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12th Annual ASUN Mentoring Reception for Alumni & Current Students

The 12th annual ASUN Mentoring Reception for Alumni & Current Students was a great event. The event is a great way for students to interact with other students, alumni, and professional connections. The event allows students and mentees to meet more experienced students and professionals and is a great social activity for ASU alumni. The ASUN staff set up a room and displayed resources for alumni, students, mentees, and mentors. The event was held at the ASUN office in the Mercado building. An opening invocation was given by Rachel Carroll. Stephen Livingston provided updates on ASUN and Lei-Lani White provided updates on the mentoring program. More pictures from the event on page 5.

Pictured to the left: Stephen Livingston, Dora Bradley, Marilyn Yellowman, Lei-Lani White, Beverly Warne, Niela Redford, Ardith Aspaas, Rachel Carroll, and Yomahira Villalobos.



RECHARGE

Arizona State University hosted a Recharge event “Community Progress and Preservation” on April 3, 2012 at the Downtown

Pictured below: Lei-Lani White, Kristy Peshlakai, Stevick Jim, and Patrice Peshlakai.



Phoenix Campus for middle school and high school American Indian Students. Students were from Gilliland Middle School, Kyrene School District, Scottsdale-Coronado & Arcadia High Schools, Phoenix Union-Fairfax & Camelback High Schools, Salt River High School, Gila River Indian Community and Prescott Indian Tribe. Students listened to a keynote address by Jacob Meders, an artist and Mechoopda Indian Tribe member, participated in student panel discussion with current students in the American Indian Students United for Nursing (ASUN), had lunch in the Taylor Place Dining Hall, and toured the Heard Museum. Students also learned about academic programs in the School of Nutrition and Health Promotion, the College of Nursing and Health Innovation, and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.



Reading Day Blessing and Potluck Breakfast

On April 25th, the ASUN staff sponsored the biannual Reading day blessing and potluck at the ASUN office. The ASUN office provided breakfast for the Downtown campus Native American students. A blessing and smudging was done by Rachel Carroll (ASUN consultant and traditional advisor) for the students and staff to kick off finals week.. We had a great turnout at the event. Students, CONHI Student Support Services, and Phoenix IHS Area office staff attended the blessing and breakfast. A special thank you goes out to all the CONHI staff who provided food for the event.

Promise Conference ASUN Display



On May 2nd and 3rd the ASUN team attended the Promise Conference "Reclaiming the Health of Our Tribal Nations." Pictured to the left are Stephen Livingston and Yoma Villalobos who provided brochures and information on the ASUN program.

The ASUN team attended the Mentor U event sponsored by the AISSS at the Tempe campus. Gary "Litefoot" Davis, enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, was the keynote speaker at the "Mentor U" event. The Mentor U program at ASU provides "career-focused mentoring for American Indian/Alaska Native students by matching them with professionals from diverse fields." The program also offers "networking opportunities for students, professionals, community leaders, and organizations."

"Mentor U"

Pictured below: Litefoot and Lei-Lani.



Congratulations to Tenai Roan and Kelsey Sonnabend BSN graduates Spring 2012



Pictures: Tenai Roan to the left.. Yoma, Tenai, and Stephen above.

ASUN proudly announces the graduation of two Native American students from the College of Nursing and Health Innovation (CONHI) at Arizona State University. ASUN hosted a graduation cake reception for Tenai Roan (ASUN scholar) and Kelsey Sonnabend (IHS scholar) on May 4, 2012 following the ASU CONHI convocation.



NANA sponsored the Take a Nurse to Lunch Day: "A Day of Noses and Roses"



HAPPY NURSES' DAY

On May 6, 2012 the Native American Nurses Association (NANA) sponsored a luncheon for nurses at Macayos depot cantina in Tempe. The luncheon is an annual event sponsored by NANA during National Nurse Week. The luncheon was a success due to generous donations.



Pictured above are NANA officers: Sandra Champagne King, Donice Hoopagh, Karen Beauvais, and Marilyn Yellowman.

Deborah Harbinson MHI,RN HNB-BC Certified Laugh Leader (CLL) was the special guest speaker at the event. Her presentation "LAUGHTER FOR THE HEALTH OF IT" was inspiring, entertaining, and uplifting. The event was a great way to thank all the Native nurses for what they do.



NSCED Town Hall

The Town Hall "Diverse nursing voices: Strengths and resources for academic and career success" was a successful event. The event was held at ASU CONHI on April 9, 2012. A total of 22 people attended the event. The speakers shared their nursing school and career experiences with the students and other nurses from the community. The speakers were selected because of their experiences working with the minority population and students. It was a great way to meet and network with professional nurses from the community who have demonstrated their leadership skills and serve as role models.

A survey was conducted for all the participants from the Town Hall, and many students expressed their satisfaction with the event. One student stated that the speakers were "very inspiring" while another stated she was grateful for NSCED because it is a good organization that supports minority students.

The event was a success due to the support of Dean Pipe who funded the event and with the support of Bonnie-Gance Cleveland and Carroll Baldwin. A special thank you to the NSCED advisors who helped out with the event.

NSCED supports the socialization, recruitment, and retention for culturally diverse nursing students. NSCED provides a formal group structure for culturally diverse nursing students to support each other during nursing school. Mentoring is available for members. If you would like to become a member of NSCED, please contact Lei-Lani White @ Leilani.White@asu.edu or 602-496-0711.



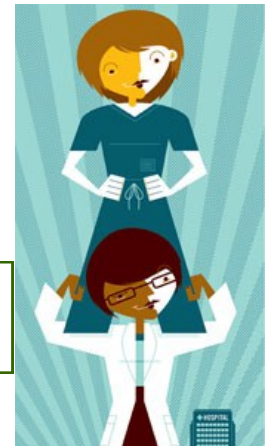
Pictured from left to right are Town Hall speakers: Vanessa Hill, Linda Trujillo, Angela Chia Chen, and Ester Ruiz.
To the right: NSCED members and advisors





2012 ASU CONHI Staff Retreat & Awards Banquet

Congratulations to Yoma Villalobos, ASUN administrative assistant, who was awarded the Outstanding Staff Member award at the awards banquet, and to Stephen Livingston (ASUN program manager and advisor) who was awarded for his 15 years of service with ASU. Yoma has worked with ASUN for 2 years and Stephen has been with ASUN for over 12 years.



**"Success in an academic career is enhanced by good mentoring or a good mentor is essential to a successful academic career."
Author unknown**

ASUN Mentoring

The ASUN nurse mentorship program is a partnership and collaborative project between the American Indian Students United for Nursing (ASUN), Native American Nurses Association (NANA), and the Indian Health Services (IHS) division of nursing.

Mission of ASUN mentorship program: To provide academic, professional, and personal support for:

American Indian/Alaska Native nursing students at any educational level and non AI/NA nursing students interested in working with Indian Health Services, Tribal, and Urban (ITU) Communities.

Who can mentor? Any student at a higher grade level than the mentee, an ASUN scholar, or an experienced nurse from the community.

Who is to be mentored? Any student enrolled in the college of nursing (Pre-nursing, traditional nursing program, or the RN to BSN program. AI/AN students from ASU or any of the community colleges in the Phoenix area.

ASUN is looking for nurses who are motivated and committed to supporting students through nursing school and help them to transition into the nursing profession. ASUN needs mentors to serve as professional role models.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee or to request more information on the ASUN mentoring program, please contact Lei-Lani White @ Lei-Lani.White@asu.edu or 602-496-0711

2012 Nurse Leaders in Native Care Conference

The ASUN team along with two nursing students attended the Nurse Leaders in Native Care (NLiNC) conference "Nursing Leadership: Influencing and Shaping Health Care", in San Diego, CA from June 12-15. There were excellent presentations from experienced professionals on performance improvement, evidence-based practice, leadership, and common health problems within the Native communities. "This annual national conference provides a collaborative forum for Nurses with a shared mission from across the country serving in IHS, Tribal and Urban (I/T/U) health programs as well as private healthcare organizations to enhance nursing practice and ultimately improve patient care." (NLiNC brochure)

The keynote speaker for the event was Captain Celissa Stephens (IHS Chief Nurse). An awards presentation was given to honor nurses throughout ITU facilities for their outstanding work. Poster presentations were displayed addressing various health related issues in Native American communities. The student sessions included information on ASUN/IHS payback obligation and information on graduate school.

Pictured to the right: Yoma Villalobos, ASUN administrative assistant, at the conference table display



"This was the first conference I attended and was actually a little nervous about going, not sure what to expect. One of the things that I liked most was when we were in the "break out session" and were encouraged to roam about and participate in the smaller discussions and classes. I felt that I received much more in depth instruction which helped me retain the knowledge that was presented. All the presenters were very helpful and I feel that an unforeseen benefit of this conference was my opportunity to network with other health care professionals. Dr. Leon Altamirano comes to mind when he was talking about the mental health of the American Indian population; not only did I gain a lot on insight from the lecture he also provided us with contact resources that will benefit the care I will provide in the future. Being a new nursing student the task of graduation oftentimes seems daunting. The conference provided me with a road map of options when it comes to my career. Not only was I informed of what was available but also how to get there. I have come back from San Diego with a greater sense of confidence in myself and our program. One thing I would recommend for future student sessions would be a presentation done by the upper classmen of the nursing program. With all I was learning could not stop thinking about what contribution I could make. I think a program like that would give me a greater sense of focus and be done in a place that I could be critiqued by those who are literally the best in the business. Overall, I was pleased with my first Indian Health Service conference because it fun, informative, and most of all educational. I look forward to the next Indian Health Service nursing conference." ~ Desiree Crawford



Pictured to the left: Desiree Crawford and Calandra Baker (ASUN scholars). Pictured above: Celissa Stephens and Regina Dale.



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ASUNProject

American Indian Students United for Nursing



Goals of ASUN:

1. Recruit American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) into various programs at ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation.
2. Provide programs to help American Indian students successfully complete their studies in nursing.
3. To increase the number of nursing students providing care to AI/AN.

ASUN Support Services offers academic advising, tutoring assistance, emergency and peer support. The ASUN project is dedicated to empowering AI/AN nursing students. ASUN works collaboratively with on-campus resources, such as American Indian Student Support Services (AISSS), student success center, counseling and consultation, student financial assistance, enrollment services, and residential life.

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