

Serving Native American Students

Support, Culture and Community

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Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of community, we acknowledge that we are currently on the ancestral homeland of the Tongva and Chumash. We recognize, honor, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and water on which we are now present. As a community we acknowledge this legacy.

We recognize that we have benefited and continue to benefit from the use of this land. Consistent with our values we will work to strengthen our relationship with native peoples.

By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we recognize, support, and advocate for their sovereignty and will work to ourselves more accountable to the educational needs of local first nations and indigenous people. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the land and our responsibility to the original people and tribal nations of this land.

Mendocino College

Headcount: 5,863 (110th)

FTES: 2,192 (107th)

Demographics:

- White: 45%
- Latinx: 40%
- **Native American: 4.76%**
- Asian: 3%
- African American: 1.5%
- Multi-Ethnic: 1%
- Filipino: <1%
- Pacific Islander: <1%



*2021/2022 Academic Year Data

Mendocino College

- 279 Native American Students
- 4.76% Native American
- **Both are the highest in the California Community College System**



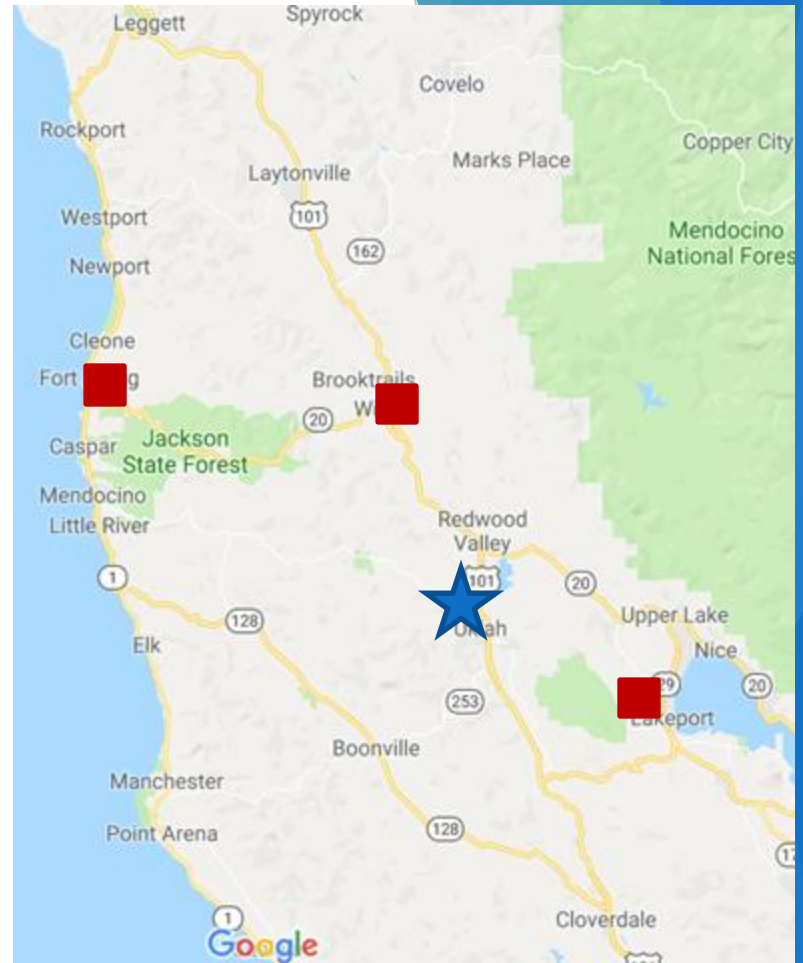
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10 Highest Native American Student Count in the CCC System

	College	2021-2022 Native American Student Count	Percentage of Overall Student Count	Total Student Population
1	Mendocino	279	4.76%	5,863
2	American River	243	0.59%	41,494
2	Redwoods	243	3.99%	6,090
4	Shasta	228	1.98%	11,487
5	Fresno City	166	0.49%	33,825
6	Palomar	152	0.55%	27,455
7	Mt San Antonio	149	0.23%	63,727
8	Butte	142	1.10%	12,885
9	Santa Rosa	136	0.46%	29,316
10	Sacramento City	135	0.47%	28,922

Mendocino & Lake Counties

- **Mendocino County**
Total: 91,305
Native American: 6,026
- **Lake County: 68,766**
Total: 68,766
Native American: 3,232



*2022 U.S. Census Population Estimate

California County Population

	County	Total Population	Native American Population
1	Los Angeles	9,829,544	147,443
2	San Diego	3,286,069	46,005
3	Orange	3,167,809	34,846
4	Riverside	2,458,395	49,168
5	San Bernardino	2,194,710	48,284
6	Santa Clara	1,885,508	22,626
7	Alameda	1,648,556	18,134
8	Sacramento	1,588,055	25,409
9	Contra Costa	1,161,413	12,776
10	Fresno	1,013,581	32,434
38	Mendocino	91,305	6,026
40	Lake	68,766	3,232

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Support

Student Equity and Achievement

Our program supports Native American students in removing barriers to achieve their academic goals. SEA students have access to a whole team of support on campus including:

- Designated counselor
- SEA Lending Library
- Books, Hotspots, Chrome books and Calculators

Native American Student Resource Center

- Dedicated space for Native American Students
- Peer Mentorship
- Job opportunities
- Study skills
- Cultural Activities
- Workshops
- Scholarship Support
- Community Resources
- Computers
- Free Printing
- Snacks
- Support



NASRC Monthly Calendar



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Pomo Pathway Native Center 11-12 Weaving Wednesday Library 1-3pm	2 Book Group with Cecilia Native Center 1-3pm	3
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In celebration of Mendocino College's 50th Anniversary

COMMUNITY FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH
50 YEARS
MENDOCINO COLLEGE
11:00AM - 4:00PM
ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION

Music Games Food Arts Car Show Ethnic Craft Volleyball Basketball Garden Tours Kids Activities and more!

Ceramics Painting Pottery Gardening Culinary Arts Pomo Dancers Aztec Dancers Literary Events Ballet Folklorico City of 10,000 Buddhas S.P.A.C.E. Dancers And more!

Join us in celebrating our 50th anniversary at a free family-friendly community fair!
 Mendocino College Ukiah Campus
 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah
 LEARN MORE: WWW.MENDOCINO.EDU/50TH



Peer Mentors

Native American Peer Mentors are students who support other students in being successful. The program provides opportunities for students to connect and form strong relationships, share knowledge, and work together to succeed in college.

Student mentors maintain weekly contact with Native American Students through communication, cooperation, and leadership.



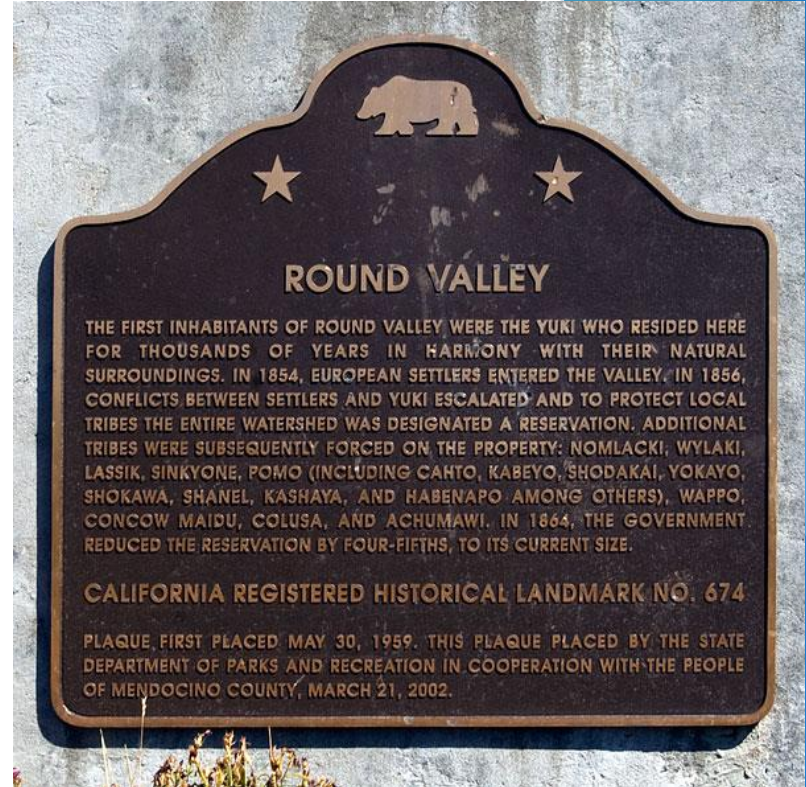
Engaging Students

Supporting Leaders



Round Valley Efforts

- Educational site
- Couple of classes offered each semester
- 10-15 students per class
- Enrollment team visits regularly
- Has dual enrollment agreement with local high school



Pomo Pathway

Pomo Pathway is a two-semester sequence of classes offered by Mendocino College to Native American Students.

This pathway ensures completion of transfer level English and Math courses within the student's first year and prepares them to pursue a degree.

Overview of the Program

- We've also incorporated other classes into the program that promote early degree completion and successful transfer to a 4-year university.
- Support services are provided throughout the program to nurture the learning environment and supplement the work by our faculty.



Challenges

- Transportation for students
- Supporting students outside of class
- Outreach
- Coordination with other agencies



Student Experience

- Creating the cohort experience with students, faculty and student services
- Providing lunch for students between classes at the Native American Student Resource Center
- Supporting students to establish study/life routines
- Students come back to center with food to study, hang out and support each other

My Pomo Pathway Experience





Culture

Annual Campus Events

- Native American Motivation Day (Spring)
- Native American Heritage Celebration (Fall)



Cultural Activities

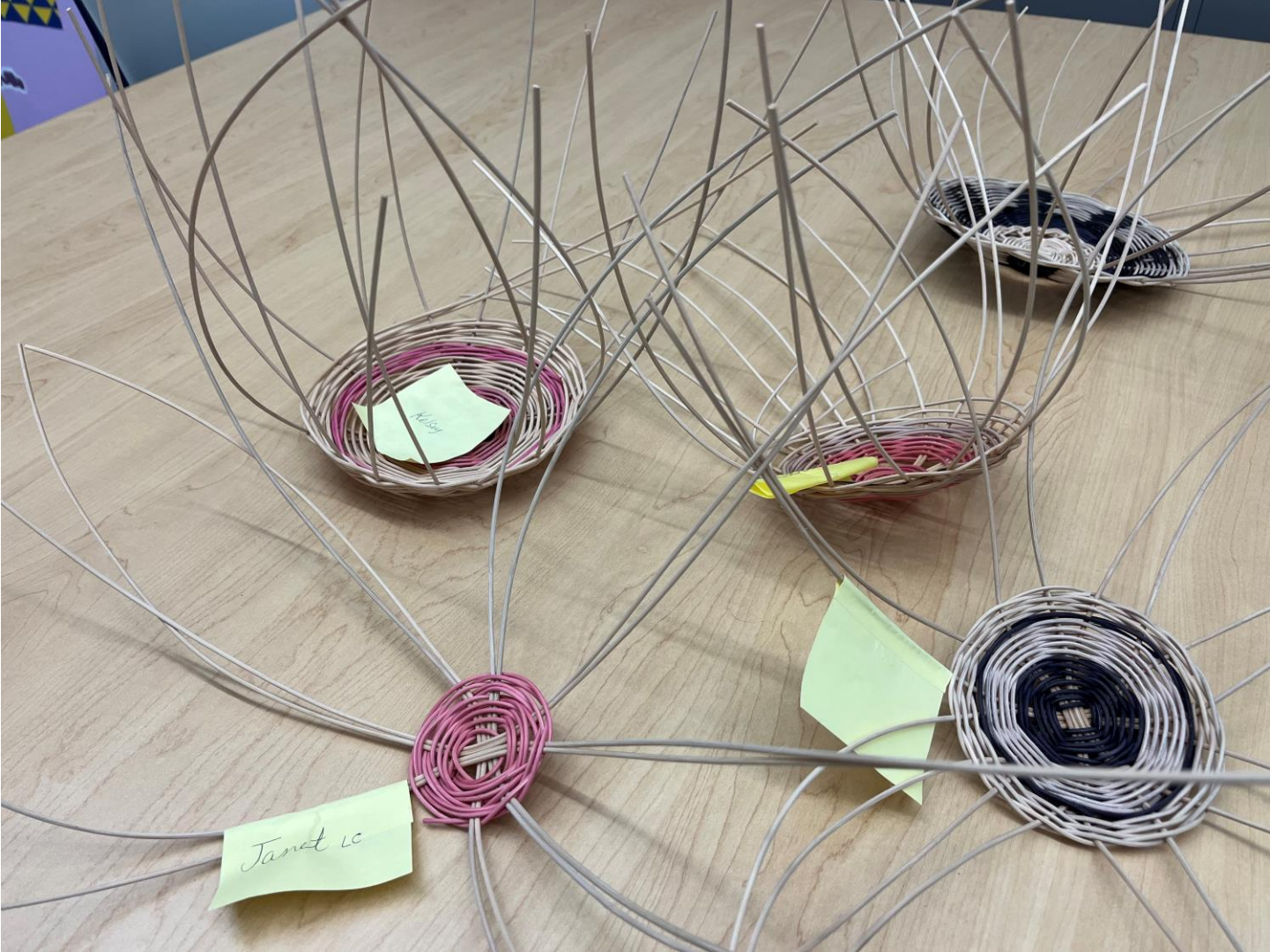
- Weaving Wednesdays
- Beading
- Regalia Making





Cultural Success









STUDENT CENTER
BOOKSTORE







STORE

EAGLE





Information Board



CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF
2019

Ricardo R. Anthony
Chadson Luki
Hallen / Luki
Sidy / Damon
Kaiti / Tasha
Cocina / Alina
Adriana / Salvador
Hakim / Crystal
Marcella / Jovanna
Marcel

Janet
Leticia
Eli
Christina
Carmen

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Community

The background features a solid blue field on the left, transitioning into a complex geometric pattern of overlapping triangles and polygons in various shades of blue and teal on the right. A thin white line runs diagonally across the lower right portion of the image.

Pomo Plaza



Outreach

- Student population identified as disproportionately impacted in our first Equity Plan
- Regular monthly visits to multiple tribal education centers
- Attend Big Time events
- Staff meets with the education, tribal youth diversion and other programs to share opportunity for educational growth.
- Summer enrichment programs

Visibility

- Supporting Student's ideas
- Collaboration with local Native Artists



MMIW Awareness



Commencement

- Inviting local Native American person to offer an opening blessing/prayer
- Honoring our graduates by preparing gifts offering them a blessing and space to get ready before commencement

Native Summer Enrichment

- Partnership with Pinoleville Pomo Nation
- Exposing Native High School students to college
- 15-20 students
- Three weeks
- Themes: Agriculture, career planning, ccs, health careers, business and entrepreneurship.

Academics

- Faculty Equity Project
- New Course: Mathematics in Native American Culture MTH 170
- Ethnic Studies: Currently recruiting our first FT ethnic studies instructor. Will have an emphasis on Native American Studies

Native Learning Symposium

- With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and in collaboration with members of our local native communities, Mendocino College is sponsoring a series of speaking events.
- Each event will feature panelists who are educators, activists, or elders from diverse local tribes and will address a different theme.



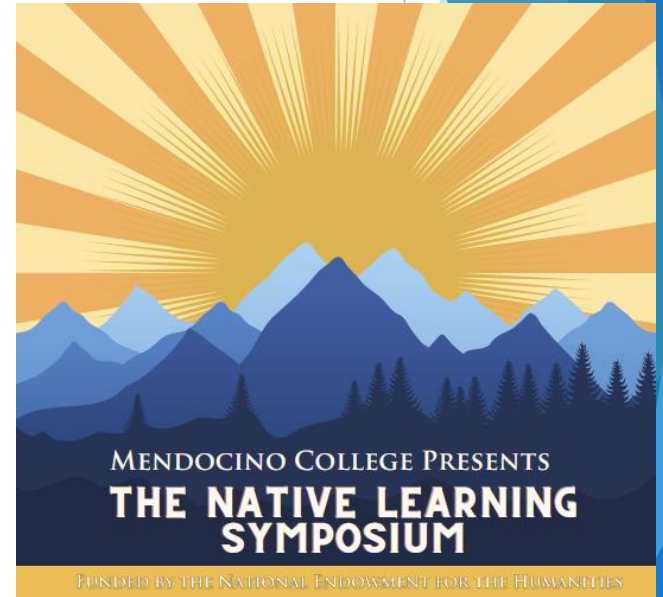
Native Learning Symposium

Friday, March 10, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
SOVEREIGNTY

Friday, April 21, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
EDUCATION

Friday, May 12, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
ICONS AND ACTIVISTS

Friday, August 25, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
WELLNESS



Native Learning Symposium

Friday, September 15, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
SCIENCE

Friday, October 13, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
NATIVE PLANTS AND FOODS

Friday, November 3, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
CONTEMPORARY ART

Friday, November 17, 2023 | 3:00-4:30pm
LANGUAGE



American Indian Alliance Student Club FUNDRAISER

BBQ

Thursday, April 4, 2019

12PM to 2PM @ POMO Plaza

BBQ Hamburger W/Salad \$6.00

BBQ Tri-Tip Sandwich W/Salad \$8.00

Add Bottle Water .75 or Coke \$2.00

RAIN OR SHINE!





THE MENDOCINO COLLEGE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT in association with THE MENDOCINO COLLEGE NAT DEPARTMENT and CIRCUS MACCA PRESENTS

wild fire

a new play by jody gehrman
directed by reid edelman

October 18-27, 2019

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 7:30PM
SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 7:30PM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 7:30PM
MONDAY OCTOBER 23 7:30PM
TUESDAY OCTOBER 24 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25 7:30PM
THURSDAY OCTOBER 26 7:30PM
FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 7PM

TICKETS: \$20 GENERAL, \$15 STUDENTS, SENIORS & ASSOC. CARD HOLDERS, SPECIAL DISCOUNT SHOW: THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, ALL TICKETS \$10!

PHOTO: KENYA FLETCHER

AMERICAN INDIAN ALLIANCE
MENDOCINO COLLEGE
MAY DAY!
TOURNAMENT
Sat. May 4th - Sun. May 5th 2019

MENDOCINO COLLEGE GYM

OPEN REGISTRATION - MENS TEAMS
TEAM REGISTRATION: \$350.00
DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2019
MORE INFO CALL: JOBE THOMSON
AIA Northern Rep. @ 707-489-1811 or Email:
jobe.thomson@student.mendocino.edu
or call: Darletta @ 707-468-3229



Prizes Awarded:
1st, 2nd and 3rd
6 All-Stars
1 M.V.P.

REGISTER TODAY!

THIS FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS THE A.I.A. STUDENT CLUB 100%




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MORE THAN A WORD
A Film by John and Karen Little
A Native Education Foundation Feature

Please Join Us for a FREE Film Screening and Discussion with the Filmmakers

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Mendocino College Little Theatre - 1:30 PM

MORE THAN A WORD


More Than A Word analyzes the Washington football team and their use of the derogatory term R'dskins. Using interviews from both those in favor of changing the name and those against, *More Than A Word* presents a deeper analysis of the many issues surrounding the Washington team name. The documentary also examines the history of Native American cultural appropriation. **SEE THIS IMPORTANT FILM.**

More than mascots. More than stereotypes.

CAREER EXPLORATION

A Workshop at the NASRC - Room 6610

April 11th
11am - Noon



MENDOCINO COLLEGE
NATIVE AMERICAN



POMO PLAZA
MENDOCINO COLLEGE



POMONA PLAZA
MENDOCINO COLLEGE

This Is How We Do It

Relationships

- Listening
- Follow through
- Being teachable
- Dedicating time and energy to learning more about local history
- Understanding the impact school systems/systems of higher education have affected Native American people

Respecting Tribes as Sovereign Nations

- Reaching out to local Tribes
- Engaging Tribal Leaders and community members
- Honoring Tribe's timing, culture and processes
- Consistently committing to sustaining and forming respectful mutually beneficial relationships

Internal

- Honoring Native American students and community within the college
- "Budgets are a statement of value"
- Decentralize efforts to maximize exposure and reach
- Empower heroes and allies
- Utilize input from students and community
- It's okay to fail. It's not okay to not try

2022-2025 Student Equity Plan

Dissaggregated Groups

Race/Ethnicity

Gender

LGBT

Economically Disadvantaged

First Generation

Foster Youth

Students with Disabilities

Veterans

Homeless

Metrics

Successful
Enrollment

Completed
Transfer-Level
Math & English

Persistence: First
Primary Term to
Secondary Term

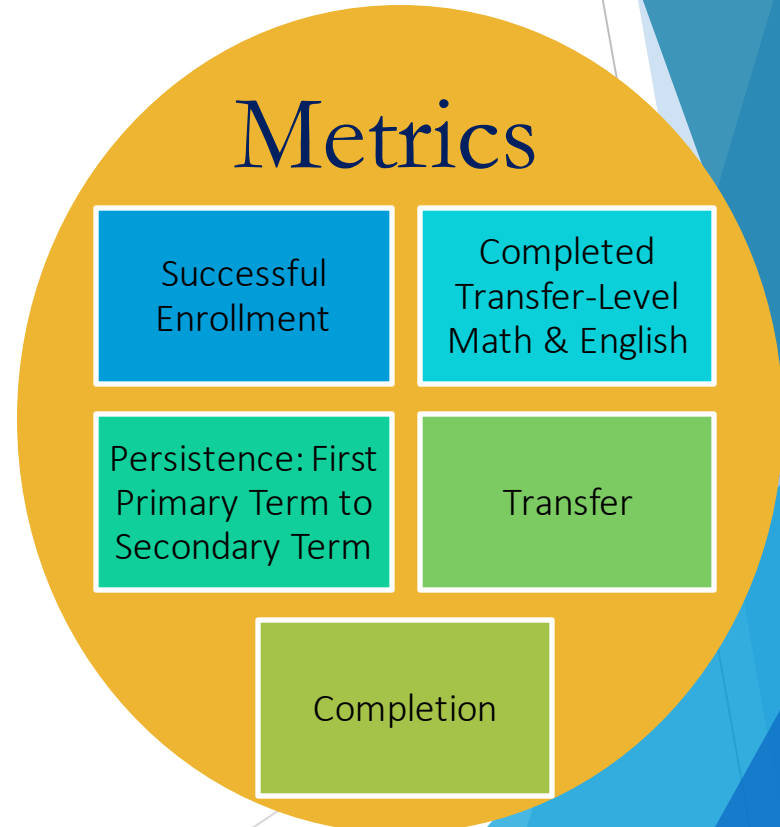
Transfer

Completion

2022-2025 Student Equity Plan

Based on CCCC data for the most recent year in the metrics measured...

our Native American student groups did not have an equity gap



What is our strategy?

- This is not a program or work from a specific committee.
- We don't have a specific position that oversees all of this work.
- The responsibility and privilege lies with all stakeholders to make decisions that positively impact Native American students.
- Even though our Native American student population had no equity gap, we are still focused on all these activities.

"If you don't see yourself reflected in your school and don't have a place where you see people who look like yourself, and where you learn about the history that you know exists, it casts you as an outsider even though you are inside the building."

-Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools, Member of Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

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Thank you!