

# American Indian Student Retention Study

## Implied Informed Consent

**You are invited** to participate in this study to determine how the SCSU American Indian Center is meeting your needs and the needs of the SCSU community. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a user of the SCSU American Indian Center. This research project is being conducted by Brian Wilson, for a graduate thesis, and the SCSU American Indian Center Staff.

### Background Information and Purpose

The purpose of this study is to improve our current student support services and perhaps work to strengthen the ones that already exist.

### Procedures

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete the one page survey which is completely anonymous so no one will be able to identify a specific individual's form. It is important that we have as many people as possible complete and turn in this survey to compile an accurate representation to better serve you.

### Risks

There are no foreseeable risks associated with participation in this study.

### Benefits

The questions on this survey were developed by reviewing the research on American Indian Student retention and identifying the factors that have been found to be important. It is our hope that the information we gain will help us to improve our current student support services and perhaps work to strengthen the ones that already exist. We realized that due to the number of American Indian students on campus, some of the information may be fairly specific to an individual. Because of this, **the data will only be examined in group format**. Your information will be confidential and no answers that could identify a specific individual will be used.

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### Research Results

If you are interested in learning the results of the survey, feel free to contact the American Indian Center staff at 654-5449 or go to the SCSU American Indian Center, 901 4th Avenue South St. Cloud, MN 56301.

### Contact Information

If you have any additional questions please contact the researcher, at 308-xxxx or [student@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:student@stcloudstate.edu), or the advisor, Jane Doe, at 308-xxxx or [advisor@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:advisor@stcloudstate.edu).

### Voluntary Participation/Withdrawal

Participation is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with St. Cloud State University, the researcher or the SCSU American Indian Center. If you decide to fill out the survey and there are any questions you are not comfortable answering, you do not need to answer them. We ask you to please remember this information is confidential and is designed to help us serve you better. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

### Acceptance to Participate

We are including a self-addressed stamped envelope so all you need to do is fill out the survey, put it in the envelope, and drop it in the mail. Your completion of the survey indicates that you are at least 18 years of age and you consent to participation in the study.