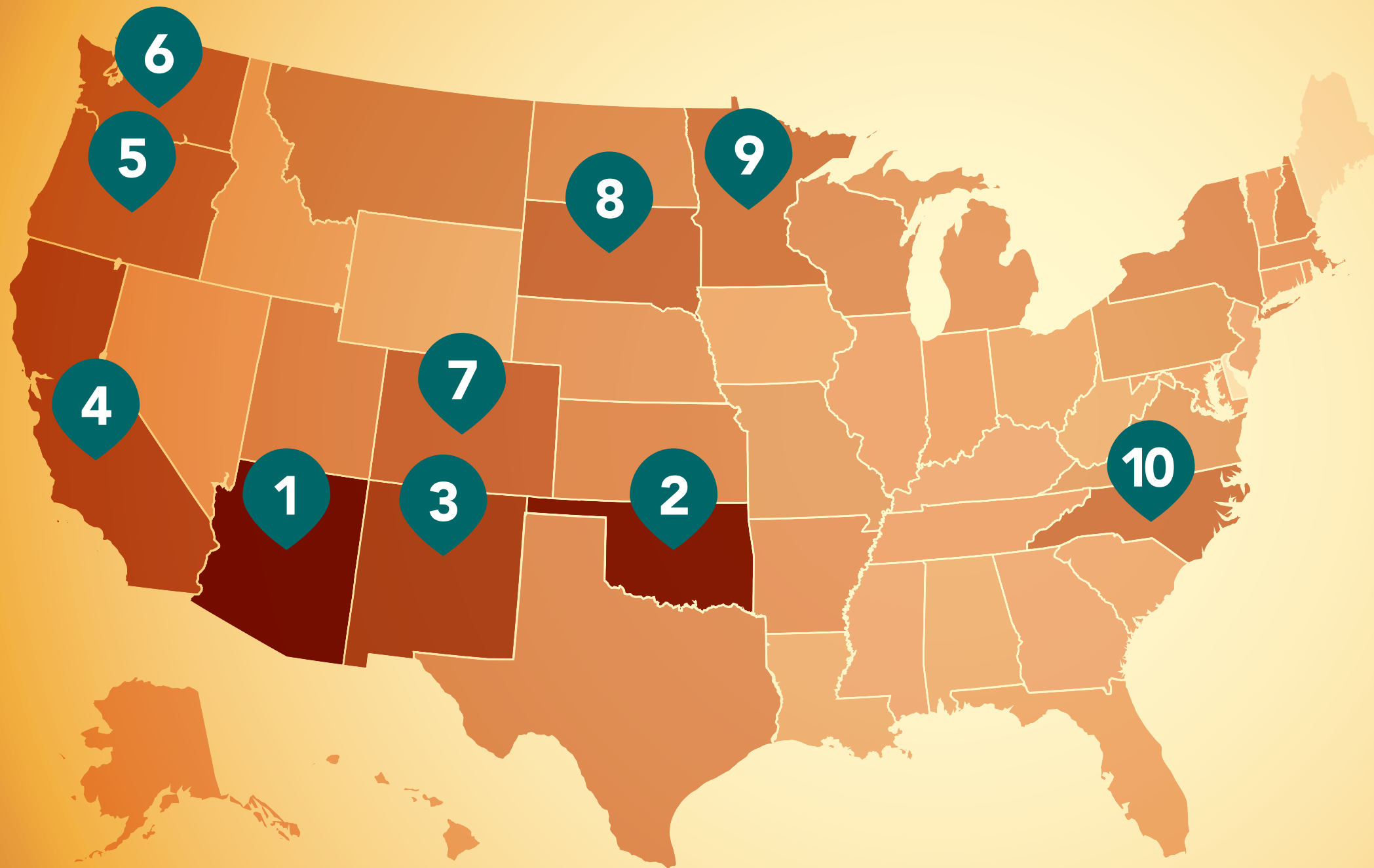
*Consolidated AIGC/AIGCS Student  
Data for academic year 2018-2019*



*Consolidated AIGC/AIGCS Student Data*



*AIGC Scholar, Alice Van Gunten  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes*



# Students Empowered

## 1,340

Consolidated AIGC/AIGCS Student  
For academic year 2018-2019

### TOP 10 UNIVERSITY STATES

1. AZ
2. OK
3. NM
4. CA
5. OR
6. WA
7. CO
8. SD
9. MN
10. NC

### NUMBER OF STATES IMPACTED

## 48

### NUMBER OF TRIBES REPRESENTED

## 202

### TOP 10 AREAS OF STUDY

1. Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences
2. Education
3. Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services
4. Engineering
5. Biological and Biomedical Sciences
6. Psychology
7. Legal Professions and Studies
8. Public Administration and Social Service Professions
9. Natural Resources and Conservation
10. Social Sciences

For academic year 2018-2019





## Student Highlight Undergraduate

### **Bo Shimmin** Acoma Pueblo

Music is more than a passion for American Indian Graduate Center Scholar Bo Shimmin, who received a 2019 English Teaching Assistantship from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program and is currently serving in Italy. However, this is not the first accolade this bright young scholar has received – he was also a recipient of American Indian Graduate Scholars administered Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Bo graduate with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from DePauw University in Spring 2019, where he sang in a co-ed acapella group and took to the stage for the university's Opera and Theater productions. He also ventured abroad to continue his education in Milan, Italy where he studied music and performed with a local jazz choir. Bo's talent continued to flourish as he was asked to join the Southern Illinois Music Festival and Ad Astra Music Festival in Kansas this past summer.

## Student Highlight Graduate

### **Jade Herman** Rosebud Sioux Tribe

True to her field of study, American Indian Graduate Center Scholar Jade Herman evokes leadership in everything she does. As the Director of Planning and Events for the Office for the President at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Jade serves as the university's Tribal liaison, the primary coordinator for large-scale STEM outreach, coordinates special events, and provides development support to the president. She also serves as the chair for the Non-Faculty Exempt Employee Council, sits on the SD Mines Alumni Association Board of Directors and represents SD Mines on the Ranch A Restoration Foundation Board.

Honored as the American Indian Graduate Center 2018 Student of the Year at the National Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow and Convention, Jade holds a Bachelor of Science from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and a Master of Science in administrative studies from the University of South Dakota. She is also pursuing a Doctoral Degree in interdisciplinary leadership from Creighton University in Nebraska.





# Alumni Highlight

## **Javier I. Kinney** Yurok Tribe

To elevate his career as an attorney and top executive for the Yurok Tribe, American Indian Graduate Center Alumnus Javier I. Kinney has welcomed global opportunities like the Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International Affairs National Fellowship. In 2004, he was conferred a Juris-Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School in Boston after being inspired from his fact-finding missions in the Imataca Forests in Venezuela. Javier has also traveled abroad with Indigenous delegations and other missions to Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia, Mexico, Jamaica, Hungary, Norway, Brazil and Canada.

Since 2018, Javier has served as the Executive Director for the Yurok Tribe – the largest Tribe in California – where he oversees and manages the operations of his Tribal government. He specifically advises Yurok Tribal leaders on business decisions, policy, legal, cultural and financial matters. Kinney also serves on the Yurok Justice Advisory Board and is an advisor to the Yurok-based Hoh-Kue-Moh Corporation, a Tribal non-profit organization.

*“We know that the future is our hands. We drive our own narrative by taking action consistent with our inherent cultural knowledge, as well as pursue formal educational processes to be successful.”*

*- Javier Kinney*





# Alumni Highlight

## **Fawn Sharp** **Quinault Indian Nation**

American Indian Graduate Center Alumna Fawn Sharp is no stranger to incredible accomplishments. In October 2019, Fawn was named the 23rd National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President – and she is only the third woman to hold the position. Fawn received her J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law in 1995, and also holds an advanced certificate in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University. She also graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Gonzaga University in Spokane Washington at the age of 19.

Throughout her illustrious career she has held numerous leadership positions. She is currently in her fourth term as President of the Quinault Indian Nation. She has served as Vice President of NCAI and former Northwest Area Vice President of NCAI for four years. She is a former president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, as well as a former chairperson of the National Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform.

*“This is a new day and a new chapter and I’m so looking forward to spending this next chapter of my leadership and calling to serve all of Indian Country.”*  
*- Fawn Sharp*







AIGC Scholar, Nicki Jordan  
Ahtna Athabascan

# Program Highlight

## Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program

American Indian Graduate Center believes empowerment begins with education and we are committed to providing the unmet financial need of every Native student by finding available funding sources and developing programs to provide higher education opportunities.

In memory of Jane Wilson Hooper (Choctaw-Chickasaw) and Col. Philip L. Hooper, the Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program is for students with a love for animals who possess the desire and ability to pursue a Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or Veterinary Technology (Associate of Applied Science Degree) degree at an accredited college or university. The program places importance on academic excellence to ensure top-qualified students are providing exceptional veterinary care to animals.

### Eligibility

- Pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or Veterinary Technology (Associate of Applied Science Degree)
- Enrolled full-time in a nationally accredited college or university in the U.S.
- Enrolled or a descendant of a federally-recognized American Indian or Alaska Native group
- **Must maintain a B average or higher** (3.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale)
- Awards are merit-based with the opportunity for multi-year funding



## PROGRAM IMPACT

# \$28,000

awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year



## Seven

Graduate and Professional students funded

### Students attended five universities

- University of Wisconsin Madison
- Oklahoma State University
- Texas A&M
- Colorado State University
- Midwestern University

### Students represent seven Nations

- Chickasaw Nation
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Knik Tribe
- Muscogee Creek Nation
- Navajo Nation
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



# Partner Highlight

**Accenture**  
**American Indian Business Leaders**  
**AMERIND Risk**  
**APIA Scholars**  
**Blue Stone Strategy Group**  
**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**  
**Bureau of Indian Education**  
**CNIGA**  
**Hispanic Scholarship Fund**  
**National Native Scholarship Providers (AICF, AISES, IEI, AIGC)**  
**NIKE N7**  
**REDW**  
**Salish Kootenai College**  
**Sandia National Laboratories**  
**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community**  
**San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**  
**United Negro College Fund**  
**United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY)**  
**Wells Fargo**

## Board Highlight

**Holly Cook Macarro**  
President  
*Red Lake Band of Ojibwe*

**Walter Lamar**  
Vice President  
*Blackfeet, Wichita*

**Aurene M. Martin**  
Secretary, Treasurer  
*Bad River Band of Lake Superior  
Chippewa*

**Joel M. Frank, Sr.**  
Member  
*Seminole Tribe of Florida*

**Stacy Leeds**  
Member  
*Cherokee Nation*

**Ernie Stevens, Jr.**  
Member  
*Oneida Nation of Wisconsin*

**Dana Arviso**  
Member  
*Navajo Nation*

**Hud Oberly**  
Member  
*Comanche, Osage, Caddo*

**Steve Stallings**  
Emeritus Board Member  
*Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians*

## Staff Highlight

**Angelique Albert**  
Executive Director  
*Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes*

**Tom Donelan**  
Controller

**Erin Griego**  
Director of Administrative Services

**Sara LaBarge**  
Director of Marketing &  
Strategic Partnerships  
*Menominee Nation*

**Christa Moya**  
Director of Financial Aid & Student  
Services  
*Navajo Nation*

**Dr. Corey Still**  
Director of Scholarship Operations  
*United Keetoowah Band of  
Cherokee Indians*

**Laboraex Abeita**  
Marketing & Communications Specialist  
*Isleta Pueblo, Navajo Nation*

**Shirley Jaramillo**  
Development Officer  
*Oglala Lakota Nation*

**Lindsay Mahaney**  
Marketing & Communications Specialist

**Michael Bates**  
Academic Advisor  
*Cherokee Nation*

**Gabriel Bell**  
Campus Engagement Manager  
*Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes*

**Josh Lucio**  
Scholarship Operations Manager  
*Zuni Pueblo*

**Marveline Vallo Gabbard**  
Scholarship Operations Manager  
*Acoma Pueblo*

**Vina Chavez**  
Accounting Assistant  
*Navajo Nation*

**Lakota Coriz**  
Scholarship Operations Assistant  
*Kewa Pueblo & Assiniboine*

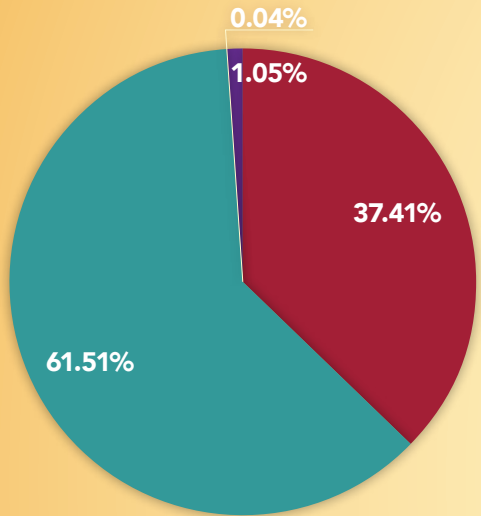
**Janelle Cronin**  
Development Assistant  
*Navajo Nation*

**Adriann Francis**  
Administrative Services Assistant  
*Pueblo of Laguna & Mojave*

**Felicia Garcia**  
Receptionist  
*Acoma Pueblo*

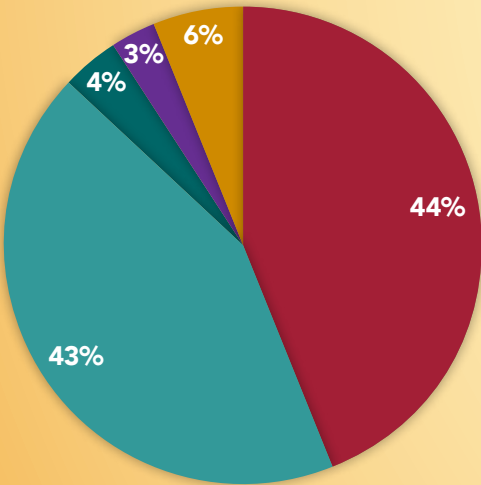


# 2019 Financial Overview



## Sources of AIGC/AIGCS Funds

Public Funds	\$6,030,958	37.41%
Private Funds	\$9,917,174	61.51%
Investment Activity	\$168,749	1.05%
Other Program Revenue	\$6,180	0.04%
	<b>\$16,123,061</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Use of AIGC/AIGCS Funds

Graduate Scholarships	\$7,376,613	44%
Undergraduate & Other Awards	\$7,175,208	43%
Management & Fundraising	\$924,821	6%
Student Services	\$712,222	4%
Outreach & Selection	\$509,023	3%
	<b>\$16,697,888</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# Statement of Financial Position at June 30, 2019\*

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash & S/T Investments .....	\$10,543,832
Grant and Contract Receivables .....	\$8,009
Other Current Assets .....	\$32,504
Short & Long Term Investments.....	\$4,160,848
Property & Equipment, net. ....	\$98,994
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,844,187</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts & Scholarships Payable.....	\$245,303
Deferred Revenue.....	\$6,482,362
Total Liabilities .....	\$6,727,665
Net Assets Beginning of Year.....	\$8,735,348
Change in Net Assets Current Period .....	(\$618,827)
Net Assets End of Year .....	\$8,116,521
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$14,844,187</b>

\*unaudited

## Final Impact Statement

American Indian Graduate Center has awarded \$15 million in scholarships annually and more than \$200 million throughout our 50-year legacy. But despite decades of success, there is still work to be done. In 2019 alone, the **collective unmet need of our scholarship recipients totaled over \$25 million** and beyond that there is an **additional 90% of Native students who were unable to receive funding at all.**

Your generous contributions allow us to continue advocating for students from college to career. Every dollar donated goes to support our scholars on their higher education journey and gives them the advantage to better their lives and give back to their Tribal communities. One year of data indicates an accumulated impact of scholarship recipients employed in the workforce amounts to \$349.4 million in added income to the U.S. economy. For every dollar you invest in Native education with American Indian Graduate Center, our community as a whole will receive a cumulative value of \$16.90 in benefits<sup>1</sup>.

Support American Indian Graduate Center in our efforts to fulfill the unmet financial need of every Native student pursuing higher education today, tomorrow and for the next 50 years.

<sup>1</sup>2018 American Indian Graduate Center Economic Impact Statement



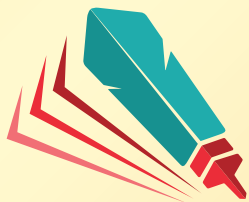
# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER'S

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA A NATION OF SCHOLARS

MARCH 25TH, 2020 @ 6PM  
THE COASTERRA  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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