We exist to:

- Provide all Montanans with affordable access to excellent educational opportunity. Provide for a seamless transition from K-12 to college and ensure retention.
- Increase academic engagement and achievement for minorities throughout the MUS and the state.
- Ensure our campuses are places that are welcoming and primed for student success and at the same time make sure we are reaching current and future first generation college students.

Partnerships:

- The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education has a presence in middle and high schools across Montana through dual enrollment, EdReady, ETS, GEAR UP, Perkins, ACT and Big Sky Pathway initiatives ensuring that each has a linkage to Indian Country.

Goals:

1) Grow the capacity of MUS administrators, faculty and staff to provide culturally responsive instruction, counsel, outreach and student support.

2) Increase Student Access
   - 4.8% of all enrollees in the MUS are American Indian

3) Increase Student Retention
   - 59.8% of full time freshmen return for 2nd year (4 year)
   - 65.0% of full time freshman return for a 2nd year (Flagships)
   - 45.3% of full time freshmen return for 2nd year (2 year)

4) Increase Student Completion
   - 4.1% of all MUS undergraduate completions (278) are American Indian

5) Improve Tribal College to MUS relations

6) Grow availability of data