Need for College Resources

- The national college going rate is roughly 69% for all students and roughly 40% for all AI/AN Students,

- Only 13% of Natives have a college degree

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High School

College readiness starts early and action steps are needed in high school to prepare students.

Transfer TCU

This program provides support that ensures TCU students complete their associate’s degree and have the academic readiness to succeed at a four-year institution.

Bridge

The Pathways Bridge program provides place-based strategies to increase students’ academic and admissions testing readiness through reading writing, math and science programs.
Group Visits

10 group visits with 205 total students

7 of 30 high schools participated in group visits

2 Tribal Education departments and 1 Boys and Girls Club participated in Group Travel grants
Marcus Taken Alive from Red Cloud visiting Montana State University

"Thank you @nativepathways for allowing me to get a glimpse of what lies ahead of me and providing me with I needed to succeed. Visited the dream college today if you couldn't tell. #NativePathways"

Individual Visits

61 students took an individual trip

13 of 30 high schools participated in individual visits
Group Visits

3 group visits with 14 total students

3 of 12 TCUs participated in group visits
(Leech Lake, Cankdeska, and Little Big Horn)

Students from Leech Lake Tribal College visiting Ft. Lewis College
Types of interactions

- Text Messaging with the Signal Vine program
- Social media messaging
- In-person events
- E-mails and email newsletter
- Phone calls
- Campus Visits
- Parent/Guardian/Counselor call
- Skype
- Coffee Meet-ups
- Table booths at schools, college fairs, & community events
Native Pathways Participants 2017

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER: HIGH SCHOOL AND TCU TRANSFER PARTICIPANTS

Total 765

Male - 281
Female - 483

Chose not to Answer - 1
High School Program Participants by School

- Arlee
- Bellingham
- Cheyenne
- Crazy Horse
- Ferndale
- Green Bay
- High schools
- Little Wound
- Lummi Nation
- Mandaree
- McLaughlin
- Menominee
- New Town
- Oneida
- Parshall
- Pine Ridge
- Polson Red
- Ronan
- Seymour
- Shawano
- Squalicum
- St. Ignatius
- St. Francis
- Standing Rock
- Todd County
- Two Eagle
- Wapakala
- White River
- White Shield
High School Program Participants by Graduation Year

- 2017: 261
- 2018: 138
- 2019: 38
- 2020: 19
- Unknown: 32

Total: 488

Lucas Iron Heart from Todd County HS visits Dakota State University
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER - TCU TRANSFER PARTICIPANTS

Total 277

Female - 182
Male - 94
Chose not to Answer - 1
College Knowledge Survey

- 183 HS participant responses
- 112 TCU participant responses
- Likert scale method
- 20 questions
High School | Tribal College
---|---
63% | 50%
51% | 39%
79% | 76%

Is knowledgeable about how to explore career choices and the various options available.

Understands what college admissions officers are looking for in a strong application.

Is confident that they have the ability to succeed in college or a 4-year institution.
Indicated that their family is supportive of their higher education pursuits.

Comfortable advocating for self when it comes to finding information about going to college.

Feel confident in maintaining cultural values while in college or at a four-year college.
Believe that higher education is affordable. Even more so, 30% of HS and 38% of TCU students are still undecided that college is affordable.

Less than half of the participants are confident in how to finance a budget while in college.

Is confident in understanding the financing process and options for going to college, like scholarships and loans.
High School

- 37% is confident in where to search for AI/AN scholarships and how to apply for them
- 64% is confident in understanding the college application process and is comfortable completing applications.
- 50% is confident in understanding the factors that help AI/AN students succeed in college.

Tribal College

- 49% is confident in where to search for AI/AN scholarships and how to apply for them
- 65% is confident in understanding the college application process and is comfortable completing applications.
- 54% is confident in understanding the factors that help AI/AN students succeed in college.
Is confident in understanding where to find student support services on a college campus.

Is confident in understanding that there are various types of colleges/universities with different types of colleges/universities with different class and campus sizes.
High School

- Understands how employment, volunteer experience, and extra-curricular activities play in the college admissions process: 70%
- Knows what the FAFSA is and is comfortable filling it out: 62%
- Is confident in preparing for the SAT or ACT: 58%

Tribal College

- Is confident in understanding what a transfer articulation agreement is: 42%
- Is confident in understanding the importance of course sequencing when transferring: 19%
Reflections

• Change in staff or structure can leave students with no counselors for a significant amount of time.

• Students who are often labeled either college ready or not college material by the time we meet with them.

• Students are busy with school, homework, extra-curricular activities, friends, traveling to and from school-finding time to research and prepare for college can be overwhelming.

• The transfer process is new for all students. They are scared to transfer to a college off the reservation. When they don’t get the help they need or are told no, they will walk away.
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