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ASUN

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIAN NURSING STUDENTS

Drumbeat

Legacy of ASUN

The purpose of the American Indian Students United for Nursing (ASUN) project is to increase the number of Native American nursing students studying nursing at Arizona State University (ASU). ASUN is a project funded through the Indian Health Services Section 112. The College of Nursing and Health Innovation at ASU have been very supportive of the ASUN project. The current 5 year grant cycle will be ending August 2013. ASUN will be competing to continue their grant project at ASU at that time. The ASUN program has been successful in recruiting and graduating Native American nursing students. To date there have been 68 students who have completed the ASU Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree program. Native American nurses account for only 0.3% of nurses in the United States (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 2011). The nursing programs offered at ASU are very challenging. Admission into the nursing programs are also very competitive. Native American/Alaskan Native students may apply for the ASUN scholarship once they are accepted into one of the undergraduate nursing programs at ASU.

**ASUN is here to help you achieve
your educational goals!**



Pictured above: Yomahira Villalobos, ASUN administrative assistant, Lei-Lani White, Nurse Mentor, and Stephen Livingston, Program Director and Advisor.

Meet Misty Preston, new ASUN student worker



“My name is Misty Preston. I am currently a sophomore student majoring in Healthy Lifestyles Coaching. I aspire to be a nurse anesthetist, but right now I’m really into health promotion and disease prevention. I am from Many Farms, Arizona on the Navajo Nation. This semester I’ve challenged myself by getting a job, joining Maroon and Gold Ambassadors, continuing my membership with the Downtown Phoenix Soul Glee Club, and managing my time more effectively with 16 credit hours. I’m very excited to be a part of the ASUN team and I hope to accomplish great things as the new student worker. This is my first job and I know I’m going to learn a lot in this environment.”



Getting the most of your education



Resources for students



Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Mentor

Dr Hosley is the new EBP mentor for ASUN. She is an EBP expert who is available to review material or tutor any ASUN student with EBP concepts, papers, and projects.

Dr. Brenda L. Hosley received her BSN from Berea College in 1981, a MSN from the University of Kentucky in 1990, and her PhD in Sociology (medical sociology emphasis) from the University of Kentucky in 2004. Her dissertation (We Survived: Health Care Choices of Appalachian African Americans) explores the use of folk remedies and biomedicine in treating illness. Dr. Hosley has extensive experience as a psychiatric and community health nurse and has expertise in the areas of complementary/alternative medicine, cultural diversity, and Appalachian studies. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, ANA, Sigma Theta Tau, and NLN. She is currently employed at Arizona State University with teaching responsibilities in the undergraduate and graduate programs. Dr. Hosley has presented numerous workshops on the topic of complementary/alternative medicine as well as has presented nationally on the topics of service learning and diversity. She also serves as a consultant and part time faculty member at Dine' College with the Summer Research Enhancement Program.

ASUN Nurse Mentoring

Through mentoring ASUN guides and empowers Native American nursing students at ASU to excel in their curriculum. Mentoring is important to foster a caring and supportive learning environment for our students. At ASUN we encourage the students to grow to their full potential and help them achieve academic success. ASUN hosts mentoring events for students throughout the school year. For more information on mentoring, please contact Lei-Lani White @ lwhite@asu.edu



Pictured above: Lillie Little and Lei-Lani White at AISSS Mentor U event

ASUN Student Support Services

The ASUN student support services offers computer stations, printing, faxing, copying, a quiet room for studying, and free snacks. The ASUN office offers a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere.

Throughout the school year Talking Circles are scheduled and facilitated by Rachel Carroll for students to share their stories and feelings in a structured comforting setting. The traditional Talking Circles are open to all downtown students.

Meeting of the Minds are offered each semester and is a great opportunity for students to learn strategies necessary to succeed in the nursing program and to network with other nursing students.

For more information on the services ASUN provides please contact the ASUN office

ASUN tutoring

Sunny Rae Johnson (former ASUN scholar) serves as the current ASUN tutor. Tutoring is provided free of charge to all ASUN students. Students who have officially declared Pre-nursing (or other health related field with nursing as their desired major) may also receive tutoring in courses that are pre-requisite to the nursing program.

To request a tutor please fill out the Tutor Request form at the ASUN office. Hours for tutoring are flexible.

ASUN Recruiting Events

The 6th annual Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans (SIENNA) conference "Take Charge! - Native American Leadership Today" was held September 18-21 in Ft McDowell. Students in Grades 7 – 12, Parents, Teachers/Administrators, Program Facilitators attended the event representing various reservations. Speakers at the event included Dr John Molina, Robert Johnston, Dr George Bluespruce, and Ms Alyssa Garcia. The purpose of the conference was to encourage the students to take charge of their own health and education and explore their educational and career options. ASUN had a display at the conference and provided information for students interested in the nursing profession.



Pictured above Lei-Lani White, ASUN Nurse Mentor and Ardith Aspaas ASUN alumni



Beverly Warne (left), former ASUN director presented a poster presentation of ASUN at the 6th annual Pathways into Health Conference in South Dakota October 10-12th. Stephen Livingston (left), current ASUN director tabled at the event to recruit new students. The Pathways into Health conference is a "grassroots collaboration of organizations and individuals whose focus is on increasing the number of American Indians/Alaska Natives trained as physicians, nurses and in other health care related fields as a means of addressing the health and health care disparities that occur in these populations."

Fall ASUN activities and events

- ◆ Reading Day Blessing December 12, 2012
- ◆ December 17, 2012 ASUN Holiday open house

All ASUN events will be held at the ASUN office. For more information please contact the ASUN office

AIEA Conference Education Fair on right

The American Indian Education Association Conference (AIEA) was held on October 29-30 in Flagstaff, AZ. There were over 400 students who attended the event. The theme of the conference was "Create Your Future Now." The goals of the conference were; to honor youth and their ability to transform our communities in a positive way to provide youth the knowledge and skills to achieve their academic and career goals to inform youth on educational and career opportunities through interactive activities and workshops.





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