Welcome from the Director

From the AIC Director’s Desk…

The fall semester started with 32 new entering and transfer American Indian students. Adding this number to our returning students brought our American Indian student headcount to 108. The AIC staff held an Open House in August at the start of the new semester and welcomed new faces to the AIC. It was fun learning about aspiring career goals and providing information about the AIC and our campus. Our student community continues to grow and if you have not yet completed an intake sheet, feel free to stop by anytime and meet with our AIC staff and student workers.

Our AIC Associate Director Sheryl Garcia transferred to the Multicultural Student Services Office and we are currently in the process of filling our vacant Office Manager’s position. The upcoming new year will bring change and we are looking forward to helping American Indian students anyway we can. Our winter/spring programs and services include many opportunities to get involved with the AIC and the campus. In January, the AIC collaborates with the MSS office on the Power-in-Diversity conference. Come join us for the American Indian Speaker Series featuring Jim Rock on February 21, 2013. Travel with us to the Northern Cheyenne reservation in Lame Deer, Montana over spring break in March. Volunteer to help with the American Indian Awareness Week and our annual Powwow on April 13, 2013.

Visit our AIC website: (http://www.stcloudstate.edu/aic/) for current information and updates regarding upcoming events, programs, services and scholarship opportunities. The AIC is open daily from 8:00-4:30 and we will continue to concentrate on our main mission to respond to the self-defined educational needs and goals of American Indian students and communities alike. The AIC staff encourages all administrators, faculty, staff and students to continue their involvement with the AIC, so we can build our future together.

Have a safe & Happy Holiday season!

Sincerely,
Jim Knutson-Kolodzne, Director
American Indian Center Fall Events
Speaker Series

On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Atwood Little Theater, the Mass Communications Department and the American Indian Center presented Chad Germann (Ojibwe) who spoke on the topic of Marketing Casinos. Chad Germann is an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribe of Minnesota and founder and CEO of Red Circle Agency. The Red Circle agency specializes in working with Native-owned casinos and is the marketing agency of record for more than 20 Indian gaming casinos in the U.S. The presentation was attended by students, faculty and staff. Chad is a SCSU alumn.

On Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 5:00-6:30 at the American Indian Center, June Sayers (Ho-Chunk/Ojibwe) a SCSU American Indian student majoring in Hydrology and lab technician at the University of Minnesota National Lacustrine Core Facility gave a presentation as our first speaker of the year. June’s presentation covered her work experience on a project that involved working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in collecting lake sediment and water samples from wild rice lakes around the state. The MPCA is working towards improving on the current sulfate level standard for wild rice. As a member of the field crew that visited the wild rice lakes and streams to collect the samples for the study, this type of work has remained important to June because wild rice is a part of her culture and is a sacred food that ties her Ojibwe community to the homeland.

The annual AIC House Blessing held at the beginning of Fall term was held on Thursday, September 6th. It was another year where the weather permitted the event to take place outdoors. We are most grateful to all those who participated in the house blessing. A big thank you goes to Mr. William Wilson who performed the ceremony and Joe Erler and the Red Tree Drum Group who provided several honor songs. It was great to see different genres of individuals from around the globe being pulled in from off the street by the native sound of the beating drums and their interest in learning about the culture and tradition. It truly was a grand day, event, and start of the new school year!
Rachel Fairbanks, Dylan Decoteau, and Jim Knutson-Kolodzne from the American Indian Center engaged and presented at the Dare-to-Dream outreach program at Leech Lake reservation on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. The purpose of Dare-to-Dream is to reach out to students and educate them about higher education opportunities that exists for them.

Rachel Fairbanks, who is a community psychology and chemical dependency major, presented about her degree, her goals, and how she found a sense of community within the program that is similar to the type of community she finds back home. She explained how going through classes with the same people creates a bond as well as new friendships. In addition to what she was teaching to the students of Bena High School, she also learned a little bit more about St. Cloud State. She says she, “learned more about what SCSU had to offer on campus and for the student that I didn’t know before, things such as certain activities and intramurals”. In the end, she says she felt very hopeful that she may have sparked the interest in at least five students for the seemed interested in SCSU. This, she says, surprised her “since it [SCSU] is so far from the reservation”.

Dylan, who is a film major, talked about his degree and the different types of fields it has to offer. He also discussed the different types of focuses that exist within the program such as the UTVS college television program and directing. He explained about why SCSU was his college of choice and he said it was because it is not a big, over sized college. He likes how there is more one-on-one teacher student interaction because of the size of the college. He also discussed how the college is more secluded and loaded with extracurricular activities. He enjoyed being at Bena High School and getting to talk to the students and asking them about their interest and dreams after high school. He says, “it was fun being back at a high school, again, seeing some things that are were different and some things that were the same’.
Student Spotlights

Dylan Decoteau, AIC Student Worker

Dylan is a student worker here at the AIC and is this issue’s student in the spotlight. This is Dylan’s first school year working at the Center. He is not currently enrolled in any tribe, but his father is a member of Turtle Mountain in Belcourt, North Dakota. He grew up in North East Minneapolis and graduated High School from St. Anthony Village High School in 2010. He decided to continue his education here at St. Cloud State and pursue a major in film. He says his inspiration for wanting to be a film major comes primarily from his Dad. He explains, “Some Dads play ball with their sons, some Dads take them fishing, mine took me to see movies. After the movies we wouldn’t just talk about if it [the movie] was good or bad, we would go into detail on what made the film so good or so bad, little aspects of the film like sound, color, acting, special effects. I never realized how much goes into making a film, but I always was curious to learn more about the film process”.

Dylan has also invested a lot of time into volunteering. For the past two years, 2011 and 2012, Dylan has taken part in the AIC’s Spring break trip to Lame Deer, Montana. The trip is to reach out to the Cheyenne nation while there. They work with the Boys and Girls club as well as help around the town and community. He intends to attend the Lame Deer Spring break trip again in 2013, making it his third consecutive year.

Dylan has also been put in the spotlight by the University. He has recently become a poster boy, literally his face is on a poster, for the University. You can see his face posted throughout campus as well as several tribal newspapers throughout Minnesota, discussing how St. Cloud promotes diversity and allows him to be involved in many activities that keep him connected with the community.

Dylan intends to graduate come Spring of 2014. He says his dream job after graduation would be to move to Hollywood and start making films. Until then, he will continue working here at the AIC where he says he loves working. He feels everyone is very friendly and enjoys the perks of meeting new people as well as a place to get homework done.

Congratulations, Graduates!!

Congratulations to the following Fall 2012 American Indian Graduates!
We wish you good luck in your future endeavors!

Jacqueline Bosquez  
Recreation and Sports Management

Li Chen  
Marketing  
Management

Wesley Clark  
Criminal Justice Studies

Bailey Conrath  
Marketing

Suzanne Cross  
Theatre

Valeria Fossa Lazaro de Ortecho  
Accounting

Angela Kennedy  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

Adam Kirchner  
Management

Lindsey Reiners  
CRM Archaeology, M.S.

Nikki Roundtree  
Psychology

Aaron Schulzetenberg  
Chemistry Professional

Breann Siewert  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Benjamin Sorenson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences
HENRY M. & J. ELEANOR MEYER/JOSEPH M. & THERESA L. HELTEMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
($500 Annually)

This is an endowed scholarship founded by a first generation college graduate. Preference for this scholarship is given to persons with financial need, who are of American Indian ancestry and who are involved with campus organizations.

THE JOYCE AND MARVIN HOLMGREN SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATIVE AMERICANS
($500 Annually)

This is an endowed scholarship. The Financial Aid Office determines awards. Selection criteria require that the student: verify enrollment in a tribe or is at least one quarter Native American and is from either the U.S. or Canada (there are no other tribal restrictions); must be eligible for unconditional admittance to St. Cloud State University; must maintain scholastic average of “C” or better; must carry at least 12 credits per term. It is the donors preference that the award be given to a first year student and that the award follow that student as long as s/he is enrolled in good standing at St. Cloud State University and is in accordance with the criteria defined in the scholarship.

JAMES MARSH SCHOLARSHIP
($500 Annually)

This is an active annual scholarship. The American Indian Center accepts applications and determines award. Selection criteria for applicants: must be a descendent from a federally recognized tribe, must be a student enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits in good standing with a GPA of 2.5 or better. This scholarship honors the American Indian Center director’s grandfather.

DUANE DUNKLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
($500-$1,000 Annually)

Criteria: Preference is given to an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, that is majoring in or intends to major in an educational field, and must submit a written essay describing his/her goals and aspirations upon graduation from college. This scholarship opportunity is available to students of any class level, including freshmen who are enrolled full-time as SCSU. The award may be renewed for one or more years at the discretion of the American Indian Center; a student who has received this award must reapply each year to be considered.

All application packets must be postmarked or received by April 9, 2013.
January 24th - 27th, 2013
St. Cloud State University’s 4th Annual
Power in Diversity Leadership Conference

Leadership development and personal growth opportunities!
“The 4th annual Power in Diversity Leadership Conference will offer opportunities for personal growth and leadership development to college students through a variety of workshops, keynote addresses, and programs. The conference theme “We are the Change: Where do we go from here?” will set the stage for keynote speakers and workshop presenters to identify ways that participants can lead the way in promoting positive change in our society and our world, moving past mere tolerance and ultimately resulting in affirmation of all people.”

Please check out the website for more information about the conference at:
http://www.stcloudstate.edu/mss/powerindiversity/default.asp

Are you Native but haven’t stopped by the AIC?

Do you want to learn more about what the AIC has to offer you?

*NEW STUDENTS*

If you are a student who has never used the American Indian Center, stop by and visit with the Director Jim Knutson-Kolodzne to get a tour and learn about our services!!

All Tribes Council

Another opportunity for students to get involved with is All Tribes Council. ATC is a student organization which supports the social and academic needs of American Indian students at St. Cloud State University.

For more information contact
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American Indian Calendar of Events  
Spring 2013

January
4th Annual Power in Diversity Conference
January 24-27, 2013
SCSU Atwood Memorial Center

February
Jim Rock
American Indian Speaker Series
February 21, 2013 5:00-6:00 PM
American Indian Center

March
Lame Deer Spring Break Service Trip
March 9-16, 2013
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Lame Deer, Montana

April
American Indian Awareness Week
April 8-13, 2013

20th Annual American Indian Center Pow Wow
April 13, 2013; Grand Entries 1:00 and 7:00 PM
SCSU Halenbeck Hall

MSS Awards Reception
April 18, 2013 5:30 PM
Atwood Memorial Center Ballroom

May
MSS Graduation Reception/Barbeque
May 2, 2013 4:30-6:30 PM
Atwood Memorial Center, The Quarry

Visit our website at http://www.stcloudstate.edu/aic/ for resources, news, updates, and information about current events!
Department of Campus Involvement Civic Engagement

**SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS**

**March 2013**

**Urban Immersion Experience**
March 11-12, 2013
Newman Center and St. Cloud Area.
Cost = $40

Application Deadline: Friday, February 8, 2013
Fee Deadline: Monday, February 18, 2013

Learn about the many aspects of homelessness.

**Mille Lacs Kathio State Park**
March 11-13, 2013
Onamia, Minnesota.
Cost = $90

Application Deadline: Friday, February 8, 2013
Fee Deadline: Monday, February 18, 2013

Assist with tree pruning, trail clearing, and other park maintenance.

**Lame Deer, Montana**
March 9-16, 2013
Lame Deer, Montana.
Cost = $265

Application Deadline: Friday, February 8, 2013
Fee Deadline: Monday, February 18, 2013

Work with American Indian children through the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation.

**Apply Now!**
Applications Online:
www.stcloudstate.edu/campusinvolvement