

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



AMERICAN INDIAN
GRADUATE CENTER
THE CENTER FOR NATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS



KATELYNN PIPESTEM, AIGC ALUMNA, OSAGE, OTOE-MISSOURIA, CHEYENNE, ZIA-PUEBLO, POTAWATOMIE

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.

VISION

Building on a 50-year legacy, American Indian Graduate Center 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 student.

CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Empowerment
- Respect
- Impact
- It's Personal





JUNE 2021 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MATTHEW HOLGATE

Navajo Nation

Matthew attends Vanguard University of Southern California and is originally from Navajo Mountain, Arizona. Matthew is Many Goats born for Bitter Water, his maternal grandfather is Mexican Clan, and his paternal grandfather is Many Goats. Matthew is a communication major with a minor in journalism and digital media and working toward his certificate in anti-human trafficking.

After college, Matthew wants to raise awareness of human trafficking in Indigenous youth communities. Matthew has a passion for working with students who seek to create social change in their communities. Matthew can see change, but it must take all of us to be aware and share our voices, especially in human trafficking, and it is his future that every Indigenous person would feel the human right to know love and be loved.

2021

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS IMPACTED

AT A GLANCE

TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED

\$11,374,293

HIGHEST AWARD

\$50,980

AVERAGE AWARD AMOUNT

\$8,069.12

AVERAGE UNMET NEED

\$18,943.91

SCHOLARS EMPOWERED

1,441

UNDERGRADUATE
MASTERS
DOCTORAL
PROFESSIONAL

52.7%
25.6%
12.4%
9.2%



JADE HERMAN, AIGC SCHOLAR - ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE



OCTOBER 2020 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

GAVIN NADEAU*Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa*

Throughout his undergraduate career, Gavin was heavily involved in several student organizations in his local community of Grand Forks, ND. He has been away from his home community for over seven years while earning his degree and gaining experience. After Gavin graduates with my doctoral degree, he is moving back to the Turtle Mountains to, hopefully, work at the Turtle Mountain Community College. He has and will continue to give back to his community through education.

In 2013, Gavin graduated from TMCC and transferred to the University of North Dakota (UND). While at UND, he has earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees - one in Indian Studies and the other in History. After earning his Bachelors degree, Gavin enrolled in a Masters of Science program for higher education. He always knew he wanted to help students navigate and become successful in college, but it was during his Masters where that ideology solidified.

TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED

207 Tribes Represented
47 States Impacted
320 Institutions Attended

TOP 10 TRIBES

Navajo Nation
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation
Muscogee (Creek Nation)
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation
Chickasaw Nation
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (North Dakota and South Dakota)

TOP 10 HOME STATES

Oklahoma
New Mexico
Arizona
North Dakota
South Dakota
Washington
California
Montana
Oregon
Colorado

TOP 10 INSTITUTIONS

University of New Mexico
Arizona State University
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State University
Turtle Mountain Community College
University of Arizona
Northern Arizona University
Northeastern State University
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
University of North Dakota





RISING NATIVE GRADUATES

PREMIER ACADEMIC COACHING

Rising Native Graduates (RNG), launched in October 2020, offers academic coaching to prepare undergraduate juniors and seniors for a successful graduate or professional school experience. Through this specialized program our Academic Coaches, all American Indian Graduate Center Alumni, empower the Native leaders of tomorrow by providing one-on-one support, resources and guidance as they pursue their educational goals.

RNG AT A GLANCE

- Recruited from 20,00 Native Forward alum, 72 post-secondary institutions in the Pacific Northwest and outreached to 77 Tribal offices.
- Scholars participating in RNG: 54% are first-generation college students, 43% are parents, 11% are students with disabilities, 11% are student athletes, and 9% are veterans
- Launched “Spot Mentoring” that provides instant access to mentors by mentees.

JADE MARTINEZ, AIGCS SCHOLAR
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION



UNDERGRADUATE FEATURE

RANDA SHAW

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Growing up in Bushnell, Florida the ocean was Randa Shaw's, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, passion. She began her educational journey with the goal of protecting the Native populations that are subsistent on their local ocean resources. As a scholar at Vanderbilt University Randa discovered she was equally passionate about economics

and developed an interest between the intersection of tribal sovereignty and monetary policy at the national level. Now an undergraduate junior studying Economics and Political Science, funded in part by the Accenture Native American Scholarship, Randa has had the opportunity to intern at the Federal Reserve

Bank of New York and study abroad in Barcelona, Spain. She hopes to use her education and experience to build her own financial firm that serves and educates Native American tribes and individuals for tribal sovereignty and financial prosperity. Randa Shaw, AIGC Scholar - Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Sources of AIGC/AIGCS Funds

Contributions and Grants:	\$26,450,470
Federal Grant:	\$6,210,685
Other Program Revenue:	\$424,925
Investment Income, Net of Investment Fees:	\$500,987
Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments:	\$4,503,419

Total Income: \$38,090,486

Use of AIGC/AIGCS Funds

Scholarships and Student Support Services:	\$12,917,500
Outreach:	\$792,571
Read/Selection:	\$195,114
Leadership:	\$61,034

Total Program Expenses: \$13,966,219

Management:	\$820,402
Fundraising:	\$251,575

Total Expenses: \$15,038,196

Net assets, end of year: \$31,103,448

American Indian Graduate Center, Inc. and American Indian Graduate Center Scholars

All figures are based on Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Statements audited by Pulakos CPAs, PC, an independent firm.

Our full report and IRS Form 990 are available at <https://www.nativeforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/AIGC-2021-Financial-Statement.pdf>.

FINAL IMPACT STATEMENT

American Indian Graduate Center has given over \$13.9 million in scholarships and program services this fiscal year. Throughout our 50-year history American Indian Graduate Center has empowered over 20,000 students from over 500 Tribes in all 50 states by providing more than \$350 million in direct scholarship dollars for undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees.

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. 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.

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