

Office of American Indian and Minority Achievement
Report to the Board of Regents
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To support and facilitate the advancement of American Indian and minority people through the academic, student service, research, human resource, and community outreach efforts of the Montana University System.

- In collaboration with MSU Bozeman School of Education, Native American Studies Program and Extended University, we received Title II funding to deliver an online course to in-service K-12 instructors on culturally responsive pedagogy in practice. That means 40 more teachers from over 30 communities with specialized training on working with students from all background and fulfilling our obligation for Indian Education for All. Assessment meeting in June with all participants to collect information on course impact in the classroom and how we can replicate these efforts in higher education.
- We are working with the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education regarding the creation of an Indian Education Specialist certification through the Office of Public Education and with cooperation of the Schools of Education. The goal is to formalize the recognition of specialized training through credentials and hiring practices.
- We are organizing the [College Board's Native American Student Advocacy Institute](#) to be co-hosted by the University of Montana—Missoula and Salish Kootenai College May 30-31. I am co-chair of the national planning committee along with colleagues from UM and SKC. We anticipate 150-200 participants from K-12, higher education, community organizations and tribal communities.
- Detailed Presentation
 - Meaningful connections to Tribal Colleges
 - Issksiniip Project—Blackfeet Community College & Great Falls College
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 - [Sample of other collaborations between MUS and Tribal Colleges \(handout\)](#)

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