

American Indian Resource Center

Newsletter Spring 2014





Executive Director's Note

Boozhoo Gakina Awiya!

It's been an exciting year so far at the American Indian Resource Center, with student trips to the Ojibwe Language Conference at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and to the Big Island of Hawaii through our Hawaiian Field Program. We have a wonderful new opportunity for student support through our peer advisor program, new to the AIRC this year as well.

Coming up this spring are several exciting events and new

initiatives. Our annual American Indian Awards Banquet is set for Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00PM in the Beaux Arts Ballroom, with U.S. Olympic Champion Billy Mills keynoting. All of our students and their families are invited. We have new scholarship opportunities for native students, now offered as part of a comprehensive financial aid opportunity initiative with our friends in the Admissions Office. Make sure you apply. We also received funding to establish an Elders-in-Residence Program, which will bring several Ojibwe elders to the AIRC on a regular basis to spend time with our students in and out of the classroom.

Come see what's happening at the AIRC. Visit our website or stop by any time. We are here to serve you.

Bi-mawadishiweg! Miigwech.
Anton Treuer, Executive Director



Message from Tori,
Retention Counselor

Congratulations to all those students who successfully completed fall semester and are in full swing this spring! The implementation of the new Peer Advisor Program in collaboration with the Advising Success Center has been instrumental in assisting students throughout the semesters. There are two Peer Advisor locations, the American Indian Resource Center, AIRC room 109A and the Hole in the Day Room located in the upper part of the Lower Union. To date, the Peer Advisor's at BSU have readily assisted their fellow peers with learning to navigate BSU resources affectively and with confidence.

Peer Advisor's assisted students with building a class schedule, navigating e-services and the Degree Audit Report, DARS, connecting with their Academic Advisor, starting grad plans and referrals for Tutoring and other resources. They also had opportunities to go for lunch or a snack with some of the students who utilized the program.

In addition, the Peer Advisor's initiated the only student run Ojibwe Language table that is held every Wednesday when school is in session. The table meets from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the AIRC, Gathering Room and averages about 20 participants that include students and Community members.

This spring, as fall registration approaches the Peer Advisors will again be actively assisting students with building a schedule and moving them towards completing their 2014-15 financial aid by the priority deadlines.

All in all it looks to be a productive spring semester!

News



Vincent Staples-Graves Wins Mark Welter World Citizen Award

Vincent Staples-Graves has been named Bemidji State University's recipient of the Mark Welter World Citizen Award by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

[To find out more](#)

Bemidji State to build teleconference system with regional tribal colleges



A Bemidji State University-led consortium of higher education institutions has won a \$500,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to expand distance learning and telemedicine opportunities for rural northern Minnesota residents.

[To find out more....](#)



Bemidji State University
41st Annual Pow Wow

Bemidji State Universities Council of Indian Students (CIS) hosted its 41st annual Pow Wow March 27th-30th, 2014. CIS is responsible for the planning and fundraising of the annual Pow Wow. Pictured left to right is the 2014-15; Brave Devin Sumner, President of CIS Samantha Fairbanks, Princess Alexis Jones and Vice President Amber Dorr.

Anishinaabe-Teg Language Conference



Anishinaabe-teg language conference was held March 26th-30th, 2014 in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan and was attended by two faculty members: Director of the American Indian Resource Center Dr. Anton Treuer and Ojibwe language Professor Dr. Giniwgizhig as well as four elite Ojibwe Language Students: Paris Nicazio, Enrique Goose, Vincent Staples-Graves and Abbey Lindee.

[To learn more....](#)

Bemidji State University Council of Indian Students



The main goal is to offer Indigenous students an opportunity to participate and share his or her culture and traditions in a positive way. As well as raising awareness about diversity in our communities and surrounding areas. We welcome **ANY** student who is willing to spread a positive influence throughout Indian Country!

[To find out more...](#)

Recurrent Events at the American Indian Resource Center



Pipe Ceremony

The American Indian Resource Center does a Pipe Ceremony two times a school year. The first is at our Annual Day of Welcome at the beginning of fall semester and the second one is at the beginning of spring semester.

[To find out more...](#)



The Annual American Indian Resource Center Scholarship Golf Tournament

The American Indian Resource Center annual scholarship golf tournament is a 4-person Texas-style Best-ball. The tournament is held at Castle Highlands Golf Tournament in Turtle River.

A portion of the proceeds that are made at the Scholarship Golf Tournament will go towards scholarships and retention for American Indian students to attend College.

[To find out more...](#)



Bemidji State University Annual Pow Wow

Bemidji State University Council of Indian Students hold an annual Pow Wow every Spring in the John Glass Field House on the BSU campus. To find out more information about the Pow Wow, please visit the links below.

[AIRC Calendar](#)

[CIS Homepage](#)

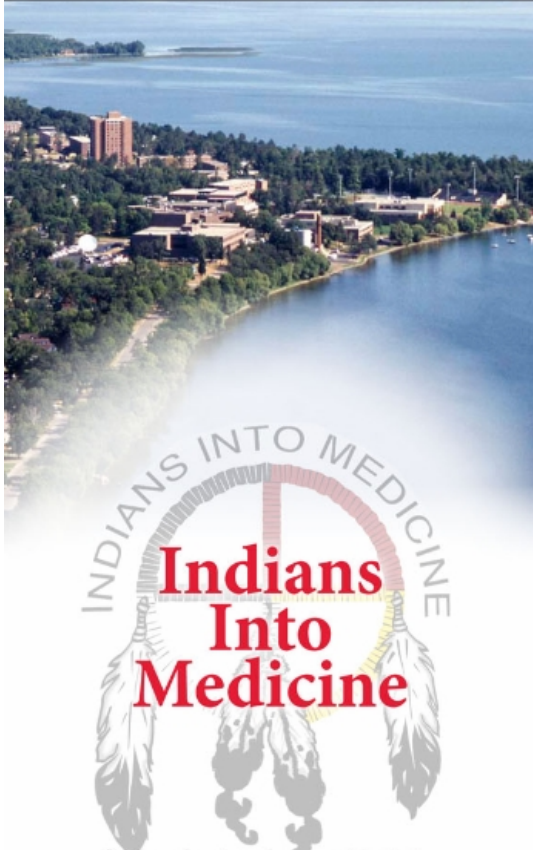


The 34th Annual American Indian Students Awards Recognition Banquet

This annual Banquet is to honor the academic achievements and Graduation of Bemidji State University's American Indian students.

[To find out more...](#)

**Bemidji State University
INMED 2013**



**Indians
Into
Medicine**

Week 1: June 9-14
Week 2: June 16-21

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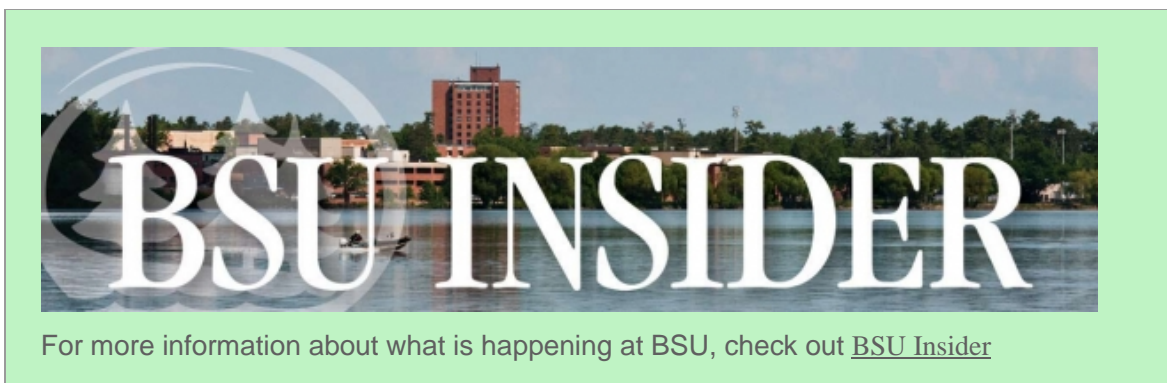
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**Are you interested in medicine
and other health professions?**

Join other Native American students in exploring the many options in the health professions field. Presentations and other hands-on activities will inspire the doctor or nurse inside of you! Learn how scholarships and choosing the right college can help you with your college expenses.

[To find out more.....](#)

The BSU Chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society" is being organized. There are scholarships available to bring students to a major national conference. Those interested in the chapter and the conference should contact Pat Welle at pwelle@bemidjistate.edu

For more information about what is happening at BSU, check out [BSU Insider](#)

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