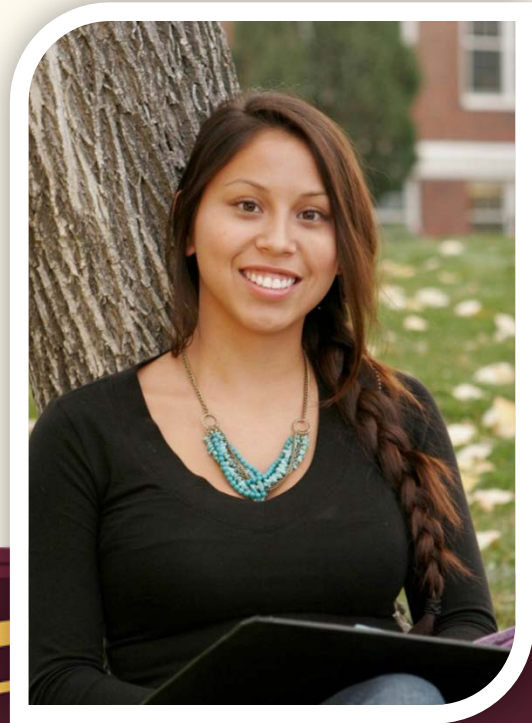


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Native American Success

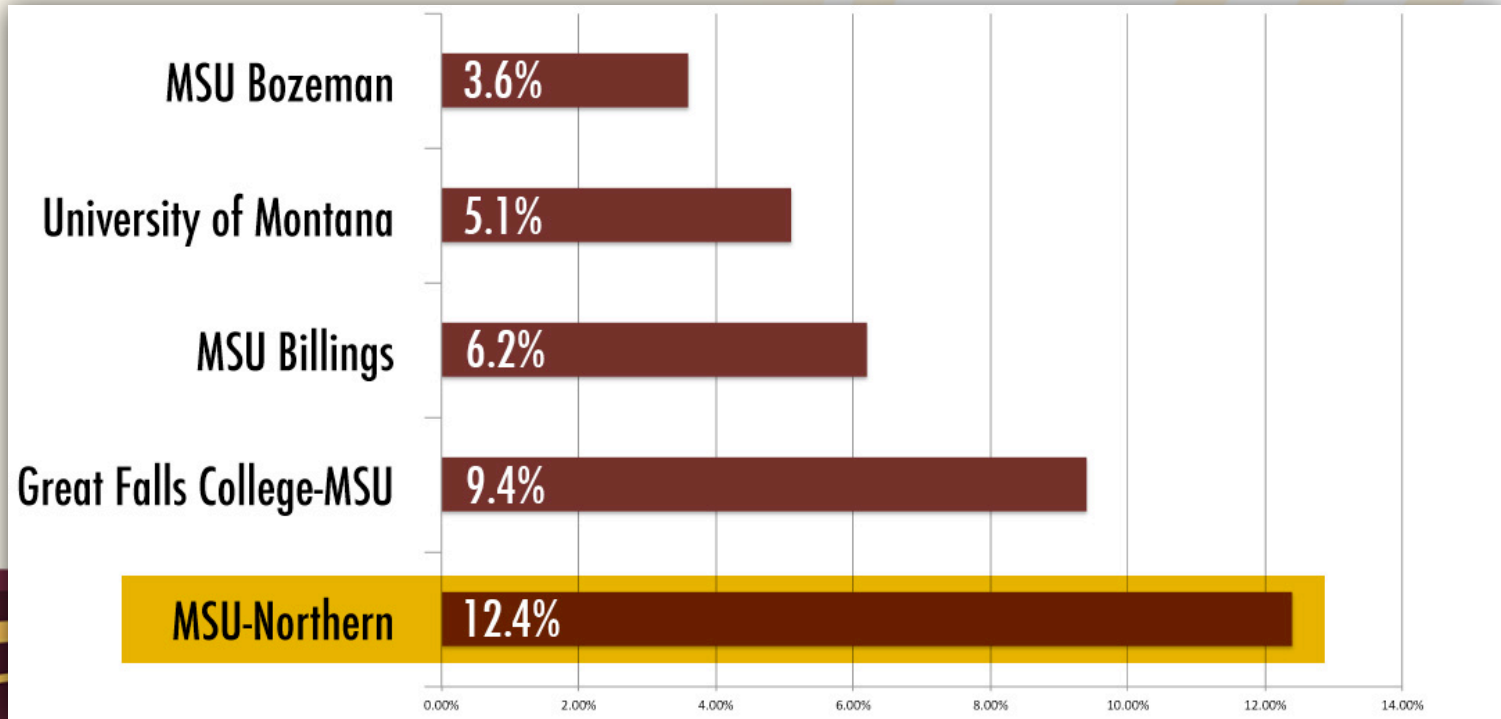


How Important are Native American Students to MSU-Northern?



- 12.4% of our student population
- 34% of all scholarships & waivers
- Students from five reservations and tribal colleges
- Our mission is to help all of our students become successful

MSU-Northern's Native American Population Compared to other Montana Campuses



What is MSU-Northern doing for our Native American Students?



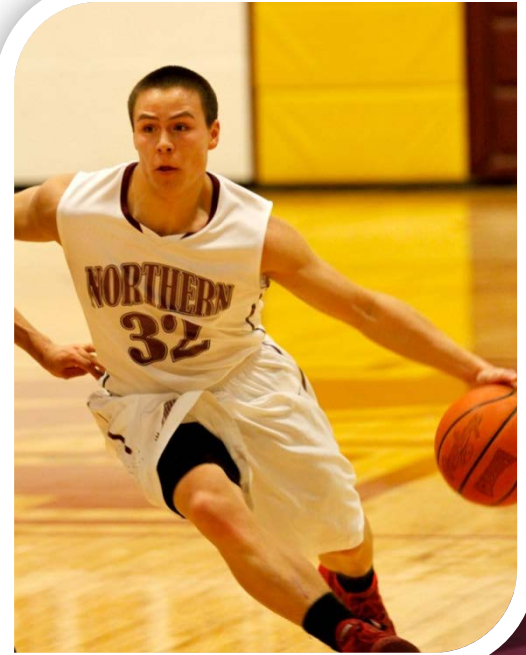
Sweetgrass Society

- Long-standing club
- Fosters Native cultural identity and pride
- Run the Pow Wow and Native American Week activities
- Promotes activities designed to keep Native American traditions alive
- Promotes cross-cultural understanding
- Helps students develop leadership skills



Student Support Services

- 31% of participants are Native Americans
- Personal and career counseling
- Individual or group tutoring
- Study skills and career development
- Computer and Tutoring Lab
- Assistance with basic academic skills
- Social and cultural activities
- Assistance with students with different learning abilities



YouthBuild

- 144 youth were enrolled in the DOL program targeted for high-risk youth
- Over 70% were Native American
- 68% earned a GED and/or pre-apprentice certification in Carpentry
- Five former students attending this campus
- Three in their second year and two in their first year
- Jacob Folk – former YB student and current MSUN football team walk-on



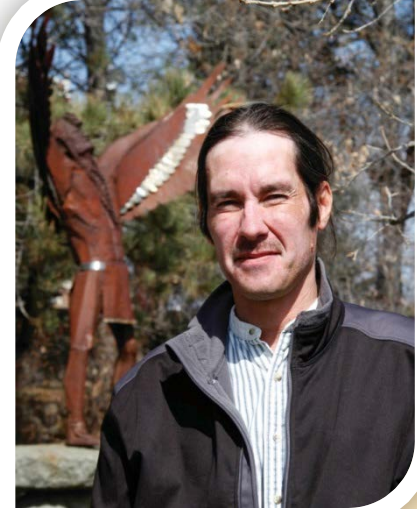
Nursing Classes for Tribal Colleges

- Stone Child nursing students used the Sim-lab and nursing lab at Northern for their classes this past summer
- Special study sessions set for Native American nursing students preparing to take the Kaplan entrance exam
- Pre-Nursing transfer between Tribal Colleges



Fort Belknap Upward Bound Summer Program

- Fort Belknap Students (Ages 14-18)
- Five weeks on the campus of MSU-Northern
- Educational classes and activities
- Seniors can take a summer college class
- Workshops in Welding, Drama, Science, Shop, etc...
- Over 20 years we have partnered with this program



Montana GEAR UP

(Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)

- Former College Partner (2008-2013)
- Served students in grades 7-12
- Provided college and career readiness
- Tutoring
- Practical experience in welding, plumbing, carpentry, drama, math, science etc...
- Fun activities



Fort Peck/Wolf Point Education Grant

- Collaborative grant with Fort Peck Community College
- FPCC offers an Associate's Degree in elementary education
- MSUN will offer a BSED in Elementary Education K-8
- They have upgraded their equipment
- We are spending \$20K to upgrade a classroom to a dedicated Polycom room



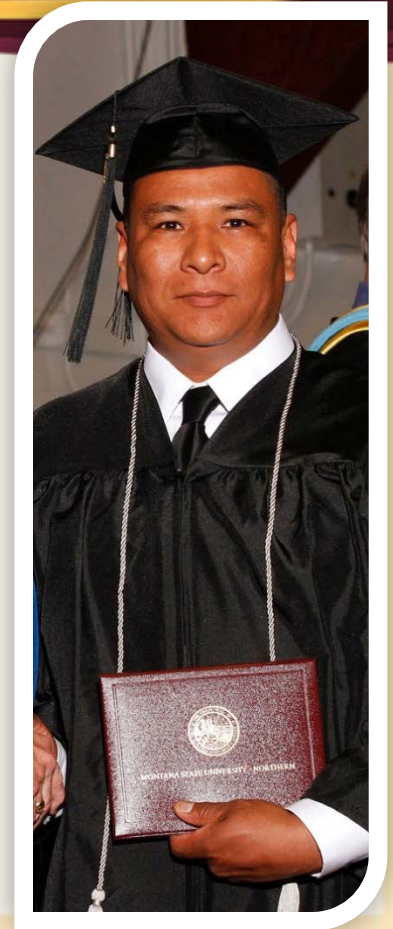
Articulation Agreements

- Articulation agreements with all Montana tribal colleges



What are our plans for the future?

- Peer Mentoring Program
- Faculty Immersion Program
- Cultural sensitivity workshops for Faculty and Staff
- Inviting Elders and Cultural Bearers to share their wisdom
- Inviting regionally & nationally recognized experts to speak on Native topics
- Updating Multicultural Strategic Plan
- “Tribal Transfer Day”



What are our plans for the future?

Inside Track

- Virtual Advising – Students talk on the phone rather than face-to-face
- Off-campus student coaching company
- Coaching first-time, full-time college students
- The coaching is done via phone
- Fit the students' schedule
- Helps students navigate changes and challenges
- Available through DOL TAACCCT grant and SWAMMEI consortium



What are our plans for the future?

Virtual Classroom

- Polycom system or Interactive TV
- Currently a MSUN instructor is lecturing from Ft. Peck CC to this campus
- Campus studio for “virtual office hours” - students can communicate with the instructor
- The studio allows for Instruction/communication back to Ft. Peck CC and elsewhere around the state
- Polycom compatibility in over 100 high schools
- Platform opens up the opportunity to align Diesel classes and certificates with Ft. Peck CC & Little Big Horn College



What are our plans for the future?

- Increase our visits to Hi-Line tribal colleges
- Nurture relationships with the neighboring tribal colleges through athletics, arts, academics, and culture.
- Improve Multicultural Services in Lewistown and Great Falls
- Career Certificate - Investigating the feasibility of offering a certificate to tribal students upon completion of the first half of their program



Thank You

