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GEM Scholars Program is an exciting opportunity for American Indian students wishing to pursue graduate degrees in Geology, Environmental Science, or Meteorology.

Paid internships for students during the summer of 2010.

Get to know our staff!

Donald R. Day

Welcome to Spring Semester. Although it is cold outside now, we will soon be warmed by sunny days and spring breezes. The faculty and staff at the American Indian Resource Center are looking forward to spring semester with a full slate of retention activities for students as well as educational and cultural activities for faculty, staff, students and the general community.

Bemidji State University has a long history of serving American Indian students well. This institution has an opportunity, perhaps unprecedented, to work with and contribute to the welfare of American Indian communities like never before. The American Indian Resource Center at BSU plans to survey American Indian students at five different colleges in northern Minnesota this spring on why students persist or drop out of college before graduation. The results of this survey will be shared with all the participating institutions and a plan of action will be developed to address student retention issues. Having a well educated population will strengthen our local American Indian communities and all of northern Minnesota. This is a goal well worth pursuing.

It is my belief that all people want to be respected, have a vision of a better future for themselves and their loved ones, and have the opportunity to go as far as their abilities can take them. Individuals can do amazing things when given a realistic opportunity to succeed. Because Bemidji State University has many excellent faculty and talented support staff, we are in a great position to help make dreams a reality.

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Director’s Corner

Tori Dahlke, the Retention Counselor, on upcoming events for Spring Semester 2010.

Calendar of Events Spring 2010

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<td>Chamber &amp; BSU</td>
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<td>All Day</td>
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<td>All Week</td>
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<td>AIRC Scholarship Application Deadline</td>
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<td>“American Outrage” film showing (free)</td>
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SPRING 2010
The American Indian Resource Center has secured a couple of paid internships for students during the summer of 2009. The internships are with the USDA and concentrate on environmental science, wildlife conservation, and natural resource management. These paid internships are designed to encourage more students to move into these fields as a career choice.

### GEM Scholar Program

At BSU at 218-755-2032) for more information.

### of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe

At 765-494-

### research findings.

### with BSU and Purdue University researchers/

### GEM Scholar; (2) Attend summer workshops

### the Graduate Scholars Program will (1) Get paid for being a

### degrees in geo-science programs at Purdue

### American Indian students pursuing graduate

### and Leech Lake Tribal College.  The

### partnership between Purdue University and

### Meteorology) Scholars Program is a research

### and in Management Information Systems.

### and a minor in Management Information Systems.

### and underwent surgery when I began to develop

### My name is Tara Anderson and I am a

### for earning a Ph.D. in Native American Studies

### Grant

### BSI secured a $100,000 HUD grant to help

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### from Leech Lake, and I grew up in S. Lake. This

### BSU Scholar – Breanna Miettinen

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### Internships

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### American students. Although recruiting Native American students to BSU and hosting tours is not new to the AIRC, what

### represents, Rochelle Johnson, Susan Ninham and elder representative Lucy Barrett. This

### has been an amazing venue for activities, events and learning this fall semester 2009.  The semester began with a

### Aaniin! The American Indian Resource Center (AIRC)

### Ben Burgess & Tori Dahlke

### The research project was to look at the effect that

### Tara Anderson

### My name is Tara Anderson and I am a
descendent of the Red Lake Nation in northern Minnesota. My mother was a product of the

### Ben Burgess & Tori Dahlke earn degrees

### Congratulations to Ben Burgess (Bechignhami for earning a Ph.D. in Native American Studies from the University of California – Davis. Ben has been the Director of the BSU Indian Studies Department since 2006. Ben’s heritace is Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe (Wisconsin) and Yankton Nation (South Dakota).

### Colette “Toh” Dahlke (Niizhoodeginiw) for earning a Master’s of Science Degree in Education with a concentration in Psychology from Benjidi State University. Tori has been the Retention Counselor at the BSU American Indian Resource Center since 2008.

### BSU Graduate Spotlight - Tara Anderson

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